

“Roaming Dixie Together”

GMC Dixielander

September 2006

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Dixielander Minutes

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

July 26, 2006 River Plantation, Seiverville, Tenn.

President John Nicholls called the meeting to order at 1005. The invocation was given by Jim Walters, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS President Nicholls advised the membership that the Executive Board had discussed the status of widows in the Dixielander Chapter and determined that widows would be considered extended members of the Dixielander family without having to pay any membership fees. As extended members, they would remain on the newsletter mailing list unless they opted to be taken off, and would also have a standing invitation to all future rallies. This would not preclude widows who wish to apply for Associate membership as stipulated in the by-laws. A general discussion followed and a question raised as to those widows or widowers that chose to retain and use their motor homes at rallies. It was generally agreed that those members fell under the regular membership requirements. A motion was made by Rosco Trivette and seconded by Bobby Moore to accept the initiative of retaining widows on the mailing list and retaining them as extended members of the Dixielander family. The motion was voted on and accepted.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT Jim Walters addressed the upcoming rallies: The next rally will be Oct 12-15 at Chumuckla, FL. The rally will cost \$35 per person plus campground fees. Registration sheet and tentative rally schedule is in this newsletter.

The Winter Rally will be January 15 – 1, 2007 at Lazy Days near Tampa, FL. It is a no-host rally with entertainment and catered meals. The cost of the rally will be \$239 plus 12% tax. For early arrivals or those staying later, the additional cost will be \$24.99 plus 12% tax for each additional day. This rally is being held in conjunction with the Alumni Rally. Further information and registration forms will be in the next newsletter.

**2007 dues are due December
2006. Beat the rush, Mail \$10 to:**

Chuck Chambers, 2379 High Falls Road, Jackson, GA 30233

Make checks payable to: GMC Dixielanders

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

Our 2007 Spring Rally , the annual work rally at Bean Station, TN is scheduled for May and normally during the running of the Kentucky Derby.

For the 200 Summer rally, in July, Jim is tentatively looking at Sugar Mill Creek RV Park , (www.sugarmillcreek.com), Lake Burton, GA. He asked for a show of hands as preference for June or July. The membership indicated preference for July. Jim said that this would be a no-host rally and entertainment was planned for Friday. Although dates are not available as yet, the days would be Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Plans for the Fall 2007 rally are still tentative. Jim asked members if they preferred a flat land area such as Florida, or the hills/mountain for Fall foliage. The membership overwhelmingly preferred the hill country. One member requested that we look at something in the Cumberland Plateau of Kentucky or Tennessee. Renfro Vally was mentioned as a possibility. Another area under consideration was Foley, AL and he would also pursue the Cumberland Plateau region.

The Wales West no host rally after Chumuckla was discussed, additional details are in this newsletter.

SECRETARIES REPORT

Flic Acosta read the minutes for the Bean Station Rally. Ken Henderson stated the Disielander Website address was incorrect and that the correct address was "www.gmcdixielanders.org", and not "www.bdub.Dixielander.com."

A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bobby Moore and seconded by Elaine Henderson. A vote was called for and the motion was accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chuck Chambers presented the treasurer's report. The starting balance was \$6318.22. After income of \$80 and expenditures of \$519.13, the ending balance was \$5879.09. A motion to accept the report was made by Bobby Moore and seconded by Judy Acosta. The motion was voted on and approved.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Don Leslie reported that FMCA is currently considering a common website for all the GMC chapters so that common interest items can be raised and discussed at a central place. He doesn't know where that stands at this point, but will pass on the information as it becomes available.

From The Desk of The Editor.

This is your newsletter. I think that everyone has items of interest to share with their fellow Dixielanders. Frankly, if you don't submit articles, etc, the newsletter will not happen. If you have a really neat technical tip that is about 300 words, and a diagram or photo or two, this is the place to make it happen. I know that many of us have added little things that make our GMC unique and better suited to our needs. Share the wealth. I also want to add a recipe page of interesting things to cook within the coach. I know that I like to eat and many of you are very talented cooks. My idea would be two or three simple recipes per newsletter.

