

Tulsa GMC Gathering

September 10, 1999

Our first GMC Tulsa luncheon was a rousing success and then some. There were eight of us, along with our GMC's, who met Friday afternoon for lunch at the Golden Corral in Tulsa. We parked the coaches all in a row and did they ever draw attention!!! We sat inside by a huge picture window and watched the people "circle the wagons" just like the old days of Cowboys and Indians...

The food was excellent, the conversation was animated, lively, and everybody was talking at once...fun, fun, fun.



Best story to come out of last Friday's luncheon...Ron Eimen was coming back from Florida and broke down along the way. He managed to limp into a truck stop about 10 mph and there a Good Samaritan truck driver with a flatbed offered his assistance. The driver, who was headed for OK City, and was running empty, lowered the bed, hauled Ron's coach up on the bed, and brought him all the way to Tulsa.

By the way, Ron turned the genset on, rode in air-conditioned comfort all the way home. His dog, however, showed a little less courage...he refused to climb up and aboard the coach perched up on the flat bed but , instead, rode all the way back home to Tulsa in the trucker's cab. Ron said he called home on the cell phone but no one would believe him, especially the 70mph part sitting on top of the flatbed...Wonder why??

Come see us in Tulsa,

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



1976 GMC Glenbrook

1984 Cadillac Cimarron

Glyn and Melrose Trimble

John 3:16

Friday, September 17, 1999



We met again Friday, Sept 17, at the Golden Corral in Tulsa for lunch. The word "eat" seems to be the magic word for GMC'ers. We had TEN Coaches, 25 people and 23 stayed for the meal.

Those present were Olin Boyer, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Andy and Jondine Flynn, Ken and Myrna Baldrige, Leonard and Jane Howard, Ron and Sharon Eimen and Betty Houck of Tulsa, John and Delphine Wells and Chet Simpson of Bixby, , Glyn and Melrose Trimble and George and Edna Gurr of Broken Arrow, and MO and Helen Lewis of Muskogee. Surprising us with a visit were Ken and Virginia Fitzgerald of Midwest City, OK.

Stopping by just to visit were Art Price and Keith Mizell, both GMC owners. Needless to say, with the weather being extra nice, we attracted quite a crowd. As we all went coach hopping before and after the meal, believe we had a few unknown "drop bys" who not only drove by but also did a little looking themselves. One couple who dropped by absolutely refused to believe we were there just for lunch and a little fun. They kept asking "Where are you from" and where are you traveling? Do you have any problems traveling in a caravan? "and so it went.

Olin Boyer took these photos. Ideas and other "how did you do that" could be heard all afternoon. Reluctantly we broke up late afternoon with a promise to meet for lunch again real soon.



And that we will...our next luncheon date is Friday Nov 5, 1:00 PM, (same place), Golden Corral at 71st and Mingo in Tulsa. Hope you will join us.

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Oilton Parade Line Up Staging Area

Oilton, OK

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Last Friday, Nov 5, the GMCers in the Tulsa area met again for lunch. Eighteen of us were present for this happy occasion and we managed to eat a "little" between gab sessions.

Present for this select occasion were Keith and Liza Mizell, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, John and Delphine Wells, Ron (Flat top) and Sharon Eimen, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Andy Flynn, Ken Baldrige, Olin and Donna Boyer, Chet and Pat Simpson, and last but certainly not least, MO and Helen Lewis.

Friendships are fast forming and plans are already in the mill to caravan to the next Classic Rally and also the next International Rally at Rayne, LA.

The next gathering of the Classic clan is set for the first Friday in December, 1:00 pm at the Golden Corral, Tulsa. The parking facilities are simply superb for us plus it allows the locals to "circle the wagons" which they certainly did again.

Join us...must remind you that we do "allow" first timers to pick up the tab (vbg).

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Friday, December 3, 1999

Last Friday, Dec 3, was another terrific luncheon time here in Tulsa. Twelve beautiful ladies and 23 hungry people were gathered together, all lined up like the Radio City Rockettes.

It's a good thing we are meeting at the "All You Can Eat:" Golden Corral because a "few" tried to do just that. With near perfect fall weather (almost 70 degrees and lots of sunshine) it only increased the appetite and made for outstanding coach hopping.

Those present were Ken and Myrna Baldrige, [Bill and Bobbie Bramlett](#), [Cal Callicoa](#), [Ron and Phyllis Dallmeyer](#), [Ron and Sharon Eimen](#), [Clarence and Robert Hotfelt](#), [Leonard and Jane Howard](#), [Art Price](#), [Glyn and Melrose Trimble](#), [Gary Van Fossen](#) and John and Delphine Wells.

A surprise and welcome visitor was [Justin Hill](#) of Oklahoma City with two guests, [Jack Barta and Audie Lewis](#). Justin bragged a bit and said it was a 70 mph drive and two fingers on the steering wheel all the way over. The newbies were certainly impressed and the old timers didn't believe him, anyway.

Between bites plans were made to caravan to the next [GMC Classic rally in January 2000 at Murchison, TX](#) and to the [GMC International at Rayne, LA](#) in March 2000.

We also did a little swapping and bartering...regret to say the big chief of bartering, Andy Flynn, was not with us today. However, Ron (Flat Bed) Eimen managed to come in a close second. Our #1 mechanic, Bill Bramlett, was kept busy answering all those "How" questions...

Reluctantly we completed the day as the last coach drove off into the sunset around 3:30 pm. And we can't wait until next month and the first Friday...Join us.

Regards to all.

Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Friday, January 7, 2000

Well, despite the blustery winds, the flu bug and other related illnesses, 19 of us met for lunch yesterday at the Golden Corral in Tulsa for lunch. A real camaraderie has begun to develop or so it seems from the amount of noise we made yesterday and also the bewildered stares from the nearby people who was so unfortunate as to select a table close by.

We had four new attendees, Jim Fowler, June Callicoat, and Jim and Betty Haynes, each of whom stepped right up and joined in the festivities. The most pressing questions seemed to be "How do I find the leaks" (we had some rain just recently) and "Where is the best place to buy Alcoas?" We could also tell that friendships were beginning to develop as the first question asked after arrival and the usual greeting was "Are we ready to eat yet"?

A few of the regulars were missing but they promised to be back next month. Present along with the new attendees were Art Price, Ken and Myrna Baldrige, Ron and Sharon Eimen, John and Delphine Wells, Clarence and Roberta Hotfelt, Cal Callicoat (he brought his wife, June, for the first time), Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Glyn and Melrose Trimble , [Steve Clevenger](#) and last but not least, Chet Simpson

We are also happy to report that several fellows got together this past month and did some maintenance work together under the capable supervision of Bill Bramlett. (Front wheel bearings and things like that).

Plans were made for the caravan to the GMC Classic Rally later this month at Murchison, TX. We should have a fairly good group attending from the Tulsa area. Times for starting and rally points along the way for others to join were set up. Also discussed were trip plans to the GMC International at Rayne, LA in March.

'Til next month...

The Tulsa Luncheon Group

Friday, February 4, 2000

We met per usual at the Golden Corral in Tulsa with 18 hardy souls present. Weather was a wee bit on chilly side (in Feb???) but it did not deter enthusiasm or appetites.

Present for the occasion were the following: Ken Baldridge, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Andy Flynn, Justin and Dortha Hill, Clarence and Roberta Hotfelt, MO and Helen Lewis, Chet Simpson, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, John and Delphine Wells and one first-timer, [Ken Jones](#) (More about Ken later).

Despite the weather, the conversation centered around the recent GMC Classic Rally near Tyler, TX. Quite a few had planned to go, but a big snow and ice storm just prior to the rally caused most of us to "chicken out". All but the Bramletts and the Lewis' that is. (You can catch the report on the rally at the Classic Rally site.)

These two families had left early for the rally and missed most of the storm going down but Mother Nature sure made up for when returning home. Bill Bramlett sort of tip-toed home on the ice and Helen Lewis (she does most of the driving) made it safely also. Word of caution-never, never follow Helen in bad weather-or good either-she is one skilled lady driver, even if she is way above (_mm_) years of age.

The Lunch Bunch Gang

Friday, March 3, 2000

March soon rolled around and, despite the cold and rainy day, 12 turned out including some very special guests from Oklahoma City and the faraway eastern state of Maryland. Joining us from Oklahoma City for the first time were Lorren and Bess White and their beautiful GMC.

Sharing our lunch with also were John and Betty Massey from Maryland, along with their 2 and 1/2 yr old grandson, Robert Fortney, who was traveling with them. Robert was going on to Rayne with them...please look him up...At his very young age, he has already been to 3 national rallies...he is a real trooper and he is not the least bit shy, either..

Others present were Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Ken Baldrige, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Glyn and Melrose Trimble and John Wells. Ken Jones could not be with us as he had just gotten out of the hospital but he did send some pics of his [1978 Elaganza GMC](#) and also his home, both of which were destroyed by a tornado Apr 24, 1993.

Billy Massey has been very kind to put his pics on the GMC Classic Web Site and I urge you to take a look. It is not a pretty sight to see. Fortunately, no one at his home was hurt. Others at nearby locations were not quite so fortunate. Incidentally, Ken sold the tornado ravaged GMC for scrap parts and has since purchased another GMC

Quite of few of us plan to attend the Rayne Rally, so we will look forward to meeting many of you...and be prepared to let us tell you about the GMC Tulsa Luncheons...we won't brag too much.

The Lunch Bunch Gang



1977 Eleganza II

Jim and Becky Trimble

Friday, April 7, 2000

It is with sadness and heavy heart that we have to report the activities of the day. On a gorgeous April day in Tulsa, we had 22 happy souls in 11 coaches show up for lunch. You would think that's all we need but not so! Fate was casting doom all around us but we struggled through...but only with help of Dave's credit card.

First of all, the reservations that we had so carefully made-even reconfirmed yesterday-were somehow lost and so they left us on our own...By shoving, pushing, and otherwise being real sweet and polite, we graciously informed all around us we were having a GMC party...some left, some joined us...the rest just thought we were plain nuts!

Three newcomers were there for their first time with us (and it may be their last); [Charles and Esther Wood](#) of Midwest City, OK and [Bill Brunson](#) of Oologah, OK. Other regulars were Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, [Gary and Dorothy Van Fossen](#), Clarence and Roberta Hotfelt, John and Delphine Wells, Chet Simpson, Steve Clevenger, Cal and June Callicoat, [Ken and Myrna Baldridge](#), Olin and Donna Boyer, Glyn Trimble and last but not least Ron "Flat Bed" Eimen and his lovely bride, Sharon.

Good comments were heard from those who attended the Rayne Rally and lots of questions from those who didn't. Steve Clevenger showed off his new four air bag system and Ron brought new distinction to our luncheon group with a first...again.

If you recall, sometime ago his coach broke down on way back from Florida and he and his GMC hitch hiked a ride aboard a flat bad truck, GMC and all, back to Tulsa with him riding in the coach upon top, gen set running, roof AC running, and wife Sharon and dog riding in truck cab with driver...

Today he straddled new territory, made new history and gave us all another precious memory (for most of us, at least) when he locked his coach up before going into lunch but **WITH THE KEYS STILL IN THE IGNITION**. His wife, Sharon, had brought her set of coach keys but they were in her purse, and you guessed it, the purse was locked up also inside the coach. . No one realized it until nearly three o'clock when most had already left.

But wait, Sir Galahad himself, Gary Von Fossen, came to the rescue. With a trusty screwdriver he pried open a back window, pushed it open just far enough to squeeze in, crawled/fell through the open window, and then, after opening the door, asked for "Bids" for a set of keys. Now for those of you do don't know Gary and Ron...well, Gary is about 5'5", weighs about 140 and Ron is 6'2" and weighs in around 220...and a gentlemen's agreement was soon reached.

Finally, after all was said and done, we all agreed to meet again next month just to hear the latest saga of Ron "Flat Bed" Eimen and the rest of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch...join us...you won't be disappointed. (We heard Ron was going live rattlesnake hunting in Okeene, OK next month...stay tuned).

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Lunch Bunch Leisure Time

Friday, August 4, 2000

We had 20 present yesterday on a very, very hot day. The generators were all running full blast and continued to do so. Believe everybody left their gen sets running all during lunch so as not to come back to an oven baked coach afterwards.

We had two brand new owners with us...one with coach and one without. [Lief and Abby Langbakk](#) were there with their new (to them) Buskirk 29' stretch coach they had purchased through Buddy Bethune of NC. It is a beautiful coach with all the amenities you can think of and some we had never even heard of...oh well... (we were only a "little" envious)!!

Another new owner was Don Cooper who had just recently purchased his 76 Palm Beach from Bill Wilkinson of Tulsa. Bill was the original owner and had owned it since 1976 but finally decided that at their age (90 plus) they just could not maintain it anymore. By the way, Don is a former GMC owner and decided he wanted back in the fold. He has a Phillips service station at I-44 and Memorial in Tulsa... when passing through, stop and give a holler. He would love to chat with you. He also has three service bays for light maintenance.

Others present were Ken Baldrige, Olin and Donna Boyer, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Cal and June Callicoate, Steve Clevenger, Ron and Phyllis Dallmeyer, Ron and Sharon Eimen, (Along with another tall story or two), Leonard and Jane Howard plus grandson Kyle, and Glyn and Melrose Trimble.

This meeting completed our first year for the Tulsa Lunch Bunch. We have met every month in all kinds of weather.... listened to all kinds of tall tales (courtesy of Ron and Ken), cried and prayed together over family crises, shared wonderful travel stories, help fix each other's GMC, and in fact have become a true family.

Most everyone was excited about the upcoming GMC Classic Rally in late Sept on Grand Lake at nearby Grove, OK. For many it will be their very first GMC Rally. When you come, you will be able to recognize us real quick...not only do we look and act like Okies, (vbg), we will be wearing the little blue badges that say "Tulsa Lunch Bunch" ...look for us!

Our next meeting date is Friday Sep 1 and we will be starting our second year of fellowship and should you be coming our way, we would be honored to have you join us.

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



77 Kingsley

Irv and Shirley Pense

Friday, September 1, 2000

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch met yesterday (should say MELTED yesterday) in a Tulsa record setting 108 degree temperature atmosphere. Conditions were ideal for testing gen-sets and those that could run came through with flying colors. The ambient scores were about 50-50, however.

Those twenty hardy souls that stepped quickly and gingerly across the egg-frying concrete into the restaurant had a delightful time. Rod Amerson brought his 3 yr old daughter and it was a close call as to who spoiled who!

Bill Brunson showed off his new Alcoas and Michelins and Olin Boyer really topped it off with his new T-shirt with a large photo of his Clasco built GMC imprinted right on the front. Neat!! Now if he will just do that for the rest of us....

We were delighted to have Justin Hill from OK City with us again. He brought along two old ex-GMC buddies, Audie Lewis and Stan Whitehurst, just to sort of rub it in as what they were missing...or maybe we did that. No way...we would not do anything like that...that's not the GMC way, is it? Yeah!!

New owner Don Cooper just got initiated into the fraternity. First, if you recall, he helped the stranded GMC family about two weeks ago...last week he took his "new" baby out for a spin and it broke down on him...seems as though right front wheel bearings gave out. now he's wondering what he did wrong (ha)!

Leif and Abby Langbakk left their new 29' Buskirk stretch at home and drove their van. Seems as though the converter/whatever was acting up and the electricity was not going through from the gen-set. New owner Irv Pense came for the very first time (He recently purchased Ken Jones 26' GMC) and he had lots of questions...we also had lots of answers...trouble was some of them didn't match...oh well!!!!

Gary and Dorothy Van Fossen just got back from Colorado and I think they were still wondering why. Gary is all excited about getting his new home furnished soon which will include, by the way, a garage large enough to park as well as work on his GMC. Will try to get some pics.

Clarence and Roberta Hotfelt were pleased to announce they had finalized the sale of their 38' Newell and were now one coach owners.

Leonard Howard decided that it was time to replace his front wheel bearings so Olin volunteered his puller (from Tom) for both Don and Leonard. Olin did volunteer Bill Bramlett to help him, however. Since Bill was still in Colorado, that was an easy choice.

Plans were made to attend the GMC Classic rally at Grove, OK later this month, Sep 28-30. Since Justin, as co-host, was going up on Tuesday, 26th, to set things up, we voted to go up on Wednesday...Justin, you can tell we really love you!!

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Art Moore

En Route to Amana Colony, Amana, IA Rally

Friday, October 6, 2000

The Lunch Bunch met again last Friday, Oct 6, and a joyous time it was. Most of us had gone to the GMC Classic Rally the previous weekend at Grand Lake Grove, OK and so we chatted up a storm about all our fun and experiences.

We had 17 present with one newcomer to our group. Jack Hoppe, of Tulsa, came by and was really made welcome. He has had his coach (new) since 1975 but it had been in storage last couple of years or so. After listening to all our mechanical aches and pains, he decided he would get his coach out of storage and bring it up to snuff anyway. Brave Man!!

When dining at the Golden Corral the Lunch Bunch always takes up two rows of tables, sometimes three. With this in mind, the ladies voted unanimously this time to sit at one table and the men were to sit at the other. (By the way, the men were not allowed to vote-sounds vaguely familiar, I think).

After lunch the ladies informed us that it was the best luncheon we had had so far...they did not have to listen to all that stuff about air bags, transmissions, flat tires, aluminum wheels, and etc and etc...I think they got the idea at the Rally last weekend at Grove.

Present for lunch were Rod Amerson and two of his children, Steve Clevenger, Don Cooper, Andy and Jondine Flynn, Clarence and Roberta Hotfelt, Jack Hoppe, Leif and Abby Langbakk, Chet Simpson, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, and John and Delphine Wells. Absent without leave were Ken and Myrna Baldridge who had gone to Arkansas, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett who had gone to Colorado, Ron and Sharon Eimen who had gone to Las Vegas, and Irvin and Shirley Pense who had gone to Albuquerque for the Balloon Festival.

Take care and talk to you next month.

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



77 Palm Beach

Bill and Darlene Rowland

Green Country RV Show

Friday, March 2, 2001

Boy Oh Boy,

Cabin Fever really took over yesterday with the Tulsa Lunch Bunch. We had a total of 26 hungry people that turned out for our March lunch meet. Not only did we take up one end of the Golden Corral, we also [ate most of their food...](#)

[Conversations were animated](#) with show and tell right behind. Coaches started arriving before twelve and the usual "How did you do this or that" soon was everywhere. Bill Burk recently purchased a 73 model from Oregon and is in the process of gutting it out and rebuilding...and for many, it was a first to see an "empty" coach. John Wells just finished redoing his interior and it was outstanding. John does most of his own work and he is 78 years young...

[Bull Session](#)

[Joe Wilson](#) gave us a first...He has invited the Tulsa Lunch Bunch (and any other GMC) to participate in an "Old Timers Celebration" and homecoming on May 26 at Oilton, OK. He wants to line up all the old GMC classic coaches and insert them into the parade...mind you, when we are lined up in parade formation, the first and last coach will stretch out longer than the main street of Oilton...but who cares....And, since Joe and Barbara own a GMC, they no doubt will lead the "Classic" parade, along with a lot of bands and horses (you gotta have horses in a parade)!!

Oilton, for those who might not know, is about 34-40 minutes west of Tulsa...easy to reach. We will let you know more details as soon as they are available...and we promise to take lots of pics...

Back to lunch...present yesterday were Rod Amerson and two of his little ones, [Ken Baldrige](#), [Bernie Baldwin](#), [Bill and Bobbie Bramlett](#), [Bill Burk](#), [Cal and June Callicoat](#), [Steve Clevenger](#), [Don Cooper](#), [Ron and Sharon Eimen](#), Jim and Carol Fowler, Jim and Betty Haynes, Irv Pense, Chet Simpson, [Glyn and Melrose Trimble](#), John and Delphine Wells, and last but not least, [Joe and Barbara Wilson](#). That's quite a group!!!

After lunch, the guys and gals hung around for continued sightsee and inspection...Cal took measurements of a screen door and decided to try and make one for his coach...Irv inspected headliners before jumping in and replacing his...some pullers were loaned out...back issues of GMC magazines and other "how to" publications were swapped...even had the usual "circle the wagon" non-GMCers coming by...some got out and toured the coaches, too!

All in all, it was one of our best times together...some are planning to attend the [GMC Classics Rally next month at Lake Whitney](#), and most are definitely planning to "parade down the main street" of Oilton..

Until next time...take care ...and come join us the first Friday in April...

Regards,

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

PS: Here are some photos of Joe Wilson's invention for rear bogie support while stopped. If you recall, two months ago in the GMMM magazine, there was a write up about this project. Joe says he also has an adapter for the bogie if you have skirts. It looks real good and is real solid support for camping several days. [Support in use](#). [Support in travel position](#).



Bob and Marilyn Musgrove

Friday, June 8, 2001

We had 19 at lunch last Friday, including one newcomer, Floyd Dow of Bartlesville, along with his guest, Dick Carver, also of Bartlesville.

Regulars attending were Rod and Marvinna Amerson and their 3 very lively young ones, Bernie Baldwin of Dewey, Bill Bramlett, Bill Brunson, Bill Burk, Steve Clevenger, Don Cooper, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Leif and Abby Langbakk, Chet Simpson (on his hot-rod motorcycle), and Glyn and Melrose Trimble.

Four of the Lunch Bunch, Clarence and Roberta Hoffelt along with John and Delphine Wells, skipped lunch and went up early to the GMC Flatlander rally at Cedar Oaks RV Resort, Grove, OK. Two others, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, joined them later Friday evening.

For those who have not been there, that is a very beautiful campground, located right on Grand Lake...It is the same location that the Classics visited last September. The Club House sits just a few feet away from lake's edge...it do make the hamburgers taste even better...what else can we say!!!!

And a very special thanks to President Ted Allen of the GMC Flatlanders and his lovely bride, LaVonne and Co-Hosts Jim and Jean Lawhorn, for making us Okies feel like we were a part of the club...Thank you, thank you! We look forward to meeting with you again! (And especially that die-hard Kansas State fan, Evan Lassen, who can't wait until Kansas State plays OU at Norman on Sep 29 this fall).

Anyway, back to the luncheon...A head count showed 6 coaches in either the shop for needed maintenance or torn apart in the backyard for "mechanics training" or something like that...Oh yes, this is the month that Rod Amerson goes to Georgia to pick up his coach he bought last fall...He's taking the famous Roger Black List with him...so all of you between Tulsa and Atlanta, please stand by...He definitely needs Dave's credit card and lots of prayers...Wife Marvinna is going to follow along behind, with the family van and the cell phone...

All for this month....happy traveling!!

Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Friday, July 6, 2001

Today is the day that we normally report back to you about a great time the Tulsa Lunch Bunch had last Friday...We did, the food and fellowship were great...even learned a few new things to do...Rod Amerson finally got his coach home from Georgia, Lief Langbakk had big time engine problems...Michael Covey met up with a guard rail...guess who won...and HOT weather has come to Tulsa!

Unfortunately, over the weekend, we were saddened to learn that one of our very dear ladies of the Lunch Bunch passed away. Mrs. Clarence (Roberta) Hotfelt, of Bixby, OK (suburb of Tulsa) had recently suffered a stroke while visiting her son in south Texas. Roberta was 85 years of age and loved to travel.

She apparently passed away as a result of this stroke, with cremation services to follow sometime early this week. Her husband, Clarence, will be returning home to Bixby (Tulsa) later this week for final disposition of the remains. Leonard and Marker Funeral Home of Bixby will be handling local arrangements.

Clarence and Roberta were involved in GMC activities, belonging to both the GMC Classic and GMC Flatlander chapters. When in town, they did not miss a Lunch Bunch meeting, either.

For those of you who know this sweet couple, should you wish to send them a card...or message... their address is as follows:

**Clarence Hotfelt
17217 So 90th E Ave
Bixby, OK 74008
(918) 366-3885**

Flowers have been sent to Clarence on behalf of the Lunch Bunch and fellow GMC'ers.

Our best to each of you...

Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Friday, August 3, 2001

Our lunch report for August and, pardon the pun, it is a hot one. Despite searing 100 degree temperatures, 15 hardy souls joined together for our monthly luncheon at the Golden Corral here in Tulsa.

[Rod and Marvinna Amerson](#) came and not only brought their three children but their "new" [Georgia \(Peach\) GMC](#) for the first time. If you recall from previous posts, they bought it last year from an estate in Georgia and spent several months going back and forth to fix it for travel (fancy way of saying just able to navigate) ..finally got it trip "worthy" and brought it home in June. Now, as Rod says, where do you start on a coach that has set out for years and years with no movement or maintenance? He'll keep us posted...

Bill Brunson brought his lovely wife, [Peggy](#), with him for a first. She works full time and was on vacation so she came along with grandchildren, Allen and Riyal, two precocious and shy youngsters but not for long...especially after Melrose told them (with very colorful and eloquent presentation) the age old story of Herman, the flea, who does acrobatic flip-flops in the air...and elsewhere.

[Bob and Marilyn Musgrove](#) brought their "new" coach for the first time, also. Bob has really done a lot of work but Marilyn says "not enough yet"...Bob, don't worry...it's only money...

Chet Simpson was present also, with his ever present and exciting stories of how NOT to ride a Harley...His GMC rebuilding job is coming along...he's looking at headliner materials now. And Steve Clevenger brought with him several excellent suggestions for improving comfort in the GMC.

We missed Bill and Bobbie Bramlett who have returned to Colorado... Now that they have a home there also, we can't keep up with them. And our heartfelt sympathies go to Clarence Hotfelt, another of our Lunch Bunch, who recently lost his beloved wife, Roberta.

That's all for now...we'll see you next month...and if you are coming our way, join us for lunch and lots of small talk, especially GMC style...take care..

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch.

Friday, October 5, 2001

Today the Tulsa Lunch Bunch met again...all 17 of us, and with our coaches and usual tall tales, we got the fall activities off with a bang!!

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett were there with their "new" Royale they recently purchased and they reportedly are headed to the Dixielander Rally next week. Bill has been busy bringing the coach up to Bobbie's standards, so he says. Truth is, he just likes to tinker with GMC's...

Bill and Darlene Rowland were at lunch today for their first time...they recently purchased Don Cooper's GMC...now he's stranded, but only for a short while. The Rowlands also own a Bluebird so we are now trying to determine which one is his and which one is hers...Darlene said everybody ought to have a "his" and "her" motorhome!!

It was good to see John and Delphine Wells at lunch again. They have had some recent illnesses and we were delighted to have them with us today. By the way, MO Lewis is in Houston with heart problems...his daughter says he should be home sometime this coming week. We wish you well, MO...miss you.

Ron Eimen wasn't with us today, but Chet Simpson made up for it with his grasshopper and catfish stories...not sure whether we could handle Chet and Ron both at the same time...

Leif and Abby Langbakk were there with their beautiful 29' stretch Eleganza III...if you have not seen it, you should...believe it is on Buddy Bethune's web site...Leif is a pilot and enjoys flying as well as motorhoming...they were headed out this afternoon for a nice long weekend at the lake in Grove, OK..

All in all, a very nice visit for all us and a nice cool October day to enjoy...present for lunch were Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Bill Brunson, Steve Clevenger, Don Cooper, Andy Flynn, Leif and Abby Langbakk, Irv and Shirley Pense, Rowland, Chet Simpson, Glyn and Melrose Trimble and last, but not least, John and Delphine Wells.

Oh yes, it's still a pretty picture to look out the window of the restaurant and see all those lovelies lined up...Join us next month, the first Friday, November 2, at the Golden Corral here in Tulsa...we will be looking for you.

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Friday, December 7, 2001

Hello and Merry Christmas!

Christmas came early or so it seems for the Lunch Bunch today. Everyone seemed to be wearing their Christmas colors or at least their best bib and tucker...

Twenty one special guys and gals came today and brought their appetites. The weather was ideal of visiting, coach hopping, eating, coach hopping, visiting, eating and you get the picture.

Jim and Betty Haynes came with a brand new paint job on their coach...beautiful, Jim, now do the rest of our coaches! Two new coach owners were supposed to be present but only one made it. Jim Trimble was there for the first time but without his coach. Jim and Becky bought the Bob Thompson Eleganza II of Spavinaw. Bob recently passed away and his lovely wife, Donna, decided to sell rather than keep the coach.

Claude and Sally Farris recently purchased the Gary Von Fossen coach but he was out of town today but promised "No more"...We also had as special guests a young couple, Monte and Helen Jestes of Stillwater, who were interested in being GMC owners...they were duly impressed with our line up of beautiful GMC ladies out laid out in a row...

Also present with and without coaches were Bernie and Renee' Baldwin of Dewey, Olin and Donna Boyer, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Bill Brunson of Oologah, Steve Clevenger, Don Cooper, Andy and Jondine Flynn, Bob Musgrove, Bill and Darlene Rowland of Claremore, Glyn Trimble and Lorren White of Ok City.

I know we are all looking for new ideas and uses for our coaches but one of our very newest Lunch Bunch ladies came up with a very practical idea...and it was her first time to come with her husband, too (and he said it may her last)!.

Renee' Baldwin noticed the cut out heat shields on the side of the coaches. After explaining it to her, Glyn started his engine and Renee' stood outside and put her hand over the vented opening...OH, she exclaimed...what a wonderful hair dryer!!! Now, ladies, you have it...straight from a qualified source...Thank you, Renee'.

Needless to say, a fun time was had by all...and with warm weather prevailing, coach hopping was the order of the day. Don't know when the last coach left, but it was a lot later than usual...And now, Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year from the Tulsa Lunch Bunch...till next year!!

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75 Eleganza II

Jim and Betty Haynes

Friday, January 4, 2002

In spite of the "warm" 38 degrees and cold, cold north winds blowing down all the way from Canada, we had a marvelous time together today.



Eighteen hardy souls, most with their GMC ladies, arrived prepared to have a good time and they did. First of all, [Rowland](#) of Claremore, arrived showing off their brand new paint job on their GMC...a beautiful deep burgundy with nice trim...Darlene says the interior is next and she was asking lots of questions...of each of us...Bill kept asking the same questions but always with that special GMC phrase: How much does that cost? Understand Darlene did not hear a single answer to that.....

Also, Ron Eimen and his lovely bride, Sharon, arrived with their newly painted GMC ...Ron was so proud of it he even took a nice clean handkerchief and wiped off some residue from low flying b....ds..

Others attending were Bernie and Renee' Baldwin of Dewey, .Bill Brunson of Oologah, Cal and June Calliccoat from Locust Grove, Don Cooper, Claude Farris, Andy Flynn, Jim and Betty Haynes of Bixby, (they just painted their coach recently), Leif Langbakk of Sand Springs, Bob Musgrove, Chet Simpson of Bixby, and Glyn and Melrose Trimble of Broken Arrow.

The Golden Corral has now very graciously provided us with a private room in the east wing, away from all the rest of the diners...we are not sure whether it was a courtesy for us or a necessity for them...anyway, we appreciated it very much. And we will still have a large picture window with a view of those beautiful GMC's parked out there, all side by side.

