

Summer 2010

**GMC** Classics

# Classic Chatter



## The Prez

*Willard Murdock*

Here we are into summer with most of us already having had 100 degree plus days but will not keep the GMC'ers from enjoying our rallies. We have had several new members join this year but sadly we have lost some of our most precious long time members. They will be missed.

For those of us that attended the GMC Classic/GMCM I rally in March, there are some real interesting stories to tell. We had 41 Classic families attend the rally. Our Classics group parked Motorhomes, cleaned the hall, made coffee, helped with tech sessions, and our Queen Bee Georgene Farrill and her Red Hatters hosted a much talked about tea. This is just a few things our Classics assisted with. Thanks for all the hard work and interest.

Our July Rally in Mineola sounds like it will be one of the best also. Some of our GMC Groups have already been busy. The Tulsa Lunch Bunch enjoyed an outing to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and some other Classics enjoyed the "Rock & Roll and Classic Car" Week-end in Glade-water, Texas. Some had work days to keep our Motorhomes running and on the road and others met for lunch and had lots of conversation and camaraderie. Our Classics love getting together, helping each other, and enjoying each others company. Our group is the BEST.

**Hope to see you in July**

*Willard Murdock*

## NEXT RALLY:

**Dates:** July 22-25, 2010  
**Location** Mineola Civic Center  
Mineola, TX

Please see Registration Form included.

## FUTURE RALLIES

## FALL RALLY 2010

**Dates:** Oct. 28-31, 2010  
**Location** Rustic Creek Ranch  
Burleson, Texas

## HELP NEEDED!

**Frank Jacob**, our Wagonmaster, who has done an excellent job for the last two years, is having a problem finding hosts for the January, 2011 Rally.

We need someone to commit to host the rally, even if you don't have a location in mind. Frank can help you find the place.

Everyone needs to keep in mind we are all here for one another. If you have not hosted a rally, you might consider doing so as there are numerous, experienced people to help and guide you. We even have an outline of what to do to plan for the rally and what kind of facilities are required.

We love it when we have new hosts and look forward to your creative ideas. Don't hesitate to take on the task for lack of experience. There are plenty of people willing and able to help you. It's a great way to get more closely acquainted with the Classics.

**Classic Membership Update**

Our Club membership now stands at 154. Since the last Chatter, we have had 10 members join our family. Please help us in welcoming these new members:

- George and Carol Baxter**, Vashon, WA
- Dennis and Janie Johnston**, Temple, TX
- Jim and Grace Kanomata**, Belmont, CA
- Robert and Linda Kaufman**, Cedar Hill, TX
- Dale and Jane Ropp**, Marysville, MI
- Keith and Kim Weeks**, Breezy Point, MN
- Jesse and Ruth Vanlandingham**, Norman, OK
- Frank Lineham**, Round Rock, TX
- Phillip and Dianne Conner**, Austin, TX
- Chuck and Lexie Ellis**, Belton, TX

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**Thank You!**

Art Owens, and his family, would like to thank everyone for the many calls, cards, letters, and prayers sent to them during the time of their recent loss. You'll never know how much it meant to us just to know our Classics family was there in support.



*Carroll was such a monumental part of our Classics. She was so loved and will be sorely missed by all of us. May she rest in peace!*

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**Sunshine Report**



Dear Ones,

It's been a busy, fun, exciting and sometimes challenging time since our last Newsletter. Since being appointed the Sunshine Lady for GMCMI as well, I decided to start keeping more detailed records for you. First, I'd like to thank everyone for letting me know when we have a need in our Classics Family. Because of you, my job is much easier. God bless y'all.

As of **June 15**, here are the figures:

- Stamps used: **19**
- Mailed:
- 1 Welcome Aboard Letter
  - 7 Sympathy Cards
  - 4 Encouragement Cards

- 6 Get Well Cards
- 1 Note with receipts

- Ecards sent: **8**
- 5 Thank You's
  - 2 Get Well
  - 1 Thinking of You

- Emails sent **32 "Official"**
- 3 Invite to Classics, Int'l., Luncheons
  - 9 Welcome Aboard Letters
  - 3 Encouragement
  - 2 Get Well
  - 6 Thank You's
  - 4 Reports
  - 2 Responses for Classics Info
  - 1 Help Needed
  - 2 Outreach

- Emails Rec'd. **6 "Official" Responses**
- 5 Thank You's for Welcome Aboard Letters
  - 1 Response from 1/17 Invitation to Classics and Luncheons

**Total "Official" Contacts: 65**

Thanks again for allowing me to serve you. Lanny's doctor has other plans for us during the Mineola Rally, but we know y'all will have a great time. **Joyce Murdock** has graciously agreed to take care of the cards for me during the event. "Thanks in advance, Joyce! I love and appreciate you!" Until next time, y'all stay healthy and travel safely. Hugs and prayers for all of you! I love y'all dearly!

*Billie Young*

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**Classic Rally Photos**

Several of you have asked for rally photos to be available for viewing online. We are excited to announce that it is now possible. They are placed in an album designated for each rally. We are just getting this started and only have a couple of albums at this time. Some are even captioned.

Here is where you can view the photos:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/GMCClassics/>

If you have any photos you would like to contribute, please let us know and we will get you in the saddle.

Take a look and let us know what you think. You never know, you might even see yourself!

