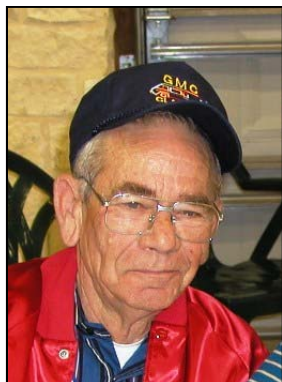


Classic Chatter

GMC Classics



The Prez

Willard Murdock

Rallies

NEXT RALLY:

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

Please see Registration Form included or on the web: www.gmcclassics.com

WINTER RALLY 2011

Dates: January 13-16, 2011
Location Rayford Crossing RV Resort
Spring, Texas

SPRING RALLY 2011

Dates: April 10-15, 2011
Location Patterson Civic Center
Patterson, Louisiana
In conjunction with GMCMI

SUMMER RALLY 2011

Dates: July 28-31, 2011
Location Choctaw Casino KOA
Durant, Oklahoma
Need Hosts please

Classic Rally Photos

Several have asked for rally photos to be available for viewing online. We are announcing that it is now possible. They are placed in an album designated for each rally. Here is where you can view the photos:

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

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

Debbie and Billy

As we approach Fall with the 100 plus degree weather behind us, we are all looking forward to the nice cool days of Fall. We have had a real HOT Summer but the Classics have been busy with rallies, work days and the area luncheons.

The Mineola Rally was a big success. Everyone bragged on the excellent food. Watermelon and ice cream in the afternoon hit the spot.

I personally want to THANK all of you that stepped up and helped when I left the rally early.

The club is growing with lots of new members. They bring energy and ideas with them. We WELCOME each and every one of them.

Remember the Burleson rally coming up. **Wayne and Charlotte Alumbaugh, Bruce and Georgene Farrill, and Jim and Joanne Davis** always do outstanding jobs hosting a rally. Be safe in your travels and we will see you in Burleson.

Hope to see you in October

Willard Murdock

Sunshine Report



Red Hat Tea

Dear GMC Family,

It has been a busy hot summer for everyone, with lots going on with all of our families. I'd like to thank everyone for doing such an exceptional job in letting me know when there was a need in our "family." Also, Lanny and I would like to thank all of you for "your" expressions of love and encouragement these past few months. His radiation treatments should be complete by the time you read this.

Cyberspace has been very busy since the last newsletter with the following Sunshine Contacts. This covers between June 16 - Sept. 9:

* Cards & stamps used:	8
Ecards Sent:	24
Emails Sent:	84
Emails Received:	80
Ecards Received:	<u>2</u>
 Total Official Contacts:	<u>198</u>

(This is an increase over the last report of **65** Total Contacts)

* The cards and stamps used were taken care of by **Joyce Murdock** in my absence during the Mineola Rally. "Thank you, Joyce." I'd also like to thank Charles and **Janice Wersal** for being part of the "tag team" in mailing the cards for Joyce, as she had her hands full with **Willard** being taken to the hospital. What a great example of our Classics "team spirit" in taking up the slack where needed. I understand everyone pitched in to make the rally a huge success. Yeah, team!

Thanks again for allowing me to serve you.

Billie Young

Sunshine Lady
GMCCI & GMC Classics



Ladies, there was no tea in July so I am looking forward to October.

Just a reminder, we are having a Breast Cancer Awareness Tea and I hope everyone attends. Please remember you do not have to wear red, purple or even a hat, just come and have a good time. **That being said, if you would like to wear pink for honor of this month, please do.** A couple of ladies have notified me that Penney's and Belk's have them on sale. Note: the ones at Penney's run small.

We have received some donated items to be raffled. if you have anything you would like to donate for this cause, please bring it with you and get with me at the rally. All monies will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation from the GMC Classics Red Hat Tea.

As women, this is a subject we are all aware of and so many have been personally affected. Hopefully, we can make a small donation to the cure. If anyone needs to talk to me for any reason, please call.