The stories were as usual very eloquent today, but none more so than one told by Ron Eimen. Seems as though Ron recently purchased a new fangled bicycle that has a battery powered booster which will enable him to climb hills without too much effort...sort of like using a GMC with a 3.70 transmission passing an 18 wheeler going up the mountain side...

Ron took his new bike out to a local bike trail and you know the rest...without letting other bikers know, he would pass them going up the slopes...slow down on the straight and narrow...then pass them again...and again...and again...that's our Ron...said he learned his bad habits from the Dixielanders...but we believe it is the other way around...

Glyn passed out rosters with current lunch attendees...phone number, address, etc. It's sort of like a local Roger Black list....also listed meeting dates for this year...discussion was given about the next GMC International meeting in Mobile...also mentioned were future Western States meetings as well as the GMC Mountaineer meeting in Sante Fe in July...we tried to cover all the bases.

Finally, after umpteen trips back through the buffet line, we reluctantly broke up...the ladies headed down the road to the mall...and the fellows out to the coaches for further "inspection".

Until next time...

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Friday, February 1, 2002

Gee whiz and gollee bang bang! You missed a good one today. In spite of all the ice and snow around us, frigid temperatures, a little flu sickness we had a fantastic turnout of 28 today for our February Lunch Bunch meeting.

We had several first timers...Sally Farris of Tulsa, [Fred and Peggy Pitezal](#) of Catoosa and [Dale and Vivian Wood](#) of Tulsa...

Even though we are scheduled for a 12:30 meeting, the gang started gathering at 11:45 AM outside the restaurant for a little lively before meal discussions...Monte and Helen Jestes of Stillwater, OK brought their "new" 23' Birchaven GMC for the first time today and appropriately received a lot of "oohs" and "aahs", especially the parts they have already redone to bring it into the 21st century.

Just to make sure she would not be left out on the food line, Renee' Baldwin picked up her plate and filled it twice before 12:15 and also before the prayer of thanksgiving for the meal...She said she wanted her food blessed twice...once by her and later by our GMCers Chaplain, Claude Farris..

Plans were bring made by several to attend GMC International at Mobile, AL next month...believe the Eimens, Bramletts, Jestes' and Rowlands are all making plans to attend. We will expect a full report in April, especially the trip parts...Ron Eimen always has an adventuresome story to tell...

Clarence Hotfelt was there...but without his gracious wife, Roberta. If you recall, Roberta passed away a few months ago and this was his first lunch time without her. Our hearts and prayers are with you, Clarence.

We are really enjoying our private room that the restaurant has so graciously provided for us...We were having so much fun that we even had a few non GMC patrons trying to come in and join us...when they found out the GMC motto "Get More Cash" was the password, they beat a hasty retreat...

A great time was had by all...and as one of the newcomers said..."I didn't know you were having THIS much fun"...In attendance today were the following: Bernie and Renee' Baldwin of Dewey, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Bill Brunson of Oologah, Steve Clevenger of Catoosa, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Claude and Sally Farris and Jim and Betty Haynes of Haskell.

Also Clarence Hotfelt of Bixby, Leonard and Jane Howard of Jenks, Monte and Helen Jests of Stillwater, Fred and Peggy Pitezal of Catoosa, Bill Rowland of Claremore, Glyn and Melrose Trimble of Broken Arrow, Jim Trimble of Broken Arrow, John and Delphine Wells of Bixby and Dale and Vivian Wood of Tulsa.

Several photos were taken for the Rogue's gallery...they will be posted on the Lunch Bunch site by Billy Massey in a day or so. Until next time, may all your travels be trouble free and your gasoline mileage read "12 mpg"...

Tulsa Lunch Bunch



1975 Palm Beach

Don Cooper

Friday, March 1, 2002

Another Lunch Bunch meeting has come and gone. Today we had 22 lively people today and it seems like about 30 conversations were going all at once. even the waitress joined in...Included among our group today were one new owner and two former RV owners...

The weather was quite nasty, with cold, cold north winds blowing and light rain that seemed almost like ice...temp was above freezing, thankfully. Not surprising, one of the major topics of "fixer upper" items today was that of "furnaces" and how to make them work better. Come July it will be air conditioning, of course. The Pensens were showing off some of their major interior improvements...their new wood flooring really drew a lot of comments!

New to our lunches was [Donna Long](#) of Tulsa...she recently purchased a GMC...even though it was in the shop for some interior maintenance and updating, she came on anyway. With her expertise and mechanical skills, she is going to make a valuable contribution to our group...and, most important, she ain't shy!!!

Justin Hill brought a guest from OK City, Frank Wade, a former RV owner...delighted to have you Frank...turns out that Melrose and Frank both have grandparents buried in the same cemetery in Quanah, TX...How they ever got to that subject no one will ever know (VBG)!

[Chet Simpson](#) also brought a guest...Jim Moore...who used to own a GMC and is in the process of looking for another...bet he will find one, too! By the way, Andy Flynn has two GMC's now, both Royales...believe he wants to sell one ... at least he said the "boss" told him to get rid of one .. guess that means "sell"(VBG).

Also present and accounted for were [Andy Flynn](#), Don Cooper, Rowland, Leif Langbakk, Monte and Helen Jestes, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Steve Clevenger, Jim Trimble, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Irv Pense, Jim and Betty Haynes and last but not least Bob Musgrove.

Until next month...enjoy the rallies...hope to see you at one.

Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Tweety Bird

The One and Only

Ken and Doree Broostin

Friday, April 5, 2002

From all the noise and enthusiasm today, you would have thought the International Rally was meeting with our group today. First timer Rally attendees Monte and Helen Jests of Stillwater, OK just got back from the rally and kept saying over and over..."You should have been there"...they loved it.

Two couples of our lunch bunch guys and gals must have really enjoyed themselves...they haven't made it back yet...Bill and Bobby Bramlett and the Rowlands of Claremore..

However, Ron and Sharon Eimen did make it back. Being old-timers at rallies (they had been to Rayne a couple of years ago) they showed the "new" guys and gals around...especially where the casinos and blackjack tables were...they also gave glowing reports and are looking forward to the next rally. And Ron make it back ok...didn't have to ride an 18 wheeler flatbed back, either.

Donna Long brought her "new" coach out for all to see. That gal (who does most of her own work) has put on more little gadgets that go to make a motorhome seem like home. Our favorite by far was the doorbell she installed for her grandchildren to use. Not only does it have a beautiful melody, it also lets you know there is someone at the door! Way to go, Donna! Looks like Donna now has a whole bunch of new grandchildren"... and why not?

Cal Callicoat of Grove, OK was here today...Not too often do you see an all white GMC that is really outstanding in appearance...well, his is simply beautiful and with that stainless steel grill he made...well, that just is the icing on the cake.

Ken Baldrige (who sold his GMC recently) was by to join us for lunch. He brought a brand new GMC Dana compressor that had never been used and had been in storage for several years...it was sold before he could even get the words out. Thanks, Ken...

Bill Brunson of Oologah, OK slipped in on us. Next time you are at a GMC gathering, just look around for that quiet fellow who doesn't talk...mostly just listens...that's Bill. But he sure knows how to fix a GMC to run real good!

Claude and Sally Farris were there...they are still in process of learning about their "new" GMC. They are getting ready to go on their maiden voyage in a few days...can't wait until we get a firsthand report of their adventures.

Others present were Bernie and Renee' Baldwin of Dewey, OK, Glyn and Melrose Trimble of Broken Arrow, OK, Don Cooper, Andy Flynn, and last but not least, Steve Clevenger. Well, as you can tell, the old saying "You shoulda been there" never was more true than today. We had a blast, solved all our GMC problems (Ha) and looking forward to the next Lunch Bunch meeting.

See you there.

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Toys For Tots Time

U. S. Marine Caregivers

Friday, May 5, 2002

WOW! We almost had enough today for an old fashioned brush arbor tent meeting! Invite them and they shall come and come across the river indeed they did.

From south across the Red River, ala Ringgold, LA, came Ron "Peanut" Tipton and his most gracious bride, Carolyn...from across the Arkansas and Cimarron Rivers came John Stoner and his favorite lady, Laura Etta (Garber, OK). Also coming (from Enid, OK) were Richard Worth and his fair lady, Mary.

Really have to give these traveling sojourners credit for coming just to have lunch with us. Peanut and Carolyn left Ringgold, LA about midnight last night, meandering along the way, arriving at the Golden Corral about 8 AM this morning, then camping out until the first Lunch Bunch arrivals around 11 AM.

Along came the Stoners and Worths, who came because they thought we were having too much fun without them (and they wanted in on the good meals also). The meals must be good because Peanut and Carolyn were the last two to leave the restaurant this afternoon...does this mean they might be back? Hope so...and again, welcome and thanks for coming...each of you.

Also joining us today were many of our regulars plus a special guest, Don Bobino, of Collinsville (suburb of Tulsa) who read about our lunches on the GMC Net and came just to see for himself... (He has an S.O.B. motorhome but believe he now has the GMC bug deep inside trying to get out)!!

Rod Amerson and his little daughter, Jordan, joined us today after a brief absence. Congratulations to Rod...he has been accepted into medical school and will soon be leaving us shortly. Good luck, Rod...we will miss you.

Bernie and Renee' Baldwin were there...Bernie is really proud of his handiwork...he just finished installing a new 3.70 transmission and is really anxious to take a nice trip to try it out...Cal Calliccoat and Steve Clevenger, along with Don Cooper, really chimed in today. Also present were Ron (Ask him about his granddaughter) and Sharon Eimen, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Jim (Hot-rod) and Betty Haynes, and our own Donna "Wheee" Long. At least report, we had solved six GMC related problems and created eight new ones...thanks, guys...a whole lot!!

Last, but not least, present were Fred and Peggy Pitezel, Dale and Vivian Wood, Bill "The Hat" and Darlene Rowland, Bob Musgrove and longtime favorite, Ken Baldrige.

After all was said and done, we counted 29 Lunch Bunch guys and gals, one live dog, and four stuffed animals among our entourage. My math question, not being too good, do we count our total as 29, 30 or 34 present for lunch today.? A little help is always appreciated.

See you next month.

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Christmas Party

2002

Friday, June 7, 2002

In the song "Oklahoma" there is a line that goes something like this: "June is bustin' out all over"well, we did it too!!

Last Friday's little get-to-gether broke all records, coaches and people alike...We had 11 coaches and 30 hearty eaters gathered for our monthly luncheon and GMC technical seminars (gab fests)...

Irv Pense showed up with his brand new paint job...very colorful and most attractive, along with a partial inside refurbish...we didn't even recognize the old coach...

Rod Amerson, along with children, Kyle and Jordan, came in their "bright peach colored" GMC...reluctantly he is going to have to sell soon as he has been accepted into medical school...that means "No GMC" for at least another 8 years...

Donna "Whee" Long, along with granddaughter, Jessica, brightened up our day with her tales of her mechanical successes...as well as some other you know what....

It was good to see John and Delphine Wells again...John's health is failing and he may be forced to sell his Royale if there is no improvement...Wife Delphine does not drive....believe John is 84 now...let's hope for the better...we are praying for you, John...

Bill and Darlene Rowland came rushing up at the last minute...they had just arrived back from Florida and did not want to miss the luncheon...they really make a handsome couple, especially Bill and his "Hat"...you've got to see it to believe it..

Out of town guests were Charles Wood of OK City and his guest, Robert Stovall, along with Gene Cassavarra from Fort Worth, who took the day off and just drove up to have lunch with us. Gene is another "wanna be" but says it won't be long...Also, visiting again was Don Bobolink from Owasso, who is also looking to join the GMC family.

Joining in the group also were several regulars...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin with their lovely young daughter, Minda, as well as Leonard Howard, Steve Clevenger, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Clarence Hotfelt and his lovely guest, and we must not forget Don Cooper...however, Don is in the proverbial dog house...seems as though he had been out on the lake last two days fishing...caught a huge mess of crappie and didn't bring us a bite....

Now you put all those folks together in one room, turn on the talk button, set a place of food before them and sit back and have fun...

**And that's just exactly what we did...See Ya!!!
The Tulsa Lunch Bunch**

Friday, July 5, 2002

Wow! Already it is July and today was our monthly Lunch Bunch Meeting. We really don't know how to classify today's meeting...it was somewhere between fellowship, fix-er-up ideas, confession, and a whole lot of schhhh ...gossip....

Some of the gang were off in Colorado...Claude and Sally Farris along with Bill and Bobbie Bramlett...Claude did call yesterday to say he was thinking of us...yeah, Claude...you are up at 10,000 feet and 60 degrees and we are almost sea level (700 ft) and 95 degrees...bet you can't guess what we were thinking about you...

Regret to say we are losing one of our lunch bunch couples to Orlando, FL. Leif Langbakk and his bride, Abby, are taking on new responsibilities in Orlando...they have that beautiful 29 ft stretched Buskirk coach of which we are all so envious...Leif, since you are an almost original Lunch Bunch guy and Jim Bounds is an honorary Lunch Bunch guy...we expect you two to form a farm group...call it the Tulsa Lunch Bunch, Florida Division...

Jim Fowler has taken his coach to Cinnabar...hope to have a good report back real soon. Glyn reported a leak in his holding tank but could not get any volunteers to check it out...this little chore really tells you in a hurry who your real friends are (VBG)...

And congratulations to Marilyn Musgrove...she retired the other day and this was her first "Official Meeting" with the Lunch Bunch...she had slipped off before once in a while but now she will be a regular...again, congratulations...Bob is kind of proud, too...says he now has a full time "gopher"....whatever that means (ha)..

Jane Howard reported, unofficially of course, that hubby Leonard took her and his sister to Dallas the other day and did not take the GMC...Leonard said they both (_____) all the way down and back because he didn't take the motorhome...You should have asked us, Leonard, we could have told you that...think this borders on gossip....

Anyway, we had a wonderful time today...sorry you could not be with us...until the first Friday of August...take care.

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Friday, August 2, 2002

Whee-hoo

It was a hot time today for the Tulsa Lunch Bunch. Several of our more intelligent guys and gals were in Colorado and could not (or would not) make it. Just talked with Claude and Sally Farris...they said it was 47 degrees this AM in South Fork, CO and very comfortable this afternoon. That sure beats our over 100 degree heat index we had today. Haven't heard a peep or a Yankee holler from our illustrious Sir William "Bill" and Bobbie Bramlett...they are still somewhere prospecting in Colorado...

However, we must not forget that they are really only two seasons in Oklahoma...just ask any native and he will tell you that one season is "Univ of Oklahoma Football Season" and the other season is "Waiting for OU Football Season"...well, we are waiting but not for long now!

Meanwhile, back to the ranch...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, along with their lovely daughter, Minda, came today. Also, Bill Brunson was right on time, with more questions that we had answers. Missed Steve Clevenger...believe it was the first time he has ever missed.

Don Cooper sold his GMC...this is his second GMC to sell... Bill Rowland, who bought his first GMC, was here today, along with Ron and Sharon Eimen. Leonard and Jane Howard came a bit early and were already seated at the dinner table with their food when we came in. Leonard said "Jane was hungry"....don't bet on it!!

Regret to report that Rod and Marvinna Amerson are moving to Kentucky Monday. Good luck. We will miss you and the children. Lief Langbakk is finalizing his move to Florida soon. Our loss is Orlando, Florida's gain. Seems as though the Lunch Bunch is really spreading out across the country.

Donna Long was not with us today...Donna, where are you? Lunch is not the same without you. Bob and Marilyn Musgrove were here today also. They are certainly working hard to bring their coach up to top notch condition. Won't be long until it will be a real show piece.

Also present were Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Dale and Vivian Wood and also Glyn and Melrose Trimble. MO and Helen Lewis sent their regards, and that MO was feeling better, but still not able to travel much. Delphine Wells also called to say that John was feeling a little better but it was best for him not to drive for awhile.

There you have it folks...a report on today's Lunch Bunch, including the latest on our walking wounded. Oh yes, the new Motorhome Magazine was shown and well received by everyone. We solved a few mechanical problems and also created a few that we did not know we had...but lunch was fabulous as usual....

Till next month,

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Sonnie and Cecil Martin

Friday, September 6, 2002

Hi gang,

Today was our 3rd Anniversary for the Lunch Bunch and so we celebrated...birthday songs and cake and all the good stuff. The GMC tales were tall and mostly unbelievable...an occasional little white lie did pass inspection, however.

About 12 coaches and over 30 Lunch Bunch guys and gals came today, including two first-timers, Todd and Cecila Elson of nearby Claremore (about 20 miles east of Tulsa). They joined right in with all the festivities, especially the cake-eating part!

Back from the summer in Colorado were Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, along with Claude and Sally Farris. Needless to say, the rest of us are extremely jealous...we didn't go with them!

Ron and Sharon Eimen announced they were headed for GMC International at Nashville in two weeks...Ron, we expect a full report when you return, including the Casino side trips...Understand Sharon pulls him out after he loses his \$20 allowance.. good for her!

Andy Flynn was back in the saddle again. He has purchased another Royale...soon as he sells one he runs right out and buys another...Jondine controls the checkbook, however. Jim Trimble was along, telling us that he has made a lot of progress on his GMC fixer-upper. He and wife, Becky, still travel in the other (SOB) coach...it's gorgeous and only 36' long.

Claude led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to ourselves...even the Golden Corral staff joined right in with the sing-a-long. It doesn't get much better than that.

Donna Long (our female mechanic and decorator) came along today. She and Steve Clevenger took turn about trying to blow out the (3) candles on the birthday cake. They finally realized they were trying to blow out trick candles....the kind that keeps coming back on every time.

Unfortunately, all the pictures we took of this hilarious occasion got chewed up in the computer so. we can't show them to you. Steve is our local computer guru and he must have put a hex on the camera/computer!

Others present were Don Bobino (still looking for a GMC), Cal Callicoat, Leonard and Jane Howard, Jim and Betty Haynes, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Don Cooper (He's looking, too), Bill Brunson, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Rowland, Chet Simpson, and last, but certainly not least, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin.

Again, it was a very delightful, full-filled occasion and we look forward to next month when we start our 4th year of GMC Foibles and Lunches, not necessarily in that order. Join us, won't you?

Till next time,

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Jane and Leonard Howard

Friday, October 4, 2002

Hi gang,

Another First Friday has come and gone....and with it a lot of yummy food (to our northern friends, that means GOOD) has been consumed, devoured and thoroughly enjoyed.



As almost always, we had newcomers...this time it was [Les and Sharon Watson](#) of Utah, who said they drove all the way down here just to have lunch with us....and, judging by the way Les ate, he had not had a bite to eat since leaving Utah. (VBG)!!

We were delighted to have them, of course...Les and Sharon took the pledge to become full-fledged Tulsa Lunch Bunch members...What? You didn't know about the pledge? Surely by now everybody must know what it is...well, you better ask Les and Sharon...they may or may not share with you...

Just in case they won't tell, we'll let you in on our Secret Pledge...but you must promise not to tell anyone else...Now raise your right hand and repeat after me...go ahead, raise it...good...

I, (Your name) promise to eat everything in sight...



Now, that wasn't hard, was it? Don't forget...it's a secret...And, according to our waitress today, most lived up to that pledge.



Coming over from OK City today was an old friend, Justin Hill. Believe he came over to check us out again...was afraid to ask where wife Dortha was...she doesn't usually let him out without her.

Joining along in the fun were Bernie and Renee' Baldwin of Dewey, along with Cal Callicoa of Locust Grove, OK. Cal was formerly in the fabrication metal business and you should see the highly polished stainless steel grill he has along with his customized spare tire cover and accessories.

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett were there...Bill has customized his coach with a 500ci Cadillac engine...plus a 3.7...understand he takes the hills almost as if they were flat...Steve Clevenger was here today, too...minus a coach. Last report he was examining his transmission, trying to itemize all the parts in it.

Leonard and Jane Howard were there...Jane always looks like a fashion model...way to go. gal...Bob and Marilyn Musgrove were there today also...their coach really is taking shape...they have been working ever so hard and they are to be congratulated for all their hard work...it has really begun to show...

And let's not forget our own Donna Long...several are beginning to show off her handiwork...she makes and designs clothing, drapes, you name it...she does it...and that's in addition to her fix-it skills on her GMC...Bill (The Hat) and Darlene Rowland were there today...they just don't miss...especially the meal part...Also joining in the coach hopping and eating were Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Bill Brunson, Andy Flynn, Chet Simpson, Jim Trimble, Ron and Sharon Eimen and last but not least, our favorite roly-poly Don Cooper!!

All total we had 25 guys and gals on hand today and, from the looks of their plates, believe they are ready to come back tomorrow...It was a delightful, fun time once more...coach hopping was at it's best...and to Les and Sharon, we were really honored to have you with us. We hope you will pass this way again, and soon.

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Betty and Bill Haynes



Shirley Pense and Marilyn Musgrove

Show Time

Friday, November 1, 2002

Tulsa Lunch Bunch-No Tricks, Just Lots of Treats

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch did not go trick or treating last night but they surely did TREAT themselves today to a LOTSA BULL and EAT SESSION! With 32 on hand today, it soon became a colorful and yakkety-yak atmosphere.



Even though the temperature was a "pleasant, cloudy, windy, bone-chilling 42 degrees" we managed to make a hasty retreat into the restaurant a little earlier than normal...like...just as soon we got there! That must have been the signal to eat...some started around 11:45 AM at the chow line and those same "some" were still going strong around 1:30 PM...the buffet line took a real hit today!

We were pleased to have as our special guests, [Dean and Neva Sears](#), of Moore, OK visiting with us today. They just recently purchased their GMC and wanted to find out more about their new "baby"...just like all the rest of us did when we jumped in the fray!

Another highlight was provided by [Ken and Doreen Broostin](#) of Claremore....They brought their 73 GMC, nicknamed "Tweety-Bird"....Most of the interior is still original and the outside Canary Yellow paint seemed to really brighten up a dark and dreary day. And also [Bernie and Renee' Baldwin](#) of Dewey brought their new purchase along...they bought it at the GMC Classic Rally in Branson last month....now they have two GMC's....a "His" and a "Hers"....but Bernie gets to work on both (lucky guy)!

[Jim Trimble brought his bride of nearly 60 years, Becky](#)...it was her first visit...even with her new Tulsa Lunch Bunch badge, she wasn't too sure about us! Didn't bother her appetite, though. [Cecil and Sonnie Martin](#) of Tulsa came for the first time today, also. They promised to bring their coach next time....

Monte Jestes of Stillwater came along and brought an old army and flying buddy, [Charles Lemmond](#). Charles owns another kind of coach...believe you call it a SOB...we let him join us today but only if he promised to buy a GMC soon.... [Fred and Peggy Pitezal](#) brought her parents along also...[Clyde and Nora Jones](#)....Nora is the best peanut brittle candy maker in all of Oklahoma...hint...hint...hint...

[Glyn and Melrose Trimble](#) were there...Glyn taking a few photos...two of them turned out specially good for "blackmail" ... well, maybe a free lunch or two! [Don Cooper](#) came in today, but hardly recognizable. Don was sporting what he called a "beard"...for protection while hunting in cold weather he said....said also he had been pheasant hunting but we didn't believe him...no pheasant, no believe...that's our motto!

[Leonard and Jane Howard](#) along with [Jim and Betty Haynes](#) sat at the end of the table, didn't say much, but sure grinned and laughed a lot...they wouldn't repeat what was being said. We will have to separate them next month...[Bill and Bobbie Bramlett](#) were here, having just gotten back from Florida... [Bill Rowland](#) arrived back yesterday from Alabama...didn't want to miss out, either! And let's not forget the Maestro himself, [Ron Eimen and his bride, Sharon](#). Ron is like the little guy in black in the cartoons...where ever he goes...SOMETHING happens! This month his theme is "Don't ask cause I sure won't tell".

And, last but not least, [Chet Simpson](#) brought his fabulous GMC work project along...it's completely ready for winter travel...yeah...air conditioning is natural...no rear window...no heater...no nothing...just a shell needing lots of TLC...but Chet is the man to do it...we will be watching with admiration and maybe a little envy....very little! Ha! Chet, you're the man!

Folks, we had a marvelous time. The only thing that could have made it better was for YOU to have been there...From all of us, God Bless and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

See you next month,
The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Chet Simpson



Ron Eimen and Fred Pitezel

GMC Pals

Friday, December 6, 2002

(GMC) Giving for a Merry Christmas



And now you have the new theme of the Tulsa GMC Lunch Bunch. Today we gathered all around, bringing our joys and toys for those little tykes who are not nearly so blessed as we...

With [13 coaches](#) and 46 Lunch Bunch guys and gals, we enjoined ourselves into a Christmas Party, not only to celebrate the Birth of Christ, but also to share the season of giving.

And just where did all these giving souls come from? Gene Mazzurana came from Benbrook (Ft Worth), TX...Chuck Woods came from Midwest City (OK City), [Joe and Phyllis Nimmo](#) came from Ponca City, Monte and Helen Jestes came from Stillwater, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin came from Dewey. Cecil and Sonnie Martin came from Claremore, also Todd Elson , along with Rowland plus Ken and Doree Broostin...Bill Brunson from Oologah...Jim and Betty Haynes from Haskell....and so it went, each coming bringing gifts and a special kind of love and cheer.

[Sharon Eimen and Bobbie Bramlett](#) came early and decorated the room with a brightly lit Christmas Tree plus table decorations and candy canes scattered throughout the room...with a “little” help from hubbies Ron Eimen and Bill Bramlett...

[The Marines](#) arrived right on time and shortly afterwards, Pastor Preston Nix, of Eastwood Baptist Church here in Tulsa, led us in a devotional time and prayer. And then the “run”, not unlike the historical Oklahoma Land Run, began on [the chow line](#).

We would be remiss not to mention Alan Goodwin, Manager of the Golden Corral, who, along with his staff and management, contributed so generously with their time and also several boxes of gifts to assist in our collection for the Marine [TOYS FOR TOTS](#) program. Thank you, Alan...

Joining in also were Steve Clevenger and his lovely daughter, Julie, Sally Farris, as well as Andy and Jondine Flynn. Leonard and Jane Howard came today, driving that beautiful blue coach of theirs and demonstrating their new Generac generator for us. Quiet, quiet...

Also bringing gifts and presents were Dale and Vivian Wood, Donna Long, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Clyde and Nora Jones of Catoosa, (with her fabulous peanut brittle appetizers) Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Jim and Becky Trimble, both of Broken Arrow, and last but certainly not least, Don Bobino of Collinsville and our own Don Cooper.

Will we do this again? Of course!! Next Christmas is already on the agenda for bigger and better...and YOU will be here, right? We would love to have you...we guarantee you won't regret it...and the children will thank you, too!!

Our love and best wishes to you all...until next month...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

[Bountiful Blessings](#)

[Christmas Party](#)

[What a Crowd](#)

Friday, January 3, 2003

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM THE TULSA LUNCH BUNCH

And it was a “warm” and happy group that met yesterday to start the New Year with a rousing and successful luncheon. Twenty six hardy souls came out on this Friday, Jan 3, 2003 in mid 40’s temperature and “slightly:” chilly and typical Oklahoma winter day.

We were especially delighted to have several first timers come our way.... [Richard and Frances Turner](#) of Broken Arrow, who just recently purchased (and rescued) their “rebuild” GMC classic...we are looking forward to hearing how they do it...and welcome to the Lunch Bunch!

Also, Don Bobino brought his gracious bride, Leanna, with him for the first time. They both brought their son-in-law, Don Heath, of Talala, (northeast of Tulsa) who is in the process of renovating a 73 jewel...

Just found out that Bernie and Renee’ Baldwin are home with the flu bug...hey folks, we missed you...the Farris’ are in Iowa baby-sitting their granddaughter while the parents are off to Florida for a nice winter holiday...the Bramletts are still in Colorado...don’t know where Donna Long is..

We were really thrilled and delighted to have [John and Delphine Wells](#) from Bixby with us today...As you know, John’s health is forcing him to sell his beloved Royale.. and we know how hard that is, too!! John and Delphine are two of our favorite people who have been a part of the Lunch Bunch from the very beginning...

Quite a few of the regulars were here also...do want to mention that you should not sit across the table from Fred and Peggy Pitezal...Fred is one of those tall and lanky guys that can eat and eat and eat and still stay thin...boy, did he ever...his dessert plate was stacked higher than it was wide...way to go, Fred...we are just jealous! Peggy tells us they will be gone next month...on a cruise through the Panama Canal and on to the Cayman Islands...Peggy, be sure and take a picture or two of Fred at the buffet line!

Joe and Phyllis Nimmo from Ponca City were here again...it's just about a 100 miles from their home to the Golden Corral...makes for a nice drive for lunch, they said.. Robert and Marilyn Musgrove made it...he's one of these guys that has eleventy-elevn projects going all at once...and then do 'em...

Ron Eimen and his lovely bride, Sharon, were here today...Ron has purchased a new tow vehicle...a Mercury Mystique convertible...stick shift no less...we hear, unofficially, of course, that he's going to paint it a bright RED..(a bit of advice, Ron...you had better ask Sharon first...ha)...

Steve Clevenger was here today...always cheerful...always...well, just always... Glyn and Melrose Trimble, along with Bill and Darlene Rowland, Jim and Betty Haynes, Leonard and Jane Howard, and Cecil and Sonnie Martin rounded out the group today.

By the way, several are planning to attend the GMC Classics Rally in Waco later this month...be sure and look for them...they will be ones dressed for winter in "sunny" Waco... One more item...starting this month, we will be featuring several coaches each month with pics...this month you can see the pics of Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Bill and Darlene Rowland, and Glyn and Melrose Trimble...they will be on the write up posted on the Classic website, hosted by dear friend, Billy Massey..

Until next month...see ya!

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Friday, February 7, 2003

Hi Gang,

A quick report on our luncheon today...it was a nice, warm balmy typical February Oklahoma day...19 degrees and hearty appetites.

35 folks made it out...some through a little mud, a little snow...but all arrived safely, full of lively stories and impertinent questions...

Some even wanted to know about fixing a problem or two about their GMC coaches...can you imagine that?



The GMC Classic Rally at Waco was hashed and rehashed...come to find out (while listening in) it was really a conversation by the ladies on the best places to shop not only in Waco but also in Dallas ...on the way back home....

We surely missed Ron and Sharon Eimen today...come to find out, they were holed up at Jim Bounds's place in Orlando, FL with transmission problems.. Take good care of them, Jim...we know you will...

Bill Rowland got back from Alabama just in time for the Lunch Bunch meeting...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin surprised us by bringing their lovely daughter, [Minda](#), with them today...school holiday... Clyde and Nora Jones came long to hold down the fort for their daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Fred Pitezal, who were off on a cruise in the Caribbean...