*Debbie and Billy*

## Red Hat Tea



**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.** Not only for the work performed, but most importantly for coming forward immediately last year when we heard we would be putting on this Red Hat Tea. The response and support was over whelming as each lunch group picked what they would do. **We had a plan**, there were a few glitches and some scary moments but mostly they worked out to our advantage. When our planned entertainment just kind of dissolved (less than a month before rally), I happened to be talking to **Mattie Driskell** and mentioned the problem. The next day she calls me back and tells me about the skit she and **Dalla Hopkins** would put together. Was this not a winner? Everyone there has to agree **Dalla 's** impersonation of Patsy Cline was hilarious! Group singing would be a real ice breaker so we find the words to Julie Andrews *My Favorite Thing* and now we know we have a great group of singers. When I approached these ladies, not one said no and some just jumped in and volunteered. This was all last minute and done after arriving at rally. My Thanks to these wonderful ladies: **Sandra Price, Sheri Jackson, Sandra Hood, Minnie Myers, Dalla Hopkins, Mattie Driskell, Judy Doucette and Carol Baxter** on the keyboard. The table decorations were probably the best ever for a Red Hat Tea. Thanks to **Redonia Harper** for this original concept of hat stands and netting and to **Billie Young** for bringing her prized red hats. There were 20 in all, in hat boxes. I think **Lanny** needs a Thanks! He towed **Billie 's** closet just for hats. The dessert was so elegant. For those of you who could not be there, it was pound cake, topped with fresh fruit and whipped cream. Each plate was individually made and hand served to every lady. There were **88** ladies present. This was a monumental task and was under the direction of **Billie Young** and the San Antonio lunch group, but there were many others helping in the kitchen to pull this off. These people deserve a big hand. They were **Ann and Al Brieger, Teri Gregg, Redonia Harper, Margaret Treude, Jaye Hodges, Joyce Murdock, Joan Dotson, Peggy Buchanan, Kandy Lilly, Virgie McHaney, Sheri Jackson and Sandra Hood**. There were so many things people did to make everything really special: **Berrie Mitchell** for our opening prayer; **Sharon Hudspeth** for the new Red Hat Poem; **Berrie Mitchell, Virgie McHaney and Gaye Guelker** at the front table welcoming our International guest and making sure everyone received a ticket for the drawings; **Gaye** made

and donated crochet koosies for each lady attending; table designation was determined by the # on the back of the Texas key chains made and donated by **Virgie; Jo Ann Johnson**, who couldn't even be at the rally, rolled and tied the napkins with flowers and also rolled and tied the donated scrolls. We were told to expect 125 or more so you can see there was a lot of rolling and tying and **Gaye** made 130 koosies. **Frances Reeves** made and donated 130 crystal bead key chains. To all the ladies who helped to set up, not only did you perform, donate and suggest, you were there to implement.

I need to say "Thank you to our men" for man-handling the tables and setting them up the way I wanted. They held their cool throughout. Thank you to **Dean Hopkins, Bob Price, Harry Driskell, Bruce Farrill and Jerry Reeves**.

For gifts, we had our 5 large baskets from each lunch group, plus a large basket filled with Red Hat gifts that had been donated. You know how we are though and besides the large baskets mentioned above we had to have had at least 40 other donated gifts. For this I will say Thanks to **Ken Rose, Willard Murdock, James Harper and Jerry Reeves**. These men gave up valuable room in their coaches and had to live with it for a couple of days and I don't know if **Sandra Hood and Sheri Jacksons** donation came by coach or car.

We definitely had international travelers at this rally. There was gift for farthest distance traveled but it was tough to figure (we are red hat ladies, not math whizzes). We had **Carol Baxter** from Washington State, **Marty Array** from Key West, **Nancy Doan** from Nova Scotia and **Ginette Stuckey** from Inwood, Ontario. We just gave them all a small gift.

I do think everyone had a good time. I hope so, but I am looking forward to it just being us again. Not as much work! We will meet again in October in Burleson Tx. There is not a Red Hat Tea in July but we can all get together and remember the fun.

See you in Mineola...

*The Queen Bee*  
*Georgene Farrill*

Oreo Cookie Balls

This is a wonderful recipe my sister-in-law shared with me. It is for a decadent, rich, no bake cookie that will become EVERYONE's favorite. It is quick and easy. Hope you like it!

Ingredients:

- 1 regular size Oreo Cookies (any flavor)
- 1 8oz package creme cheese
- 1 package white almond bark (or chocolate if you like)

Place your Oreo Cookies in a large plastic bag and, using a dough roller or similar object, crush your cookies very well and place them into a large bowl. You may want to do a few cookies at a time to make sure they are well crushed. If you prefer, you can use a food processor.

When you have all the cookies crushed and in the bowl, add the cream cheese and mix very well.

Line a cookie sheet with wax paper. Roll balls about 1 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter (bite size) out of the cookie mixture and lay them out on the wax paper. Chill for about an hour in refrigerator.

In a large microwave safe glass bowl place your White Almond Bark and microwave on high one minute at a time until all the bark is melted. Stir frequently. Dip chilled balls in the melted bark.

Place them back on the wax paper sheet and allow to harden. Store in air tight container.

Variations:

Mint Oreo's dipped in half green chocolate and have dark chocolate.

White Oreo's dipped in white chocolate rolled in shredded coconut.

*Send me your easy recipes. We need new and quick ideas.*

**Tech Session Report**

There is no Tech section in this Chatter due to the last rally being with GMCMI. The Rally was so full of Tech Sessions that it would have taken a book to report on all of them.

The **Classics Chatter** is published quarterly for the membership of the GMC Classics. The club is a chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association and primarily draws its membership from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Its purpose is to promote the preservation of the GMC Motorhome and to bring its owners together for their exclusive enjoyment and common interests.

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