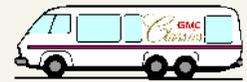


# GMC



# Classics

## Letter from our President

### UP COMING RALLIES



### Spring Rally

April 27 - 30, 2017  
 Antler Oaks Lodge  
 3862 Hwy 16 N  
 Bandera, Texas  
 830-796-8111



### Summer Rally

July 20 - 23, 2017  
 Onalaska KOA  
 15152 US Hwy 190 West  
 Onalaska, TX 77360  
 936-646-3824



Sharon Jacob

We are a couple months into a new year. Hopefully it will be a good year for all of us.

For those of you that wanted a woman president for the Classics, well you now have one for this year. I may not be Hillary but I will be a lot like President Trump and need a lot of advisors.

We had a very small, quiet and peaceful rally at Coffee Creek in Santo, Texas but we still had a lot of fun. We missed a lot of our regulars. Hopefully we will get to see you all at our next rally on April 27-30 in Bandera, Texas.

**Walter Donham** joined us from Odessa, Texas and he decided to join the Club while there. Haven't seen **Vern Crawford** and **Lenore Langsdorf** for awhile. Glad ya'll came. There were also a couple motorhomes that came a long way to get to the rally. They are **Fred** and **Dianne Dugger** from Kansas, and **Thomas Jetzer** and **Patricia Schenk** from Indiana. Thomas and Patricia have a KOA in Elk Hart, Indiana and would love

for all of us to come up and camp with them.

We have a lot of very good volunteers in our club that stepped up and made all the games and the rally a lot of fun! THANK YOU!!!

We still need a host or volunteers for the rally this summer at Onalaska. Just volunteer and I know there will be lots of folks to help you!

Hope to see everyone in Bandera. Safe travels!



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## A WORD FROM STANLEY

By Georgene Farrill

We rallied in Santo, Texas and you say, "where the heck is that"? I will tell you, the middle of nowhere!!! Trip Advisor recommends hotels in Weatherford, Ft. Worth, Stephenville and Granbury. If you draw a line from one to the other, you have a circle and Santo is in the middle. Now if you are a hunter or fishermen of any sort, you know or have heard of this area. We were very close to, probably on, land that was hunted. If you got up early you could hear hunters shooting at something. It was not that close or dangerous in any way. It was deer season, plus hunters are really after and getting feral hogs this year. This was a restful laid back part of Texas, not a lot going on, but a very nice RV park, so we all did our thing and partied hardy. If the picture of **Richard Hodges** asleep on a wooden bench gets in Chatter you will see what I am talking about, restful.

**Jaye Hodges** got busy and found a place for the ladies. Natty Flat Smokehouse for barbecue and next to it was a furniture store. This furniture is all made out of like logs, very large pieces and hand made, very unique pieces, price tags reflected all that. Had that western or Texas look. If you or your kids have a big house and need some new furniture it would be worth the trip. We all thoroughly enjoyed going thru and looking at it all. They also had a huge rocking chair next to the road. I mean huge, but we enjoyed taking pictures and a couple tried to climb it even though the sign said "DO NOT CLIMB ON CHAIR". Hmmm, wonder who that was? (Georgene and Diane?) The first rung was taller than either **Diane Dugger** or **Georgene Farrill**. Those that went were **Jaye Hodges, Pat Monk, Diane Dugger, Sharon Jacob, Gayla**

**Shelley, Debbie Massey, Frances Reeves, Linda Turner, Georgene Farrill and Sherry Mooney**. The BBQ was good and we did purchase a few items there. It was a fun day for the ladies. Below is **Georgene Farrill** "not climbing" on the chair. hahahaha



While we went to Natty Flat the guys have swap meet and Tech Session. Again I don't know what happen in Tech session, but a new guy, **Walter Donham** brought his coach, a 73 GMC, I have been told he removed airbags and put in coil springs. Mind Bogglin. He is from Odessa TX. Called **Billy Massey** when he cleared Ranger Hill going home to report that he sailed over it without a problem. If you have never been over this hill, it is east of Abilene, in the middle of flat west Texas is this unbelievable hill. RV's and 18 wheelers hate it. It is bad going down also. He is a young guy and has a family, hope they can all attend a rally sometime. When we get back to the park **John Sharp** brought his 1940 Ford Business Panel car so the guys are going over it. It is really a pretty car, silver with a purple and yellow gold abstract art on it, but I think it is what kind of car they were enthralled with.