Help me make it happen for you.

Tom Phipps

Special No Host Rally October 15 thru 18

Fred Veenschoten and John Nicholls are inviting all GMC'ers to a special no-host rally, immediately following the Fall rally at Chumuckla, FL. It will be held at Wales West Light Railway and RV Resort in Silverhill, AL. A short 70 mile drive from the Chumuckla Rally. The owner has a full length pit that he is making available for us to use. Schedule your time and look underneath your coach. Look at the mysteries that are hard to see, while lying on your back. Campground reservations must be made by Oct 1.

contact: John Nicholls or Fred Veenschoten

John Nicholls, 850 968 4637 , [johnrita1 at cox.net](mailto:johnrita1@cox.net)

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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

President Nicholls told the members that we had a change in Newsletter editors. Ken O'Rourke has stepped down and Tom Phipps has assumed the editorial duties.

MISCELLANEOUS

Marty Samsel announced that there were two vacancies for the "Womanless Beauty Pageant" to be held at Berrian Springs. Anyone interested should contact her.

Ken Henderson announced that the GMC Eastern States had been asked by Emery Stora to provide hours for technical sessions at the next GMCMI rally and he has agreed to present some 14 hours worth of new technical material.

Ken appealed to members to provide a couples-photo for inclusion on the Dixielander Website. Bobby Moore said that Ken had a camera and suggested that folks see him at this rally. Ken thanked Bobby for volunteering him. Elaine Henderson noted that she would be happy to take pictures. Bobby also noted that we could compile these photos in an album and members could purchase them. A motion was made by Ken Henderson that the President appoint a person to look into the matter and report back at our next meeting. It was seconded and approved by the membership.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Roscoe Trivette and seconded by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 1112.

NEW MEMBERS

George and Joan Zhookoff, 1903 Colony Oaks Dr., Snellville, Ga 30078, F# 376829
Fred and Toni Veenschoten, 3450 Stoddard Rd., Pensacola, FL., 32536, F# 377064

RE-INSTATED:

Thomas and Mary Anne Both, 163 Pine Point Dr., Lexington, S.C. 29072, F#186059
Phil and Pamela Speeks, 6501 W. Emory Rd., Knoxville, TN., 37931, F# ?

Editor's Note: Phone numbers and e-mail addresses will not be published in the newsletter. The general membership list has that information. Any member who needs or wants a copy of the total membership, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the editor. A copy will be provided after 2007 dues are paid to all paid up members.

SUNSHINE NEWS Susan Wedenman, Dave's wife, has been hospitalized for the past month with an intestinal infection. Dave says that she is recovering, but slowly. Cards and Notes can be sent to : Susan Wedenman, C/O Missy Enoch, 06 Homestead Park Drive, Apex, N.C. 27502.

Frank Jenkins, famous for his hat and fiberglass skills, is recovering from triple by-pass surgery in his home. Cards and Notes can be sent to: Frank Jenkins, 18214 NE 21st St., Gainesville, FL 32609

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"How do we advance the cause of the GMC Motorhome?" Discussions lead to two points, one being local weekend rallies that working folks can attend and the other being exposure, exposure, and more exposure. Bobby Moore and others have shown us at least one way to get exposure. Did you know that Bobby and Peggy recently won a show trophy for their coach? They did! Please take this up among yourselves and take your coaches to local classic car shows. One suggestion is to bill them as hot rods with plumbing and enter them in the muscle car group. Another way is to take an idea from the Classics and create our own local "Tulsa Lunch Bunch" where they drive their coaches to a restaurant for lunch once a month.

We need volunteers to coordinate the venues and to take the lead to get coaches involved. If you are willing to lead the charge, let Tom Phipps know so that he can publish you as the contact person. We also would like to publish which shows our coaches have been in. We need people to head up local rallies. We need to publish these rallies in local papers and indicate an open house period. I think this could snow ball, our membership average age could drop, and our coach values will move back up to where they should be.

When one looks at the RV market to see what is available and at what price, our coaches are very competitive. Let me know what you think.