Andy Flynn, coachless again, came in a buying mood...no body would talk to him...at least, not today...Cal Callicoat came to the luncheon...June went shopping instead...where have we heard that before?

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett brought their appetites, along with Jim and Betty Haynes...Bill Brunson, along with Don Bobino...Chet Simpson with his guests, [Don Stephens](#) and Lou Paparella, made up a dynamic bull session over in one corner...

Also present were Leonard and Jane Howard, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Steve Clevenger, and Jim Trimble...they filled another table...

Ken Broostin brought his Tweety Bird Coach and a lot of fishin' questions...but he forgot to bring the fish...no fair, Ken... Irv and Shirley Pense brought back a few "tales" of the Waco Rally plus a promise to fry the fish the Ken catches...

Dale and Vivian Wood came, bringing a beautiful put-put along...for sale...and also brought a progress report on coach repairs...

Bob and Marilyn Musgrove brought a report on their new fuel injection installation...started on the first try...next, let's see what happens when they put it in gear ...just kiddin'...honest. Monte and Helen Jestes of Stillwater were also present today...really, Helen, how can you eat so much and stay so thin? Don't mind us, we are just jealous...

Anyway, it all started a little before 11:00 AM and broke up sometime after 2:00 PM...a fun time it was but it would have been better if YOU had been there...all for now..

Til' Next Month,

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Friday, March 7, 2003

Hi gang,

Time to give a report on today's eat and eat meeting of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch...The guys and gals started arriving around 11:00 AM all prepared to show and tell...all total, 33 joined in along with a whole bunch of coaches...all spic and span and ready to be properly inspected...and, as usual, a few of the restaurant patrons circled round about with that usual expression on their faces...you know what we mean!!

The weather was fabulous...about 65 or so...and coach hopping was really on the agenda after a couple of cold winter meetings that sort of slowed things down...



[Don Curtis](#) brought his new GMC out to show...with it's beautiful wood and mauve interior...it was his first time to join us...welcome, Don...

A special guest from Connecticut, [Alan Bradbury](#), made his initial visit with us today...glad to have you with us...only next time, bring your GMC...after all...Bill "The Hat" Rowland and his lovely bride, Darlene, came and brought along their son...glad to have you, [Barney](#). Also back with us were Richard and Frances Turner, along with son, [Stan](#)...This was also Stan's first visit...



And, of course, a lot of the “regular” guys and gals were there, too! There was Bernie and Renee’ Baldwin...from Dewey, OK...minus a coach...and they have 2 of them, too! Bernie, we want you to drive down in one and Renee’, you come in the other...that would really be a nice treat!

Ron and Sharon Eimen, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Claude and Sally Farris...minus little “Missy”...oh yes, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, along with Irv Pense, Jim Trimble, [Jim Moore](#), Chet Simpson, Steve Clevenger, made up another table or two of yak-yak...

Bill Brunson came driving in right on schedule, as did Monte and Helen Jestes of Stillwater, OK...Cecil Martin, with that great big smile of his...joined right in, too! Dean and Neva Sears of Moore, OK drove over to join us for lunch...[Richard Worth](#) of Enid, OK surprised us with a visit, also...

Mustn’t forget roly-poly Don Cooper...Don’s still looking for buy another GMC since he sold his last one...now if we can just convince him to part with the money...(ha)...last coach drove off around 2:30 PM or so...and we did get enough to eat...each and every time...after all, it is a buffet!!!.

Missed a few of the regulars...missed you, too! Next time, join us...we’ll be lookin’ for ya’

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Friday, April 4, 2003

Another month, another luncheon, and especially another time for good fellowship and lunch. That was the scene Friday for the Tulsa Lunch Bunch...weather was gorgeous and the GMC's were just as beautiful!



We were thrilled to have two special guests from Cherokee Village, AR who stopped especially to have lunch with us...[Gordon and Nancy Wickstrom](#) with their very nice Royale. Seems as though they had been to Indiana to visit the kids and grandkids and decided to detour back through Tulsa...welcome, Gordon and Nancy...glad to have you!! And we did happen to “notice” that Gordon knew how to go through the chow line!!

We found that they had made several tours in their GMC to Alaska...boy, did that get our attention...Alaska, here we come!! And you can lead the way for us and help with the expenses!

Chet Simpson learned that Jim Haynes only lived a short distance from him and that Jim had a real nice private fishin' hole nearby...somehow GMC's got lost in that conversation!

We really missed Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, along with Ron and Sharon Eimen...they were at the GMC International Rally in Tucson, AZ and won't be back until sometime next week. The table where Ron usually sits was so quiet...we should have called him. Bill and Darlene Rowland were off to Alabama, also. And so it went, right down to the last.

An old Tulsa GMC friend of years ago, Harold Burlingame, stopped by to inquire about buying another GMC...we took care of that little problem real quick...Now Harold only has one little problem...which coach should he buy? This one...or that one...we'll soon know!

It was especially nice to see Charles Woods of OK City again...Charles took the day off and decided to join us for lunch...he does this two or three times a year...said he would really like to have an OK City Lunch Bunch...sure hope so...By the way, Charles, we do expect a "royalty" fee for the use of that name...we will settle for an occasional steak...ha!

Fred Pitezal was here, back from his Panama cruise...and ready to go again...brought his mother-in-law and father-in-law along...Nora and Clyde Jones...she's the world's most famous, talented, beautiful, easy going, patient and kind peanut brittle maker, that's for sure!

[Claude and Sally Farris](#) were back with us...Claude has had to work on Friday the past two months...no more, he says...Steve Clevenger was with us today...with his usual tidbits of wisdom...Bill Brunson of Oologah brought his usual appetite...Cal Callicoot came along...but he didn't bring his GMC...that's the one with the beautiful Stainless Steel grill and other handsome, one of a kind, distinctive and decorative features on it...

Cecil Martin, along with Bob Musgrove, both came without their ladies and their GMC's too...fellas, that's a no-no...you have got to bring one or the other or both...Glyn did it the hard way...he "let" his wife drive her car and come when she wanted to! Yeah!

Last but not least, Dale and Vivian Wood, were there today and they really took a bite out of the buffet line...You really need to get to know Dale and Vivian...they are such a nice, sweet couple...each always looking out for the other... And a final note to "you know who" from somewhere way down the road...Where were you? Why did you leave us?

Again, a great time and a promise to meet again next month...thanks again, Gordon and Nancy, for the warm and delightful pleasure of your company...please come again! Until...

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

May 2, 2003

MAY DAY FOR THE TULSA LUNCH BUNCH

Rallies, reunions, retreats, re-something or other...the Tulsa Lunch Bunch was really scattered yesterday but we still had a great luncheon...

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, along with Claude and Sally Farris, were whoopin' it up at the Bean Station Rally...Ron and Sharon Eimen were doing a bit of class reunion in Illinois...

John and Delphine Wells were at home trying to recover from the "don't feel too good" blues...Cecil Martin came along but wife, Sonnie, was off doing a "girl" thing...Andy and Jondine Flynn were present...it was really nice to see Jondine again...she had been absent for quite a spell...Andy was his usually ebullient self...went through the chow line three times and even tried to munch off Glyn's plate.



Andy Flynn

Don Curtis was present, but without his bride, Vi...said she has to work to support him or something like that! Don is trying to figure how to make a Norcold fridge work when it apparently doesn't want to...welcome to the GMC world...

Bernie and Renee' Baldwin came down from Dewey, OK and brought their "extra" GMC...when you have two, you can do that...don't know whether it was "his" or "hers"...rumor has it that she wants to sell it so it must be a "his" GMC...Fred and Peggy Pitezl came along, but without their GMC...next month, for sure..you'all heah!

Peggy's mom and dad, Clyde and Nora Jones, were absent ...seems they had gone to a Blue Grass Festival somewhere in Missouri. Missed Nora's peanut brittle goodies!!

We had two new wannabe's present today...Jim and Linda Elmore, of Tulsa...they had been reading about the Lunch Bunch on the net and just had to come and make sure we really did all the stupid...woops...wunnerful little "adventures" that were mentioned along the way...Jim Moore was here today...he's still looking also...Chet Simpson came along, too, but without his GMC or his Harley...wasn't sure that was him (ha)!

Steve Clevenger, along with Bill Brunson, held down the far end of the table...Bill promised to bring his wife if he can get her to not work so hard all the time!! That's all right, Bill...we need her to keep working so we can keep drawing those Social Security checks...

Glyn and Melrose Trimble were there...Glyn's the one who takes the pictures and puts them on the net...Jim and Betty Haynes came but without their coach...seems as though Betty wanted to do some shopping later...Jim, haven't you heard? You are supposed to take the wife to the mall, give her the checkbook and then stay in the coach....

Our chief lady mechanic and "can do anything" gal, Donna Long, was here and we were really glad to see her...said her GMC was a little down in the dumps...keep us posted, Donna!

Oh yes, we had a great time...the food was outstanding, as usual...and we will meet again the first Friday of June...believe it is June 6...

**Love to have you there....
The Tulsa Lunch Bunch**

June 6, 2003

FULL OF FUN AND SURPRISES

The June Lunch Bunch Meeting was supposed to be rather routine...you know, gather at the local food emporium, line up the coaches, chat a bit, ooh and aah over the latest whatchamacallits and electronic gizmos...chow down...talk some more...then go home.....But....But...But here we go!

Glyn and Melrose arrived first, towing their little tag-a-long, a 1984 Cadillac Cimarron--- since they were heading out of town to Missouri right after the luncheon....it was the first time many had seen it, especially since it had been painted in coordinating colors to match their GMC lady...

Next, here comes Bob and Marilyn Musgrove with their little baby...first time they had brought it in six months...and along with it was enclosed their brand new Honda Generator...talk about quiet! WOW! The men were gathered around it in clusters...like chickens after a worm...

Ron and Sharon Eimen hurried back from out of town, just in time for luncheon...Jim Trimble showed up, too, but minus a GMC...Steve Clevenger arrived about that time, along with Chet Simpson. Bernie and Renee' Baldwin drove down from Dewey and brought along their beautiful teenage daughter, Minda. They only brought one GMC...left the other one at home...for shame..!!

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett made it a little early, too, just in time for Bill to answer all those "How to" questions...They plan to leave for Colorado shortly and won't be back till fall....tough summer job, but, remember Bill, somebody's got to go there and suffer those cool days and nights!

Claude and Sally Farris also arrived a bit early...claimed his GMC was down and out...have noted that these retired Air Force Chaplains do have a way with them...no wonder Sally married him!

Bill Brunson made it, too! Seems as though Bill is "batchin" it now, with wife Peggy visiting in Virginia...Don't worry, Bill...we will give a "Fair and Balanced Report" of your activities when she returns!..

Cecil Martin, along with new owner, Don Curtis, made it in time for lunch...Don reported his new Norcold Fridge was doing just fine....always glad to hear reports like that...thanks, Don. And Don Cooper arrived just in time for the “party” but we’re ahead of ourselves.

For the record, next month the Tulsa Lunch Bunch will not be meeting on the first Friday of July (July 4th) but, instead, will be having a picnic at the R.L. Jones Airport Park on Jul 11, with dry camp and restaurant facilities nearby. By the way, the little park, located in the shade on the east side of the Airport runway, has covered amenities and all those goodies that make for a great picnic and whatever...lots of shade trees, too!

Irv Pense (with Shirley’s supervision, of course) will be the evening master chef, cooking burgers, etc...with Don Cooper helping him (Don doesn’t know it yet) plus other “willing” and “able” volunteers...more details later...we have the park reserved for Friday evening and Saturday Morning...oh yes, the planes take off and land just a few feet away...bring your VCR and digital cameras...we will probably take up a collection to help pay expenses (You CAN count on it)....ha...



Melrose and Glyn Trimble

Last but not least Renee' Baldwin found out that Glyn and Melrose were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary later this month so she sneaked in an anniversary cake with all the trimmings...needless to say, they were totally surprised but thoroughly pleased and delighted. Renee's daughter, Minda, helped serve and the party began!



Surprise 50th Wedding Anniversary Cake

Glyn and Melrose

There you have it...not the usual luncheon but the love and camaraderie that we have for each other is still there and, of course, growing stronger by the month...see you in July at the picnic....

And our deepest condolences to fellow Lunch Bunch guy, Justin Hill, in the loss of his beloved wife, Dortha...Our love and prayers for you....

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



78 Palm Beach

David and Donna Long

July 11, 2003

JULY LUNCH BUNCH BLAST

What do you get when you find yourself surrounded by GMC motorhomes, every kind of airplane taking off and landing almost on top of you, "warm" Oklahoma breezes flowing right through you mixed with the faint aroma of Generator fumes and delicious smell of charcoal hamburgers grilling?



Why, everybody knows it is TULSA LUNCH BUNCH BLAST...an outdoor picnic that will be remembered for a long time to come...

Brent Littleton, a newcomer from Claremore, OK appeared to be in "GMC" heaven, as he hopped from coach to coach, and in between hamburgers, too!

Bob and Shirley Musgrove were the first to arrive, followed soon thereafter by Glyn and Melrose Trimble. Others arrived shortly thereafter, including Jim and Betty Haynes, Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Monte and Helen Jestes from Stillwater, towing their prize "toad"...it's a very attractive little guy made up from the parts of three salvage vehicles...works good and runs too!!!

Leonard Howard and his son, Glen, dropped by for a visit...Jane was not feeling too well so Leonard had to leave us...Jane, hope you get better real soon! Bill and Darlene Rowland were at home, too, with a touch of pneumonia...get well quickly, all of you. We missed you.

The cameras were busy, too! With planes landing and taking off every few minutes, plus those beautiful twin jets that took off at the same time, with their afterburners that nearly blew us away...that was really neat...the runway next to us was the taxi-way and we got to see all those pretty fellows up close...



Forgot to mention that this was Fred and Peggy's first time to bring their GMC...but Peggy made up for it with that fantastic melon creation she brought...a chilled watermelon basket carved out and filled with every kind of summer fruit available! Our kind of gal!!

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett were off to Colorado, Ron and Sharon Eimen were off to Illinois and Claude and Sally Farris were babysitting their granddaughter in Omaha, Neb....Cecil and Sonnie Martin were off vacationing ...Guys, we missed you!

Don and Vi Curtis came out also...This was Vi's first visit with us and we were delighted she could come. Hubby had been telling her all kinds of tales about us but she came anyway...welcome!!

Andy and Jondine Flynn came along...Andy had another new coach but more importantly, he brought the baked beans... a must for any cookout! Irv Pense came from just across the runway...he has a hangar with storage for not only his airplane, Shirley's GMC, but also his new Tracker tow, plus a plush office he uses when he in the "marital doghouse"...schh....don't tell Shirley...she thinks it's just a desk and chair room....

By the way, Irv was our master chef, cooking all those burgers, and ably assisted by Don Cooper. Another newcomer, Ed Vincent, came from just down the road...he has a building on the airport grounds and in it he has just started the process of rebuilding a 23" GMC. Boy, did he get the advice!!! He must have taken it seriously cause he was seen hopping from coach to coach!

AHH...the food! We had way too much food there and we tried to eat it, too! Not only the usual fare of burgers, tomatoes, onions, baked beans, potato salad but a few extra goodies, too! And we topped it all off with lots of ice cream and a delicious coconut cake that Betty Haynes provided...

Place all that plus a lot of GMC'ers in the covered pavilion with all it's open and "warm" free flowing breezes and you truly do have a GMC lunch bunch blast!

Oh yes, there was a great big keg all iced down and full of cokes, Pepsi, Dr Pepper and whatever! It must have been a hot day, cause more than 6 dozen drinks shrank down to a dozen or so at the end of the day...plus a lot of water and more water...It's amazing what a warm Oklahoma wind combined with generator fumes will do to your thirst!!!!

And the most frequent comment was "When are we going to do this again?"...Answer...next July, of course...or "maybe" a little sooner. We missed those who were not there and we will see you next month at the regular luncheon, first Friday in August, at the Golden Corral.

Take care!

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



**Black Bart's Newest Toy
Aka
Ron Eimen**

August 1, 2003

With hot weather all around, the Tulsa Lunch Bunch met at it's usual time and place last Friday, August 1, at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 71st and Mingo in Tulsa.



Several of the gang, however, had taken flight and were far, far away on wonderful vacations.

Ken and Doreen Broostin were in Minnesota, Irv and Shirley Pense were in Florida, Claude and Sally Farris, along with Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, were in Colorado, and Jim and Becky Trimble, along with Glyn and Melrose Trimble, were drifting off the shores of Alaska on a cruise...and Bill and Peggy Brunson were somewhere between here and there!

Never fear, however, there were others on hand to hold down the fort...plus a few new guys and gals...all, except Steve Clevenger...don't ask where he was...second thought, maybe you better...

We were pleased to have Mrs. Robert (Anita) Wies and her son, Corry Bart, from Dixon, Missouri joining us for the first time...glad to have you and come back again, real soon!

Also joining us for the first time was Joe Henderson of Bentonville, Arkansas. Joe retired on Thursday and joined us for lunch on Friday. Joe, that's what being a GMCer is all about...you certainly have your priorities in order...

On hand to greet our newcomers were several of the old standbys...our Host and Hostess for the day, Ron and Sharon Eimen...also joining the festivities were Fred and Peggy Pitezal, along with Peggy's parents, Clyde and Nora (Peanut Brittle) Jones.

Bill and Darlene Rowland of Claremore were on hand, as well as Don Cooper with his new GMC purchase...and showing it off, of course!

Olin Boyer came a few minutes early with his Clasco GMC...if you haven't seen this coach, you really need to do so...it has gadgets on it that don't even have names as yet for them..ha...including not one but two sunroofs...

Ric Shust was also there for the first time also and he brought his beautiful refurbished coach...a real eyecatcher, too!!

The old wily veteran of GMC days past, Andy Flynn, was there with his usual appetite. Cecil and his lovely bride, Sonnie, were there also...Chet Simpson brought new tales of GMC living, including one about buying and selling a GMC almost the same day...too much luxury he said, owing two GMC's at one time...

After a fine meal, the gang gathered outside for a bit of show and tell, then reluctantly headed out for home...and to the rest of you, including those on vacation, we missed you and we'll see you next month...

**Til' then, take care
The Tulsa Lunch Bunch**

September 5, 2003

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US
LUNCH BUNCH ADDS ANOTHER YEAR**

Last Friday, Sept 5, 38 guys and gals of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch turned out to celebrate our 4th year of having fun and eatin' a little, too!!

GMC's were lined up all up and down the parking lot...we even drew an employee of the restaurant next door who came out to inquire "what's going on here, anyway?"...

Back to the party...we were joined by several first timers...[George Speer and wife, Mickey](#), with their beautiful 78 coach, who came to us from Bartlesville, and brought along his brother, Don and wife. Bernie and Renee' Baldwin were back with us and Renee' brought along a special friend, Sarah Derryberry. Welcome to each of you, and we look forward to having you join us again, real soon, ya' heah!!!

We were especially delighted to have Pearl Pitezal, Fred's mom, who wore the sweetest smile, even when she didn't know a soul there...that really made our day!!

Along with Fred and wife Peggy, they were also joined by Peggy's folks, Clyde and Nora Jones. Fred brought his little GMC baby, too. Joe Henderson of Bentonville, AR was back again to help out on eating the birthday cake, too! Good to see you, Joe! Just for the record, Joe is one of these "fast sport car racing" fans as well as a driver, too! Now we know why he bought a GMC!!

Glyn and Melrose Trimble were there, sporting a new Cinnabar engine along with new day-night shades...right about now they surely could use Dave Greenberg's credit card...their Visa has suddenly gone "south" for the winter!



Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, and also Claude and Sally Farris, were back from spending the summer in Colorado...The Rowlands, Bill and Darlene, were home again, too! Don Cooper came along, looking for Oklahoma University football tickets!! Sorry, Don, we are fresh out...and will be until the season is over!

Andy Flynn, appetite and all, was looking for some used manifolds, any color, to replace the ones that someone "borrowed" from him recently...seems as tho they "borrowed" his pickup truck, too!!

Ron and Sharon Eimen, along with the Bramletts, volunteered to set up our Christmas Party Decorations again this year. We will be doing our "Toys for Tots" program again in December, with the cooperation of the local US Marine Corps detachment. Couple of the other fellas volunteered to help, too!! Can't hardly wait!!

Most of the regulars were there...Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Steve Clevenger, Bill Brunson, Cal Calliccoat, Jim Trimble, Jim and Betty Haynes, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove...just to name a few.

We were especially thrilled to have Justin Hill with us... again, we extend our deepest sympathies to Justin in the recent loss of his beloved Dortha...love you, Justin...

Next month is October and that means goblin' time...but before that, plan on "sneakin" out, put on your best face, and join us for another fun time...

Regards,

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

October 3, 2003

OCTOBER LUNCH BUNCH SURVIVES TWEETY BIRD

Yesterday, Oct 3, the Tulsa Lunch Bunch were treated to a real Halloween special...Ken and Doree Broostin have just recently painted a full size, life like portrait of the famous "Tweety Bird" on the back window of their very colorful yellow, canary color, GMC...don't know about your cat but betcha ours would not get near THAT bird...

Incidentally, their coach just coincidentally is named "Tweety Bird"...can't hardly wait until next month to see where they paint the cat...

Another special treat this month was newcomer Joe Henderson who brought along his racing car and motorcycle that he races in nearby Hallet Motor Speedway, just west of Tulsa. Just as soon as he pulled up, the men made a beeline to his trailer to check things out...his racer is an open cockpit Ford that goes well over 100 mph and your "fanny" is only sitting what appears to be about 6 inches off the ground...well, maybe a little more, but not much!!

By the way, Joe practices on Saturday and races on Sunday!! He would love to have you come out and cheer him on!!

First timer Ron Whisenhunt joined us today...He and his bride, Terry, recently purchased the John Wells 77 Royale...John and his wife, Delphine, have had to sell their home and move into special assisted living quarters...best of luck, John, as both of you are very dear to us.

Congratulations to Bernie and Renee' Baldwin...they are now a "one" coach owner again...they recently sold their second coach to Troy Stafford and his daughter, Catrina Brumley, of Bartlesville...we look forward to meeting these new owners...

Got quite a group going to GMC International in Goshen, IN next week...Ron and Sharon Eimen, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Claude and Sally Farris and possibly others...have a great time and wear those Tulsa Lunch Bunch Badges...several more are planning a trip to the GMC Classics rally in Tyler, TX later this month...

Don Cooper finally bought another coach...again...Dale and Vivian Wood sold him their 75 GMC Landau...Don swears he's going to keep this one...says it's the one he's always been looking for...yeah...where have we heard that before...

Most of the regulars were present...Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Steve Clevenger, Andy Flynn, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Bill Brunson, Don Curtis, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Monte and Helen Jestes (they still have the local record...3 GMC Motorhomes)...also present were Jim and Betty Haynes, Justin Hill and Chet Simpson.

Jim Moore was on hand also, still looking for his "perfect coach"...he's narrowed his decision down to somewhere between \$1,000 and \$100,000...way to go, Jim...you'll probably need Dave's credit card, too!

A very sweet couple from Moore, OK, Dean and Neva Sears, were also back with us. They don't come very often but it's always special when they do!!!

Plans were getting in high gear for our Christmas Party in December...that's our TOYS FOR TOTS program in joint participation with the Golden Corral Restaurant and the local US Marine Detachment. You really need to make plans to be there...that's Friday, December 5, 11:30 AM and bring LOTS and LOTS of unwrapped Toys...

All for now...see you next month...

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

November 7, 2003

GMC FALL HARVEST TIME

What do GMCers do come fall? Hunting, fishing, football, eat, travel...well, the Tulsa Lunch Bunch certainly did their share this month....and from all reports had a fun time doing it...

We had 26 guys and gals on hand and it seemed like 26 more were off doing their GMC thing...



Don Cooper was in western Kansas doing a little bird hunting...pheasant or quail...Bill and Darlene Rowland were in Mississippi attending the Auburn-Ole Miss football game...Ken and Doree Broostin were vacationing in the hill country...Justin Hill was dining with someone else (traitor)...Irv and Shirley Pense were hunting game in West Texas...plus Ron and Sharon Eimen were leaving for the OU game right after lunch!!

Oh yes, Claude Farris, along with Fred Pitezal, called to say that they had to WORK Friday...such an ugly thing to say...literally sent shudders of torture up and down the spine of the rest of us...

And that's just the ones who called and got permission to skip out (Ha-VBG)...oh well, they did promise not to miss out next month for our Christmas Party...

We were delighted to have three first timers...[Steve Curtis](#), son of Don and Vi Curtis, came with his dad...says he is now looking for a GMC of his own...Don is really encouraging him...(We think it is because Dad would like to have his GMC back so HE can use it)...

Also visiting for the first time were [Clint and Beverly Davis](#), of Rogers, AR. They teamed up with Joe Henderson of Bentonville, AR and all came together...And, along with some others, did a lot of coach hopping back and forth...glad to have you and look forward to seeing you again next month...

A lovely couple, [Jerry and Nancy Rhea](#), attended for the first time also...they had briefly stopped by an earlier time but this was their first regular visit...they are also new to the GMC community...welcome, folks!!

Almost forgot...Ron Eimen showed up with a "glamorous, size 13, ladies shoe that he "won" at auction at the GMC International in Goshen last month...says he bought it for New Year's eve party time...(he claims it will hold a lot more champagne than a regular shoe)...

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett were also back from International, along with Claude and Sally Ferris...Chet Simpson and Cecil Martin both went but only for a short visit...all reported having a great time...

On hand Friday were most of our regulars...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Steve Clevenger, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Jim and Betty Haynes, Andy and Jondine Flynn, Monte and Helen Jestes, and last but not least, Jim Trimble.

And now, the most important part of today's story...NEXT month, December 5 to be exact, is our Annual TOYS FOR TOTS Christmas party and get-to-gether...We want each and every one of you to come and bring an UNWRAPPED toy/toys for the United States Marine TOYS FOR TOTS program...the Marine Sgts will be there (as our guests) to pick up the toys and also share a bit with us...

We might even have a little Christmas music...plus the Eimens, Bramletts, and Baldwins plan on decorating for this very special and festive occasion...also Pastor Nix will be there again to remind us about the real reason for Christmas...so...be there!!! No excuses...

Again, the time...11:30 am Friday, Dec 5...the place, Golden Corral Restaurant, 71st and Mingo, Tulsa...and for those of you coming for the first time, please give a holler so we can set a place for you...and bring that beautiful GMC 'cause we want a long, long lineup of those beauties...plus a lot of toys...

**'Til next month,
Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch**



Donna Long



77 Kingsley

Jim Hardcastle

December 5, 2003

CHRISTMAS WITH THE TULSA LUNCH BUNCH

Once again the Tulsa Lunch Bunch had the privilege of sharing their gifts with the US Marine Corps Reserve...

Everyone came in, totin', draggin', pullin' and pushin' their fantastic selection of TOYS for the Marine Corps TOYS FOR TOTS program. S/Sgt Robinson and his aide were on hand to accept the toys...S/Sgt Robinson shared the need...for this year alone they had requests for over 18,000 toys for Northeastern Oklahoma...we can only say...thank you, Marines, for what you do and what you mean to us.

But, first, let us welcome all the GMC guys and gals who braved the cold, blustery north wind today to not only drive their GMC ladies but came in great numbers to share today.

Ken Broostin brought "Tweety Bird" today...we finally got a picture to show you...Leonard and Jane Howard drove their beautiful blue coach...Bill and Bobbie Bramlett arrived in their spotless Royale...



Bill and Darlene Rowland came from Claremore in their very colorful GMC...Monte and Helen Jestes drove their beautiful newly remodeled 26'...new Alcoas and all...

You should have seen the decorations...Sharon and Ron Eimen brought the Christmas tree (in their GMC motorhome, no less), the Bramletts brought some ornaments and other decorations...and Bernie and Renee' Baldwin brought magnificent centerpieces for each table, including candle decorations...and guess what...the centerpieces were made from...old GMC wheel covers....and what a beautiful sight they were...we managed to get a couple of pics of them, too!



Fellow camper Gerald Weems brought us a couple of Christmas songs on his "Q" Chord instrument...you haven't heard Christmas music until you have heard it played this way...thank you, Gerald...and your lovely wife, Nadine, for joining us today!!

Pastor Preston Nix brought a special Christmas devotional...he even worked in our GMC's in his talk, too!!! Remember his theme from last year? According to Pastor Nix, GMC stands for "Giving for a Merry Christmas"...what a wonderful thought!!!

We're trying to get him to buy a GMC but so far he's been a little reluctant...shy, too...yeah!!

Don Cooper was here today, too, looking for a "good buy" (low price) on OU Sugar Bowl tickets...best joke of the day!!

On hand also were Jim and Betty Haynes, new owner Ron Whisenhunt, Chet Simpson, Steve Clevenger, Bob and Shirley Musgrove, along with Glyn and Melrose Trimble.

Sharing our tables with us were Claude and Sally Farris, Joe Henderson, Bill Brunson, Cecil Martin, plus Peggy Pitezel. (Fred was at home with the flu...)

Special guests from Oklahoma City were Justin Hill and Lorren White...glad to have you, guys!! Did happen to notice they were first in line for chow, right after the blessing by Chaplain Farris...true Tulsa Lunch Bunch appetites...

By the way, due to the holiday schedules of so many, our next Tulsa Bunch luncheon will be the SECOND Friday in January...that would be January 9...so, mark your calendar...

See you then, and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Our Love and Prayers for each of you...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

January 9, 2004

NEW GUARDIAN ANGEL NEEDED

THIS LETTER NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART

Last Friday, January 9, 2004 the Tulsa Lunch Bunch met at their usual gab and eat place, the Golden Corral, in Tulsa...from there it sort of...well, maybe...no, it DID..go downhill in the proverbial basket...

Despite the biting, cold temperature, 23 Lunch Bunch guys and gals turned out to set the pace for the New Year...the temp was around 32 degrees with a wind chill factor about 23...so we evened out...23 degrees wind chill and 23 guys and gals on hand!!

To set us in the proper mood for the day, just before lunch we talked with Claude and Sally Farris along with Bill and Bobbie Bramlett...who just happened to be in Floriday and it just happened to be 76 degrees when they called...now, if that won't sour your disposition, nuttin' will...

Well, we were sitting there...all pretty as you please...puttin' the grub away by the shovel load...when our little guy with the black cloud brings us this story...which, by the way, is so unbelievable that it has to be true...

Seems as tho' our guy, Ron Eimen, decides to drive over in his brand new MEGA-BUCKS SUV and change the oil in his NEWLY PAINTED GMC Lady...keep in mind that he's doing this at the storage lot where the GMC is stored...and there ain't no oil dump site for miles and miles..

Anyway, he gets down under the GMC, unplugs the oil drain and fills the pan up nearly to capacity...now this pan has a curved, rounded bottom...after he pulls the pan from under the motorhome, it suddenly dawns on him...WHERE am I going to dump this? You know what's coming, now!!!