Baseball time. Remember this is a host-less rally, **Debbie Massey** volunteered to keep score and **Reggie Phillips** did a great job picking up balls and throwing at **Boyd**, at least they are in rotation. LOL Hey, we had fun, either playing the game, talking, or sometimes really gloating over a good play, ie **Susan England** and **Diane Dugger, Pat Monk** thinks about it. That's OK. If you got it, flaunt it. Kept us busy till the social hour and then dinner. Winners of all games are listed separately.

Before I forget. Even though it's a host-less rally, we have to eat. A very big hand and "Thank You" to **Sharon Jacob** for arranging for the caterers and **Boyd Mooney** for getting the donuts etc for breakfast.

After dinner it was time for LCR. **Francis Reeves** was point volunteer for our LCR game. Boy what a loud, dollar hungry crowd! This is a fun game, getting started is kind of slow but the pace picks up and even when you get totally eliminated you have to watch. There is a very definite winner and you just wish it had been you. Instead of telling you who all played (nearly everyone) I will tell who did not play. **John Sharp, Richard Hodges, Walter Donham, Patricia Schenk, Thomas Jetzer and Scott Nutter**. He should have played, **Sydney Robinson** was the winner! It is always fun watching a winner play in money.

Each night after the meals, so many pitched in to clean up and re-arrange the room for game playing. Each night trash patrol was taken care of by so many people I don't want to list them because I might leave someone out. Everyone was busy helping!

Next came the card players. Players were **Sharon & Frank Jacobs, Linda Turner, and Jaye Hodges**. We really missed our card players this time. We never had more than one table going at a time. What a nice surprise when **Robert & Linda Kaufman** brought **Joyce Murdock** to the rally. She needed some card playing and **Willard** probably needed some **Willard** only time. lol Neither was up for a rally but the visit was nice and we now have 2 more card players!!! Good times!

Washer time! The best thing about washers this time was that someone brought a long handled, really really powerful magnet. It would pick up 2 or 3 washers at a time. **Technology** is wonderful!!! No more bending over, mostly. Sure wish I knew who brought it and I'd give them a peck on the cheek. Thanks! It was nice sitting outside, going for walks with our dogs, conversing and enjoying the weather. Then it rained. They had played long enough to know the winners, so all was good. While out and about, we got to admire **Sherry Mooney's** coach. **Boyd** has finally got it just about finished, if you can ever say that about a **GMC**. He has been on it a long time. They just had their 55th anniversary and she says that is when he started!!! **Wrong**, but waiting for something seems like forever. Check it out next time. He has done a great job.

Saturday night dinner of lasagna was very good and it was followed by the installation of 2017 officers. We have a good line-up starting with the president **Sharon Jacob**, Vice President **Reg Phillips**, Secretary **Sydney Robinson**, Treasurer **Dot Phillips**, Wagon Master **Billy Massey**, Assistant Wagon Master **Boyd Mooney**, and Tech Coordinator **Carroll Shelley**. **Virgie McHaney** is our FMCA rep with **Alan Sanderson** as Assistant.

Next get our Bingo Cards. **Bingo** was fun in so many ways. Two of the best callers, **Scott Nutter** and **Sydney Robinson**. They make the game so unusual! Be sure to play next time. We had some nice money pots! I was at the table with **Patricia Schenk & Thomas Jetzer**. Well, **Patricia** hates bingo and never plays. **Why?** Because she never wins. Lol She says you can be so close, one number left, and then someone else says **Bingo**. Guess what, she played again and still not win. But it was another fun night and rally.

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I didn't get to the rally until Friday so I missed playing my signature game, Chickenfoot. But what I heard through the **chicken yard** was **Larry Turner** had **highest** score in game. **FUN FUN** See you at the rally in Bandera!