See you in October...

The Queen Bee

Georgene Farrill

Say and Remember

By: Trish Day LeClere

Say thank you for second chances.
Say goodbye to past injuries.
Reach for the future with a hopeful heart.
Say you're sorry when you need to...
Say I love you when you need to...
Don't let petty things become big things.
Remember the heart of the matter...
Remember to love and be loved is the greatest gift.



Our First GMC Classics Rally

By Chip Chebuhar



Laura and I decided to take the RV plunge in the Fall of 2008. She thought owning an RV would be fun, would allow us to travel with our dogs and would be the answer to getting away from the hustle and bustle of our professional lives. I had never contemplated RV ownership, but since I often dream of quitting my job in sales and becoming a professional truck driver, it seemed like a fun option to me. My only stipulation was that I wanted something that didn't look like every other RV going down the road and that I be able to work on it myself. (In my free time, my father-in-law and I work on 60's GM automobiles).

As luck would have it, one of my father-in-law's customers had a GMC that he wanted to sell. So over Thanksgiving in 2008, we purchased a 1977 Clasco conversion. We were fortunate that the coach had been stored inside it's entire life. Unfortunately, the previous owner had put very few miles on it in the 10 years that he owned it. Needless to say, my desire to have something that I could work on was quickly realized.

Our first 3 trips resulted in roadside repairs, but our Clasco aka "Mater" never left us stranded. A week before we were to go on our 4th trip, while driving to have the AC recharged, we spun a rod bearing. Thank goodness that just months prior, Laura had signed us up for membership with both FMCA and the GMC Classics.

Late one Friday night, I sent an email out to the group looking for guidance on engine removal and **Charles Wersal** came to my rescue. Without going into all the details, it's safe to say that without his and others help in the group I would have been lost.

Fast forward to July of this year. The coach is back together, everything is fixed and we are ready to attend our first GMC Classics rally in Mineola. I'm happy to say that this trip was our first venture without a breakdown.

Upon arriving in Mineola, we were greeted by several couples we had previously met when we attended the GMCMI rally in Montgomery. Of course, Charles was there also, happy to tell us that he had saved us a spot close to him.

Over the next 3 days, I learned how to play washers, chicken foot and hand and foot. **Boyd Mooney** feels that with a little bit of coaching, I may be able to master the art of throwing washers before I'm eligible for social security.

As a side note, I think we might even be the youngest members of the GMC Classics. Hopefully through our membership and my involvement on the Marketing Committee for FMCA, we can help to attract the next generation of GMC owners.

We would like to thank everyone for making us feel so welcome in Mineola. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the next rally in October. Our confidence level is high that we'll make it, but it will be an uneventful trip since the rally is only 15 miles from home and I've got a line on a good towing service if I need it. Ha ha ha!

By David Stewart

Someone suggested an article from new members for the "Chatter", well I don't think this is an article but some observations.

This was our first GMC rally, not our first rally however. We have owned twelve other brands of motorhomes prior to this GMC that we have now.

The members that we met were very friendly and, for the most part, had lots of good information about the coaches.

We enjoyed the fellowship, the meals and of course looking at other coaches.

I did get a real good idea from **Marvin Guelker** about the storage under the bathtub in the 23' coach. Also **Richard Isenhour** demonstrated the "Sewer Solution" that I liked. All in all, it was a wonderful time and look forward to the next rally in Burleson.

Stanley's Report

By Georgene Farrill



Willard Murdock is out of hospital and home. I know all of you know that by now, but it was a scary time. Want to tell him and **Joyce** "Thanks" for getting there early and helping to get everything set up so we could have a good time without them. And we all did have a good time. Sorry you missed most of it.