He finds a not too firm a pad, and gently lays the pan of dirty motor oil from the coach down on the floor of the SUV and prepares to take it home and dump later...

He's almost home, driving ever so gently, when BAM...a guy cuts in front and Ron slams on the brakes...and, using your imagination, you now know where all that motor oil is...he has about a 2 inch deep layer of dirty old motor oil resting ever so gently on the right front carpet of that BRAND NEW MEGA-BUCKS SUV...

Nothing to do but proceed on home as quickly as possible...as he pulls into his driveway, his next door friendly, helpful neighbor comes running over and says "Ron, you have a huge oil leak coming out the bottom of your SUV"...

We must add that about this time, all the guys and gals at the Lunch Bunch gathering are sitting with rapt attention...not knowing whether to laugh or cry...but it didn't take long to decide...we sort of rolled in the aisles...

And now...Chapter 2, if you please!! After soaking up about three bundles of paper towels to get the oil (that didn't drain out the bottom), Ron then took the SUV to the car wash...turning on the high powered soap and water dispenser, he tried to mix soap, water and oil in a sort of emulsifying project...hoping to do the impossible...instead, it blew little beads of soapy oil all over the van, on the dash, ceiling, sides and everywhere else you can think of...tune in next month for Chapter 3...

Now you know why we think Ron needs a **NEW** guardian angel...maybe one named "**Clarence**"...maybe...maybe not..

Oh yes, joining in the fun today were these guys and gals...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Clint and Beverly Davis, Joe Henderson, Steve Clevenger, Don Cooper (still hasn't found his lost "coon" dog with the \$500 collar, but that's another story), Don Curtis, Cecil Martin, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Andy Flynn, Jim and Betty Haynes, Monte and Helen Jestes, Chet Simpson, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, and last but not least, Bill and Darlene Rowland.

Now, don't you agree...this is one beautiful way to start the New Year...join us next month for the Tulsa Lunch Bunch mechanical soap opera...

Regards,

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

February 6, 2004

OLD MAN WINTER ROARS AT GMC TULSA LUNCH BUNCH

LO, THE SECOND COMING OF CLINT DAVIS

Surprises come in all sizes and shapes but none came with a bigger surprise that awaited Clint Davis last week. Seems as though Clint called into the VA to make an appointment for his physical. No can do, they said...you are DEAD...after that shock wore off, he called to renew his prescription, assuming of course, that the VA would pass the word around that Clint was indeed alive and well...Again, those familiar words...No can do...you are DEAD...(just try getting a check cashed under those circumstances...ha)



Well, you know the rest of the story...word finally did indeed get out but to all the wrong people!! Other than being accused of perjury and a few other "minor" details, Clint is now back among the living and we were happy to see him Friday at the February luncheon. He didn't drive the GMC, though...not even sure he has a valid driver's license yet...

Despite the wintery (below freezing) temp last Friday, 30 hardy souls braved their way to the Golden Corral for lunch. In fact, some were so hungry they jumped into the line early!!

No names, please, but they looked a lot like Clyde and Nora Jones (the peanut brittle lady)...by the way, we celebrated Clyde's birthday Friday also...daughter Peggy Pitezel said he was celebrating his 65th birthday for the umpteenth time...

Not only did we sing to him but the Golden Corral beauties came over and serenaded him also...now that made him grin real big time!!

For your information and we know you are dying to know...Lunch Bunch guy Ron Eimen has just about gotten all the oil out from his mega bucks SUV...(see last month, please)...and he's ready to pass the baton on to someone else!!!

Happy to report that Bill and Bobbie Bramlett along with Claude and Sally Farris, made it back safe and sound from their extended Floriday vacation...they took in two rallies...Ron and Sharon Eimen made only one rally...but they all arrived home just in time for the temp to reach 11 degrees the night they got back...obviously they brought the cold temp with them!!!

Bernie and Renee' Baldwin brought their lovely daughter, Minda, with them...she skipped school to join us...she had a different version but we like ours better!! Andy and Jondine Flynn were also here today...he just sold his GMC Royale but he's hot on the trail for another one...Go get 'em tiger...

Chet Simpson was on hand today but, for some strange reason, didn't drive the GMC or the Harley...(the GMC has no heat and the Harley...well!!).

Steve Clevenger, along with Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Jim and Betty Haynes, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Fred and Peggy Pitezel, and Ron Whisenhunt also joined in the t(r)opical discussions of the day...and the food bar...

We were delighted to have first timers, Ed and Margaret Banning, of Ketchum, OK...Ed and Margaret are looking forward to owning a GMC and surprise, surprise, we didn't scare them off...said they would be back next month...with their GMC...maybe...hope so...

That's all the sad stories for today...we will save the others for another time...for example, Bernie bought another GMC but the title is tied up in probate...oh well...fun, fun, and more fun!!

See you next month at the Golden Corral

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Darlene and Bill Rowland



75 Palm Beach

John and Marjorie Troy

March 5, 2004

SPRING FEVER STRIKES LUNCH BUNCH

NEWCOMER SAYS HIGH MILEAGE "NO BIG DEAL"

The rains finally stopped and the Tulsa Lunch Bunch, pioneers that they are, literally crawled out of the rain-soaked woodwork and climbed up over the downed trees, waded the swollen creeks, and swam the rest of the way...

Shux, in other words, folks, the rain, about 5 inches worth, finally quit, the guys and gals jumped into their GMC's and came on down for lunch...and a loud and noisy time was had by all!!



Rally schedules and topics were the main order of the day...the upcoming GMC International rally in Las Vegas, the FMCA rally in nearby Claremore and the GMC Classic rally in Grove next month!! Also, no one was forgetting the big GMC Western States Balloon Festival rally in Albuquerque in October, either!!

We had a very special newcomer joining us today. ["Doc" Parsons](#), a quiet, soft-spoken gentleman who just happens to live here in Tulsa, has owned his GMC since 1982 but had NEVER heard of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch until last Tuesday! We quickly forgave him, tho it wasn't easy...ha!

Doc has an unusual avocation...he races cars for a living...and races all over the United States! Doc is on his 3rd engine, and has over 1,300,000 miles on his GMC...and all the while, pulling an 11,000 lb. trailer (it holds the racer, plus lots of parts)...whoa, Nellie...did you say, 1,300,000 miles?? That's more miles that a whole bunch of us combined!!!

Seems that Doc does ALL his own maintenance and that sure got the fellows' attention! And that included the removal of the engine out the top with his own special mechanical arms and slides!! For those of us who have difficulty finding where to fill the propane and gas tanks, well, we were impressed!!

Joining in the fun today, in addition to Doc, were Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Claude and Sally Farris, Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Dean and Neva Sears, Monte and Helen Jestes, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Don Cooper, Jim and Betty Haynes, Ken (Tweety Bird) Broostin, Cal Calliccoat, Bill Brunson, Don Curtis, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Irv and Shirley Pense, Clyde and Nora (Peanut Brittle) Jones, Chet Simpson, and last but certainly not least, Bill and Darlene Rowland...a grand total of 33 guys and gals!!!

Several of our regulars were missing...Steve Clevenger was out of town, Clint and Beverly Davis' daughter was having eye surgery...Ron Whisenhunt was "umpiring" a soft ball tournament...Andy Flynn was just AWOL, etc...guys, gals, we missed you!! Oh yes, Jerry Rhea and Leonard Howard both had to work...ugh!!

Next month will be time to get serious about summer activities...so join us to find out what we are going to be doing...we don't even know yet!!

Til' next month
Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

April 2, 2004

GMC COACHES EVERYWHERE

THE WAGONS WERE CIRCLED TODAY

The April meeting of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch and their GMC beauties started early Friday morning... and by lunch time they were scattered all up and down the Golden Corral parking lot and almost spilling over into the next one!!

Bob and Marilyn Musgrove brought their brand spankin' newly painted GMC...and it's a real WOW...not only that, they brought their painting crew with them. Needless to say, the painters not only enjoyed seeing all the other beautiful coaches but they were treated to a free meal, too!!



Claude and Sally Farris brought their newly refurbished GMC lady and the "oohs and aahs" were the order of the day!! By the way, they have a very good arrangement with their coach...Sally thinks up the ideas, Claude then does them and pays for them, too! The other gals think that it's an excellent way to go...or as some would say...the only way!!!

We were treated to a special feature today...[Gerry Gerondale](#) came today for the very first time...he lives here in Tulsa and has owned his 1976 Glenbrook GMC since, can you believe, 1976? He and his wife, Dee are the original and continuous owners of their GMC.

To the best of our knowledge, they are the **ONLY** couple in the Tulsa Lunch Bunch area who can make that statement...WOWEE...Glyn and Melrose Trimble have had their 1976 GMC Glenbrook since 1977 but they are not the original owners...

Doc Parsons was with us again, driving that 1,300,000 mile GMC and was on his way to a car show! Joe Henderson was also towing his little racer and was headed to Oklahoma City for the races...

Ron and Sharon Eimen were back from GMC International in Las Vegas...folks, that fellow sitting in back of that **BIG BLACK LONG LIMOOOSINE** and driving up and down the rows of GMC's at Vegas, with chauffeur and dark glasses, was none other than our own Ron Eimen...just living up to his usual reputation of being...well...just being big ole' lovable Ron!!!

Don Cooper played hooky and went crappie fishing...Bill and Darlene Rowland just played hooky...Jim Trimble was home in bed with the you know what...oh yes, the Baldwins skipped out...went to a school function with their daughter...can you imagine that??? Over a GMC luncheon...how could you?

Justin Hill and Lorren White from OK City were on hand, recruiting last minute assistance for the upcoming GMC Classic Rally in Grove on April 29, 30 and May 1...thanks to all of you who so graciously jumped in and volunteered...you will see them in Grove!!

Forgot to mention that Clyde and Nora Jones were on hand today and Clyde brought along some of his artistic woodcraft...wooden cut outs of the GMC ...several were purchased right on the spot!!



Cecil and Sonnie Martin were also right in the big middle of things today...it was good to see Sonnie...we have missed her big smile and cheery hello...Jim and Betty Haynes were chowing down, today, too...they are two of our most consistent attendees...don't think Betty likes Jim's cooking too well...ha...Clint and Bev Davis held down their usual spot at the lunch bar...

Fred and Peggy Pitezel were doing their share of smilin', eatin' and talkin' at the same time...as well as Chet Simpson, Ron Whisenhunt, Steve Clevenger, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, and last but not least, Don Curtis. Oh yes, we must not forget first timers Hazel White (Mrs. Curt) and son Chuck. Curt and Hazel just recently purchased their GMC and thought they were about the only ones in the Tulsa area who owned a GMC...well, we fooled 'em for sure!!

And lastly, would you pause with us just a moment to remember one of our original Tulsa Lunch Bunch guys...[John Wells](#), who was also a member of the GMC Classics, passed away a couple of weeks ago...He was a retired Firefighter, and a very dear man and friend to all of us. Our deepest sympathies to Delphine and the rest of the family!!

Attendance today was 35 or 37, depending upon who did the counting...camaraderie was the best and the locals who circled the wagons with their mouths and eyes wide open were 'bunches'...

Until next month...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Classic “Souvineer”



Door Prize for Glyn

Albuquerque, NM

May 7, 2004

APRIL SHOWERS, MAY FLOWERS

GMC RALLIES, RAIN OR SHINE

Our May Tulsa Lunch Bunch gang came draggin' in today...between the rallies several attended last week and the 'sick' bug floating around, well, it could have been better...but not much...

All attendees at both the Dixielander Rally and the Classic Rally agreed that they had a wonderful time...talked too much, played too much, and most of all, ate too much. Bill and Bobbie Bramlett along with Claude and Sally Farris, reported that the Dixielander rally was one of the best! And certainly the Classic Rally at Grove turned into a rally to remember!



Lorren White and Justin Hill

Justin Hill, together with Lorren White, put on quite a show as hosts. You don't really realize just how multi-talented they are until you see Lorren out on the dance floor Saturday night, dressed in those sharp toed cowboy boots, hugger jeans, plaid western shirt and HUGE Stetson hat...and cuttin' the rug to the tunes of "San Antonio Rose" and "Faded Love"....

Also attending the Classic Rally were Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Clint and Beverly Davis, MO, Helen and Karen Lewis, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Bill and Darlene Rowland at last but not least, Monte and Helen Jestes (the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers duo of Western Swing)...

We had a couple of first timers with us today...[Curt and Hazel White](#)...they recently purchased a GMC Royale...and like everybody else the first time around...they spent their time this afternoon coach hopping looking for ideas and seeing what changes they would like to make! Join the crowd, folks...don't look now, but that's a "forever" job...

Also contributing to the festive occasion today were Andy Flynn, Ken Broostin, Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, Bill Brunson, Steve Clevenger, Leonard and Jane Howard and Jim and Betty Haynes, (Jim and Glyn found out today they might be related though their Stubblefield cousin line...think it upset both of 'em...ha)...

[Gerry Gerando](#) was on hand today, also. If you recall, he's the proud GMC owner who has owned his coach since new in 1976. Boy, doesn't that make you "green" with envy...or, on the other hand, just remember he's had a lot more time to spend a few "green" dollars on that ole' gal, so there.....

Plans were tentatively made and discussed about attending the Western States Balloon Rally in October...looks like quite a few will be going. Turns out that Cecil and Glyn have both spent military tours of duty there...bet they will be surprised at the changes in Albuquerque after all these years ! Melrose said she would like to go up for a balloon ride but only if it's tethered to the ground...our kind of gal!!

Just learned that Bill and Darlene Rowland are still a bit under the weather from last week's rally...our prayers are with you both...get well soon!!

We were missing a few regulars today...Don Cooper, (Played hooky and got caught) Clyde and Nora Jones, (Gone to "Blue Grass" in MO) Clint and Beverly Davis, (?) Monte and Helen Jestes (they are helping to host the Pawnee Steam Engine Festival) ...along with Jim Trimble, who is still recuperating from a recent illness...

Anyway, a great time today...and we look forward to next month...and especially having YOU with us.

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

June 4, 2004

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD COMES TO LUNCH

"GMC'S" NOW COME IN ALL SIZES AND SHAPES

Glory Be! That's what dear old Grandma would have said today when she saw all the commotion going on with the Tulsa Lunch Bunch today!

First of all, Glyn and Melrose Trimble arrive in their GMC...so far, so good. Next, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, along with daughter, Minda, arrive in their SUV...woops, not so good! Then Jim and Betty Haynes drive up in a BRIGHT RED Corvette with a roaring turbo noise that shakes the ground...No, no, Jim...you are at the wrong meeting...I think!!

Jim Trimble comes driving up in his GMC...and, we might add, the very first time he's had it ready to go...anyway, back to normal, we hope!

Not for long...here comes Chet Simpson whipping around the corner, a mile a minute, in a would-be-Harley...his 8 cylinder, out of this world, Honda motorcycle...well, sounded like 8 cylinders anyway!

Ron and Sharon Eimen restore a bit of reason with their beautiful GMC BUT then Doc Parsons messes things up when he comes up in a very, very vintage 1939 Buick Sedan...what a beauty!

We did have another GMC or two...Bill and Darlene Rowland brought their gorgeous two tone lady, and sporting their brand new GMC Classic name tags on top of that.....a number of regulars were gone...Bill and Bobbie Bramlett were in Colorado....again...Ken Broostin took "Tweety Bird " and went fishing in Minnesota...Irv Pense was just gone!! Oh yes, Andy Flynn played "Hooky"...

But, the good news...Curt and Hazel White, Monte and Helen Jestes, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Claude and Sally Farris, Fred and Peggy Pitezal along with in laws, Clyde and Nora Jones...all were here today.

So were Steve Clevenger and his lovely daughter, Julia, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Clint and Bev Davis, Ron Whisenhunt, and Don Cooper. We had three special guests today, Jim Moore, Dale Wallace and Buford Clements...all total, 38 guys and gals on hand today...

Now that the excitement of the Classic Rally in Grove is over, the talk turned to summer rallies and, of course, the BALLOON Rally in Albuquerque in October. As of today, 12 Lunch Bunch Classic families are planning a huge caravan for a memorable trip and rally in Albuquerque!!

Tentative plans call for Friday Oct 1 pm departure from Tulsa for an overnight stay in Oklahoma City, pick up guys and gals from there, leave Ok City Sat AM and drive to Amarillo, TX... Camping overnight there, next a Sunday trip to Santa Rosa and joining up with the Classic family coming via the southern route. Can't you just imagine a huge, huge convoy of GMC'S traveling westward on I-40 toward Albuquerque...Billy Massey, looks like we will need a police escort when we arrive...ha!!

Folks, get your cameras and VCR's ready...it looks like a fun trip and one to remember for a lifetime...and for those who have never attended the Balloon Festival...you are in for a treat...we took over 300 pics last time at the Western States GMC Balloon Rally...

Time to sign off now...don't know what time the luncheon broke up today...guys and gals were still talking long after the waitress cleaned up the tables...may have been a hint but it didn't work...

Next month, join us...and see who drives up in what...ha...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

July 4, 2004

LAKE AND RALLY BOUND

MEET JULIE, OUR FAVORITE WAITRESS

Well, counting those already at the lake, those going to the lake and those Lunch Bunch guys and gals actually at Friday's lunch, we had a great crowd!!

Seriously, sort of, we had 26 Lunch Bunch guys and gals on hand, plus 2 pets and our very special "regular" waitress, Julie, who always waits on us.

We always have such a good time, eating, visiting, and generally talkin' up a storm, that we tend sometimes to forget some of those who make it all possible for us to enjoy our time there at the Corral.

We would like to take time out to tell you about our "Julie"...for months and more months she has waited hand and foot on us...making sure our drinks were always full, our plates removed when empty, bringing coffee for "after lunch" enjoyment...you get the picture...Not only is she "Julie" our waitress, she is also "Julie" our friend and really our "Girl Friday"...



Our Julie

She also sets up our tables for us so that we can all sit together...she brings extra plates...she always asks about some of our regulars when they are absent...about the only thing we haven't been able to do is to get her to go out and go through one of our GMC ladies...we keep tryin', tho!!

So, Julie, we salute you and say "Thanks" for doing your job so well that sometimes we tend to take you for granted...(we have enclosed a picture of her so you will know her, too)!!

The weather was so nice that, as mentioned earlier, a bunch of the group had already taken off for weekend adventures at the lake...quite a few others were leaving right after lunchtime for lakeside hideaways...and the rest were headed back home to enjoy the 4th with family and friends.

Upcoming rallies were being coordinated, including the Classic Rally later this month as well as the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque coming up in October. Four families are leaving early for the Balloon Festival, six families are planning on traveling together, and two families are going to join up enroute... (we drew up a draft trip plan but that's already been scrapped...now for a second try...ha)...

Next month promises to be an exciting time...we hope...bring your GMC plus a good appetite...and we will have another story or two to share...woops, almost forgot...remember the story a few months back about the GMC motor oil being dumped into the floor of a certain guy's "brand new SUV"...WELL, would you believe...HE has traded that SUV off for another one and has definitely promised his wife he will not carry any more oil on the floor...period!!! Know what, Ron...some of us don't believe you! (Ha)!!!

Anyway, see you next month...

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Claude and Sally Farris



Bean Station Rally

Monte Jestes, “Instructor”

August 6, 2004

LUNCH BUNCH IN PARADISE

PARKING LOT FULL OF GMC'S

Can you believe it? Here it is, Friday, August 6, 2004 in Tulsa, OK and the temperature is not yet 80 degrees at lunch time!! Not a generator running, doors all open wide and everybody standing round yakking up a good time!!



Looking up and down, back and forth, whatever...all across the back of the Golden Corral parking lot you could see nothing but beautiful GMC ladies all lined up, gussied up, and ready for inspection!

We had the usual passersby...one lady wanted to know if she could buy one, and another couple could not comprehend the fact we were not going anywhere except for today's lunch!! AHH...such is the life of the GMC nobility...ha...

We were set up to eat at 11:30 but the weather was so nice it was after 12:00 before all finally straggled in...Julie, our adorable waitress, kept trying to shoo us to our seats, but, somehow, we didn't want towe did have a few that came in on time...later we found out why...they ate at 11:30, again at 12:00 and, you guessed it...at 12:30...no names, please...our favorite GMC Chaplain, Claude Farris, was very gracious...he asked the blessing for what we were about to partake...plus what we had already partaken!!

First timers were scattered all around...Clint and Beverly Davis brought Clint's "younger" brother, Bud...Chet Simpson brought an old friend, Jim Lieberman...and Irv and Shirley Pense brought their precious little 3 yr old granddaughter, Addie Pense.



Might add Addie was a little camera shy but she captured our hearts anyway!!

We were glad to see Claude and Sally Farris back from Nevada...their son holds a pastorate in Reno, NV and they always enjoy visiting him and their 6 year old grandson!! Welcome back...

Joining the festivities were Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, along with daughter, Minda...Ken "Tweety Bird" Broostin from Claremore came along...left Mama home working...Don Cooper came over...looking for some FREE Oklahoma University football tickets for this fall...Irv Pense had a couple of extra tickets for one of the games but he SOLD them to Ron and Sharon Eimen...tough luck, Don...keep trying...

(P.S. For those of you who do not live close by...Oklahoma University has a 10,000 plus waiting list for season football tickets).

Jim and Betty Haynes were on hand also...they have such a beautiful coach...Andy Flynn joined us today...wants to buy another GMC...Andy, you shouldn't have sold that last one you had...

Jim Fowler from Broken Arrow was with us...first time in long time...his schedule has been such he could not attend...glad to have you, Jim...Clyde and Nora (Peanut Brittle) Jones came along, minus their daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Fred Pitezal. Seems as though Fred was taken ill a couple of days before...get well soon, Fred...We missed you!

Bill and Darlene Rowland were also on hand...Bill is feeling much better now...he has been under the weather for past few weeks...Glyn and Melrose Trimble were present along with Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, who brought their gorgeous coach...if you recall, their coach is currently being featured on the GMC Classic website cover...

Ron and Terry Whisenhunt were also on hand, giving us a grand total of 33 GMC guys and gals. Plans are still ongoing for our caravan to Albuquerque in October plus a few are going to Branson in September with the GMC Flatlanders!!

Next month is our 5th Anniversary of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch...we will be meeting at the Golden Corral at 71st and Mingo...so, plan on joining us for the celebration...we might have a surprise or two...

See ya!!

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Gatesway Balloon Festival

Claremore, OK

September 3, 2004

5 YEARS OLD AND COUNTING

40 GMC GUYS AND GALS CELEBRATE

Last Friday, September 3, 2004, 40 GMC guys and gals, plus a whole bunch of beautiful GMC's, gathered at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Tulsa to celebrate 5 great years of fun and fellowship together!

The weather was perfect, the food was great, and GMC coaches were lined up from one end of the parking lot to the other! Clint and Beverly Davis brought their "brand new" GMC Clasco coach which they recently purchased from Olin and Donna Boyer. Glyn and Melrose Trimble brought their 76 Glenbrook, all loaded and ready to go to Branson later in the day. And so it went...first it was party time, then it was off in every direction...football games, lake side retreats, family reunions, you name it...we were all headed out, one way or the other!

And we managed to also sneak in a surprise birthday cake and song for our own Helen Jestes! She wouldn't give her age but did confess it was a little bit more than the "29" that was hinted...So, Happy Birthday, Helen, and may you have many more!

It seems as though [September 1999](#) was hardly more than a few days ago, but looking back in retrospect, we have had a total of 60 food and fellowship times, with all but one was held at the Golden Corral Restaurant. The one exception was our [July 4 picnic](#) at Jones Riverside Airport where we parked alongside the runway, cooked hamburgers, ate watermelon, and enjoyed the tremendous air show (for our benefit, of course) of planes arriving and departing right in front of us.

And who can forget the wonderful, warm memories of our past two years of participating in the US Marine [TOYS FOR TOTS](#) program. Such unselfish giving of our guys and gals, plus patrons and restaurant staff personnel, never fail to remind us how fortunate we are and also remind us of our spiritual heritage and foundation! And, of course, this December we will be doing our part again....

We would be remiss not to mention those of our fellowship who have come among us, shared with us, loved us and now have gone on home to be with our Lord in heaven. We love you, remember you, and miss you!

Sharing this exuberant and joyful celebration time were Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Steve Clevenger, Jim Haynes, Doc Parsons, Clyde Jones, Fred and Peggy Pitezl, Jim Trimble, Claude and Sally Farris, Justin Hill, Lorren and Bess White, Jim Moore, and Don Cooper, just to name a few.

Might mention that Don did a no-no...well, almost...Seems as though Don's GMC is scattered all around his garage floor...so he drove up in his beautiful 33' Sportscoach...it's almost 20 years old, only has about 18,000 miles on it, and looks like it came off the show room floor yesterday...but, he DID have a GMC cover logo on the towing hitch...picture enclosed...so, we did the only honorable thing we could under the circumstance...shamed him, then forgave him...this time...ha!!



Also present and accounted for were Andy and Jondine Flynn, Cal Callicoate, Leonard and Jane Howard, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Monte and Helen Jestes, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Shirley Pense, Chet Simpson, plus Bill and Darlene Rowland...Dottie Lawrence also came by for a short visit...

Next month is going to be a first for us...and a real adventure at that...After the October 1 luncheon, quite a few of us, at least eight families, are leaving to caravan together out to the Western States Balloon Festival October 5-10 in Albuquerque, NM...In addition, four other families are leaving early and will be joining us in Albuquerque...two more families are planning to join us enroute...looks like the Tulsa Lunch Bunch will be well represented at the Rally!!

And we would like nothing greater than to have you join us for lunch on October 1 and help give us a big send-off...no fireworks, please...we are already excited enough...take care and see ya'...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch, *5 Yrs Old and Counting...*

P.S. We were excited this week to hear from a lady in Germany. She apparently reads about our exploits and foibles on the GMC Classic Net...so, guys, gals, beware...eyes and ears are watching you...from around the world...maybe we should call ourselves...Tulsa Lunch Bunch International...ha...til next month!



Luis Molina

GMC Special Guy

October 1, 2004

**TULSA LUNCH BUNCH CARAVANS
TO FESTIVE BALLOON RALLY**

After weeks of anticipation, the Tulsa Lunch Bunch (Okie GMC Classics) excitedly gathered at the Golden Corral for their regular October luncheon in preparation for departure for the Western States Balloon Festival Rally Oct 5-10 in Albuquerque, New Mexico...

Never mind that we had NEVER traveled anywhere together, and for sure had never been in a caravan together to go anywhere, let alone a 4 day trip to beautiful Albuquerque.

The guys and gals began gathering about 10:30 AM Friday morning, Oct 1, with gear all packed, tow cars hooked up, and appetites somewhat topsy turvey with butterflies a-floating.

Some had already gone on ahead...Monte and Helen Jestes, along with Bob and Marilyn Musgrove left Wednesday, two days ahead of the rest of us...to do a little sightseeing before joining us in Albuquerque. Bill and Bobbie Bramlett left Thursday to do some visiting with lifelong friends along the way. Joe Travis left early Friday AM by air to pick up his GMC undergoing surgery in Albuquerque. And Ken and Doree Broostin "Tweety Bird" left early Friday morning to buy out the Bass Pro Shop in OK City before joining us at Wal-Mart Friday night.

On hand and ready to go were Claude and Sally Farris, Clint and Beverly Davis, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Ron and Sharon Eimen and Glyn and Melrose Trimble...

On hand also, were Jim and Betty Haynes, along with Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, both of whom were planning to leave on Saturday and joining up with us later in Amarillo or Santa Rosa...plus they wanted to see us off as well as not to miss their regular luncheon with all the gang. (Sort of suspect they also wanted to see what we were doing wrong so they wouldn't make the same mistake...ha)...

Other regulars on hand were Andy Flynn, Steve Clevenger, Don Cooper, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, and Fred and Peggy Pitezel. Joining us for the first time was Don and Cherrie Arrowwood of Claremore...We sorely missed Leonard and Jane Howard who left early Friday morning for the Mayo Clinic for Jane to undergo more testing for her illness. Our thoughts and prayers go with you, Jane.

And so, after a travel prayer by Chaplain Farris, we left the Golden Corral parking lot, about 2:30 PM, all paired up, CB's and intercoms wide open, and for sure....really wide eyed and bushy tailed...

Glyn took the lead, followed by Ron and Claude, with Clint and Bill bringing up the rear. We followed Hiway 169 South, picked up the Creek Turnpike, then west on I-44 to OK City, then followed the Kilpatrick Pike round OK City to I-40, which exited 2 miles from Exit 136 and Wal-Mart, our evening destination and campground for the night.

Ron and Claude kept the CB's well in use, with Claude making certain everybody's CB was working and Ron stayed tuned into the trucker's channel, just to hear what was going on...Oh yes, most exciting happening of trip so far: Clint Davis ran out of quarters for the pike toll gates...thought he might have to leave Beverly for a deposit...

We had a pleasant surprise awaiting us in OK City...Ken and Elaine Henderson, Dixielanders of Americus, GA were already on hand to greet us. They quickly became one of us as well as a group favorite. Although Ken had only a 23 ft GMC. he came supplied with more tools and parts than Cinnabar...or so it seemed!! And shortly afterwards, Ken "Tweety Bird" and Doree Broostin checked aboard and refused to say how much he spent at Bass Pro Shop...he did smile, tho!!



And, just for the record, Wal-Mart had graciously consented for our parking there overnight...and in return we spent a ton of money there, both at the gas station and inside the store as well...

And so, we snuggled down, like ducks in a row, all cuddled up, safe and secure from Day One of our caravan adventure!!

Saturday morning the early birds got up and went walking and that sort of thing...whatever people do when they get up early...ugh!! Oh yeah, when we turned in Friday night, we were all in a row. Sat AM Tweety Bird, who was at the end, had moved his coach across the way...apparently Clint, who was parked next to him, snored too loud or something like that...Nobody would say for sure...

Justin Hill, Lunch Bunch guy and Classic member, came out to greet us and wish us well...He and Lorren White were planning on leaving Sunday AM and would join up with us in Santa Rosa, NM. (And they did, too...leaving around 5 AM Sunday)...

After our morning travel prayer, we "saddled up and headed out" toward Amarillo on I-40...Glyn led the way, followed by Ron and Ken, Claude and Bill, with Clint and Tweety Bird bringing up the rear. Again, we traveled as much as possible in pairs, with each coach watching out for his buddy...good way to travel...

Just before noon we stopped at Love's Country Store in Elk City, OK (Exit 41) for a bite of lunch, refuel as needed and take a bit of a rest. Along with the truckers, we sort of filled up the parking lot...so much so, we spilled over into the lot next door!

After lunch it was off to the races...so far we had really done a good job of staying together as partners, communicating back and forth, and also keeping the traveling truckers' curiosity satisfied. More than one was just a wee bit jealous...and we stayed spaced apart so that no one had difficulty getting around when needed...