John Nicholls, President

PERSONAL SECURITY SYSTEM Think of your car keys.

An idea to consider. Next time you come home for the night and you go to put your car keys away, think of this:

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Start keeping your car keys next to your bed on the night stand. If you think that someone is trying to get into your house, just press the panic alarm on your car key chain. Test it. It will go off from almost everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob. It works if you park in the driveway or the garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, the odds are that person will not stick around. After a few seconds of the horn noise, your neighbors will be looking out their windows to see what is making all that noise. This is the last thing a person with evil intent wants to happen. This also works while you are walking to your car at the mall or parking facility.

From Allen Martin via John Nichols.

FOR SALE, FREE and Other Stuff

For Sale: Three 23' GMC motorhomes, but only need one. 76 Birchaven, rear bath, Clasco redo, \$18,500; 76 Birchaven, rear bath, gutted, build it like you want, \$8,500; 73 Glacier, rear bed, side bath, excellent, \$12,500
John Nichols, (850) 968-4637 johnrita1 at cox.net

For Sale: 78 GMC 26' Royale, 74,000 miles, rear twin beds, rebuilt 403 engine with headers, rebuilt transmission with 3.70 final drive, Edlebrock intake manifold, Holley fuel injection, seven Alcoa wheels, new Michelin XPS Rib tires, new side windows by Motorhome Enhancements, new windshields, base coat clear coat paint, new Onan 4KW generator, vinyl seats and couch, Maximum CB with controls on the mike. \$24,500. Call: Doris Blackburn (256) 383 6254.

For Sale: One of a kind. The only GMC of its kind, 455 Olds with fuel injection, Special Mercedes paint by Topeka Graphics, Automatic Sat. TV with LCD, Sat radio, 2500 Watts Trace Inverter, 6KW Onan, solar power, heated water/drainage system, maserator, computer desk, Paliser recliner/ottoman, day/night shades, dual A/Cs with heat strip. Full rear bed, all around Zip Dee awnings, Alcoa wheels and Michelin tires. Kept in a heated building, too many options to list. Non-smoker, no pets. Beautiful machine. Call Richard Harwell in Hickory, NC (828) 324 4455

Free: Scale 1:1 Olds 403 engine kit, in pieces. You figure out how to get it home. John Nichols (850) 968 4637

Lost: Unwanted baggage. More than 50 pounds of excess JR is missing. If found, do not return to original owner. But, be sure to tell him "Great Job!".

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DIRECTIONS: From the North East -From Montgomery, AL, South on I-65 to exit 69. South on AL 113, 14 miles to Flomaton. Right on US 29/US 31, 2 miles to Flomaton, Continue to Century. Left at SR 4. Go East 7 miles to Jay. Right on Hwy 89. Go South 3 miles to Hwy 197 (Chumuckla Hwy). Go 13 miles to Byrom Campbell Road. Right at Farmers Opry House Sign, one-half mile to campground.

From the East - Proceed West on I-10 past Tallahassee and Crestview, FL to exit 22. Go right on 281 North (Avalon Blvd) 5 miles to US 90, left 5 miles to Hwy 197, go past Hwy 197 B. Right 13 miles on Hwy 197 (Chumuckla Hwy) to Byrom Campbell Road, left at sign, one-half mile to Farmers Opry House.

Camping fee to be paid to Farmers' Opry upon arrival: **Cash or Checks Only******
Water & Electric, 3 nights @ \$16.58 per night (tax included) = \$49.73
Limited number of Full Hookups available @ \$19.89 (tax included) = \$59.67
Early arrivals and late departures are available at the same rally rate.

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Name_____No. of Persons_____

Arrival Date_____Departure Date_____Handicap_____Yes

Rally Fee \$35 per person X_____People = \$_____Enclosed

Registration must be received no later than September 30, 2006. Mail to:

Dennis Ray (Make checks payable to DIXIELANDER FALL RALLY)
262 Circle Drive
Defuniak Springs, FL 32435 Home (850) 892-2566 Cell (850) 865-7050