This was a very exciting rally for a very unusual reason. We had ten (10) new members, well one couple has not signed on the dotted line but hopefully it a done deal by now. The July rally has always being a little smaller in attendance and this was to our advantage. It gave everyone a chance to have more contact and get to know each other better. All ten new family members are great individuals and will be an asset to the club! Plus being a member offers so much to new owners. So when you get to the October Rally in Burseson, make sure you search them out. It will be easy. They are friendly, outgoing new GMC owners. **Chip** and **Laura Chebuhar** live in Burseson and Chip volunteered to help anyway he was needed in October. **Laura** drives race cars. You can call **Janie** and **Dennis Johnson** *Gilligans Island*. It took them three (3) days to make a three (3) hour trip from Temple TX. to the Mineola rally, but they were still smiling. They had a real horror story. Some of you may have met them at International in Montgomery. Their coach must have Gremlins at work, **James Harper** needs to get some bells for these new members. **Chuck** and **Lexie Ellis** from Belton purchased **Ray** and **Earline Bakers** coach, so be on the look out for them. **Daniel** and **Janice Green** are from Glade-water, which is about 30 minutes from Mineola so every night **Janice** went home to her own comfortable bed. Well the first night out **Daniel** finds ants in bed with him. They are motorcycle enthusiast. We also had **David** and **Peggy Stewart** from Longview. They are so eager to be part of the family. David even wrote an article for this Chatter. See what I mean, if you were not there you missed a unique time with new members and a chance with the rest of us to make a good impression. We hope we succeeded and they found us as interesting and enjoyable as we did them. Welcome to all new members. We really look forward to seeing you at the rallies!

Well usually I get to the rally early, but this time I was late and missed the nature walk. Talking to those that made the trip they thoroughly enjoyed it. There was a cool breeze and they were over looking a valley at the point of departure so no one really went for a walk on the trail, no need, it was beautiful right there. The guide was very knowledgeable so it was an interesting and nice break.

The Convention Center and RV Park is a great place to have a rally. The way the park is set up, no one was really very far from the Center so coming and going was fast and easy. The hosts were prepared for the hot weather. Games were scheduled for the early morning and in the mid-afternoon they served watermelon or ice cream. Even though the weather was 100+, I think everyone has to agree it was good.

Now this was a little different set-up. Usually we are in an RV park where we are kind of separated from things. Well here we are located on the Mineola Convention Center, which belongs to the people of Mineola, and guess what ...the people come out to use and enjoy their park by bicycling, walking, running, jogging, etc. So a couple of times a few of us are startled when leaving the building after dark and we see men jogging thru the park. After the first time and we all realize the situation and it was all OK. It was also a needed time for others. **Glyn Trimble** very seldom misses a rally, one night he was setting outside his coach when a local man came walking by, **Glyn** says "hi" and they begin to talk. The man had lost his wife sometime back and I think all of you know **Glyn** lost his wonderful wife **Melrose** a few years ago. The man sits down and stayed for two hours just talking. He needed **Glyn** at this time. **Glyn** remarked this was why he was to be at this rally.

Well yes, two (2) carloads of ladies went to *Dressing Gaudy* in Longview. **Carolyn Tipton** and **Nancy Faulk** had the honors of taking their cars to take fourteen (14) ladies. It would be a long list of names, so lets just say it was the usual suspects. After lunch at Mamacitas Mexican restaurant, they hit the place in full force. It is always fun trying on and critiquing each other, plus the clothing is kind of a one of a kind and reasonably priced.

On the way home, we drove by and stopped and admired **Charlie** and **Minnie Myers'** underground house. No one was home, they were at the rally so we couldn't go in. It is a really neat place. I had heard stories of **Charlie** mowing his roof and turning the lawnmower over. Wow **Charlie**, that could be scary.! I don't know if it was true or if they were just giving **Charlie** a hard time. **Charlie** designed and built the house... very impressive!

