



# Classics Chatter

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## UP COMING RALLIES

Parkview Riverside  
RV Park  
Concan, TX  
877-374-6748  
**October 9-12, 2014**

Oak Creek RV Ranch  
7652 West I 20  
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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



"Most appreciative of VP **Georgene Farrill** doing my job at the June rally in Oklahoma. Sharon and I had already begun our summer travels and were unable to attend. Georgene advises that while the turnout was small at about 21 registrations, it was a fine rally for those who did attend. Thanks much to **Reg (and Dot) Phillips** and **Boyd (and Sherry) Mooney**, wagonmaster and assistant wagonmaster respectively, for coordinating this rally for us and support provided them by **Redonia & James Harper**.

While Georgene presided at the Oklahoma rally, I am writing this "Prez" column on her behalf as she writes a column of her own for each newsletter. Please see her always-entertaining STANLEY'S REPORT elsewhere in this newsletter.

Now on to the fall rally... as reported in my last column, it will be at the Parkview

Riverside RV Park, Concan, TX (<http://www.parkviewriversiderv.com/>), 9-12 October '14. **Billy/Debbie Massey, Tommy/Ann Walker, and Virgie/Corky McHaney** have volunteered to run that rally for us. I'm sure all GMCC members appreciate their willingness to do this for the club. A great turnout would be an excellent way for us to express our thanks to them.

Here are excerpts from the RV park website about why we should want to attend this rally: "We are located in Concan, TX smack dab in the middle of the Texas Hill Country. Directly across the Frio River is Garner State Park, the most visited state park in Texas. People of all ages love the refreshing spring-fed waters of the Frio during the Spring and Summer months. When it gets too cold to swim, a quiet stroll down the river's edge is always nice and of course, you can fish year round. Something is always going on in South Texas, the Hill Country and the Frio Canyon. You can find old-time country jam sessions breaking out on the Court House lawn or run on over to the local dance halls to hear Texas'

most popular bands. Sight-seeing is one of the best forms of entertainment around. While you're out there, don't forget to stop at the local restaurants and antique shops. A top ranked championship golf course is only 5 minutes away from Parkview Riverside. Local fairs and festivals also dot the calendar year round. It's a great feeling to mosey back to the campground after a day of golfing or exploring the Texas Hill Country. Being able to enjoy all of what the local area has to offer is made better only by the ability to lounge in the comfort of your own RV. There is plenty of room between sites for your slide-outs so you won't feel crowded."

Wagonmasters **Reg Phillips (and DOT)** and **Boyd Mooney (and Sherry)** advise that the winter rally plans are well underway. It will be at the Oak Creek RV Park in Weatherford, 22-25 Jan '15 (<http://www.oakcreekrvpark.com/index.php>).

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Our June'12 rally was at this park and we found the accommodations to be excellent. **Sharon Jacob (and Frank)** and **Joyce Murdock (and Willard)** are taking the lead in organizing this rally and will welcome the always outstanding support from rally goers.

Georgene advises there was no club business requiring member attention at the Oklahoma rally. There will, however, definitely be a business meeting at Concan with the nomination/election of officers and selection of appointees as major agenda items. Some of your club's current lineup of officers and appointees have been serving for several consecutive years and would welcome successors. Our nominating team of **John Sharpe, Georgene Farrill** and **Redonia**

**Harper** are busy surveying the membership for prospective nominees. When approached, they would most appreciate your sincere consideration of the opportunity to serve the club. Incumbents are always most willing to mentor/coach those who agree to be nominated and are elected/appointed to succeed them.

In the last edition of the "Chatter", I cited challenges of maintaining and preferably growing our club's membership. A member has recommended that we devote increased attention to declining membership and rally attendance/participation. I, then, would like to facilitate some "out-of-the-box" thinking on this at the Concan business meeting. Here is a restatement of some of what I wrote last time: *As you know, declining membership and attendance/participation is not*

*unique to GMC Classics among GMCMH owner clubs, other automobile/aircraft clubs, civic clubs, etc. Among GMCMH owner clubs, many members have less confidence in their machine's safety and reliability for travel to/from owner events. Many also, due to declining health, have decreasing ability to do the maintenance/repairs required for sound safety and reliability. As a result, attendance/participation declines with subsequent non-renewal of memberships. In addition to intensifying efforts to attract replacement members and more, one suggestion is to select rally locations that have convenient onsite cabin accommodations. Members in this category may find the cabin alternative less costly than the fuel/maintenance for driving their motorhome – even if they elect to not attend/pay for the entire rally.*

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As always, your executive committee and I work for you, the members of GMC Classics, and welcome your feedback on any aspect of the club's operations – in person, by email, or phone. Our email addresses and phone numbers are in each edition of The Chatter. Look forward to rejoining you in the Hill Country at Concan in October.