Break time mid-afternoon was at Groom, TX at Exit 112 at the [magnificent Cross](#), stretching far up into the heavens, with numerous sculptures surrounding the Cross. A restful respite as well as inspirational. Lots of pictures taken here!!

From there it was on to Amarillo, and our destination for the night, the Amarillo Overnite RV Park, Exit 75...Boy, do those folks do it up right!! As we pulled in (just before 5 PM) our guide was waiting for us and he directed us into our sites, like horses being placed in racing stalls...turns out they had marked off a whole long row just for the GMC Classics...Full hookups, cable TV, Wi-Fi, and gracious hosts...what more could you ask. And more yet to come!!

Joining us in Amarillo were Bob and Beverly McLaughlin of Arlington as well as Jim and Betty Haynes from the Lunch Bunch. Now we are really beginning to have a caravan full of GMC's...

Next, a real special treat was in store for all of us (well, almost)...The Campground Host arranged for two limousines to come and pick us up at 6 PM and take us to the Big Texan Restaurant for dinner, then return us back to the campground. Not only did we ride in style but the steak dinner was superb!! Oh, forgot to mention, one guy, name of Ron, came out of his coach about 6:15 PM, looked around, found NO BODY, and realized the limo had not waited for him...Anyway, he caught up with us and he managed to get a good meal as well as a few "raspberries" for dessert. Thus ended Day Two!! (It says here in little fine print).

Do want to mention that your first hour or so in the campground is an unusual one...The municipal airport and local Air Force Base are both adjacent to the campground. After a few near overhead misses, you realize that the planes are really not going to land on top of you and the campground is really not the runway...we did keep an eye and ear open for possible rapid machine gun fire...

Day Three: Rise, Shine and Go Forth...

Sunday morning came way too soon. Crawling out from the blankets and covers, we discovered that the sun was coming up on the wrong side of the coach. You can tell right away that the day was going backwards before we even got up...

Chaplain Col. Claude Farris (a retired Air Force Chaplain) brought a brief Sunday morning service for us prior to departure. We do appreciate Claude so much...he is always willing to contribute his services and his messages always seem to be just what we need.

Time to head out and so we did, nine coaches in line and still paired up, with Glyn leading. We were beginning to gain a lot of confidence now, with a day and half of traveling together. The camaraderie was forming and half-truths and fiction were flowing over the CB's like water over the dam...

Break time, lunch time at Tucumcari, NM...we filled up the lot at McDonalds and everybody scattered. One of the truckers gave us a case of freshly picked cantaloupe...it must have been payola so we wouldn't block him in...after all, nine coaches do sort of cover up a lot of ground!!

From there it was on to Santa Rosa and a rendezvous with the rest of the Classics. Most were already there so we just added to the confusion...

Shortly after arriving, the Baldwins came in, accompanied by Ken and Laurie Burton and Blaine and Diane Merrell of Indiana, who had chaperoned Bernie and Renee' all the way from Tulsa.

Forgot to mention, that Lorren White and Justin Hill did catch up with us right out of Tucumcari and caravanned the rest of the route to Santa Rosa with us.

Right after we all got settled in, a whopper of a rain and hail storm moved in and, for most, it was a real eye and ear poppin' time. Luckily, it apparently did not damage our coaches...it did, however, knock out Cable TV, just at a crucial time in the Denver Bronco football game. Oh well!!!! Never did find out who won!!

Monday, Oct 4, The BIG Day

Around 9 AM, we all lined up out on the roadway, with Billy Massey in the lead, and Glyn bringing up the rear and 30 plus coaches headed out to Albuquerque and the Western States Balloon Festival Rally.

Everything was going smooth as silk, no problems, people were impressed, chatter and phones were buzzing...and THEN, 13 miles out of Cline's Corner, the Tulsa Lunch Bunch Classic leader ran out of gas! ...now you would think that he would have known to check his gas gauge better than that...after all, he had only owned a GMC motorhome since 1973...but fellow travelers Ron Eimen and Claude Farris bailed him out. Brought him 10 gal of gas and got him on his way.



And he now has a special "trophy" gas can to prove it...It will be on exhibit at the next Lunch Bunch luncheon...that's for sure!!

The next few days went by in a blurr...seminars, lots of food, displays, admiring all the various coach modifications and doo dadds...and certainly not least, visiting the Balloon Festival and oohing and aahing over those fabulous creations. Pictures do not do them justice, so you do your best to walk among them, and put lifetime memories in your heart.

(And, just for the record, no one ate more than one of those breakfast burritos...oh me oh my)...Thanks, Al, for everything...

Friendships were renewed, names placed with faces, and many, many new GMC friendships were born. What a wonderful group!!

Soon the Rally was over, and we slowly started drifting homeward, one by one until all had reached Tulsa safely. Thank you, Lord, for a fabulous time and safe journey...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

P.S. First question...when do we do it again?

P.S. #2 See you at the November Lunch Bunch meeting Friday, November 5th.

November 5, 2004

PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

TOYS FOR TOTS TIME AGAIN

No sooner than we started gathering Friday in the big lunch room at the Golden Corral, than these words rang out from Renee' Baldwin...

WHEN ARE WE GOING AGAIN?

Now, mind you, these words came from a gal, who, along with hubby, Bernie, and daughter, Minda, were making their very FIRST trip in their GMC, and doing it solo all the way to Albuquerque for the Balloon Festival, or so they thought!! The Baldwin family left Bartlesville, OK Sat AM, Oct 2, and headed west, hoping to catch the rest of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch before we got to Albuquerque. (Remember, we left Tulsa on Friday, Oct 1).

By the time they reached OK City, although the engine was running seemingly normal, every time they slowed down or stopped, that nasty green stuff started flowing out from the radiator cap overflow...and so, while pulled over in OK City, debating on whether to go on or turn back, their guardian angels, Ken and Elaine Burton, along with Blaine and Diane Merrill, all from Indiana, pulled up alongside, placed Bernie and his flock in between, and shepherded them all the way to Albuquerque, even after joining up with us in Santa Rosa, NM. And now, you know the rest of the story...and believe it or not, the Baldwins are ready to go again.

And the fantastic plus is...the Baldwins made some great, great new GMC friends, as did we all!!!

Meanwhile, back on the ranch, as Roy Rogers would say, it was time to plan for December and our Annual TOYS FOR TOTS Christmas meeting here at the Golden Corral Restaurant! Plans for decorations were made, restaurant management approval was gotten, the Marines promised to be there...so what's left???

Why, YOU, of course...You need to be there, bringing plenty of unwrapped toys, and be prepared to treat yourself to the joy of giving!!

Each year we have participated has been such blessings that we cannot wait until the next time!! Oh yes, the food ain't too shabby, either!!!

By the way, should there be ANY circumstances that you cannot be there, we will have a HUGE box out in front for you to drop off your UNWRAPPED toys for the Marines to distribute for you. Right now, we can't imagine any reason why you can't be there...so there, too!! By the way, this meeting just prior to Christmas has always been our largest attendance meeting... so, we will expect you there, the first Friday, December 3, 11:30 AM at the Golden Corral, and bring lots of goodies...some to give away, and maybe some to eat!!

Meanwhile, at the luncheon last Friday, it was just plain enjoyable to tell about the fun things at the Balloon Festival, the good food, the good times, and last, but not least, the forming of new friendships with those guys and gals we had heard about, read about, and finally got to place faces with names or vice versa...whatever!! Believe it or not, we had THIRTEEN families from the Lunch Bunch represented at the Balloon Festival...and memories were made that will be treasured truly down "memory lane"....

Some of the guys and gals on hand Friday were Andy Flynn, Steve Clevenger, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Glyn and Melrose Trimble with guest Aaron Bedingfield, Monte and Helen Jestes, Renee' Baldwin and daughter, Minda, Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Don Cooper, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Ken and Doree Broostin, Bill Rowland, Chet Simpson, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Doc Parsons, first timers Frank McMillen and David Stevens and we must not forget our favorite waitress, Julie!!!

We received a report from Leonard Howard that wife, Jane, is recovering nicely from her visit to the Mayo Clinic...Claude Farris was doing his special calling...ministering to the sick and wounded veterans at the VA Hospital in Muskogee...received a report that Curt White was a little under the weather...our prayers are with you, Curt...hope you feel much better...real soon...

To sum it all up, last Friday was another great time of fellowship, tall tales, and a few gracious lies...a bunch of coaches were in the shop being rejuvenated for the next trip...and we look forward to seeing you Friday, Dec 3, at the Corral...

AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR UNWRAPPED TOYS....

The Marines will be on hand to take them and make certain that when Christmas comes, they will be given to worthy youngsters, including those who may be less fortunate than we.

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

P.S. HAPPY GOBBLE GOBBLE DAY!!



Minda

Bernie and Renee's Daughter



Sherry Moore and Daughter, Priscilla

December 3, 2004

CHRISTMAS IN GMC LAND

MARINES TAKE CHARGE OF TOYS

Once again, Christmas takes on a special meaning for the Tulsa Lunch Bunch as we held our 3rd Annual Toys for Tots program in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Golden Corral Restaurant...

An overflow crowd brought toys and more toys until all the tables were completely laden and overflowing. Thanks, guys and gals, you have made yet another Christmas very meaningful and added special blessings to one and all.

Pastor Nix brought us a very timely message for our Christmas program. He brought his own two little angels, Rebecca, age 9, and Rachel, age 6, and together they brought the Christmas Story in word and song.

And yes, the little "angels" did considerable damage to the ice cream bar...they went back, and back, and back again. However, they were just following the example of some of our Lunch Bunch guys...No names, but Don Cooper resembled one of them.

In addition to M/Sgt Reeder, U.S. Marine Corps, we also had a newcomer, Charlene Hemphill, guest of Jim Moore. Welcome! And Hurry Back!

So many on hand, it's hard to name them all...Steve Clevenger was here today, with his lovely daughter, Julie. And Leonard and Jane Howard were with us also...It was Jane's first meeting since her stay at Mayo Clinic...good to see her again, and looking so well, too!

Need to report that Joe and Barbara Wilson of Oilton are still a bit under the weather...each has taken turn about going to the hospital recently.

Get well soon...you heah!!

Our deepest sympathies to Gerry Gerondale in the recent loss of his beloved wife, Dee. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Gerry! As you know, Gerry and Dee have owned their GMC since they purchased it new in 1976.

We must not forget to give thanks to our wonderful decorators for their outstanding Christmas theme and table decorations...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin along with Ron and Sharon Eimen and Bill and Bobbie Bramlett...thanks mucho...and the gorgeous Christmas tree furnished by the Restaurant...along with the red poinsettias and GMC wheel covers, Christmas candles, ribbons, and festive table ornaments that Sharon and the Baldwins brought...

Others on hand included Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Bill Brunson, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Chet Simpson, Clyde and Nora Jones, Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Jim Trimble, Monte and Helen Jestes, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Claude and Sally Ferris, and Doc Parsons, just to name a few...

Both Joe Henderson and Clint Davis were still a little under the weather...we missed you...hope to see you next month...Justin Hill just returned yesterday from a mission trip to India and stayed home just resting up a bit...

Oh yes, the food...how could we forget!! We ate before the lunch prayer, during the lunch prayer and after the lunch prayer...now, before you wonder what we mean...well, when you come next time, you will know...ha...just kidding, Claude...we appreciate you so much!

Everything was so....humdinger good...especially the catfish and the ice cream...and also everything in between...and Julie, our waitress, did her usual superb job of keeping coffee cups and ice tea glasses full, and dirty dishes cleared away. Thank you, Julie.

And now, from all of us, to all of you

Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Chaplain Claude Farris

Colonel, USAF, Ret

GMC Guy

January 7, 2005

JANUARY LUNCH DIET

LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND

Nothing can deter a hungry GM Cer from his appointed roundsto the table, that is!!

January 2005 started off with it's usual aplomb...rain, some sleet, some light snow, and temperatures that belong in the northern tier of states.

Bill and Darlene Rowland drove in from Alabama, arriving this morning about 2:30 AM, just in time for the Lunch Bunch today. They had gone to Alabama for the Christmas Holidays and to watch his beloved Auburn Tigers whoop it up!!! Way to go, Bill!



Ron and Sharon Eimen are headed to Florida Monday, but stayed long enough to share a meal with us. Can't wait to hear the next adventure of "Ron the Man"...our famous Black Hat Man...

Stan Turner was on hand, making the usual queries about how to do this, how to do that, where, etc...Stan recently inherited his GMC from his late father, Richard. From the sound of it, don't really think he will need our help, tho...

Clint and Beverly Davis joined us again. Clint decided he is among the living now...we're just thankful he is over his health problems. Take care, buddy...we need you!

Fred and Peggy Pitezel, along with Peggy's folks, Clyde and Nora Jones, anchored down one table with lots of goodies from the buffet line...and more than once, we might add.

You should have seen Renee' Baldwin's plate, all three of them, and all at the same time, too! And, despite Renee's claim of innocence, we have the pictures to prove it!!



Jim Haynes did the exact opposite...he put very little on his plate but understand he went back about six times. But, alas and alack, no pictures to prove it...except wife, Betty, of course.

Cecil and Sonnie Martin, along with Chet Simpson, discussed the pros and cons of a trip to Alaska...motorhome or cruise ship. Don't know how it came out but Sonnie always wins the discussions!!

Monte and Helen Jestes, along with Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, and Andy and Jondine Flynn, filled out another table. Monte is primed and ready for another trip, another rally, anywhere just so he can get away in the GMC. Bill Bramlett was on hand, dispensing his usual sound advice. Sorry to learn Bobbie was under the weather a bit...take care, dear lady, we will be praying for you.

Ken "Tweety Bird" Broostin and his lovely bride, Doree, were back home again and joined us. Glyn and Melrose Trimble were there, also. But Claude Farris couldn't make it...he was on the job today, ministering to the veterans at the Muskogee Veterans Hospital!! We are really proud of his work there.

Donna Long was present and among the living today...we have really missed you, gal...she brought along a special friend, Ann McGuire. Seems as though both girls like motorhomes more than their spouses!! Our kind of girls!! Steve Clevenger and Don Cooper both played hooky today...for shame!

All in all, we started the New Year off with a real showing of appetites and pent up energy...can't wait for warm weather! Final count was 31...plus a bunch of motorhomes and the usual round of guys driving by "circling the wagons" while we were inside!! One guy, however, did the unusual...he would drive down the backside of the row of GMC's...then back up, and drive slowly by again...then do it all over again.

Till next month,

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



John and Delphine Wells



Dick Paterson

Our Canadian Friend

February 4, 2005

CABIN FEVER STRIKES

LUNCH BUNCH READY TO GO

February has three important days...Ground Hog Day, which was last Wednesday, Valentine Day, which is just around the corner, and Lunch Bunch time, which was today!!

Put that with gorgeous weather (it was over 60 degrees today, almost shirt sleeve weather), line up a string of beautiful GMC's, pass out Rally Schedules, with times and places, and you have a lot of guys and gals ready to go...anywhere...just so they can go!!



Cecil and Sonnie brought their beautiful newly painted GMC, (a fantastic work in progress), Andy & Jondine Flynn brought their newly acquired Royale (looks like it came off the show room floor), Bill & Bobbie Bramlett brought their Royale (neat as a pin and mechanically perfect), Glyn and Melrose Trimble brought their Glenbrook (Glyn, it needs a wash job), Bernie and Renee' Baldwin brought their Albuquerque veteran (that was their FIRST ever GMC trip), and on and on it went...lots of coaches, lots of people, lots of fun!!!

Jim Trimble and his lovely bride, Becky, were there...(Jim just returned from a tough hospital stay), Ron and Sharon Eimen made it back from Florida in time for lunch, Bill and Darlene Rowland brought their beautiful maroon coach...Claude and Sally Farris were on hand also...along with Chet Simpson, Jim Moore and his lovely guest, Charlene Hemphill, as well as Monte and Helen Jests and Bob and Shirley Musgrove...



Don Cooper brought his appetite and OU Orange Bowl sweater (he's still in mourning), Bill Brunson left Peggy at home and came on anyway...Ron Whisenhunt was on hand...Ron is leaving later this month for a six week mission trip to Burma...our thoughts and prayers are with you, Ron...It was good to see Gerry Gerondale and his son, Gregory, again. (Gerry recently lost his wife of 50 years plus)...

Jim and Betty Haynes managed to make it through their muddy pasture and join us...they live on a farm in the country side and the roads leave a whole lot to be desired...Jim said the first two miles were the hard ones...rest were a piece of cake!!!

Clyde and Nora Jones, along with son-in-law, Fred Pitezal, were on hand...Congratulations to Clyde...he turns 80 on Saturday, Feb 6. Hope we look as he does when we turn that corner!!!

Doc Parsons made it okay...every month he drives a different vehicle...this month it was a long, long pickup with cover on back...he keeps us guessing...We missed some of the regulars today...Steve Clevenger, Leonard and Jane Howard, Peggy Pitezal, Clint and Beverly Davis (they have gone on a Caribbean cruise...didn't offer to take any of us, tho...for shame)...also missing were Irv and Shirley Pense...just want to let you guys and gals know we missed you...whole bunches...

Well, now that lunch is over the cabin fever has set in...where to go, when to go, and how many are going? On second thought, never mind where or when we are going...let's just GO!!! And one more thing, why don't you come along with us?

See Ya'

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

March 4, 2005

GMC SPRING FEVER

ALL DRESSED UP AND READY TO GO

With all those GMC coaches all lined up, washed, polished and shiny...it was difficult to convince the passersby that we were just there for lunch!!! Here it was, the FIRST Friday of March, beautiful, warm, sunshiny weather (almost 70 degrees), and little wonder it looked like we were off to the highways and byways...

Turned out lots of plans were already underway...several couples were ready to leave now for the GMCMI convention in Floriday later this month...The Bramletts, Farris' and Musgroves...with about half a dozen more couples drooling...and lamenting that they couldn't go...

The Eimens were heading out for the lake later this afternoon...to un-winterize their boat (any old excuse to drive the motorhome on a gorgeous day like today)...The Baldwins were leaving next week for Ohio...sorry, folks, that's the wrong direction....should be SOUTH...ha..

We had a delightful new visitor today...Doc Parsons brought his vivacious bride, Susy... (This is the first time he has let her out...so she said)...welcome, Susy, and hurry back. Also, it was good to have Justin Hill back with us again (from OK City)...

Jondine Flynn almost didn't admit to knowing Andy...she caught him taking up a collection to leave his tip...and knowing Andy, bet he was working on a commission fee...ha...but Julie, our lovable waitress, forgave him anyway!!!

Chaplain Claude Farris and his special lady, Sally, were on hand...they also brought along little "Missy"...their poodle dog who considers the GMC her private property...Also on hand were Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Joe Henderson, Clint and Bev Davis, Leonard and Jane Howard, and Chet Simpson (Still in recovery from major surgery)...

Monte and Helen Jestes brought their beautiful all white 23 foot GMC...Fred and Peggy Pitezl, along with Peggy's parents, Clyde and Nora Jones, Irv Pense and Bill and Darlene Rowland filled out another table...and it was time for lunch!!

The most popular item of the day was the fresh blueberry pie(s)...with lots of ice cream, of course...some of us (no names, please) had considerably more than one or two helpings...a couple of the "heavy" eaters were not here today...Don Cooper and Donna Long...we missed you guys...And, for goodness sake, don't tell "Tweety Bird" about the blueberry pies, either...He wasn't here today, toughies!!!

After lunch, the serious stuff started...how do you do this...or that...or...where? Or why? We finished lunch about 12:30 PM and "Strategy sessions" were still going on out in the parking lot about 2:30 PM...One of the ladies mentioned that they were more like the opposite of "cow"...wonder what she meant??



Forgot to mention that Bob Musgrove has refastened his windshield shade cowling...says next time it flies off the GMC will go with it...guess we will have to call him the "Flying Musgrove"...

Reluctantly we all went home...and we look forward to being with you again next month...So, to paraphrase the TV guys, stay safe, be careful and join us next time!!!

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

April 1, 2005

NO FOOLING AROUND THIS BUNCH

TULSA GANG WELCOMES CLASSICs PRESIDENT

With a mighty drum roll and bands playing "Hail to the Classic President", the Tulsa Lunch Bunch welcomed an old friend and new GMC Classic President, Lorren White and his lovely bride, Beth, to Tulsa for our April Fool's Day Luncheon...boy, does that sound good rolling off the tongue..

After all, it was April Fool's Day, the Tulsa Lunch Bunch did meet, and Lorren White and his bride were there...but Ron Eimen forgot to bring his toy drum (Sharon hid it) and the Golden Corral wouldn't furnish us a band...

Arriving back from the GMC International Rally in Ft Myers, FL, just in time for today's luncheon were Bill and Bobbie Bramlett and Bob and Marilyn Musgrove. Good trip, they said...and they came back with lots of good ideas and even more "How To Do's"...

Bernie and Renee' Baldwin also made a "flyin" trip to Cincinnati and back, reporting that their GMC came back with a "little cough and fever"...whatever that means...(guys, do you mean "sick")...anyway, they are up and ready to go again!!! Oh yes, they had a wunnerful visit with two of their adopted guardian angels (From the Albuquerque Trip), Blaine and Diane Merrill, in Indiana.

We certainly want to welcome a neighbor of Chet Simpson, Danny Myers and his son, J R, and daughter-in-law, Diane...Chet brought them to show off our GMC's...seems as though they are interested in buying one. Glad to have you...

Lorren extended an invitation to everyone to attend this month's GMC Classic Rally in Bandera, TX. From the response received, it appears about 5-6 families will be attending...Bramletts, Eimens, Trimble, Jests', and Musgroves...just to name a few. One of the guys even promised to carry an extra gas tank of gasoline just for Glyn...(Inside joke, you really don't want to know...well, ok...seems as though he ran out of gas on way to Albuquerque last fall...didn't watch his gas gauge or something "brilliant" like that).

Early birds on hand today were Clyde and Nora, Fred and Peggy, and Melrose...Claude had to make the lunch prayer retroactive...ha...

Bill Brunson shared with us his purchase of a new SOB...a 30' Airstream...we are looking forward to a thorough inspection, Bill...as well as show and tell...

Irv and Shirley Pense have decided to sell their gorgeous coach...believe he wants to rebuild another from scratch...you know how these pilots are...

Lots of regulars on hand today...including Claude and Sally Farris, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Ken "Tweety Bird" and Doree Broostin, Clint and Beverly Davis, and the inimitable Andy Flynn...

And last, but certainly not least, we covet your prayers for our own Jim Trimble, who is in intensive care in a local hospital, with a damaged heart, pneumonia in both lungs, as well as cancer of the liver. His wife, Becky, is keeping us posted daily.

Until next month,

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch Gang



May 13, 2005

LUNCH BUNCH MOURNS LOSS

Although much joy was present as The Tulsa Lunch Bunch met Friday, May 13, 2005, our hearts were saddened by the loss of one of our long time special guys, [Jim Trimble](#), who passed away recently on May 3 after a lingering bout with cancer.

Jim was one of a kind...no one else like him...and a beacon we could build our life around. We were truly blessed to have known him and even more so to be able to call him our friend (in spite of his incessant desire for HOT peppers)...Thank you, Lord, for sending him our way!!

We send our condolences to his bride of 64 years, Becky!! Love You!!

Several of our stalwart troupers made the trip to Bean Station for their annual rally...Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Robert and Marilyn Musgrove and Monte and Helen Jestes...From all reports, they enjoyed themselves so much that they were able to recruit some additional "volunteers" for next year!! (No one has shared with these new volunteers yet that they might have to do a little work while there...but let's not spoil their fun just yet...ha)...after all, it is a labor of love.

And next it was off to the chow line and for a little planning for the summer. Sharon Eimen says she is planning to park the GMC out in the yard and just look at it! Seems as though they lost an engine on way home from Bandera and Ron rode home in the back of Bill Bramlett's little red trailer...we even have the pictures to prove it!!



Cecil Martin was on hand...Wife Sonnie had gone to a fund raising affair and Cecil said he could not attend due to an "important engagement"...thanks, Cecil...we know we were important and now you have proven it...ha...by the way, don't let her read this month's letter.

Bernie and Renee' Baldwin were all excited about their daughter, Minda's upcoming graduation. Congratulation, Minda, and don't tell Dad just how much college is going to cost him...at least, not yet!

Got a sweet note from one of our guys, Ron Whisenhunt. Ron just recently returned from the Far East on a mission trip and has been asked to go back for several more months. Seems as though his skills are badly needed. He asked our prayers as some of the areas he travels in are not always the safest places to be. Thank you, Ron, for sharing!! By the way, Ron won't be back until late summer!

Bill and Darlene Rowland were on hand today...Bill's health has much improved. Ken "Tweety Bird" Broostin and his lovely bride, Doree, are home for a few days, and then off again. Leonard and Jane Howard, Bill Brunson, Chet Simpson, Irv and Shirley Pense, Doc Parsons and Jim and Betty Haynes all were present today. Also, Jim Moore and Charlene Hemphill were on hand....Jim always dresses just like he came from the fashion shop!!! Now, if he only had the right kind of GMC, he could come with a " little grease here and a little grease there"..

Several of our regulars, Clyde and Nora Jones, Fred and Peggy Pitezal and Glyn and Melrose Trimble were on hand for early lunch (this allows them to go back a second or third time without bringing "too much" attention to themselves ... yeah!! Clyde and Nora are headed for Missouri next week and Glyn and Melrose won't be too far behind. Don Cooper was on hand, wearing the latest summer style of cut offs ... none of the girls were envious, however...ha!

Next month we will be meeting at our regular first Friday, June 3 here at the Golden Corral...same time...11:30 AM...see ya there...

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

June 3, 2005

IN THE GOOD OLE' SUMMERTIME

GMCers - START YOUR ENGINES

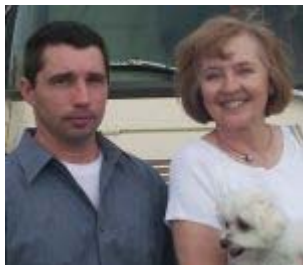
NASCAR look out...here we come!! The Tulsa Lunch Bunch is all revved up and ready to trot...er...excuse me...race off into the wild blue yonder for every part of the US you can imagine!!

In fact, some have already up and left...Bill and Darlene Rowland are in Alabama, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin with daughter, Minda, are lying around on the beaches of Florida...Jim and Betty Haynes are in Houston, Justin Hill is off lobbying with the big dogs at the State Capitol and last but not least, we must not forget Ron Whisenhunt who is on a missionary journey to the Far East, to be returning in August.

Next week Ken "Tweety Bird" Broostin and bride, Doree, are headed to the far north country, Glyn and Melrose Trimble are headed to SE Missouri, and two of our very special newcomers, John and Marjorie Troy, are headed out to Arizona to pick up a new (to them) GMC and drive it back home to Parsons, Kansas. And yes, they will be carrying the Black List along with them, right next to their pocketbook ... congrats ... we look forward to seeing them next month with a tale and a half about their trip home.

Bill (Good Samaritan) Bramlett and bride, Bobbie, were on hand, along with Ron and Sharon Eimen, Claude and Sally Farris, Clyde and Nora (the peanut brittle lady) Jones, Fred and Peggy Pitezal and Cecil Martin.

Irv and Shirley Pense, along with son, Craig, (first timer, welcome), Chet Simpson and guest, Jerry Chapman, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Bill and Peggy Brunson (Bill brought his new Airstream, slide out and all but we tried to ignore him...course we were just a wee bit jealous, too)...



Shirley Pense and son, Craig

**Embarrassed
new SOB
owner,
Clint Davis**



Clint and Beverly Davis were on hand today, along with Clint's brother, Bud. Clint has purchased a new 38' diesel pusher and he seemed a little embarrassed about it...ha at least according to the picture...(Pic definitely attached)...because he now owns two highline coaches...a Clasco GMC and a SOB pusher ...

We were especially thrilled to have Norman and Margaret Treude of Kerrville, Texas, drop in today. Many know them from attending past GMC Classic rallies...they were in town visiting their daughter and just could not resist the thought of NOT attending a Lunch Bunch food fest ... ha ... glad to have you ... Come back again ... real soon!!!

Oh, forgot to mention that John Troy brought his sister, Rosemary Gates and hubby, Pete...Welcome, folks ...



John and Marjorie Troy

Serious
Planning



FLASH ! FLASH ! Don Cooper reports that, although it is still sitting out in the pasture amongst all the cows and bull, he has started working on his GMC Landau...(Yeah, he mowed the grass around it when the bull wasn't looking .. .ha).

Believe it or not, folks, we had a great time today! The restaurant has remodeled our dining area (just for us, they said ... yeah) ... and our favorite waitress, Julie, says she still loves us ... why, we can't understand ... and our favorite catfish filets are still not on the line!! Oh well, maybe next month!!

See Ya!...Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

July 1, 2005

EAST, WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH

THOSE LITTLE GMC's HAVE GONE

BUT...SOME STAYED HOME!!!

Remember the childhood nursery rhyme...these little piggies did this and these little piggies did that...well, that was the Tulsa Lunch Bunch for the month of July.

Claude and Sally Farris are in Tonopah, Nevada...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin are in California, Bill Burk has gone to Hawaii, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove are also in Hawaii, Ken and Doree Broostin are in Minnesota, Bill and Darlene Rowland are in Alabama, Cecil and Sonnie Martin have a house full (15) of company for the 4th of July weekend, Doc and Suzy Parsons are in Des Moines, Iowa, Clyde and Nora Jones are in Conway, Missouri, Ron Whisenhunt is still on missionary assignment in Indonesia, and we have no idea where Don Cooper, Steve Clevenger, Jim and Betty Haynes, and Donna Long are...(sorry about that, guys) but we still had a room full of GMC guys and gals...

Clint and Beverly Davis were on hand today with their brand spankin' new diesel pusher!! Clint forgot his sack (over the head type) but did bring along his grandson, Austin.



Leonard and Jane Howard were here, also, along with Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Monte and Helen Jestes, Irv and Shirley Pense, and Andy and Jondine Flynn.

New Owners [John and Marjorie Troy](#) of Parsons, Kansas were here today, sporting their brand new (to them) GMC...Chet Simpson came and brought two new owners...Danny and Maudie Myers of Bixby, OK...welcome to each of the new owners...Danny's new coach will be a "real" work in progress...he brought it home on a transport truck bed!!!

Fred and Peggy Pitezel brought two lifelong friends, Jerry and Charlene Teague



...they wanted to come and see what makes a GMC owner tick...tock...tick...something like that!! Joe Henderson stopped by on his way to the Hallet race track...he just can't get the racing blood out of his veins...ha...we think he just keeps his GMC parked in the pit area!!!

To sum it all up...another great time and another great lunch in the new surroundings of the Golden Corral Restaurant!! We now have a really private dining area, all glass enclosed with our super waitress, Julie, still with us.

