

GMC Dixielander

Spring 2008

Movers and Shakers

- President Jim Walters
- Vice-President Dan Springer
- Secretary Johanna Tanner
- Treasurer Chuck Chambers
- FMCA Nat. Dir. Don Walloch
- Alternate Don Leslie
- Executive Committee
 - Harry Terrell
 - Elaine Henderson
 - Ike Grove
 - JR Slaten, Alternate
- Nominating Committee
 - Audrey Holloway
 - Betty Davis
 - Ted Stinnett
- Audit Committee
 - Gene Dotson
 - Marie Hudson
- GMCMI East Rep JR Slaten
- GMCMI South Rep Alex Sirum
- Photographers Ike & Jan Grove, Jr.
- Sunshine Lady Judy Acosta
- Membership Chm. John Nicholls
- Equipment Mgr. / Storekeeper John Richardson
- WebMaster Ken Henderson
- Newsletter Editor Tom Phipps

Dixielander

Notes from the President:

I know I'm biased, but each successive rally seems better than the last. And, I've come to understand that it is not the site, but it's being with friends who over the years we've come to regard as extended family. The Winter Rally always provides a nice, albeit a temporary escape from the cold weather. This year was no different.

Although there was a smattering of rain, it failed to dampen enthusiasm. I know the ladies enjoyed not having to cook or plan meals. With the meals provided and entertainment to enjoy each evening, the days literally flew by. Knowing the Dixielanders to be somewhat frugal, I was surprised that so many people chose to skip the free lunch for strawberries at Parksdale Farms!

This was my first meeting as President and on behalf of the other board members, permit me to say how much we're honored to serve the best RV Club in all FMCA. And a special thanks to Joanne Tanner for flying to Tampa to fulfill her duties as the Secretary. Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't express my appreciation to John Nichols for his service the last three years as President and VP.

2008 is shaping up to be another great year for the Dixielanders. Already we are looking forward to Bean Station, Murphy and the Fall Rally with Roscoe and Shirley Trivett. See you there!

Jim Walters

Notes from the Editor:

As many of you know, Marilyn and I relocated to Northern Virginia. We have a nice house, without any home owner restrictions. The front driveway will hold at least two GMC's. We have already had guests from Canada, who were on their way to the sun. If you come this way, please stop by and say "Hi". There is plenty of room and hot coffee.

Tom Phipps, Editor

The GMC Dixielander membership is also available as a pdf or excel spreadsheet. You must request this by e-mail.

Sunshine Report

Dan Hudson passed away January 19, 2008. He had been ill for quite awhile with cancer and undergoing treatment to attempt to bring it into remission. Dan will be remembered for his warm, genuine and giving personality. A true gentleman, with a kind work for everyone. He was always eager to assist fellow members and could be found working underneath someone else's coach at our rallies. Please join us in prayer for both Dan and Marie. We know that she is undergoing a terrible loss. (24 Jan, 2008)

Wayland Tyner has undergone Surgery for cancer on Feb.13th. Jeanette reported everything went well. The prognosis was very positive. Please join us in praying for Wayland's quick and successful recovery. (15 Feb, 2008)

Dave Perry from a ladder, when the ladder slipped from his roof. He shattered his upper left arm and cracked his hip. He will be incapacitated for up to three months. He is in Room 830, Shands Hospital, 655 W. 8th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209-6511

Gene Welch has reluctantly given up his GMC Dixielander membership. His health no longer allows him to maintain his beloved GMC. If you are in his area, he has welcomed you to stop by.

Treasurer's Report. January 9, 2008

Balance brought forward: \$5209.88

Income:

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| New members, dues and 2 hats | \$1065.00 |
| Chattanooga Rally Excess | 606.19 |
| Reimbursement for returned check charge | 25.00 |

TOTAL INCOME: \$1696.19

BALANCE \$6906.07

EXPENDITURES:

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| Wal-Mart – New Ledger | \$ 21.12 |
| Returned Check Bank Charge | 25.00 |
| Jan Gibson (Specialty Engraving) Badges | 108.05 |
| Tom Phipps– Newsletter Costs | 170.97 |
| Judy Acosta– Sunshine Fund | 50.00 |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$375.59

ENDING BALANCE: \$6530.48

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Chambers, Treasurer

GMC Dixielanders General Business Meeting

16 Jan 2008 Wednesday, 9:30 A.M., Lazy Days Rally Park, Seffner, FL

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Walters at 9:30 AM. The invocation was given by Jim Walters followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretaries Report

Secretary Tanner read the minutes of the Chattanooga, TN, 27 Oct 2007 meeting and corrections were made. The nominations report was changed to show Elaine Henderson, instead of Elaine Leslie, as a member of the Executive Committee. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by John Nicholls and seconded by Flic Acosta. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Chambers read the treasurer's report, as of 09 Jan 2008. Balance brought forward was \$5209.88. After income of \$1696.19 and expenditures totaling \$375.59, the ending balance was \$6530.48. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Ron Davis and seconded by John Nicholls. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Jim Walters thanked past President John Nichols and Rita for a great job during the past 2 years. The new officers for 2008 were introduced and Sam Carson, new member attending, was also introduced. Jim's intentions for 2008 are to continue the path established by John Nicholls. Our emphasis for 2008 should be to enlarge our very close circle of friends through recruiting. Jim thanked members for electing him and allowing him the opportunity to serve.