Regards,  
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## A WORD FROM STANLEY

By Georgene Farrill

Well the June rally was a typical summer with a light turnout. But, never fear, we carried on with valor and *TALKED ABOUT ALL OF THE MISSING FOLKS!* Now don't you wish you had come? We always miss those that do not attend but, I am sorry, but we had a good time without you. A big **Thank You** to our hosts, **Reg & Dot Phillips and Boyd & Sherry Mooney**. Be sure to be at the next rally in October at Concan, near Uvalde, Texas, or prepare to have your ears burn!

We were at the Choctaw Casino in Durant, Ok. They have a large RV park and a nice conference building for our get togethers, games and meals. They really worked with us and even furnished the coffee! I believe the rally count was 17 coaches and a few who stayed in motels: **Jim & JoAnn Davis** and **Georgene Farrill**. **Rob Mueller** was in from Down Under, Australia that is. We had 5 guests: **Jim & Penny Johnson**, friends of **James and Redonia Harper** from east Texas, new owners **Franz & Sandra Resch**, and **Neil Fonville**, a new owner. **Jim & Penny** are NOT proud owners of a GMC (yet), but you just never know what will happen! **Franz** and **Sandra** have just recently purchased their coach and we all know the drill, it was not quite ready to make the trip so they came in their van and roughed it a little. **Neil, Franz** and **Sandra** are from the Fort Worth/Dallas Metroplex and have been to a couple of our luncheons. Hope to see all these friends at more rallies and luncheons. Speaking of friends and luncheons, we've been missing that crew from East Texas. **Mattie** and **Harry Driskell** are in charge of the luncheons and have good turnouts.

We started with Chickenfoot and it seems that **Sharon Jacob** is either really good or just plain lucky. She gets to take **Stanley** home a lot. I also wonder about **Francis Reeves**. She was in charge of Chickenfoot for quite a few years, so I figured she was a Guru in the game, but heck no! She took home Charlie the Loser again LOL.

The Swap Meet and Tech Session was Friday morning until noon. **James**

**Harper** was the speaker. The guys always like this and it is covered elsewhere in the Chatter for those that did not attend. I didn't go look at the swap meet so can't tell you anything except, **Georgene Farrill** has a GMC frame in her back yard and some stuff has been removed from it. If anyone is interested, let her know because she is getting ready to sell it for scrap iron! Classy Ladies followed at 12:00. Right now **Stanley** will apologize to the men. Our theme was to bring your favorite Dip/Cheese Ball, Chips, and recipe. The ladies were putting all this out as the men were leaving at 12:00. Well, **Stanley** had to chase them out with a stick. It was cruel and the ladies did feel bad it happened like that and we are **sorry**, but we went ahead and enjoyed the hen party. **Redonia Harper** had games to loosen us up and what we discovered is we really do not know our states. Like which states start with the letter "**O**". There are only **3** and you have **50** to guess from. First question and I was ready to move on. Oh well. **Georgene Farrill** did a small skit by herself with no warm up, costume or props. It was "**Why does it take women so long in the restroom and why do they go to the restroom in pairs**" They've all been there, those chicks could relate. And who were these chicks? They were **Linda Turner, Frances Reeves, Gaye Guelker, Pat Monk, Gayla Shelly, Charlotte Alumbaugh, Susan English, Joyce Murdock, Sherry Mooney, Janice Wersal, Penny Johnson, and Sandra Resch**.

It was fun and got them ready for Bean Bag Baseball. Team captains were **Carroll Shelly** and **Jerry Reeves**. **Boyd Mooney** and **Reg Phillips** were the "bag boys" and **Charles Wersal** was score keeper. This was **Wayne** and **Charlotte Alumbaugh's** first time to see or play this game. **Wayne** hops and kicks that leg back just like in washers. There were a lot of "high 5's" going on and this is such a cutthroat game that even opponents were "high 5ing" each other. **Carroll Shelly** and his team won. Just a few stats on a couple of players. 1st place was **Larry Turner** who had the most hits and 3 home runs. **Jerry Reeves** came in 2nd with 3 home runs. We are naming **Gay Guelker** 3rd with the most outs. LOL

Everyone was so happy to see her and **Marvin** at the rally!