Stanley

Congrats  
Winners

### WASHERS

1st **Jim Jackson and Grant**  
2nd **Fred Dugger/Boyd Mooney**  
3rd **Reg Phillips/Franz Resch**

### CHICKENFOOT

1st **Billy Massey**  
2nd **Gayla Shelly**  
3rd **Lenore Langsdorf**  
Boobie **Larry Turner**

### BINGO

\$20 **Boyd Mooney/Jim Jackson**  
\$20 **Diane Dugger**  
\$20 **Sharon Jacob**  
\$20 **Jim Jackson**  
\$20 **Susan England**  
\$20 **Dot Phillips**  
\$50 **Jim Jackson/Diane Dugger**  
**Alan Sanderson/Reggie**

**Phillips**  
\$100 **Debbie Massey**

### LCR

\$116 **Sydney Robinson**

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This is a closed group for our members to keep in touch with what is going on. If you are not a member, please go and ask to join us.



## TECH SESSION

BY JIM JACKSON.



## Receiver Hitch Anti-rattle Device

Santo Rally – January 2017

By Larry Turner

**Larry Turner** shared his experiences with what is known as an Anti-rattle Device at our last rally. Larry now drives a 49 foot diesel pusher and tows a 4-door Buick sedan. His diesel is taller than our GMC so he uses a drop adapter to make the tow bar level while towing the Buick. He noticed on his rear view camera that the car would wander side to side while being towed so he contacted Roadmaster, his tow bar manufacturer. Roadmaster assured him that the tow bar was made to specifications but suggested that he try an Anti-rattle Device. The idea was that this would tighten up the “slop” between the receiver and the front arm of the tow bar. He also has a second area of “slop” between the drop adapter and the tow bar.

If you Google Anti-rattle devices, you will find a great variety of designs and a wide range of prices for the same item. For example, the first device that Larry showed us was the Roadmaster Quiet Hitch for 2 inch trailer hitches. This device is available for \$24.95 from eTrailer.com and at Tractor Supply for \$12.99.



Roadmaster describes this as a hitch immobilizer that will keep the hitch mounted accessory from rattling or moving in the receiver. You will observe that it used a double nut as a lock nut to hold the device in place. Larry did not like this design.

The second design that was shown is similar to the Blue Ox Hitch Receiver immobilizer. This device ranges in price from \$55.95 to \$80.00.



You will observe that with up and down as well as across U-bolts that it should immobilize the tow bar. Larry tried this design and the “ears” on the “L” shaped angle iron failed. One ear’s welds had broken and the ear was missing and the second ear had bent outward as the welds were insufficient. It is a good design but not sturdy enough.

Amazon has a wide variety of the Anti-rattle Devices. Larry’s choice is below, the Winnerwell Anti-rattle Hitch Tightener. They sell it for \$12.98 plus shipping.



The Winnerwell is made of thicker steel than the other brands and is bent to 90 degrees to grab the lip of the receiver. There are other designs similar to the Winnerwell, but the plate is bent to a lesser angle than 90 degrees and it probably will not hold as tightly to the receiver lip.

If you search Amazon.com for a hitch anti-rattle, you will find they have 144 items listed. The choice of **Larry Turner** and agreed upon by attendees at the Santo Rally, is the Winnerwell Anti-Rattle Hitch Tightener available from Amazon for \$12.00 or eBay for \$18.18. It is probably the best design for the money.

Thanks to **Larry Turner** for a great presentation!

Happy Sway Free Towing!  
Jim Jackson

\*\*Please note the prices stated were accurate at the time of this Tech Session and may have changed.



Please take the time to share with me any articles of interest and/or things regarding your experience with your GMC so I can add them to the newsletter. I know there are lots of interesting/ funny/ exciting things that have happened, at some time or another. People would enjoy reading about your experiences in our Chatter. It does not have to be just about your GMC. It could be about your travels, a neat place to go, things you saw, fun, camping, shopping, etc. Give it to me at a rally or email it to: [debbie@bdub.net](mailto:debbie@bdub.net)

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