Vice-President's Report

Vice President Springer presented a report on upcoming rallies.

Bean Station Rally will be held the first week of May 1-3, 2008 to coincide with the annual running of the Kentucky Derby. Hosts are AL and Marty Samsel and JR and Jeannie Slaten. There will be a Western Night, so bring western wear, and the Kentucky Derby Party and "hat" parade.

Summer Rally 2008 will be held 24 – 26 July 2008 at Peace Valley Campground, Murphy, NC. Tentative Hosts: Harry and Linda Terrill, Joe and Bonnie Terry and John and Rita Nicholls.

Fall Rally 2008: Bristol, TN at the race track. Hosts: Roscoe and Shirley Trivette. Currently working on getting together with the GMC Alumni and GMC Eastern States and having one rally with Tri-Hosts using Roscoe as Rally Master, or back to back rallies, then on to the GMCMI Rally in Delaware in September. Suysie Tase mentioned that the Alumni group has set a rally for Oct 29 – Nov 2. The Eastern States may have a rally set for Roanoke.

Winter Rally for 2009: No Report.

As an info item, the Alumni group is planning their Winter Rally, for Jan 12 – 15, 2009 at Disney World Wilderness Campground.

Please keep Dan advised of any sites you feel would be appropriate for rallies.

Sunshine Report

Judy Acosta reported that cards have been sent to Shirley Trivette, Ken Henderson, Herb Haught, Flic Acosta, Barbara Worth and Cathryn Cupples. Cards were passed to be signed for Dan Hudson and Sara Lewis. Korky Rice will have hip surgery, and Elaine Leslie will have back surgery.

FMCA Report

Sandee Walloch reported she and Don will be in St. Paul, MN July 14-17, 2008 at the FMCA International Rally and will host the GMC Dixielandees chapter table. Anyone attending please let them know. They will also attend the SE Rally the first week in February in Brooksville, FL, participating in the parade waving the GMC Dixielanders flag, riding bikes, et.

Motion made by JR Slaten and seconded by John Nicholls that the club purchase a GMC Dixielanders flag to used in the promotion of the club. Motion carried.

GMCMH Committee Report

The Spring Rally will be held in Santa Rosa, CA, March 30 thru April 5, 2008. As an information item, Ken Henderson formed a Google Group and anyone interested in hearing more about caravans going to Santa Rosa should send him e-mail and he will give you the website. Members are already posting maps and information on the site.

Newsletter Report

Tom Phipps will continue to publish the Newsletter. Anyone with items of GMC interest should e-mail Tom.

Store Keeper Report No Report.

Photographer Report John Nicholls has the photo album.

Old Business There was no old business.

New Business

Chuck Chambers stated the initiation fee needs to be increased from \$20 to \$25 to cover the cost of the increase in badge engraving, which has gone up to \$15.50.

The increase will mean a change to the Club's standing rules. Motion made by Judy Acosta and seconded by Ken Henderson to increase the initiation fee from \$20 to \$25. Motion carried.

Standing Rule 1. Shall be changed as follows and included in the next printing of the Bylaws:

Initiation Fee: All new members shall pay a \$25.00 initiation fee which includes membership badges and first year's dues. All reinstated members shall pay a \$10.00 initiation fee."





Lazy Days Rally 2008

Photos by John Nicholls

BEAN STATION RALLY

May 1 – 3, 2008

The Premier GMC Dixielander Event of the Year – The Bean Station Rally– is right around the corner.

Once again, Al and Marty Samsel will be our hosts for this event.

Event Schedule

Thursday Evening – Pot Luck – Please bring a dish to share. Meat Loaf will be furnished.

Friday Evening – Western Night – Chuck Wagon Stew– Plus. Wear your Western attire, Jeans, Cowboy Hat, etc.

Saturday Evening – Cook-Out

Breakfast will be served Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Each coach please bring a dessert to share.

Directions

From Knoxville: I-40, Take exit 392, HWY 11 W – Rutledge Pike-40 miles East – Turn in Dalton Lane-Next to Dollar General. (Make U-turn at Texaco Station).

From NC: I-40 West to I-81 North – Take Exit 8– go right (North) 17 miles to Dalton Lane.

From VA: I-81– Take first Tennessee Exit – HWY 11W – 70 miles to Dalton Lane.

From KY: Take HWY 25E exit from I-75– Go approximately 80 miles to HWY 11W- dalton Lane (Dollar General).

PHONE NUMBERS: 865-993-5635

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BEAN STATION RALLY – May, 2008

Mail to: Marty Samsel
P.O. Box 310
Bean Station, TN 37708

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____
Name _____ Full Hook UP (\$15 per night) _____
Address _____ Electric Only (\$10 per night) _____
Rally Fee (\$20 per person) _____

COACH _____

Work to do: _____

Pit Time needed (yes or no) _____

Cut-Off Date: April 24, 2008