It was a fun time, lots of laughs but Social Hour has arrived and it was time for another excellent meal and an evening of **Bingo**. **Wayne** and **Charlotte Alumbaugh** twirled the cage and called the numbers, while **Reg Phillips** verified the winners. Now the best I can remember **Joyce Murdock** shared a \$5 dollar pot with someone, **Joyce** and **Francis Reeves** scarfed up everything in between. Surely someone else won something, but no one can remember who. We just know it wasn't us. I do need to say that even with all these activities, there was always a card game in progress. You can always find a friend to talk to, coffee to drink, or a game to play in the building that was very cool. Some would take the shuttle and go to the casino, which was very handy. They would pick you up at your campsite and return you home when you were ready.

It took 2 shuttles but they got all of us to the **Casino Tour** the next morning. I think there were 22 that took the tour. I thought it was pretty impressive and a fun thing to do. I especially enjoyed the hotel part and being on the 25th floor looking out over the swimming oasis and all the amenities offered.

**Glyn Trimble** is always so faithful to come, so it was nice we were in his neck of the woods. **Glyn**, if you come to **Concan**, make sure someone comes with you. It's too far to come by yourself.

After the tour and lunch, we had our washer tournament. We played inside to stay cool. We had new blood for washers, visitors **Jim & Penny Johnson** and **Franz & Sandra Resch**. Okay this is my last time to call **Franz & Sandra** visitors; they are probably members by now! They are all game players and added to the fun, although some people were still in the top three. Actually **Franz & Sandra** had stayed over an extra day for the fun and the tour. **The RV Park gave a gift of wind chimes in the shape of a camper**. **Susan English** was the lucky winner..

## GAME RESULTS

The games played by the group is more fun each time they are played.  
The winners of each game were:

<b>Chicken Foot:</b>	<i>First Place</i>	<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Third Place</i>
	<b>Sharon Jacob</b>	<b>Janice Wersal</b>	<b>Larry Turner</b>
	<i>Highest score:</i>	<b>Francis Reeves</b>	
<b>Washers:</b>	<i>First Place</i>	<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Third Place</i>
	<b>Alan Sanderson</b> <b>Jerry Reeves</b>	<b>Boyd Mooney</b> <b>Susan English</b>	<b>Carroll Shelby</b> <b>Reg Phillips</b>
<b>Bean Bag Baseball:</b>	First Place went to <b>Larry Turner</b> with the most hits and three (3) home runs.		

The most outs, went to **Gay Guelker**

Everyone enjoys the games, the ones who do not play enjoy watching and cheering everyone on.

## TOUR OF CHOCTAW CASINO



A trip to the casino is an adventure for non gamblers and gamblers. There were approximately 22 individuals attending. It took two shuttles to get everyone to and from the casino.

We all met up at the Great White Buffalo Water Fountain. After pictures were taken, we started learning the everyday workings of a casino. We learned about the entertainment and every day happenings. Our guide, Brandon, was interesting, knowledgeable and very patient with our group. He said he learned many things from our group.

No one needed any exercise after this tour. Bet we walked a bunch of miles and climbed stairs (well a few short ones). It was very enjoyable, especially when we used the elevators. There was just so much to see.

We toured restaurants, shops, poker tournament area, high stakes slots, and viewed the Casino Slot area from the second floor.

Everyone's highlight of the tour was the \$2,500.00 per night suite on the 25<sup>th</sup> floor. A select few ventured our onto the outside to view the swimming oasis. Ask Wayne Alumbaugh about this tour, he even made use of the lounge chair. What a place to stay.

Last of the tour was of outside pool area (seen fully from our 25<sup>th</sup> floor view). What an ideal place to just, sit back, relax, swim, sunbath, and watch all the interesting peoples.

Everyone left with a deck of cards that was once used at the blackjack tables

## TECH SESSION

The tech session was a discussion on causes for engine overheating that you don't often think about.

I brought a distributor with me and demonstrated parts that would stick, causing the timing to be off at different RPM's which would cause over heating.

We discussed fan clutch and I pointed out the spring on the front that Hayden admits is set at a lower temperature than OEM. If you use a 195 degree thermostat it would cause the fan to cycle in and out often.

We also discussed water pumps and thermostat and their part in engine overheating.