There was also a good mix that went to the Transportation and Communication Museum located in the old post office. This is one packed museum. It has so many interesting things to offer in such a small space. It covered a lot of railroad history, historical postal and it had a working telegraph with an operator on hand to demonstrate. They had an old time picture theater, starting from the outside marquee lights, just round bulbs, movie poster, popcorn, a carpeted aisle to the screen with velvet curtains, and a row of seats. In the back was the projector, film and lighting. It was so 1940's. A very intriguing way to demonstrate the movies. There were also a lot of military uniforms and period clothing from local people.

A lot of people took advantage of the local produce stands bringing back Pecos cantaloupe and bunches of East Texas peaches. Some even went and ate homemade ice cream in a local orchard.

Ladies crafts was great. **Frances Reeves** brought a ton (Really it was a lot) of glass and crystal beads for the ladies to make bracelets and/or key chains. She had so many beautiful beads and everyone was free to make their own choice of color and style. It is amazing to see what some people can design & make. A lot of talent in this club.

The Swap Meet seemed to be a little smaller than usual. **Attention** new members, there will be more offered in October. More people and cooler weather, besides this is the men's shopping mall and a neat place to congregate. **Charles Wersal** had made woodpecker door knockers and sold a few of them. I saw **Harry Driskell** selling out of the back of his car !!! It was hot outside.

Starting with Chicken foot on Thursday night.. This was **Frances Reeves** last time to be in charge of Chickenfoot. **Frances** loves to play, but due to always setting up and helping out, she has been unable

to participate. She has dreams of winning Stanley **Stanley** and taking him home to nurse him back to health. Ha, ha. **Janice Wersal** has volunteered to take over for awhile and Frances some game time. First place went to **Gay Guelker**again. Her and **Marvin** are determined to keep **Stanley** in Buffalo Gap. Gay stated it may not be too exciting, maybe a little dark and lonely, but he always come back in one and unblemished. More on this later. **Sharon Jacobs** won 2nd place and **Ann Marie Carter** wrapped up 3rd place. **Chase Corbin** won the booby prize.

Washers was played outside in the early morning. New member **Chip Chebuhar** teamed up with **Boyd Mooney** and new member **Lexie Ellis** paired up with **Grace Lee** (only her 2nd time to play) You all know **Boyd** is good at this game and **Chip** is a player, he does get involved! **Lexie** and **Grace** took third place. **Jerry and Frances Reeves** took 2nd place and **Bruce and Georgene Farrill** took first place. We are also going to need someone to volunteer for score keeper on washers. **Gay** and **Marvin** would like to play again and they have been the officials for this for quite some time. We appreciate you guys.

For Bingo, **Robert Kaufman, Nancy Fulks** and **Sharon Jacob** did an outstanding job. We really missed **Joyce**, she loves this part. **Boyd** and **Sherry Mooney**, between the 2 of them, won 3 times. What this means is hmmm, they cannot play next time !!! (just joking) Hey **Chip**, get him to teach you Bingo. OK, now I will leave the **Mooneys** alone.

Bolo was in the foyer of the building, but I am telling you those Bolo balls are just weird . Again the were so many unusual plays that happened **Corky** and **Virgie** had to keep going to the Rule book and pulling them out of **Corky's** head. No rule book could ever cover the weird things that happened, but **Virgie** keeps **Corky** in line so there are always fair rulings. **Sharon Jacob** couldn't believe it,. She and **Frank** were the winners. **Mattie Driskell** and **Sharon Christensen** were second. New members **Janie** and **Dennis Johnson** just nearly took third place but it went to **Bruce** and **Georgene Farrill**. Next time guys.

New Game this time. They say variety and competition is what keeps us young, That is the rumor anyway. **Charlie Myers** brought a little red wagon and some masking tape. You guessed it, one is pulling the

wagon while blind folded, the rider is to direct the puller from Point A to Point B, park the wagon and not touch the masking tape or hit any walls in the process. This is a game of good clear communications and follow thru. Well some of these teams were married couples, so you know that doesn't happen!