Till next month, and a full report of breakdowns (just kidding)!!! No Dollars, just good (cents) sense...Join Us!

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

August 5, 2005

THE DOG DAYS OF AUGUST

GMC STYLE

From every direction they came, these dedicated Lunch Bunch GMCers, all 41 of them, along with a bunch of coaches, to share the good times of the summer. Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, with daughter, Minda, had been to California and back, with their only casualty being the A/C that shut down in Colorado of all places. Andy and Jondine Flynn had a fantastic trip also to California and Texas and all points in between. No damage except to the pocketbook!!!

Ken and Doree Broostin, along with Bill and Darlene Rowland and their families, all enjoyed a trip up north to the big Air Show, with its many thousands of aircraft. Doc and Susy Parsons traveled to Canada, down to Florida and then back home, saying the GMC is the only way to go.

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Clint and Beverly Davis, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Claude and Sally Farris, along with Ron and Sharon Eimen all went to the GMC Classic Rally in Thackerville, OK. They survived the heat but lost in the nearby Indian establishment. Better luck next time, Ron!!! (He just won't stay away from those penny slots ... ha).

Newcomers today (and new owners also) were [Art and Sharon Moore](#) of Owasso, OK, along with their guest, Sharon Bacon. They are the proud two week owners of a 78 Royale, and of course they showed lots of pictures of their new "baby". Congratulations, Art and Sharon!!

Chet Simpson was on hand today, also, with guests Jerry Chapman and Dale Wallace. Jim Moore brought his friend, Charlene Hemphill, with him. Welcome, folks. Glad to have you!

Don Cooper made it out today and reports real progress on his restoration project of his GMC Landau, he's moved it from the pasture to the barn. Way to go, Don!!

Jim and Betty Haynes were on hand today, with their always immaculate GMC. Justin Hill drove over from Oklahoma City to be with us. Cecil and Sonnie Martin held their own with all the other guys. Frank McMillen and [David Stevens](#) were present today, driving their



beautiful little 23' GMC Norris. Frank has decided to sell it, however.

(Note: After seeing the For Sale sign in Frank's coach, several of the "circle the wagon" locals wanted to know if all the coaches were for sale)!!!

Plans were drawn up for an overnight campground visit later this month along with serious stuff about the GMC International next month in Rapid City, SD. Quite a few are planning, at least according to the show of hands!!

With 41 on hand, our favorite waitress, Julie, kept herself real busy with refills and what not. Thank you, Julie. You are a doll!!

Until next month, take care. See ya' down the road!!

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

September 2, 2005

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US**

Tulsa Lunch Bunch Six Years Old

Believe it or not, it was just a few short months ago that [a group of GMC owners gathered together for lunch at the Golden Corral in Tulsa, OK.](#) Only when you look back, those few short months have now become a magnificent six years...that means we have met every month...for six years...that's 72 times...and now we start our seventh year...my oh my...

Folks, do you realize how many pies and cakes we have eaten? How many pounds of mashed potatoes? How many chicken drumsticks? How little broccoli? No wonder Weight Watchers has us on their mailing lists!!

Looking back over the years, a few of those early GMC'ers who first met in the month of Sep '99...Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Andy and Jondine Flynn, Leonard and Jane Howard, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, and Chet Simpson... are still meeting with us. ([TLB Photo Album](#))

Joining us over the years have been lots and lots of other GMC'ers...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, Ken and Doree Broostin, Bill and Peggy Brunson, Steve Clevenger, Don Cooper, Clint and Beverly Davis, Claude and Sally Farris, Jim and Betty Haynes, Joe and Luci Henderson, Justin Hill, Monte and Helen Jestes, Clyde and Nora Jones...

Also, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Jim Moore, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Irv and Shirley Pense, Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Bill and Darlene Rowland, John and Marjorie Troy, Lorren and Bess White...just to name a few. Some others have been recalled by the Lord and we will always remember them.

The stories (in polite circles we call them "whoppers") we have heard, the adventures we have experienced, (riding in a GMC upon a flatbed truck, running out of gas in convoy, swallowing an apple core in a near accident, getting lost on a one way highway) ...all of which have contributed to a camaraderie that truly befits owning a classic GMC Motorhome.

So many of us take our pets with us in the motorhome travels but one stands out big time...Ken (Tweety Bird) and Doree Broostin bring their Airedale puppy dog named “Grizzly”...that little feller is about the size of a small Shetland pony and doesn’t know a stranger...so, when you see him, be prepared to be greeted with lots of hugs and kisses, doggie style!!



To celebrate our 6th anniversary, we will be having a picnic next month (Oct 7) at one of our local parks...Tulsa County Haikey Creek Park, located at 111th & Garnet, in Bixby (suburb of Tulsa) ...same time, around 11:00 AM, bring a covered dish, your appetite and, of course, your GMC.

Irv Pense will be doing the cooking honors and Glyn Trimble will be taking your reservation.

Until next month, remember you are special (cause you own a GMC) and we love you!!!

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

October 7, 2005

LUNCH BUNCH FALL PICNIC

GORGEOUS DAY- HAMBURGER HAVEN

Take a beautiful fall day, sunshine everywhere, add a huge charcoal grill loaded with the delicious aroma of hamburgers sizzlin'. Place it all in a magnificent park setting, surrounded by tall sky driven trees and lots of beautiful GMCs.



Now you have a perfect way to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch. Yes, we have been meeting monthly for over six years and, believe it or not, the best is yet to come.

Conversations buzzin' everywhere, hugs and more hugs all around, new friendships being formed, with coach hopping at it's best.

Irv Pense, ably assisted by the best hamburger taster ever, Don Cooper, fired up the grill, and cooked til all had their fill. Other goodies were everywhere. Jane Howard and Shirley Pense brought heavenly potato salads, Marilyn Musgrove brought a broccoli salad that disappeared almost immediately, Darlene Rowland and Peggy Pitezal treated us to baked beans and more baked beans, Stan Turner and his girlfriend, Sandy, kept us full to the brim with spicy deviled eggs. yummm.



Jim and Betty Haynes brought enough lettuce, tomatoes and relish items to feed a small army. Thanks much. Marjorie Troy brought a fruit salad that she made from scratch. That didn't last long either. And on it went.

The desserts were just two shades of being totally sinful but we ate 'em anyway.

Becky Trimble's brownies needed to be a lottery item. Doree Broostin's gooey desserts were definitely against the law, and Sonnie Martin's dessert had "low calorie" written all over it. yeah, yeah!

And so many others pitched in, napkins, towels, cutlery, chips, soft drinks, and the cleanup detail just appeared as if by magic. Thanks, guys and gals!!!

New owner Art Moore brought his daughter and granddaughter. Sharon Eimen brought hubby Ron. Renee' Baldwin let Bernie come by himself. tsk, tsk, Renee', you shouldn't have done it. We were delighted to have Ron Whisenhunt with us, if only for a short time. Ron just returned from SE Asia on a missionary tour and will be going back in a few months. Appreciate you, Ron!!



Later this month quite a few plan to attend the GMC Classic Rally in Corsicana, TX and plans were also made for our annual TOYS FOR TOTS program in December at the Golden Corral.

And, last but not least, our thoughts and prayers for a special Lunch Bunch guy, Justin Hill, as he undergoes cancer treatment. Love you, Justin!!!

Til next month,

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Doree Broostin

Granddaughter Whitney

November 4, 2005

GRIZZLY INVADES TEXAS

TEXANS RETURN FAVOR

With the success of the Lunch Bunch October picnic still on their minds, a large contingent of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch descended upon Corsicana, TX for the Fall Rally of the GMC Classics. Led by their fearless guide dog, Grizzly, they arrived both by caravan and singly.

The Trimbles and the Musgroves left on Tuesday, Oct 26, going by way of Hugo, OK and their well-known Frisco Museum for an overnight stay and visit. Folks, that is a must see...relics of bygone days of railroad glory and history...plus they have a brand new campground on the grounds with full hookups!! Add a little circus nostalgia (Hugo was winter headquarters for the circus for many, many years) and the little boy and girl in you comes tootin' out in a hurry!!

The Bramletts, Baldwins, Jesters', Davis', Eimens, and last but not least, Grizzly, along with his entourage (the Broostins) arrived in time for the rally!! (For those who do not know, Grizzly is a young Airedale puppy, just short of the size of Paul Bunyan...he loves everybody and everything...dogs, cats, horses and yes, people, too)!!



**Doree Broostin with Grizzly and
Linwood Arthur with Sue's Yorkie Puppy, Zoie**

Anyhoo, a great time was had at the rally and Grizzly indeed held his own. After the rally was over, all came home except Grizzly, who came back by way of the Padre Islands!!

First Friday, Nov 4, rolled around real quick and it was Lunch Bunch Time again...all the rally attendees were on hand, along with other regulars, plus a few special guests!!

Surprising us with a visit were two of the North Texas Lunch Bunch guys, Charles Wersal and Boyd Mooney. Both were also at the Rally and all, of course, are members of the Classics. Welcome, guys, you made our November lunch really special!! Hopefully we can return the favor soon!



Bob Musgrove conversing with visitors Charles Wersal and Boyd Mooney

By the way, both are “do it yourself” guys, so you can imagine we had all sorts of mini tech sessions going last Friday, between bites, in each and every corner of the dining room, plus the parking lot, along with sketches of “this and that” on a bunch of napkins!!

We were delighted to see Don and Chariety Arrowwood again...it’s been too long, folks...also that young and vivacious Terry Whisenhunt...she even came without Ron, believe it or not...

Claude and Sally Farris were on hand, along with Fred and Peggy Pitezal...Jim Haynes was eating alone today, (no Betty)...Bill and Darlene Rowland came along and Bill was doing the driving!!! That is a “praise” for sure...glad to see you doing so well, Bill!

John and Marjorie Troy drove down again from Parsons, KS, along with an invite to visit them soon in their part of the world...thank you John, believe we will, and soon, too!!

And, now, a serious moment if you please...next month, on First Friday, Dec 2, The Tulsa Lunch Bunch will be hosting their annual TOYS FOR TOTS luncheon here at the Golden Corral Restaurant, with the US Marines as special guests! We invite you to come, join us, and bring as many unwrapped, brand new toys for giving to those less fortunate. Not only will the children be blessed but you will reap far greater blessings!!

Several of the guys and gals will decorate the room for Christmas and Chaplain Claude Farris will be bringing our Christmas devotional.

It's far and away our best luncheon of the year and it will be even better with you present!!

Til next month, our love

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch



The Georgia Peach

Rod and Marvinna Amerson



Tulsa Lunch Bunch

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December 2, 2005

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2005

TOYS FOR TOTS AND THE MARINES

What a joyful time it was today...Lunch Bunch guys and gals bringing in whole bunches of new toys and the US Marines standing by to receive them. Without a doubt this was our most fun and blessed TOYS FOR TOTS luncheon ever!!!

Chaplain Claude Ferris brought the Christmas devotional program this year...bringing us both scripture and thoughts from his heart. Chaplain Ferris reminded us of the joy of giving, not only at this time and season, but as a way of life. Thank you, Claude.



Chaplain Farris and the United States Marines



GMC Table Decorations

The near overflowing crowd began gathering early and lingered long after the luncheon was over. So many were present it doesn't seem like anybody was absent. Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin (and a great big vote of thanks to Bernie for the table decorations. Those GMC hubcaps make tremendous table center pieces...see pics), Don Cooper, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Andy and Jondine Flynn and Jim and Betty Haynes were just a few of the many.

We missed Justin Hill, who is still at home recuperating, and Doree Broostin sent word that Ken “Tweety Bird” Broostin got home yesterday from surgery and was doing well. that’s a big “Praise” for both!!

Others we saw in the chow line (several times) were Leonard and Jane Howard, Monte and Helen Jestes, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, as well as the peanut brittle lady, Nora Jones with hubby Clyde. Nora brought her usual peanut brittle appetizers. oh boy oh boy!!! Oh yes, Monte reported he had sold one of the GMCs. Poor guy, he’s now down to only two GMCs.



After Dinner Gossip



You Do It This Way

Jim Moore brought his favorite beautiful guest, Charlene Hemphill. Bob and Marilyn Musgrove were on hand, with Bob dispensing out sound tech advice, as usual. Thank you, Bob.

Fred and Peggy Pitezal, along with Bill and Darlene Rowland, Chet Simpson, Art Moore, Doc Parsons, and John and Marjorie Troy all brought toys, too!!

A great big “Thank You” goes to Allen Goodwin, manager of the Golden Corral, who furnished us again this year a gorgeous Christmas tree, decked out with all the trimmings’. We stacked toys on both tables on either side of the tree till the tables were overflowing and then some.

Now to be serious for just a moment. For the wonderful friendships formed, the continuing camaraderie, the joy of fellowship, and the love thereof, we thank you, Lord.

And, last but not least, we count it a special blessing to have all of you for our friends. And now, let us celebrate together the birth of Jesus.

**Merry Christmas to each of
you.**



**Love and all the best,
The Tulsa Lunch Bunch**



77 Royale

Bob and Marilyn Musgrove

January 7, 2006

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE TULSA LUNCH BUNCH**

40 PLUS MAKE FOR A ROUSING START

What a day! What a crowd! What a beautiful lineup of GMCs!! It was a sight for sure...and with all that enthusiasm it was hard to even get quiet long enough for Bernie Baldwin to give the invocation...

Poor Julie, our beloved waitress, never worked so hard in her life!! It was pure fun to see everyone going back, back, and then back once more to the buffet line!! One nice thing, although accidental, we arrived just a short time before the West Texas State (Canyon, TX) gang of basketball players...those guys weren't just TALL, they were BIG...they were on their way to play a basketball game in Tahlequah, OK and had stopped off to re-fuel...between the Lunch Bunch and the basketball team, that buffet line took a real slob-knocker!!!

We were delighted to have several visitors...plus a long time no see gal...Don Bobino brought his gracious bride, Leanna, for the first time in a long, long while...Leanna has spent most of the past nine months in and out of the hospital...great to see her!! Ron Whisenhunt took time off from his work and brought his two teen age helpers with him...Those two, Andrew and David, ate like the basketball players...ha.



Don and Leanna Bobino



Suzy and Doc Parsons



Stan Turner and Sandy Harpin

We were delighted to hear that our buddy, Clint Davis, is recuperating nicely from his recent stroke...that's a real praise!! Claude Farris didn't make it today...his lovely wife, Sally, phoned to say he was in the midst of recovering from the "ups and downs" that keep one near the house throne...take care, and see you soon...

Oh yes, Renee' Baldwin brought her college gal, Minda, along...Minda mentioned "casually" that college was a LOT different than high school...and this after only her first semester, too!!

Ken and Doree Broostin were on hand, and Ken is doing very nicely since his knee replacement. Ken and Melrose got together and compared "replacement" stories...He's ready to go again and is planning to be in Tyler later this month, along with a good size gang of us also.

Ron Eimen just barely made it back from Okeene, OK...seems as though he and the rattlesnakes out there have become bosom buddies...did see Sharon, along with Helen Jestes, Marilyn Musgrove, Bobbie Bramlett, and Doree Broostin over in the corner planning goodies for the next few rallies...and, by the way, if you ever get the chance, be sure and grab a handful of those "sinful, luscious, stick to your mouth" caramel and fudge candies that Doree makes!! As that famous Cajun says, "It's guaranteeeeeed to make you drool"....

Doc and Suzy Parsons were on hand and brought a lovely visitor, Joyce Newby...turns out Joyce knew the Jones, Trimbles, and the Pitezels from way back when...welcome, Joyce, and bring hubby next time!!



Joyce Newby



David Jones

Andy and Jondine Flynn came out early, showing off their gorgeous, refinished Royale...understand he washed it just for the occasion...ha!! And we had a new owner stop by briefly, David P, who promised to return next month...he just wanted to confirm where we were meeting!!

You probably have already guessed it by now...but we had a real fun time and next month, after we return from the Classic Rally in Tyler, maybe we can share another blooper or two...

Our best and Happy New Year, The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

February 3, 2006

LUNCH BUNCH SWEETHEARTS MEET

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR GMC A WHOLE LOT BETTER”

February is that time...when the guys and gals get together with their sweethearts and their GMC's...well, everybody knows you just can't have one without the other!!!

The Tulsa gang met today with a whole host of activities on their minds...GMC's, Red roses, GMC's, Valentine Day, GMC's, Rallies, GMC's, Lunches, GMC's, Picnics, and all other sorts of GMC goodies...not the least of which was “How do you fix this...or that?...Truer words were never more true than when you express your love for that other person (GMC?) in your life...just kidding...of course everybody knows that every guy puts his gal right next to his heart and puts his GMC right next to his pocketbook!!!

One of our favorite “wanna be” guys, Jim Moore, took February real seriously....Jim announced today that the real light of his life, Charlene Hemphill, has agreed to become his wife...Knowing that Jim has been a bachelor for the past 25 years it was a real celebration...now if he would only buy her a GMC for a wedding present...

Let's see...Clyde and Nora Jones, along with son David, were on hand today for the festivities...also Fred Pitezal, Andy Flynn, Doc Parsons, Don Cooper, Bill Brunson and Chet Simpson, to name a few...

Irv Pense gave the invocation today...his lovely bride, Shirley was present today, too! Bernie and Renee' Baldwin came, too...already they are geared up and ready to go to Montgomery for the International Rally...Cecil and Sonnie Martin, as well as Leonard and Jane Howard were present, all spruced up, pretty as you please...John and Marjorie Troy were on hand, and gave a standing invitation to visit them (on the lake) near Parsons, KS...some of us are already planning to take them up on that, too!!!



Shirley and Irv Pense



Bill Brunson, Don Cooper, and Andy Flynn

It was a moment of quiet sadness today, too!! Julie, our beloved waitress, announced that she was moving to Joplin, MO to be near her daughter and her family...she would, however, be working at the Golden Corral there in Joplin and invited us to have lunch there...how 'bout that? Julie, we are going to really miss you. (She is leaving at the end of May)...Julie has been with us for several years...

Most of the chatter today centered around the upcoming GMC International Rally in March in Montgomery, TX (just out of Houston)...Many, many of the Lunch Bunch are already making preparation to attend...we will be looking forward to seeing all of you there!!

Speaking of rallies, if you didn't make the Tyler GMC Classic rally, you missed half the fun and all the laughs! What the guys and gals from the Lunch Bunch didn't do...well , it just ain't worth mentioning...

First, let's tell you who went and you'll understand what we mean...let's see...first, there were Bill and Bobbie Bramlett (Bill gave an outstanding tech session on front wheel bearings, etc...) Ron and Sharon Eimen (Ron found the biggest fire ant hill in East Texas and has the scars to prove it)...

Glyn and Melrose Trimble (Glyn missed the coach sofa and sat right down in the middle of their kitty litter box - minus the kitty...) Ken and Doree Broostin (Ken managed to find a little ole' rusty piece of Texas angle iron on a mean ole' Texas blacktop road that knocked a little ole' nasty hole in his gas tank...)

Also going were Bob and Marilyn Musgrove (Bob found an Oklahoma Rock to hit his gas tank on the way home...) Bill and Darlene Rowland (They cut a mean rug on the dance floor Saturday night...) and last but not least, Clint and Beverly Davis (Clint reported doing 85 mph between gas stations coming down...) And so it went!!!

And it would not be fair if we didn't report that the Tulsa Lunch Bunch gang really set the pace Saturday night at the big western whing ding...they cleared out the back of the dining hall and improvised a dance floor and away they went...Ken and Doree with the grace of the Olympians, Bill and Bobbie with all their square dancin' skills...

Bill and Darlene looking like they had danced together for years, Bob and Marilyn floating on air, Ron and Sharon, well, never mind...and all had a great time...

Forgot to mention, Friday night Elvis (yes, Elvis) entertained the crowd...When he sang the song about the "Teddy Bear", he gave one to Beverly, and when he sang "Love Me Tender" he knelt in front of Melrose and held her hand...she's never gonna be the same again!!!

By the way, one last item before we forget. Our next regular Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, March 3, has been moved up one week to Friday, February 24 (that's the last Friday of this month) so that everyone can leave early enough to reach the GMC International Rally in plenty of time. So, mark your calendar right now. That's the last Friday in February. We will see you then and then it's off to the Big Rally!

Take care and Happy Valentine Day

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



76 Birchaven

Chuck Meyers

February 24, 2006

INTERNATIONAL: HERE WE COME

THIS IS REALLY OUR MARCH MEETING

Never let it be said the Tulsa Lunch Bunch misses a chance to eat...Since so many of the guys and gals were going to be at the GMC International Rally at Montgomery, TX in early March, we decided to meet (and eat) a week early so as not to miss a meal!!! Wasn't that clever of us? Ha!!

Chaplain Claude Ferris led the invocation and from there everything sort of went downhill (or up – take your choice). Bill and Darlene Rowland were in Alabama, Ken and Doree Broostin were off to Florida, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin got tied up in Dewey (the showplace of northern OK). Melrose was in the hospital undergoing preparatory surgery. Glyn was there without his GMC, first time ever for that. Now the good stuff!!

Lorren White and Justin Hill drove over from OK City. First time in several months. Glad to see you guys!!! Andy and Jondine Flynn were all primed and set to go to International. Jondine even confessed she bought a new RED HAT just for the tea. WOW! Does Andy know that yet?

Don Cooper was out rabbit hunting, so he says, don't think he took his shotgun, tho...tsk, tsk, tsk. Irv Pense was off down in TX, maybe he was getting an early start to the rally. Bill and Bobbie Bramlett were on hand, with Bill giving out his usual impeccable advice. Sally Farris was busy passing around a get well card for Melrose. Monte and Helen Jestes were over in the corner working on the Shawnee Rally, along with Bob and Marilyn Musgrove.

Chet Simpson showed up early, without his motorcycle. Chet, it wasn't that cold, only 65 degrees. Cecil and his lovely bride, Sonnie, were asking those usual questions...how do you do this? And can we get it done locally? You know, the type of questions nobody has ever asked before....yeah, yeah!!!

Ron and Sharon Eimen added to the jokes and fun. Ron drove in the night before from rattlesnake country. Jim Haynes, (where's Betty?), Clyde and Nora Jones, and Fred and Peggy Pitezal added to the festive day.

All in all, it was a good day, seeing those lovely GMC ladies lined up by the Golden Corral, most headed out next week for the International Rally in Montgomery. So, look for us! We will be the good guys with the Lunch Bunch badges and big smiles.

Till next time, Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



1973 Painted Desert

Ron and Sharon Eimen

April 7, 2006

APRIL SHOWERS BRING SPRING TRAVEL APPETITES

RALLY GOERS READY TO GO AGAIN

Good ole' Black Bart...symbol of all which is necessary to be a GMC owner, showed up today, all peaceful and quiet with Sharon in tow...our question today was: What really happened at the International Rally?? Whatever it was, the gang here would like to bottle it up and give him a dose now and then...(VBG)...

Seriously, the fun and camaraderie served up at the International Rally last month in Montgomery, TX brought us a renewed crown of many blessings...as we were able not only to visit old friends but to create so many, many marvelous new GMC buddies (and memorable memories) ...whether in was by the Long Branch Saloon, in the old oaken bathtub, even at the ice cream parlor, or just gabbin' down by the Ole Corral...



[Jondine, Shirley, and Renee'](#)



[Black Bart](#)

This month has already been a real barn burner...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin were off to a wedding in Topeka, Irv Pense was off with the guys on a wild turkey hunt...Bob and Marilyn Musgrove were back down in TX taking care of that "most beautiful new baby in the world" ...to the rest of us...it's their newest grandchild...

Our heart and prayers to Joe Henderson, whose mom fell and broke her hip the other day...take good care of her, Joe, and give us an update soon.

Clyde and Nora Jones, along with Claude and Sally Farris, were among the first to arrive today. (Chaplin Farris led the invocation...appreciate you, Claude)...Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Jim and Betty Haynes, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Chet and Pat Simpson, Andy and Jondine Flynn...they kept one table just plain full of empty plates...(that's what those second helpings do for you...).

By the way, it was good to see Pat Simpson here today...Pat, it's been too long...at least Chet didn't make you ride on the back of his Harley...

Jim Moore sat quietly and didn't say too much...(He's getting married in a couple of months after 25 years of bachelor life)...Charlene, keep a close eye on him...ha...Fred and Peggy Pitezal held down another corner of the table...

Ron Whisenhunt joined us today, prior to leaving on another missionary trip...Shirley Pense joined us even though Irv was off among the ticks and mosquitoes...Ken, Doree and "Grizzly" Broostin were on hand also...(they wouldn't dare come without "Grizzly")...Bill and Darlene Rowland were making a day of it...understand Darlene went straight to the mall after lunch...oh well, so did Melrose...got to get ready for the July Rally in Shawnee...so they said!!!

After lunch, the gals gathered in Glyn and Melrose's coach and did a little plotting...er...planning for the July Rally in Shawnee...



[Bobbie, Darlene, Melrose, and Sharon](#)

...so be forewarned...they are starting to get real serious about this...will keep you posted as much as possible but we think most of it supposed to be a "secret"...ha...

Next month will be the last time for our favorite waitress, Julie. She is moving to Joplin and will be serving patrons at the Golden Corral there...maybe we can all go there for lunch sometime...maybe???And if you just happen to pass that way, ask for her and tell her you own a GMC...that will bring a really big smile to her face...and yours!!

See you next month or down the road a piece...

Our love and prayers for each of you...

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch





GMC Puppies

2007 Tulsarama

May 5, 2006

Spring Fever Struck Again

Where Oh Where Has My Little GMC Gone

Tell me true, my love, oh tell me true...Has my GMC gone and left me to mourn...On top of ole' Smoky...Or, Down in The Valley, Levee so Low...

Now you have the spirit of today's luncheon. Many were gone and the ones left behind awishin' they had gone, too!!!

Ron Whisenhunt led us in the invocation...remembering those whose health problems were cause for concern, including his own heart fluctuations.

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, along with Claude and Sally Farris, were yodelin' and mixin' it up at Bean Station...Andy Flynn was (ugh) workin'...Bill Brunson was on hand, tho, but he left Peggy at work...same with Chet Simpson...he left Pat at home to answer the phone...and so it went.

Bill and Darlene Rowland was here today...and he was sporting a brand new flat TV imbedded in the top half of the vacuum cleaner cabinet...wow...neato!!! You gotta see it...fantastic...they're headed back to Alabama in a few days...drive carefully...we want to see how you did it!!

Just before lunchtime, the gals (Sharon Eimen, Marilyn Musgrove, Darlene Rowland, Betty Haynes and Helen Jestes) were all gathered in the back of the Musgrove coach plotting...(ok, planning) further activities for the July Classic Rally in Shawnee...last we heard they were assigning jobs to the various hubbies without asking...hmmm...sounds normal, doesn't it...

Black Bart, aka Ron Eimen, was sporting dark glasses and a one eyed patch...He's really living up that International role, but for real this time...seems as though he is working his way through cataract surgery...our prayers are with you, Ron!!

Jim and Betty Haynes were on hand today...their coach is a thing of beauty...Jim keeps it immaculate...and he lives way out in the boondocks, too!! Glyn and Melrose Trimble got here just in time to eat...Melrose brought a bunch of thing-a-majigs for the Rally...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin drove down from Dewy and brought their beautiful college girl, Minda, with them...Hard to believe she has already completed her first year at college.

Monte Jestes and his lovely bride, Helen, were backed up to the serving line, as usual...best stories of the day were not at the luncheon, but at the fireside chats afterwards...you need to get him to tell you about life with the raccoons, possums, squirrels, and of course, his real love, horses...

We had a very, very nice gentlemen, Mr. E. E. Reece, of Houston, TX stop by after lunch and inquire about where to purchase a GMC...Seems he was looking for a fixer-upper to tote his grandkids around...Didn't take long to locate a couple for him...hope he finds just the right one...

Fred Pitezal and bride Peggy, along with Peggy's parents, Clyde and Nora Jones, came early and stayed late...Irv and Shirley Pense, Cecil and Sonnie Martin...where were you...we looked and looked for you...even under the table but nada...nuttin...don't worry, we ate your share of the ice cream...

Next month is picnic time...we are all invited to the home of Ken and Doree Broostin...and Grizzly, of course...they promised to park all the GMCs in the cow pasture, along with the cows and cow patties...full hookups, of course...the water is in the horse trough, the electricity is next to the windmills, and the dump station is down by the creek...can't hardly wait...

Lastly, it was a sad day, bidding farewell to Julie, our much loved waitress, who is moving to Joplin later this month...she has been a favorite lo these many years...wears her Tulsa Lunch Bunch badge proudly...and she introduced to us our new gal, Nadine...Nadine is really no stranger...she was our waitress our very first year...but that was nearly seven years ago...

With that note, we'll say good bye for this month...it was a fun time...only way it would have been better had you been with us...

Our love and prayers to each of you

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch

June 2, 2006

PARADISE IN CLAREMORE

Picnic in the Garden of Broostin

In the beginning, God created the Garden of Eden, then right after that Ken and Doreen Broostin created their own little Paradise, nestled deep in the rolling hills of Rogers County !

Whether in the spacious mansion by the brook or in the palatial gardens. The Tulsa Lunch Bunch dined in such outdoor luxury that each of us hoped would last almost forever! (We may never go back to the Corral after this day).



Ken and Doree Broostin, our gracious hosts, treated the Lunch Bunch to a small taste of what Paradise must be like...Mother Nature in all her floral beauty and spectacular garden delights to fill your soul!

And speaking of filling, the chef (Ken Broostin) and his able assistant (Doree Broostin) prepared an elegant display of culinary barbeque treats, along with a fantastic supporting cast of ladies!!

The tables were laden down with bowls and bowls of foodstuffs, all kinds of salads, desserts, relishes, plus heaping platters of smoked, barbeque pork, brisket, and other goodies ! Need we say that more than one trip was made to the tables by most...In addition to our hosts, a good number of the Lunch Bunch ate their way through a good time...



Don Cooper led the way, following by Ron and Sharon Eimen, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Monte and Helen Jestes, Andy Flynn, Fred and Peggy Pitezal and Glyn Trimble...

Also sharing with the tall tales were Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Charles and Dianne Ree, Ron and Terri Whisenhunt, Jim and Betty Haynes, plus other guests...

Missing were Irv and Shirley Pense and Melrose Trimble...Shirley and Melrose are having serious health issues and could not be with us today...our special condolences to another Lunch Bunch lady, Neva Sears, who recently lost the love of her life, hubby Dean ! To each of you, our love and prayers...

Bill and Darlene Rowland, along with Claude and Sally Farris, played hooky today...and also Bernie and Renee' Baldwin...we know you had good excuses but we want to tell off on you anyway...ha...(just our way of saying we missed you very much)...

As we prepared to leave, the first question that popped up was...you guessed it...when are we going to do this again? That's right...spoiled we are and, as one of the gals said, don't quit now...you are on a roll!

Lots of pictures were taken...they will be available at the next luncheon, Jul 7, at the old haunting grounds, the Golden Corral....till then, take care and remember....we do love you!!

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

From the Garden of Paradise

June 30, 2006
SPECIAL JUNE EDITION

OVER THE HILL GANG RIDES AGAIN

(THE TULSA LUNCH BUNCH GOES CAMPING)

Since the Tulsa Lunch Bunch guys and dolls were hosting the GMC Classic Rally in Shawnee next month, they decided to get together for a little rendezvous and planning strategy...just to make sure they had all their ducks lined up in order...

And, naturally, since the hosts and hostesses were gathering in the woodside in seclusion, some of the rest of us had to sort of mosey on over and check things out...just to make certain they were doing things up right...ha...



[Big Bad Bill](#)



[Indy 500 Racer Jim Haynes](#)



[A Hero's Welcome](#)



[Really Roughing It](#)

Well, pardner, the campground was straight down Hiway 412, well-marked and right where the Campground Book said it was...it's not fair to tell you just how many of the wheels (hosts and hostesses) got lost...suffice to say, the more stable members of this geriatric and genteel group gently guided them into their appointed hideaway...

Host members next month for the Classic Rally are Robert and Marilyn Musgrove, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Monte and Helen Jestes, Ron and Sharon Eimen and Ken and Doree Broostin...nuff said...

Members present from the geriatric and genteel squad were Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, Irv and Shirley Pense, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Andy and Jondine Flynn, Clint and Bev Davis, Glyn and Melrose Trimble, Charles and Dianne Ree and last but not least, Jim and Betty Haynes...And, as the noted philosopher would say...now you know the truth of the matter...



[Whoa, Black Bart!](#)



[Wilderness Buddies](#)



[What a View!](#)



[God's Special Creation](#)

Oh, in case you are wondering where the hideout was, it was in the Natural Falls State Park in West Siloam, OK...located just at the eastern border of OK and at the beginning edge of the Ozarks...a beautiful, wooded setting, surrounded by tall trees and gentle shade...squirrels were aplenty, along with the birds...and literally buckets of quiet, interrupted only by an occasional bird call...a must see and visit place on anyone's itinerary...Dripping Springs (in the park) was nearby, with it's absolutely beautiful miniature waterfalls and secluded tiny canyons...

As they began to arrive, one by one, two by three, etc...a number of important details to note: Black Bart lived up to his impeccable reputation – he broke down on the way, but by a little bit of skullduggery, he limped on in...then called upon his lifelong pit crew chief (aka Bill B) and able crew to restore him to good health ... well done, thou good and faithful servants...once again, ye have restored the faith!!!

And, alas, poor Yurick...upon arrival his wife discovered her favorite jar of apple butter was missing...nowhere was it to be found and nothing would do but that special jar...so, up at the crack of dawn, poor Yurick made a hurried trip back to Tulsa, grabbed that special jar from the fridge, and was back to camp pronto...(For the uninformed...the jar read on the label..."Distributed by Wally World" alas, poor Yurick)....PS...there is another side of this story but it ain't gonna be told here...



[A Wonderful Retreat](#)



[Perfect Hideaway](#)



[Bring Out the Pepsi,
Please](#)



[Waterfall Entrance](#)

NASCAR races at the campground...yep, that's right...with "thousands" watching and cheering, several of the guys raced around the cart track by the playground in time trials.....by the narrowest of margins the team headed up by Monte and Helen Jestes won, just barely beating out Jim and Betty Haynes by seconds...well, ok...so they made the wrong turn...we can all dream about racing our GMCs around the Indianapolis track!!!

Tuesday evening came too soon...under the Big Top (furnished by the Musgrove duo) we visited and harmonized about anything and everything...then moved over to the grill, and, as if by magic, the food came from everywhere...from campfire steaks (hamburgers) to scrumptious pies and cakes...and with the weather to match...it was evening no one wanted to end!!

Wednesday morning (after a night under the blankets)...the hardy gals and a guy or two, traipsed down to the Falls for a beautiful morning sightseeing journey...but, coming back up was another story...happily, our dear old friend, Ben Gay, was on hand to greet everybody...



[Bridge Over Falls](#)



[Natural Beauty](#)

After a couple of good naps, it was now ice cream time, homemade at that...ain't nuttin better than thirteen different kinds of ice cream, all mixed in the same dish...well, it seemed like thirteen anyway...just ask Bill Rowland...he tried 'em all!!!

Thursday morning came too soon and several of the gang had to pack up and leave...but, never fear, the remaining Lunch Bunch guys and gals managed to stoke up the fireside bucket and roasted marshmallows until they were all black on the outside and real gooey on the inside...Sharon, how could you eat that many?

Friday morning? Already? But...we just got here...time to pack up and leave...with a vow to return and a total brain full of memories of camaraderie the Lunch Bunch parted for home...

And, one last item...a wonderful jar of kudos to Bob and Marilyn, for being the light in the window for all of us there...we love you...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Phyllis and Joe Nimmo

Ponca City, OK

July 7, 2006

4TH OF JULY HANGOVER

LUNCH BUNCH ENJOYS SPARKLING GOOD TIME

Question: (1) What rhymes with food?

Answer: (1) Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Question: (2) What rhymes with a good time?

Answer: (2) Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Question: (3) What rhymes with food, good time and GMC?

Answer: (3) Tulsa Lunch Bunch...but you knew that anyway...

Boy, what a fun time this past month has been!! First of all, we enjoyed the picnic at the Broostin home in Claremore in early June...next a few of us snuck off and camped out in the woods at Natural Falls State Park...and now a feast today at our favorite stompin' grounds, the Golden Corral here in Tulsa!!!

Nadine, our new waitress, really treated us special today! We couldn't tell, however, whether she was laughing with us, or at us...surely we wouldn't do anything to change the decorum of the Corral...right?



[July Birthday Girl](#)
[Melrose Trimble](#)

Even Black Bart was on good behavior today...well, for him at least...and Claude wasn't there...he was away again doing his Chaplain duties at the VA Hospital in Muskogee...and Roly Poly (Don) was nowhere to be found...we didn't look under the table, tho!!

We had a very special guest today...Art Moore brought his lovely mom, Iris Moore, with him...thank you for coming, Iris, you helped make our day a little brighter with your presence...

Also on hand were many of the regulars...Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Monte and Helen Jestes, Ken and Doree Broostin, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin to name a few...rounding out the big table also were Bill (The Hat) and Darlene Rowland and Jim and Betty Haynes...



Helen Jestes (The REAL Boss)

Bill Brunson brought Peggy along...she only gets to come in the summer time...she's still a workin' gal...also Ron Whisenhunt brought his working wife, Terri...by the way, welcome back Ron...He just returned from a mission trip to India...thank you, Ron, for following your star so brightly...we pray for you!!!

Also on hand were Black Bart and his bride, Sharon...Irv and Shirley Pense, Andy Flynn, Glyn Trimble, Fred and Peggy Pitezal and Peggy's folks, Clyde and Nora Jones...

We did notice one thing today...a number of truckers parked midst the lineup of GMCs...not sure we liked that but one thing for certain...it made our lovely ladies stand out like a fresh moonbeam on the water...beautiful...beautiful...



Rally Planners
Bill Bramlett and Bob
Musgrove

And now, the last but not the least of items today...everybody is counting the days until the GMC Classic Rally coming up later this month in Shawnee!! It's been real exciting to watch our guys and gals plan for this rally and what's even more exciting...we have some who are going to be attending their very first GMC Rally...that is something we all remember...our FIRST Rally...

So, look for us...we will have our Lunch Bunch badge on...and walking around...just oohing and aahing, pointing and trying not to miss a thing!!!

So, for the “old hats”, see you at the Rally and, even better, see you next month at the Golden Corral!!!

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch ... (The Classics of the North)



Sharon Eimen and Bobbie Bramlett

Christmas 2002



GMC Party Time

Tulsarama

September 2007

August 4, 2007

August Meltdown GMC Style

Shawnee Celebration and a Bit of Sadness

Move over, Black Bart, you now have a new bosom buddy...Andy "Wrong Way Corrigan" Flynn...and Andy has the scars to prove it!!

The Shawnee Rally was hot, exciting, hot, exhilarating, hot, fun, hot, entertaining and, of yes, HOT!!!

The Lunch Bunch guys and gals (Classics all) did a super job in making certain all went well at the Rally but, first, a little bit of good old fashioned gossip. All true, cross my heart.

Seems as though Mr. Flynn and his lovely bride went to downtown Shawnee one evening and got caught there after sundown. Heading back, or so he thought, he imagined he heard a siren. Not knowing which way to turn, or even where he was, he make a quick left turn at an intersection, on a red light, and into oncoming traffic and wound up on the sidewalk or reasonable facsimile.

Naturally the local gendarme came blazing around the corner, red light glowing, to trap this "Wrong Way Corrigan" guy. To make a long story very short, the very, very nice officer directed Andy and his bride in the right direction without so much as even a warning ticket. You know what he was thinking. Yeah, same thing as you and I ... Congratulations, sir, no more after dark driving for you!!!

But, Black Bart didn't get off very easily, either. Seems as tho he picked up a local "professional" who Ron tried to assist in a gentlemanly way. But the guy, after each unsuccessful stop, kept beating Ron back to the car, and asking for more moola each time. Luckily Black Bart figures out the next move, and when the guy gets out one more time, Ron takes off...0-60 in about 4 seconds!

Enough gossip. Meanwhile, back at the Corral a large contingent of guys and gals enjoyed another meal but with heavy heart. We learned that one of our very special gals, Melrose, was very, very seriously ill with cancer of the pancreas and was comatose at the Clarehouse, a very caring place for terminally ill patients. Melrose and Glyn were among the very first families to assist in the start-up of the Lunch Bunch...and were long time Classic members!!

Please remember her...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

Our beloved Melrose Trimble

This gentle soul, this special lady, the love of Glyn's life, went to be with her Lord Monday August 7, 2006, and was buried Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, OK. They were married 53 years...and were GMC'ers almost 33 of those 53 years.

September 1, 2006

SEVEN YEARS OF GOOD FRIENDS

SEVEN YEARS OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

SO...HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!

Believe it or not, just seven short years ago a group of GMCers got together here in Tulsa for lunch...we had such a good time we decided to keep doing it...and now, here it is...seven short years later and still going strong...

Although several guys and gals have come and gone, the theme, the camaraderie, the love for each other has grown stronger by the year. We have welcomed each new owner as a personal friend...we have given fond farewells to those who have gone to other places in life and we have grieved (and rejoiced) for those who have gone to be with our Lord...

Our one continuing goal...to enjoy the fellowship of each other and to enjoy the ultimate pleasures in owning a GMC motorhome...can't get much better than that!!!

A good crowd was on hand today...plans were being made to enjoy a post Labor Day celebration nearby at Blue Creek Cove on Lake Oologah...let's see...Tuesday night it will be BBQ, Wednesday night it will be FISH FRY...catfish, no less...and Thursday night will be leftovers, of course...come on over, bring the GMC and your prettiest apron...

We missed a few of the faithful today...Bill and Bobbie Bramlett were still at Estes Park (40 degrees there last night, he said)...Claude and Sally Farris were on their home from Colorado...due in this afternoon...John and Marjorie Troy were involved in pre-Labor Day activities in Parsons...Monte and Helen Jestes were putting up hay out on the ranch...Andy and Jondine Flynn just played hooky (again)...

Black Bart and his lovely bride were on hand...heading out afterwards for Norman to see the OU game Saturday night...Irv and Shirley Pense were going also but not until tomorrow...Jim and Betty Haynes came today...minus their GMC...for shame...as also did Bernie and Renee' Baldwin...thought we had taught you better!!!

Don Cooper came early today (what?)...he even volunteered to help fry the fish next Wednesday...Cecil Martin, Chet Simpson and Jim Moore anchored down one table...Ken and Doree Broostin, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove and Jim and Betty Haynes took up a whole table...Fred and Peggy Pitezal were there...but without Peggy's folks...Clyde and Nora Jones...they were up in Missouri doing their family reunion thing...

Bill and Darlene Rowland drove over from Claremore...with their beautiful maroon GMC...Glyn Trimble tagged along today...driving his gold GMC...Melrose always called it her "Goldie"...

And last, but not least, we again enjoyed the fine services of the Golden Corral and our impeccable waitress, Nadine...she always has a smile and hug for everybody...

Next month begins our eighth year...we will be looking for you to join us...

Take care

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

PS...HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US...HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US...

September 5 - 8, 2006

LAZE DAYSE LUNCH BUNCH STYLE

BLUE CREEK SPECIAL

BBQ, CATFISH AND OLE BLACK JACK

Ole Man River ain't got nuttin on the Lunch Bunch!! Pack up a bunch of GMC'S, gather up all the fixuns, hitch up the boat, gather up ole Grizzly, and move 'em out...

Tuesday, right after Labor Day, a large contingent of the Lunch Bunch (that means more than two) found their way up the road, off the highway, through the boonies, to a secluded little lakeside retreat...called Blue Creek Cove, right on the banks of beautiful Lake Oologah...maintained by the US Army Engineer Corps...along with the deer and squirrels...oodles of them....

First to arrive was Glyn Trimble, soon followed by Jim and Betty Haynes, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Monte and Helen Jestes, Ken "Tweety Bird" and Doree Broostin, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Ron "Black Bart" and Sharon Eimen, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin and last for the day, Irv and Shirley Pense...Don Cooper along with Andy and Jondine Flynn came in the next day but that's another story...ha..

With chairs all set up under the shade, the intelligent and enlightened conversations began...topics ranging from...never mind, I ain't gonna tell you...you can figure it out for yourself...when GMCers get together you know what's going on...the ladies, of course, did their usual girl talk and craft doo dads...



Supper time came all too quickly...everybody brought out their goodies to go with BBQ, including lots of pickles, salads a bunch, cole slaw, baked beans, and, of course, ice cream and cake...

Bedtime came and it was drag out the blankets...for those nice, cool, lake breezes brought the temp right down to cuddle weather...

Wednesday morning was time to get up and 'attem' for breakfast...It was time for early bird breakfast of coffee, pancakes, and sausage...of course, early bird time for the Lunch Bunch was around 9:00 AM...(surely you didn't expect us to eat at sunrise, did you) ...

Tweety Bird brought his pontoon boat so it was fishin' time for some, craft time for others and back to bed for the diehards...plus a few more problem solving sessions under the shade trees...while watching Grizzly and the squirrels exchange verbiage...

Don Cooper arrived with the catfish (we didn't trust the fishermen to catch enough...we were right...in fact, they said they threw all the big ones back because they were so "small") ...

Suppertime rolled around...Irv and Don set up the fryer, breaded the fish, threw 'em into the deep fryer, and then hollered "Come and Get 'Em"...which we did...by the way, the covered shed provided by the Corps was absolutely perfect for eatin', visitin' and eatin' some more....and the ice cream and cake were good again....

Thursday morning came around too soon...several had to leave but that didn't dampen the spirit, nor the dedicated fishermen...ha...

After a day of leisure livin' the gang bundled up in a couple of vehicles and headed out across the dam and up Hiway 88 to an old shanty type barn alongside of the road...Black Jack was the name of this infamous establishment...what a surprise when we got inside!!!

It was country atmosphere at it's finest, plus the youngsters waiting on us were simply delightful, even showing us pictures of their families...but the Ribs we ate were some of the finest anywhere...literally falling off the bone...this is definitely a return place, whether camping or not!!! Congratulations, Tweety Bird, for finding this country palace for us!!!

Friday...now it's time to pack up and go home...but not without a pause to say "Thank you, Lord, for a small taste of paradise, with family and friends as only found in GMC camaraderie"...

Until we meet again, thank you for sharing with us...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Toy Time

Christmas 2002



1978 Royale

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett

October 6, 2006

MARCO POLO TRAVELS IN A GMC

TULSA LUNCH BUNCH LIVES SHAKESPEARE

The joy of life in a GMC was never more evident than today when six weary and happy GMC Lunch Bunch families reported on the fun and excitement of attending the International Rally in Berrien Springs, MI last week.

Traveling ala Marco Polo, we all headed east (and a wee bit north) to Michigan about two weeks ago...laden down with all sorts of goodies, spare parts, and Dave Greenberg's credit card...our trusty, precision like steeds, carried us safely though the jungles of the interstates and eighteen wheelers...we only lost one alternator along the way!!!

Arriving safely we soon found that the King (Emery Stora) and his Royal Staff had prepared for us an exciting fountain of knowledge and an abundance of tasty morsels for dining pleasures....Both Monday and Wednesday evenings the Lunch Bunch managed to squeeze in a couple of fellowship get-to-gethers, along with a few other "adopted" Lunch Bunch personalities....

We were greatly concerned that Black Bart would not live up to his sordid and exaggerated reputation but he did not let us down...with a loud sound of the trumpets he crushed and mangled an old fashioned horseshoe...(Actually he ran over his tow bar and spiked his tire, blowing it all to smithereens...all while parked...he did manage to buy a new tire, got it installed and all's well that ends well...but it's supposed to be a secret so don't let on you know...schh)...

Just before returning we learned of the passing of another Lunch Bunch member, Justin Hill...by leaving a day early, we all managed to get home for many to attend his funeral last Monday...Justin, we pray that you and Melrose will start a new version of the Lunch Bunch while waiting for the rest of us to join you....Love you both....

Which brings us up to date...lunch today was a bee hive of excitement, going over pictures taken at the rally, planning for the Classic Rally at Kerrville, TX next week and last but not least, planning for a short foliage tour of beautiful Southeastern OK the last week of October....

Joining us for the first time was Michael Barolin of Owasso, OK...a new owner of a 75 Palm Beach...we winned and dined him, showed him around, and overall, probably confused the issue really good...oh well, such enthusiasm is bound to catch on...sooner or later...we hope...

We will see many of you in Kerrville next week, more later on our foliage tour and most of all, see you next month for sure...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Fred and Peggy Pitezal

October 28, 2006

FOLIAGE, FUN, FOOD, FROLIC

LUNCH BUNCH LOST SAFARI

Without a doubt the Tulsa Lunch Bunch rolled out the carpet and turned loose all the little goblins and ghouls for their October Foliage Tour of Southeastern Oklahoma...we did it all...gorgeous scenery, food fit for a king, the granddaddy of all campfires and even driving sight unseen into the empire of the fogs...

Let's see...it all started Tuesday, Oct 24, at 10:00 AM when eight brave steeds with their masters arrived for a giant leap into motorhome history...Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Andy and Jondine Flynn, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Ken and Doree Broostin, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove and last, the fearless wagon master, Glyn Trimble...minus the cat...

Drawing straws for peckin' order, we then headed down Hiway 64 for a luncheon rendezvous at Honor Heights Park in Muskogee...of course, we went the round-about way-down through the narrows and switch-back curves...but, then, who cares...the trees were beautiful, of course!!!

After a delightful lunch, and a quick nap, we gathered ourselves up and started down Hiway 10, passing by Greenleaf State Park, and on down to I-40, a short jog over to Hiway 2, then south on a colorful tour of the Oklahoma hills and valleys, arriving shortly after 3:30 PM at our destination for the evening, Robbers Cave State Park.

And then we hooked up, naturally, much in the manner of the wagons of the Old West, protecting ourselves from the Outlaws of the Past, or something like that...

Suppertime soon came and what a feast it was...gathered round the table alongside the Flynn wagon, we indulged to the best of our abilities and then Marilyn presented the Wagon master with a birthday cake, celebrating his 80th birthday...(we also included her hubby, Bob, who had just celebrated his birthday a few days earlier)...



And then came the most memorable treat of the day...thanks to Bill Rowland, we set up a campfire that lasted many, many hours, bringing about many joyful, happy and tearful memories of both the past and also the present...that campfire will always be a highlight of our many, many trips to nostalgia land!!!

With the pitter patter of raindrops, rustling noises of the wind and leaves, and the symphony of chimes (acorns) falling on our coaches, we enjoyed a night of beautiful memories...(and also were thankful for modern heat)...Conestoga wagons, we were not!!!

Morning came soon and it was time for Breakfast at Tiffany's...at least that was what the schedule said...alas, Tiffany's was closed so it was Cold Cereal, Bananas and Milk instead...ah yes, close!!!

At 10:00 we were treated to a morning presentation by the Park Ranger, Brenda, about the history of the Park and surrounding area...

As she spoke, your imagination could just see Belle Starr and her outlaw buddies clamoring in and about all those rocks and caves, leaving their pursuers frustrated and disappointed...but, thanks to Judge Parker, many were caught and dispatched via the hangman's noose over in Fort Smith, AR...

After a hearty hot meal, we set out for Queen Wilhelmina Lodge, via Hiway 2, then Hiway 1...Little did we know the excitement that lay ahead!!!

As we turned onto the road to the Lodge, the sign read "40 Miles...Little did we realize that it would be 15 miles of low cloud cover (like pea soup), 10 miles of beautiful up and down road, gorgeous tree color, distant panoramas of mountain painting, and then came the last 15 miles...by this time the pea soup was so thick you could barely see in front or in back of you...we did all drag in, get settled in and wondered what was next...

Dinner was at 6:00 PM and the Lodge staff had us all set up...and the feast began!! From shrimp, stuffed crab, chicken and all the way to strawberry short cake we ate, ate and then ate some more!! We all agreed it was a super meal, despite the miserably dreary skies outside...



A happy surprise came during the meal...Bill and Darlene's son, Dean, and his wife, Regina, joined us for the evening and we all enjoyed their company!!

Going back to our coaches, the Wagonmaster and Black Bart managed to find where the road was not...but that's another tall tale in itself...needless to say, everything turned out hunky-dory!!

Morning came, still no let up on that low hanging cloud cover (we were at 2600 feet elev)..so, two by two, we drifted down the side of the mountain, found Hiway 270, and headed northward...some for home, some for Lake Wister...

A luncheon stop was in order at Heavener at the City Park, complete with a few deer nearby...surprisingly, they were the only wild life we saw on the entire trip, except of course, roadkill and the crows...don't blame 'em a bit...I wouldn't want to get out in the miserable rainy wet country side, either...

Arriving at Lake Wister, we were treated to delightful, scenic parking places...looking out the back side was the lake...looking out the front side was also the lake...we were literally parked out on a peninsula...and right between us were a couple of fisherman who were really on top of things...as we arrived they were in the process of skinning and fileting a morning catch...a 40 lb. catfish...they did not invite us to the fish fry...and we really hinted...big time!!!

Friday morning it was Breakfast at McRough's...(that's leftovers from the previous two days)...we continued west on Hiway 270, then north on 82 toward Stigler...the drive through the Sans Bois mountains were more than we could hope for...made the entire trip worthwhile...

Going west on Hiway 9, we turned north toward Muskogee on Hiway 2 and 64, arriving just in time for a final farewell feast at My Place Barbeque in Muskogee...we thought we would need carry out boxes but the temptation was simply too much...we ate it ALL...

Breaking up was hard to do but the time had come...soon we were all back home, safely and soundly, but thoroughly in love with the scenery of Southeastern Oklahoma...and need we say...ready to go again...Thank you, Lord, for a safe and blessed journey!!

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



1976 Eleganza

Lorren And Bess White

November 3, 2006

NOVEMBER – A TIME FOR THANKS

THE MARINES ARE COMING

TOYS FOR TOTS TIME

TODAY WAS “YOU ALL SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE” AND “WISH WE HAD GONE WITH YOU” TIME!!! Between the telling of tall tales about the Foliage trip, International Rally at Berrien Springs, and the campout at Blue Creek Cove, it was sort of like being at the National Liars Club except we had the pictures to prove we really did those things that others so boldly made accusations...ha...(and thank goodness we threw away some of the pics)..Ha...

Clyde and Nora Jones were the first to arrive...minus her peanut brittle...followed by Glyn Trimble, still minus the cat...others arriving shortly afterwards...Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Claude and Sally Farris, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Monte and Helen Jestes, Jim and Betty Haynes (story about her later) and Cecil Martin.

Also arriving with a full head of steam were Ron (Black Bart) and Sharon Eimen, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, Andy and Jondine Flynn, Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Ken and Doree Broostin, Bill Rowland (minus his lovely bride, Darlene, who was home recovering from a bout with pneumonia) and last but not least, Chet Simpson...

The Golden Corral had a new manager today...Jay Worth from OK City...his first day on the job and we had to go and spoil it for him...turned out that his mom and Betty Haynes were lifelong friends...going way back to little girl days...small, small world...Jay promised to bring his mom out to join us for lunch next month...



[New Manager Jay Worth with Betty Haynes](#)

Speaking of next month, Friday, December 1 is our most important luncheon of the year...it is our annual TOYS FOR TOTS luncheon...everyone brings a passel of new toys, including the restaurant staff, and the local US Marine Detachment sends out their finest who then load them up for distribution to the children for Christmas!!!

So, may we encourage each of you to be a part of this blessed time...whether you own a GMC OR NOT...we just want you to join us and be a part of this giving time, and the fellowship and the food ain't bad, either!!!

So, come Thanksgiving time, as you pause to give Thanks Unto the Lord, remember the little ones who are not as blessed as we...

Until next month, and Friday Dec 1, when you bring all the toys, (and make sure they are unwrapped), enjoy the Holiday Season, and Happy Thanksgiving to you' all...

Our Love and Prayers for Each of You

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

December 1, 2006

TOYS FOR TOTS

PARTY TIME WITH GMC'S

Mix in a few big toys with a few small toys and you wind up with a GMC party...The Lunch Bunch really outdid themselves this year!!!

With GMC coaches lined up from one end of the parking lot to the other, toys and gifts piled deep and high on the tables by the Christmas tree, and a room filled to near overflow with happy GMC'ers...each bringing in another armful of toys for the children...it was enough to say "Thank You, Lord" for such a wonderful group of guys and gals!!

There was so many on hand it was nearly impossible to tell who was here and who was not...but do want to recognize a few special ones...Bernie and Renee' Baldwin for the unique table decorations...GMC wheel covers gaily covered (see picture)...Jim and Betty Haynes for bringing their brand new Marine grandson...He leaves Monday for boot camp...Fred and Peggy Pitezal for bringing their daughter and baby granddaughter...



Also Michael Barolin for not only bringing his GMC for the very first time but also his neighbor that he so Tom Sawyer like cons into helping him work on it...way to go...Mike. send him on over to my place...

A very special "Thank You" to Chaplain Claude Ferris for bringing us an inspiring Christmas devotion. We appreciate you, Claude.

Here is a request for your prayers...one of our ladies, Nora Jones, (our peanut brittle lady) fell Monday night and broke her right hip and fractured her left shoulder...a rod has been placed in the leg and a steel plate has been placed over the shoulder...she will be in the hospital a while and is headed for physical therapy very soon...incidentally, Nora is Peggy's mom...

Doree Broostin brought another batch of homemade goodies...the kind that stick to your teeth but taste good all over...calories, go away....

The early birds arrived around 10:30 this morning and were still going strong at 2:30 pm...the guys did manage to sneak in a bit of GMC stuff here and there (yeah)...the gals shared a few shopping secrets...and Nadine, our sweet waitress, really outdid herself, cleaning, serving, and keeping us supplied with plenty of hot rolls, coffee, tea and water...

And so, we bring the year to a fantastic close...looking forward to 2007 and having you join us...see you in January...

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**We Love You
Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch**

P.S...Due to an unexpected change in plans, happily we were able to deliver all the presents to the Salvation Army this year...a double blessing in disguise for sure....

January 5, 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007

Yeah, you are write...we blew out the old year and drug in the new one...let's see, now...this is the way it goes...

The Pensens got in late last night from the Fiesta Bowl, excited but slightly on a downer (OU lost)...the Farris' took off for Israel right after Christmas and haven't heard a peep out of them...Nora Jones is home recovering from a broken right hip and fractured left shoulder...Glyn is limping around on a gimpy arthritis leg or two...

Bobbie and the doc are having a slight disagreement...Art's wife, Sharon, had to work today so he came without her...Minda got called to work at the last minute...Marilyn took off for Albuquerque to be with her brand new granddaughter...

But, other than that, everything else was just hunky-dory and we had a whale of a good time today....we were doubly blessed today when Ken brought his son, George, and grandson, Imeldo, from Minnesota...Glyn had special guest, Tom McCartney, longtime friend and unfortunate owner of a SOB motorhome...Lorren White, past president of the Classics, was on hand today, also...great to see you, Lorren...John and Marjorie Troy drove down from Parsons, KS...

The ladies were all in a dither, so, right after eating, off they went to Hobby Lobby to seek out craft ideas and materials for the upcoming Classic Rally in Burnet, TX later this month. Speaking of the rally, it looks like a whole passel of guys and gals are going south later this month...the Bramletts, Musgroves, Eimens, Haynes, Baldwins, Broostins, Rowlands, Pensens...just to name a few!! Probably more than that, for sure!! Believe a bunch of 'em are going to caravan down also...that will be fun!!

With all the coaches on hand today, it was again fun to see the local yokels circle the wagons, slowly and carefully looking over those fabulous ladies of fashion...those folks just don't realize just how much fun they are missing, not owning a GMC...maybe we should say they don't know how much they are not spending while owning a GMC...hey, all's fair in love and war...right!!!

Reluctantly and slowly we finished up, breaking up into little groups, asking this, asking that...and, as Bernie so aptly stated, continuing to build lifetime friendships over the hood of a GMC, one year at a time...

So, until next month, take care...and drive carefully...Happy New Year, and see you in Burnet...

All the best,

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



1975 Eleganza

Claude and Sally Farris

February 2, 2007

LUNCH BUNCH PLUS 70

-MINUS 50

LUNCH BUNCH AND 20

Let's see now...last week the Tulsa Lunch Bunch...about 21 of 'em, were sprawled out on the shores of Lake Buchanan in central Texas and the temperature was a balmy 70 degrees...fast forward one week and...

Today the Lunch Bunch guys and gals were all huddled up inside the Golden Corral in Tulsa...about 30 of 'em...and the outside temp was a cool 20 degrees...and, for the first time ever, ALL the GMC's had sense enough to stay at home...it surely did look strange, though, to look out on the asphalt and concrete corral (parking lot) and not see a single GMC on the lot!!!

Congratulations to Bob Musgrove, new President of the GMC Classics, and also to Bernie Baldwin, new Assistant Wagon Master of the Classics...we know you both will do well but we also who will be doing all the work...Marilyn and Renee'...ouch...just kidding, girls!!!

A great time was had last week at the Rally...Black Bart lived up to his reputation...He broke down on the way home but the new assistant wagon master and president fixed him up and got him on his way!!!

But the bigger gaff came before the rally ever started...As you know, [Glyn has his GMC under roof at his house](#)...when he started out the Tuesday before the rally...well, he couldn't get the roof to raise in order to get out...no matter how many times he pushed the little red button...