Did you here **Debbie Massey** screaming at **Billy**, "stop, stop". Poor guy couldn't even think, let alone stop. The couples were all hilarious and it was lots of fun for all of us watching. These people are serious about winning, so it was intense. Those playing were **Carolyn Tipton** pulling **Charles Wersal**, two people always having a good time; **Jackie Isenhour** pulling husband **Richard**, competitive and she hates to lose!; new members **Dennis Johnson** pulling wife **Janie**, and **Chip Chebuhar** pulling his wife **Laura**, remember she drives race cars, (this was probably more exciting), and **Georgene Farrill** pulling **Chase Corbin** who did not even get an honorable mention. But in their defense they were the guinea pigs. They went first, **Chase** is only 15 and does not drive **plus** he did not want to raise his voice at an adult before he crashed her into the wall. This was fun and I am sure we will do it again. Winners were: 1st Place **Chip and Laura Chebuhar**, 2nd Place **Richard and Jackie Isenhour**, and 3rd Place **Dennis and Janie Johnson**.

Billy Massey our "go to guy" handled the awards and business on Saturday night. He deserves a big hand for taking this on with such short notice. Most officers were incapacitated.

Chickenfoot was first. When **Frances** pulled **Stanley** out of the bag, the room went quite and then gasps of "oh no" (Really the room was cracking up) **Stanley** was just pitiful. He had a large bandage around his neck and at least 4 large band-aids to hide the scars and missing feathers. **Carolyn Tipton** was called to the front to explain what happened since he had been in her possession since January rally. You should have been there. She tried to explain everything.

Carolyn kept **Stanley** with her at all times. He was her coach buddy. She listed month by month where he had been. She had him on a shelf in the motorhome so others could admire him, but she forgot to take him down. While traveling she hears this thud and she looks back. There is **Stanley** laying on the

floor and he is hurt. He also went to a mission work camp with her twice. Once she carried him outside to show him off Well she forgot about him and found him in the saw dustchoking. He was with her when she spent time with her pride and joy, 2 grandsons, who knows what happened there? But the worse insult of all when she got his neck hung up in the slide-out When she realized it wasn't working like it should, she goes in to check and finds **Stanley** on the floor, his little legs just kicking and his neck in the slide-out. It was a brutal 5 months for poor Stanley. We will give her credit for wanting to take him to Israel, but you know customs are tough. She did take a substitute flat **Stanley** with her and got pictures. She shared his history **and** us with people she met.

In Chickenfoot, **Gaye Guelker** won first place and when she goes to pick him up she explains this is the 4th time her or **Marvin** have taken Stanley home with them. The previous 3 times they were in Sweetwater doing major remodeling on a house. She explained how each and every time they took him home they put him in the closet, shut the door, and for next rally she would get him out and he **never** looked like **this!** She now has him on a cabinet overlooking her sewing room and he is recuperating. Second place went to **Sharon Jacobs** and **Ann Marie Carter** got 3rd place

For all of you who missed this rally, wish you could have been there. We had suspense (Willard), new members, a little red wagon and fun and fellowship. We have a lot of members out traveling this summer and I am looking forward to pictures and things they did. Hope everyone will be in Burlson for October.

Who will get to take me home with them in October? I sure hope a nice family will get me and I will be able to see a different part of the country! Hopefully by that time I will be ready to take on new adventures... how about you?!?

Stanley Chickenfoot

(aka Georgene Farrill)



"Eat more beef!"

English is CRAZY

Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- The GMCer decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- After a number of injections, my jaw got number.
- Upon seeing the tear in the couch, I shed a tear.
- I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- How can I Intimate this to my most intimate friend?
- The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- You can make amends but not one amend.
- If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?
- If teachers taught, do preachers praught?
- If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?
- In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital, ship by truck and send cargo by ship, have noses that run and feet that smell?
- How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

Tech Session Report

There is no Tech section in this Chatter. The position of Technical Seminar Coordinator is open at this time. Would you be interested?

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