FINALLY, he walked out front, looked up on the roof, and discovered a measly little ole' 3" of solid ice packed everywhere...solution...when in doubt, call another Lunch Bunch guy...so in comes Ron (Good Guy in White Hat) Whisenhunt to the rescue...he climbs up on the ladder, chops the ice all away and presto...woops...still no raise!!!

Seems as though the rocker arms had bent “slightly” under the weight of all that ice when the little button was pushed and the hydraulic lift strained itself...so, plan B was instigated...a couple of 2 x 4 x 10 poles from Lowe’s were brought in and the roof was raised manually...glad it worked cause, folks, there wasn’t any plan C....anyway, alls well that ends well...the service guys came out while Glyn was gone, made necessary repairs and the little red button works once more!!!

Well, since we had no GMC’s to mosey in and about, we came in out of the cold, just ate, ate, and ate...oh yah, we did mention a GMC “how to” a time or two...since we had a little extra time on hand, the ladies used the old revolving door thing to keep checking out Hobby Lobby, Gortmans, and a couple other credit card homeys in the center...

Special guest today was Ron Sampson, life long friend of Glyn and Melrose’s...Ron and his wife, Yolanda, traveled many a mile over the years with them to the Univ of Oklahoma football games...Yolanda also succeeded Melrose as the Church Librarian at Eastwood Baptist Church...glad to have you Ron...come again, anytime!!

It was also good to have Sonnie Martin with us today...we have missed you, young lady...Cecil, it’s all your fault...just ask Sonnie!! And what a delight and surprise to have Nora Jones with us today...Nora recently fell and broke her right hip and damaged her left shoulder...she’s improving rapidly but also didn’t want to miss a chance to eat out, either!!

So, folks, there you have it...last week 70 degrees...this week 20 degrees...but, let us assure you...nothing, but nothing, interfered with the old GMC appetite today...in fact, there were more return trips to the buffet line than seen in many a moon...schh...that’s a secret...don’t tell, please!!

Until next month, Happy Travels and stay off the ice...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

March 2, 2007

LUNCH BUNCH MARCHING ON THE GO

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS

With the chilly wind whistling all around (singing Dixie of course), the guys and gals gathered today at the old Corral to make plans for the spring and summer...and it's March already...

First of all, next week is International Week, with a whole bunch heading out for Rayne, LA for another great time! We will have to forgive Bill and Darlene Rowland...they are heading for Alabama land...Fred and Peggy can't go because he has to (schh) WORK...oh well, somebody has to help pay for our Social Security checks...but he is planning to make future rallies...that-a-boy, Fred!

Bob and Marilyn left early to go visit their new grandbaby and then on to Rayne for them...Glyn is leaving next Saturday providing he can slip away from Lady Barbara...(Melrose's cat who has taken over the household now)...Bill Bramlett and Claude Farris just got back from delivering a GMC to a new owner in Washington...glad you had a safe trip, guys!!

Oh yeah, we also made plans to go camping in late April at Osage Hills State Park, about 60 miles northwest of here...beautiful little park nestled among the rocks and trees...lots to see and do...yep, eat, lay around, eat, lay around, things like that which are really important...maybe gab a bit or so...



We had a very special guest today...Paula Hale, Chairperson of the Oklahoma Centennial Tulsa activities...The Tulsa Lunch Bunch has been extended the opportunity and invitation to participate in the open division showing of classic vehicles...we are really excited about this...the events are scheduled for June 15-17, with our participation being Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM each day.

Most of you have read about the 1957 Plymouth Belvedere that was buried during Oklahoma's 50th Anniversary and will be dug up, along with many other 1957 paraphernalia...to celebrate Oklahoma's 100th Anniversary as a State...people and car clubs are coming from every directions to be a part of this...you will be seeing a lot more of these in the newspaper and on the television...we have asked for and been granted spaces for 12 motorhomes...and, as of luncheon time today, 12 motorhomes have already been committed to show off our beauties!!!

After lunch today, Paula took time out to tour each of the coaches on hand...we are looking forward to working with her committees to make certain everything comes up like roses...or whatever...we are entered as the GMC Classics...1973-1978...sounds like a great time ahead!!

Meanwhile, back to the present, the luncheon today turned out to be a real hoot...how our waitress, Nadine, puts up with us...nobody knows!!

We did miss a couple of regulars...Cecil and Sonnie Martin...Leonard and Jane Howard...we still had a long line of motorhomes and a passel of people on hand...

Only thing better would be if you had been there...

Till next month...and a few tall rally tales...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

April 7, 2007

APRIL SNOW SHOWERS

CANADIAN GEESE ON PARKING LOT

LUNCH BUNCH SURVIVES ANYWAY

Well, if you count that beautiful pair of Canadian Geese out on the parking lot, believe we had around 32/33 souls on hand today, despite the blowing, blustery wind and spitting snowflakes that peppered down like it was December...

It didn't help any either that Cecil and Sonnie Martin sent a postcard from beautiful Hawaii...anyhoo, while they were feasting at the local luau, we were dining at the Golden Corral...serves 'em right!!!

Special guests today were Monte Jestes' mom, Deputy Sheriff Wayne Pauley and Don Reeser...our condolences to Mrs. Jestes in the recent loss of Mr. Jestes...Wayne, who owns an SOB, and Don, who owns a GMC, both promised to return, and soon.

Five of us were still recuperating from the International Rally in Rayne, LA...especially Monte...He consumed 15 lbs of Cajun crawdads while there...Glyn sold a bunch of GMC dominoes...Bob Musgrove did his usual bit of greatness as the Classic president and host for the Classic get-togethers...

Ron Eimen was apparently sick...nothing happened to him on this trip...ha...Irv and Shirley Pense joined in the fun, also...Bill and Bobbie Bramlett skipped out and went to Colorado instead...missed them, too!!

Do want to mention that about a dozen of the Lunch Bunch guys and gals are planning a little 3 day safari in late April (24-25) at Osage Hills State Park, just west of Bartlesville on Hiway 60...Nothing fancy, just lay around, eat, tell tall tales, eat, do craft work, eat, oh yeah, might even discuss the usual "how to" things...ha...you can count on it!!

By the way, it is strictly a come and go outing...no reservations, so plan on staying around one, two, or all three nights...a little campfire cookout here and there, maybe a visit to the local museums...Tom Mix...Woolaroc..??? Don Cooper is going to fry some catfish, too...(though he doesn't know it yet)...!!!

Until next month then, take care and we will count on you being on hand...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



The Midnight Express

April 27, 2007

TORNADOES AND COLD RAIN

BONFIRES AND 4TH JULY SPARKLERS

JUST ANOTHER DAY FOR THE LUNCH BUNCH

Like the days of the old west, the Lunch Bunch dodged the tornadoes, high winds, heavy rain and cold temps to sneak into the Osage Hills State Park near Pawhuska Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning!! Expecting the worst, turned out to be no tornadoes (despite the warnings), heavy intermittent showers, with good cuddle weather, we made it throughout the campout!!

Tuesday noon Bernie, Renee' and Glyn scooted over to Big Bad Brad's in Pawhuska to sample the BBQ and blackberry cobbler. (ala mode of course) That set the example for the rest of the time. Let's see, which one is the HOT sauce? uh, oh, THAT one! Quick, waitress, a refill on the drink, please!!

Wednesday morning the rest of the crew came rollin' in. Those GMC's really looked pretty against the spring foliage as they cruised ever so slowly and majestically through the park. Finally all arrived, including some very special guests of Bernie and Renee', Jerry and Marilou Bork of Dewey in their maiden voyage at camping!!!

All of us remember our maiden voyage, of course. Still remember pulling the valve to the holding tank open with the hose not yet hooked up...yep, experience is a very, very valuable lesson. ...ha..

Lunch time Wednesday soon rolled around and, as if by magic, tables laden with food appeared from everywhere!! Let's see, about 15 of us were lined up at the chow line. In addition to Bernie and Renee', Jerry and Marilou and Glyn, others were Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Bill and Darlene Rowland and last but not least, Ken and Doree Broostin. Quite a good group despite the threat of wild and wicked weather.

After an afternoon of cold, chilly rain (nap time for sure), we set up a bonfire with lots of logs and windy smoke that seemed to follow Darlene no matter where she sat. Between the tall tales and outright oversight of fabrication, we managed to dwell long into the evening, finished off the evening meal with ICE CREAM while huddled in blankets no less. Only way to go!



A special treat for the gals, Glyn brought out some 4th of July sparklers that Melrose had put in the coach and the ladies enjoyed the frivolity of being little girls again ... sweet, sweet memories... soon it was beddy bye time.

Next morning we were greeted by a couple of the gals huffin' and puffin', fannin' and blowin' till the ole bonfire started up again, to keep us warm, of course!!!

Regrettably no pics were taken of this so you will just have to use your liveliest imagination Breakfast was McGMC style, but lunch was an eloquent display of culinary art ala campfire w/real smoke!!

Highlites were big, big, fat juicy burgers with all the trimmins, followed up with lots of ICE CREAM and blackberry cobbler. Did we mention one of the appetizers before lunch was a fabulous Doree special shrimp dip.

By perchance you should think that the Lunch Bunch just sits around and eats all the time, you would be dead wrong. It is only MOST of the time ...ha...

Anyway, a great time was had by all. Most everyone departed for home Thurs soon after lunch. A few stayed until the next morning. One fascinating note, as soon as we departed the bonfire site, (after it was put out) the local inhabitants (birds and squirrels) made a mad dash for the site to see if there were any goodies left for them...you might get the idea that they had done that before. Fun to watch.

Again, welcome to our special guests, Jerry and Marilou Bork. We enjoyed having you with us, and we hope your first camping experience was all that you hoped it would be!!

Til next time, our love and prayers

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



1937 House Car



1976 Palm Beach

Bernie and Renee' Baldwin

May 4, 2007

BILL AND BOBBIE BRAMLETT DAY

RESIDENT MISSIONARY RETURNS FROM CAMBODIA

SUMMER PLANS AHOY

From time to time in one's lifespan the opportunity to give back to a friend presents itself and today was one of those days!!

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch was honored today to present a proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Tulsa to Bill and Bobbie Bramlett giving them this day one of recognition for their total and completely unselfish life of service to those of us in the GMC community...not only locally but across the country.



Chaplain Claude Farris introduced them to the gathered Lunch Bunch guys and gals and then turned to the President of the GMC Classics, Bob Musgrove, who in turn read the proclamation from the Mayor to Bill and Bobbie...this was followed by a standing ovation and one so richly deserved. Well done, faithful servants, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett...you have served us well.

We were also doubly blessed in having our own Ron Whisenhunt, our resident GMC missionary, give us a sweet report on his latest mission trip...one that took him to Cambodia where he was in service for a month. Ron is another of those individuals who has truly followed "His Star"...God Bless You, Ron!!

First timers today were Peggy Reeser (Don's wife) and Zelmer Rock, guest of Glyn. It was also good to see Sharon Moore with us again...welcome, each of you!!

Despite the absence of the Rowlands (Alabama), Broostins (Florida), Jones' (Missouri), plus a few others occupied with doctor appointments, we had a special group of approximately 30 on hand today...enthusiasm was at a high pitch, appetites were very generous and camaraderie was running over...

When we reviewed the summer schedule...well, what seemed to be a slow summer suddenly has become a real WOW...hope we can make it all...

Let's see...3 First Friday Lunches, Oklahoma Centennial open house celebration in early June in downtown Tulsa...a GMC Classic Rally in Mathis, TX in late June..a weekend campout in Parsons, Kansas sometime in July, a Balloon Festival in Claremore in August...GMC International Rally at Amana Colonies in Iowa in September...'nuff said...looks like a fun summer..can we do it all? You betcha...just hope you can join us...

Til' next month

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Merry Christmas

Is It Too Early or a Tad Late?

June 1, 2007

GALS TAKE OVER LUNCHEON

OKLAHOMA BIRTHDAY PARTY JUST AHEAD

Today the gals were in charge...reason we know is that they told us they were...and so it went...they sat on one side of the dining room and the guys sat on the other...just like the good ole' school daze...

Turned out they wanted to do a little rally planning for Guthrie and so forth...so we got to talk about...well, you know...knuckles, generators, blowouts, paint jobs...maybe a little bit about Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Iowa...really important stuff!!!

One bit of miscellaneous tidbit...seems as though a very well dressed panhandler came through the parking lot before lunch asking for assistance...well, Jim Haynes was the only intelligent one in the group...he kept his hands in his pockets...As the panhandler walked away, a slight bit richer than before he arrived...he then proceeded to get into a car and drive away...with everybody laughing about their being so easily misled!!!



While the gals were busy with their whatever...the guys were going over the plans for the upcoming Centennial Celebration, Tulsa Style, on Jun 15-17...

The Tulsa Lunch Bunch has been invited to participate in the showing of antique vehicles...since all of our ladies are over 25 years old...well, we jumped at the chance...and we have been invited to show 12 of 'em...

On Jun 15 the city fathers will be digging up the 1957 Plymouth Belvedere that was buried in 1957 to celebrate the State's 50th Birthday...it was scheduled to be dug up on the States 100th Birthday...and the time is now...

People from most of the United States and quite a number of foreign countries will be on hand...Following the official ceremonies on Friday the 15th, Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17, will be devoted to big block parties to include invited vehicles from all over...there will be over 150 in the competitive showing and about 300 in the open, non-competitive showing.

We are very, very fortunate in that, due to our vehicle size, we have been given a blocked off street to show our 12 GMC ladies...and, with the open showing on lots to our west, and the competitive showing to our east, we are right in the big middle, with all parties going through our blocked off street to see the other side...we plan to take lots of pictures and will place them on the net for all to see...(help, Billy Massey)...

We will be there both Saturday and Sunday, with all show times 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day. Most, if not all, will be staying overnight with our GMC ladies, not only to watch what is going on but just to have a good time while doing it!!!

We will be representing not only the Tulsa Lunch Bunch, but our club, GMC Classics, as well as the entire GMC community. We expect to see quite a bit of TV and news coverage and we are pleased that the current president of the GMC Classics, Bob Musgrove, will be present with us and be our spokesperson.

Should you have the opportunity to visit the Celebration we would love to have you drop by and visit with us a bit..we will have plenty of refreshments on hand, maybe even a bit of ice cream or whatever...

To say that we are just a bit excited about this opportunity is a bit of understatement...whoopee...

Til next month and a full report for sure...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

July 6, 2007

ALMOST DRIED OUT

JULY ALREADY HERE?

GOODBYE TO BILL AND BOBBIE

Rain, rain, go away and come another day!! That was the theme song today as 30 plus hardy, rain soaked guys and gals gathered today for a fun time at the old Corral...

For the first time this year, air conditioning units and their generator buddies got a good work out as temp soared around 90 degrees plus the good old hot summer time sun came down...and we loved it!!

After record rainfalls and almost flooded GMC homes, we were ready for a BIG change...and that included a most fascinating trip last week to Guthrie by a Classic scout team headed up by President Musgrove and Assistant Wagon master Bernie Baldwin!

While parked at the campsite in Guthrie for a few days, almost 10 inches of rain came gushing down and around...but nothing interfered with the gals zeal and desire to make a complete tour and power point purchase of lots of sizeable goodies in those fabulous antique shoppes...

Every restaurant we visited left us the impression that in each we were their best friends just coming in to dine...as if they had known us all our lives!!! Little wonder that the cuisine tasted so good!!

The museums left you breathless...whether it was the historic old Territorial Museum with relics of the stagecoach days or the deputies of Judge Parker's Court...The Old World craftsmanship in the Masonic Lodge is unbelievable...they actually brought the European craftsmen over to do the design and masterful creative structure!!! By the way, this Lodge is the largest Masonic Lodge in the world...

There were no less than FIVE live theatrical productions going on at the same time...we attended a performance of the play "Man For All Seasons"...the ambience was so real, the atmosphere very intimate...the seating absolutely perfect...the actors became real characters...thus it was easy to wrap yourself up in history and by the time the King had Sir Thomas Moore executed...as the saying goes...YOU were there!!!

Now, quickly, back to the present...Let's see, today we had on hand lots of GMC buddies...Irv and Shirley Pense, Bill and Peggy Brunson, Bob and Marilyn Musgrove, Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, Leonard and Jane Howard, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin, John and Marjorie Troy, Monte and Helen Jestes, and Ron and Sharon Eimen.

Also on hand were Glyn Trimble, Claude and Sally Farris, Ron and Terry Whisenhunt, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Ken and Doree Broostin, Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Jim and Betty Haynes but, alas, no Chet Simpson or Don Cooper!!!

A bit of sadness...but happiness, too! Next week our beloved Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, two of the beginning buddies in the Tulsa Lunch Bunch, move from us to the beautiful state of Colorado...Bon Voyage, dear people, and we will see you real soon...that's a promise!!

We do expect to hear about a new Lunch Bunch there...that will give us a excuse to come out...as if we need one...ha...

Time to run along now...hot weather, sunshine, you are beautiful...see you next month...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

August 3, 2007

UP UP AND AWAY

BALLOON FESTIVAL OKAY

(You shudda been thar)

Shades of Ole' Albuquerque! The GMC's have done it again! GMC's of all colors and sizes moved into Claremore Friday for the 13th Annual Gatesway Balloon Festival...A grand total of 51 guys and gals...54 if you count Grizzly, Bailey and Gigi...for a weekend of fun, food and gawking at those marvelous flying balloons...all colors, going in every direction, and landing almost on top of us...but, that's another story for later...

Those lovable Classic guys and gals from down south started arriving Thurs and most arrived Friday, meeting the Lunch Bunch at the Golden Corral for an opening bit of hugs and more hugs!!

Traipsing on north about 20 miles to the Will Rogers Downs Race Track and Casino, we set up shop two by two, three by three, etc, getting the rigs all set for the opening moon glow Friday evening...



By the way, there were other RV groups on hand, but there was plenty of room...after all, with 400 RV full hookup spots...you could pick your spots...and we got the best...

President Musgrove, along with Ken Broostin and Glyn Trimble, had gone up Thursday AM and marked off front row seats as well as parking for all of us...and like front row VIPs...indeed we were!!...

The balloons were tethered inside the race track oval and we were all lined up like peas in a pod on the outside of the track right next to the fence...any closer and not only would we have singed our hair but also would have gone up with them...

Renewing old friendships and making new ones became real easy in between those loud whooshes those propane tanks make as they so beautifully and majestically shot those flames up into the balloons... even though each of us could have gone out onto the field and mixed around among 'em...we all stayed ringside...guess we still remembered those jam packed crowds in Albuquerque...

Let's see if we can name everybody there...Andy and Jondine Flynn, Irv and Shirley Pense, Art and Sherry Moore and their tribe of 11...(Art said he left the rest of 'em at home...wow)...Willard and Joyce Murdock, Frank and Cathy Emshoff, Don and Chariety Arrowwood's family, Ken "Tweety Bird" and Doree Broostin plus Grizzly, Jerry and Frances Reeves and Ron "Black Bart" and Sharon Eimen plus Gigi.



Also on hand were Glyn Trimble (minus Lady Barbara, Melrose's cat), Frank and Sharon Jacobs and grandson, Matt, Bernie and Renee' Baldwin plus Bailey, Charles and Janice Wersal, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Bruce and Georgene Farrill, Aaron and Dulcie Bedingfield, Jim and Betty Haynes, Jeanne Milholland, and last but not least, James and Redonia Harper...Wow...did we leave anybody out??

Didn't take long after the Moon Glow was over to head for the bed...(that's where the AC was...) and we awoke Saturday morning to hear and see those giant space alien creatures from above whooshing down trying to win the prizes for throwing sand bags closest to the target and also grabbing the little gold ring off the top of the pole...shux, that looks real easy...even a blind man could do it...ha..ha...

The rest of Saturday was a "do your own thing" sort of day...some went to the Will Rogers Museum nearby in Claremore, some went to the Casino (horrors), some even worked on their GMC's..(egad...what an awful thought)..and then some took refuge in the cool comfort of the Air Conditioning...



Ken Broostin brought out his huge “smoker” and by mid-afternoon he had filled it with pecan logs as well as pear logs...from there he loaded it with ham, brisket, ribs, corn on cob plus some other goodies we never did learn the name of...ha...

Due to high winds the evening take off was cancelled so naturally we had to do something to while away the time...guess what, we just started eating a lot earlier and naturally had to eat a lot more and also later...to take up the extra time, of course...ha..

By the time the ice cream rolled around, it was nearly 8:30 PM...see, I told you we spent the evening doing what we do best...around 9:00 PM most turned in and found their Air Conditioned quarters again... Camaraderie, you have worked overtime today!!

And lest we forget, a great big thanks to Ken, Doree and Marilyn for all the hard work in the food preparation!!

Sunday morning we again awoke to the sound of whooshing but this time it was right on top of us..the balloons were landing in the parking lot and it was fun to watch.

In fact, one almost landed behind Glyn where he normally has the tow car parked...sorry fellas, he doesn't really want to be a part of your “chase” team...the rest came pretty close also...one landed just across the road between two trees...ouch!!

After a “much too much” to eat breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, rolls, etc...it was time to head ‘em up and move ‘em out time...Again, hugs and more hugs, good byes till next time...a wonderful time and even greater experience of sharing love and friendships...over and in between balloons, no less...

Couldn't finish without saying a word to two about our amenities...the Will Rogers Downs staff were wonderful and very cooperative...the grounds were extremely well laid out...hookups were more than adequate...a few items were missing but, being new owners, the staff already had those on the drawing board...sort of think they wanted us back...Gatesway, you did real good!!!

Take care, we love you

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



1973 Painted Desert

Fred and Peggy Pitezel

September 7, 2007

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (AGAIN) TO US

Eight years and counting...can you believe it...just a few short years ago the Tulsa Lunch Bunch began a new lifetime and lifeline of fantastic journeys down the road of life with new friends and those beautiful GMC ladies...

Three of the original eight GMC families from Sep 1999 were on hand today to celebrate...Andy and Jondine Flynn, Ron and Sharon Eimen and Glyn Trimble...Most of the others have moved on to other parts of the country and some have gone to be with their Lord...we missed you all today!

Joining in today were long time GMCers Don Cooper, Cecil and Sonnie Martin, Monte and Helen Jestes, Jim and Betty Haynes, Bill and Darlene Rowland, Fred and Peggy Pitezal and also Irv and Shirley Pense.

Joining in the fun was long time GMC friend, Don Bobino and his son-in-law, Don Heath, of Talala...Don is still looking and son-in-law is wanting to sell...maybe they ought to get together...huh?

Skipping out today and traveling the high road were several guys and gals..Bernie and Renee' Baldwin were in California picking up ANOTHER coach...Bob and Marilyn were somewhere between Moab, UT and Albuquerque, NM...and Ken and Doree Broostin were "just out west"...

Heading out next week were Bill and Darlene Rowland (off to Alabama) and Glyn Trimble (GMC International Rally)...reporting back next month will be MUST for all parties...

Bill and Bobbie Bramlett, one of the original Lunch Bunch eight, now in Colorado, sent their regards for a Happy Birthday Party...miss you guys...

Happy to report that Ron Whisenhunt returned safely this week from another three week trip to Thailand...last but not least we must remember to pray for Chariety Arrowwood, who is undergoing cancer surgery next week...also Lunch Bunch guy Ron Eimen who is undergoing radiation treatments for his cancer....we will keep you posted!!

Until Next Month,

Take care from the Tulsa Lunch Bunch



Wishful Thinking

October 5, 2007

WAGONS HO

GUTHRIE (Here We Come)

LUNCH BUNCH CELEBRATES

The Lunch Bunch is at it again!!! Later this month it is GOBLIN time...followed next month by Happy TURKEY Day...then next it's Merry HO HO Time...Then it's Happy New Year...but, hold on...first, as you know...

It is WESTWARD HO time to Guthrie for the fall Classic Rally Oct 25-28 at Cedar Valley RV Park...so, put on your best bib and tucker, dig out those old boots, polish up your saddle, tighten up those spurs, wrap that bandana around thy neck and head 'em up and out...it's almost rally time!!!

But, first, a little bit of fun here at the Golden Corral...(just the right fit for a name, too) as the Lunch Bunch met Friday to share all, tell all, and bare all (just ask Darlene)...

By the way, it was great to see Black Bart back with us so soon after his surgery...everything went well...at least it didn't bother his appetite...but, as Sharon says, what does?

Special guest today was Ken Klieson, good friend of Glyn's...his first time to step inside a GMC...let's hope it's not the last...Welcome, Ken...Glad to have you!!

Bob and Marilyn were off to Texas (they never miss a change to baby sit the new grandbaby...don't blame 'em)...but they will be at Guthrie...

Good to see Leonard and Jane Howard, too...Remember Jane in your prayers...they leave the middle of month for another series of tests at the Mayo Clinic... Leonard promised to keep us posted...

Fred and Peggy Pitezl were on hand but minus her parents, Clyde and Nora Jones...that old adage, keeping up the Jones' sure holds true here...they have really been travelin' a lot...

Bernie, Renee', Ken and Doree brought us a lot of pics and "show and tell" items to look for while at Guthrie...

So, watch your p's and q's...they will be looking for you!!

Claude and Sally Farris, along with Monte and Helen Jestes, Jim and Betty Haynes, John and Marjorie Troy, along with Bill and Darlene Rowland kept the conversation rolling right along...Chet Simpson, Ron Whisenhunt and Bill Brunson all came without their spouses...each claimed somebody in the family had to work...ha...

Oh yes, we did manage to find the goodies (they keep moving the crab salad on us but it didn't help...we found it anyway)...Nadine (our faithful girl Friday) did her best to keep us filled up on tea, water and coffee...also clean plates for refills. and all that good stuff!!

Time to go...we'll see you at Guthrie and then back to the ole' Corral here next month as we now start our NINTH year of Lunch Bunch follies...

Our love and prayers for each of you

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

November 2, 2007

GUTHRIE FEVER

CLASSIC WILD BILL

“BANNER” YEAR AHEAD

Shades of the Old West!! With Wild Bill Hickock (Jim Haynes) and Annie Oakley (Betty) leading the way, the Tulsa Lunch Bunch rounded up all the old critters (GMCs) from near and far and herded them into the old corral (Cedar Valley RV Park, Guthrie) for a real pow-wow and hoe-down!!

The round up started last Sunday week with a near stampede by Thursday...Cowpokes Bob Musgrove, Bill Rowland, Ron Eimen, Bernie Baldwin and Ken Broostin, along with cowgirls Marilyn Musgrove, Darlene Rowland, Sharon Eimen, Renee' Baldwin and Doree Broostin had all the fixin's laid out with gobs and gobs to spare...

Somewhere in all the melee Glyn not only celebrated a birthday but also acquired a harem, no less...pictures don't lie but they sure do stretch the truth...ha~~(some would simply say...rearranging the facts...)

Although we were camped out on a modern prairie (the golf course was laid out on both sides of us) it wasn't hard to imagine a sod house with herds of buffalo roaming out there on that magnificent landscape. Maybe a few deer and perhaps a coyote or two. Oklahoma, you are beautiful.

Anyway, here we are, back at the Old Corral (Golden Corral, no less), with our chaps and spurs, boots and saddles all put away...but, never fear, the appetite is still with us...

We now have a brand new addition to our Lunch Bunch paraphernalia. Up on the north wall of our dining room at the Corral is a larger than life banner telling the whole world that the GMC Classic Motorhomes .. i.e., Tulsa Lunch Bunch, meets here. You gotta see it!!



Oh my goodness...almost forgot to tell you... we had the opportunity to share with the Classic Rally folks at Guthrie the history of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch, from the beginning in Sep 99 to the present...Among the original start up gang on hand for this momentous occasion were Andy and Jondine Flynn, Ron and Sharon Eimen and Glyn Trimble.

Classics all, we then inducted the entire rally group into the Lunch Bunch with our "secret" ceremony...("We promise to eat everything in sight") Boy oh boy, the Lunch Bunch is really big now!!!

John and Marjorie Troy along with Fred and Peggy Pitezal are still beaming over their first ever rally with the Classics. Just ask 'em but be prepared to listen for an hour to so. Ha.

Since it is now November we must keep the Holiday tradition going. Clyde Jones pretended the turkey and dressing was Cajun crawdads so he took a double helping...Nora moved to another table, ha. Chaplain Farris would have given the invocation but he wasn't there ... but we did give it ... just in time.

In the tall tale section of the dining room were Glyn Trimble, Chet Simpson and Jim Haynes. Betty and Nadine held their hands over their ears...Don and Peggy Reeser were on hand today with their brand new remodel job. Oh me oh my.

One last item...and this is serious stuff...next month is TOYS FOR TOTS time...so bring all your unwrapped gifts and we will have the Salvation Army pick them up...

As you know, this is our most important luncheon of the year...let's show our love for HIM by sharing with those in need.

Til next month, our love and prayers for each of you. Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

December 7, 2007

REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR

TOYS FOR TOTS

REASON FOR THE SEASON

Dreary, cold, near freezing, overcast, drippy skies...nothing could dampen the spirits of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch today as an overflowing crowd of happy GMC'ers came streaming in...each bearing an armful of special toys for those special youngsters...more on that later...

First, Bernie and Renee' came in a bit early and decorated, as is their annual custom, the tables with those "Fancy" table round things, intertwined with multiple colored garland strands...in other words, GMC wheel covers with Christmas garland wrapped in and around...try it...it's not only nice but very, very unique and quite an attention getter...

Things started off very special today...first, Ron Whisenhunt, Cmdr, USN, Ret, led us in standing for a moment of silence to honor those hallowed fallen heroes of Dec 7, 1941...then followed by the invocation and a fitting tribute with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag...thank you, Ron!

Lunch then followed (more like a mad dash to see who could be first)...Monte Jestes brought a long time friend, Tom Gifford...turned out he was also a co-worker of Art Moore...small world...

We also learned that's Becky's son-in-law, Basil Wyatt, was in attendance today at the dedication of the memorial to the fallen of the USS Oklahoma...Glyn's almost cousin was also there in attendance, representing the "Last Man Club" of Tulsa...the brave (and dwindling number) survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack...one member's cousin is still buried in the USS Arizona and another's uncle survived the debacle...again, a very very small world!!

SURPRISE TIME!! President Musgrove came forth and very gallantly presented a bouquet of red roses to Renee', Doree and Marilyn for their outstanding efforts and preparation for the Guthrie Rally!!! An honor richly earned and deserved...thank you, ladies!!



Chaplain Farris next presented us with his annual Christmas Story...eloquently describing how much Christmas is not only a celebration of His Birth but also a time for sharing with little children and bringing forth light to those with special needs!!

Navy Chief Stewart was on hand to receive our gifts of toys and more toys...Chief Stewart gave us a run down on how the collection of toys was done and more importantly, how distribution was made..He mentioned that one church alone has requested over 14,000 toys to be given out...Thank you, Marines, for caring!!

There you have it...a glorious end to the year 2007 for the Tulsa Lunch Bunch...and thank you for sharing it with us...

We love you...and A VERY VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of you...

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch

