

# GMC Dixielander

Summer 2008

## *Movers and Shakers*

- President Jim Walters
- Vice-President Dan Springer
- Secretary Joanna Tanner
- Treasurer Chuck Chambers
- FMCA Nat. Dir. Don Walloch
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  - JR Slaten, Alternate
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  - 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: Jim Walters

Wow! It doesn't get much better than Bean Station. Good food, excellent weather and great friends! I suspect the high fuel prices may have deterred some members from attending but, with 50 coaches and over 100 people in attendance, it was a great rally. Each year Bean Station seems to get better and better. Just a few thoughts; it was really great having Nell Toole, Allene Burdett, Mary Bezy and Muriel Bradley join us (don't wait so long next time). I sure hope everyone got to meet our first-timers ( Jim and Jane Galbavy, Clyde and Faye Simmons, Luther McConnell, Howard and Doreen Nylander, Byron and Martha Songer, and Gregg Moore). And what a nice surprise having Bill and Bobbie Bramblett join us all the way from Estes Park, CO. And on this 20th anniversary year of the founding of the Dixielanders, wasn't it nice to have founding members Jim and Lou McDowe II visit with us? Wasn't it good to see Korky Rice bouncing back from her surgery?

I am amazed how time melts away at our rallies. It seems the days pass all too fast and way before we're ready for the rally to end, we are saying our goodbyes and counting the days until the next event. But, great rallies don't just happen. It takes a lot of tireless behind-the-scenes work. Many thanks to Al and Marti, J.R. and Jeannie and all of you who pitched in to help.

I know I'm biased, but I never think of the Dixielanders as just a RV Club. I've belonged to many clubs and associations but you are much more than that. Ever of often, whether its coincidence, chemistry or happenstance, all the critical components seem to magically come together to make an outstanding organization. Whatever it is, the Dixielanders have it. Lets all hold onto it, for it is Wonderful! Thanks for allowing me to be a part.

Notes from the Editor: Tom Phipps, Editor

Well, I finally made it to the premier Dixielander Rally, Bean Station. Marti and Al did a bang up job. I had a good time and met many more GMC Dixielanders. I did not get anything done on my coach, but helped others, or watched others get their coaches worked on. Beautiful place, beautiful weather, and great people. Did I say Great Grub!

**Sunshine Report**

. Ed Laird – (dtd May 6) Ed was moved into a physical rehab center call Joan Glancy Memorial, Duluth, GA. His direct number to his room is 678-312-6203. He will be there for a couple of weeks, then go to a sub-acute care facility. -Price K. Laird, thru Judy and Flic Acosta

Dave Perry – (dtd Mar 11) To all my Dixielander friends: Barbara and I want to thank you for all the cards, emails, and telephone calls and especially your prayers. I enjoyed each and every one. I had my second surgery on my arm on Feb, 28 with enough plates and screws to give me a bionic arm. Fortunately, the doctors felt the triple fracture in the pelvis area would not nee surgery and regain the use of both my arm and leg. I won't be able to put weight on my left leg for at least a couple of months, so I am learning to be wheelchair proficient. I won't be to Bean Station and will miss being there and seeing all of you. Hope to be cruisin' in the GMC and seeing all of you soon. Thanks again and God Bless All of you. Many Thanks, Barbara Perry

Jerry Hasch , age 65 – (dtd 17 April ) passed away Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at University Hospital. Retired from IBM and was a street rod enthusiast. Survived by his wife, Janice R. Hasch and two daughters, Minerva Suffridge and Dana Deddens.

**Treasurer's Report.** May, 1, 2008

Balance brought forward: \$6530.48

## Income:

Check Correction #1183 \$ 4.00

Dues, New members,  
replacement badge,  
1 re-instatement 460.25

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 464.25

BALANCE \$6994.73

## EXPENDITURES:

Specialty Engraving \$ 73.75

Tom Phipps– Newsletter/Roster 370.90

## Memorials

St. Judes – Delaner Alexander 25.00

American Cancer Society-Dan Hudson 25.00

US Army Aviation Museum– Jim Watson 25.00

Children's Healthcare-Jerry Hasch 25.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$544.50

ENDING BALANCE: \$6450.08

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Chambers, Treasurer

The 2008 annual Dixielander Work Rally was another resounding success. Work, being a four letter word, is not a bad word at Bean Station. The work done here is voluntary and with anticipation. The rally started on Thursday and ended on Sunday morning. *Yea, right.* The first coach came the Sunday before the rally and the last one left the Tuesday following the rally dates. By Monday, we had seven coaches. By Tuesday, we had fifteen. By Wednesday, with a day to go before the rally, we had an early roster of thirty nine coaches. I can't remember anyone that anxious to go to work.

Even with all the upgrades, alterations, and repairs done to our amazing coaches, there was more time spent partying and playing than actually working.

With approximately 50 coaches and about nine members staying in either b&b's, motel's, or in an on-grounds trailer (Marti's Cute Little Avion) furnished by Marti and supplied by Al, there were well over a hundred mouths that were fed with a southern flair and entertained in style. The three wonderful breakfasts included casseroles, pancakes, scrambled eggs, gravy, grits, biscuits, and toast. With ham and sausage as the primary meats. The suppers were just as well planned. The rally started with a hamburger and hot dog cook-out on Wednesday. Thursday ended with a good ole Dixielander pot luck, complemented by Marti's homemade meatloaf. Friday was topped off with a western supper, complete with cowboy stew, pinto beans and cornbread. Most of the cowboys were dressed in boots, hats, shirts and jeans. There was also an Indian princess in attendance.

Saturday was the annual Derby Party complete with horse racing, jackpots, Marti's margaritas, and Jeanne's real Mint Juleps. The Derby Party Dinner was a catered affair with delicious pork tenderloin. The entertainment was a parade of beautiful women in their Derby finest. A panel of three judges (names to be withheld for fear of life and limb) chose the winners of the Derby Hat contest. Games, camaraderie, videos and bull sessions filled all other waking moments.

Marti, Al, Jeanne and I want to thank all of you that came and enjoyed. Especially those that came and helped with whatever needed to be done. Oh, by the way, Marti and Al said we could do it again next year. YEAH!!!

Next year will be a 50's - 60's theme.

J.R. Slaten

~~Kentucky Derby Drawing winners. Eric Tanner won the big \$10 pot. Gas money to get home!~~

~~Other winners, Peggy Buchanan (\$5), Wayne (\$5), Alma O'Rourke (\$1), Betty Davis (\$1), Dan Springer (\$1), Jo Telgen (\$1), Bill Hutchinson (\$1), Ron Davis (\$1), Marti Samsel (\$1), and Peggy Moore (\$1).~~

~~Shoepeg Corn Salad (I enjoyed this so much at the pot luck, I passed up desert).~~

~~1 can shoepeg corn, 1 can small english peas, 1 small jar chopped pimento, 1 cup chopped celery, 1 cup chopped green pepper, 1 can water chestnuts, sliced, 1 chopped onion (about 3/4 cups). Drain all vegetables. Marinate in: 1/4 cup oil, 1/2 c apple cider vinegar, and 3/4 cup of sugar. Refrigerate. Serve cold. Keeps well.~~

~~Joanne Telgen, Hartwell, GA~~

~~Rally Preview **JAN 12- 15, 2009** at **Disney Ft. Wilderness**. GMC Alumni has contracted for 25 sites for the Jan. rally. All sites are \$42 per night, full hookup. More sites will be available if necessary. But you must make reservation ASAP! For reservations, call **1-407-938-4868**, and refer to **GMC Alumni G-0514509**. The park fills up very fast this time of the year, so please make your long range plans. **Call ASAP for your reservations!** We plan to have one of the sites as a hospitality site. Thanks to the Sunshine Statesman for loaning us their tent. Will have coffee and donuts and probably pot luck and snacks. Plenty to see and do at Disney, and much of it is free to Disney's Guests at the park. More info in upcoming newsletters, but make your plans now.~~

GMC Dixielanders General Business Meeting  
May 3, 2008, Saturday, 9:30AM, Samsel Farm, Bean Station, TN

The meeting was called to order by President Walters at 9:30AM. A moment of silence was offered for Dan Hudson, Jerry Hasch, Bob Allen, Earl Glover, Jim Watson and Trula Bingham. The invocation was led by Lew Ayers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Secretaries Report** - Secretary Tanner read the minutes of the Seffner, FL Jan 16, 2008 meeting. A **motion** to accept the minutes as read was made by Elaine Leslie and seconded by Bill Hutchison. **Motion** carried.

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer Chambers read the treasurer's report as of May 5/1/08. Balance brought forward was \$6530.48. After income of \$464.25 and expenditures totaling \$544.50, the ending balance was \$6450.08. A **motion** to accept the report as read was made by Bill Bramlett and seconded by Bobby Moore. **Motion** carried.

**Presidents Report** - President Walters welcomed our new members: Jim & Jane Galbavy, Clyde & Faye Simmons, Howard & Doreen Nylander, Luther & Wanda McConnell, Brian & Martha Songer, and Greg Moore. Al and Marti Samsel were thanked for their gracious hospitality in hosting this rally and providing the perfect facilities. JR and Jeanne as co-host were thanked for all the tireless work they do to insure the rally runs smoothly and a big thank you to all the volunteers.

**Vice Presidents Report** - Vice President Springer presented a report on upcoming rallies. Summer: July 24-26, 2008, Peace Valley Campground & Cabins, Marble, NC. Hosts: John & Rita Nicholls, Jerry & Audrey Holloway, Sue & Chuck Chambers. \$20 per coach and this also applies to early/late stays. Call the campground at 828 837-6223 to make your reservation. Identify yourself as a GMC Dixielander. The Cut off date is **1 June**. After that date, the sites held for Dixielanders will be returned to the Campground. This notification will also be placed in the Newsletter.

Fall: September 22-25, 2008, Bristol Motor Speedway Campground, Bristol, TN. Hosts: Roscoe & Shirley Trivette. Reservations made directly with Shirley or Roscoe.

Winter 2009: January 8-11, 2009, Tropical Palms Resort, Kissimmee, FL. Make reservations with Dan Springer. Following, the Alumni will hold their rally 1/12-15/09 at Ft. Wilderness Campground, Disney World and have invited Dixielanders to join them.

Spring 2009: April 30-May 3, 2009: Samsel Farm, Bean Station, TN.

**Sunshine Report** - Judy Acosta reported that cards had been sent to: Peggy Moore, Elaine Leslie, Wayland Tyner, Korky Rice, Dave Perry, Ed Laird, Bobby Hutson and Ted Miller. Cards were sent to Ken Henderson and Marcella Folkmann for the loss of a relative.

**FMCA Report** - Don Leslie reported that Don and Sandee Walloch will attend the FMCA rally in St Paul, MN.

**Nominating Committee** - Chairman Davis gave the following report for 2009 Slate of Officers: President – Jim Walters; Vice President – Dan Springer; Secretary – Co: Rita Nicholls and

Joanne Telgen; Treasurer - Chuck Chambers - Executive Committee - Harry Terrill, Jerry Holloway, Ron Davis, alternate – Eric Tanner; Nominating Committee - Ted Stinnett, Chairman, Jeanne Slaten, Romona Sirum, alternate Ray Bingham; FMCA National Director and Alternate National Director will be reported at the summer rally.

The following committee and activity members have agreed to serve for 2009: Audit Committee - Gene Dotson, Don Leslie; Sunshine Committee - Judy Acosta; Membership -John Nicholls, Chairman and Don Leslie; Newsletter Editor- Tom Phipps.

The following have not been confirmed: Webmaster; Storekeeper; Photographer; Equipment.

**Executive Committee** - Secretary Tanner reported that the committee had approved two motions for the membership to consider concerning the club's large treasury. Both motions would apply to members on the Treasurers books as of the Bean Station 2008 rally. The first motion would credit \$10.00 towards the 2009 membership dues and the second would allow a credit of \$20.00 per coach towards attendance at any one of the 4 major Dixielanders 2009 rallies. President Walters stated these two items of business would be discussed under Old Business.

Don Leslie was appointed to the Audit Committee to replace Marie Hudson upon her resignation from the Committee. Don Leslie was appointed to the Membership Committee to serve with John Nicholls and work on new member recruitment. Tom Phipps will research different options for publishing our newsletter and report back to the Executive Committee within 90 days.

**Audit Committee Report** - Gene Dotson reported that the Treasurers books have been audited and are correct as of May 2, 2008.

**GMCM** - Eastern VP Jim Buchanan reported 202 coaches at the GMCM fall rally in Santa Rosa, CA – 50 more than budgeted for primarily due to the efforts of the Western States. The fall rally will be held in Harrington, DE at the Fair Grounds Sept 27-Oct 4, 2008. GMCM hopes to reach the NE chapters at this rally. Dixielanders should plan on going from the Bristol, TN rally to the GMCM rally. GMCM is conscious of the cost of gasoline and takes this into consideration when selecting sites for rallies. Future rallies: 2009 spring – Dothan, AL; fall – Pueblo, CO; 2010 spring – Montgomery, TX; and fall – Auburn, CA is under consideration.

**Newsletter – Editor** Phipps will need items for the newsletter ASAP to meet the deadline for notification of the summer rally reservation cut off date of JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> for Peace Valley.

**Webmaster** - no report

**Storekeeper** - Alleen Burdette handles orders for Dixielander jackets and John Nicholls takes orders for Dixielander flags.

**Photographer** – no report

**Membership** – John Nicholls and Don Leslie will be working on new member recruitment.

**Equipment** – John Richardson has a wheel bearing puller that can be borrowed for the cost of postage.

## Old Business

The action from the Executive Committee as follows was placed before the membership:

**Motion** was made by JR Slaten and seconded by Dan Springer to recommend to the membership at the Business Meeting at Bean Station that as of the date of the 2008 Bean Station Rally, every member on the Treasurers books will receive a free 2009 membership year in the amount of \$10.00 for annual dues. **Amendment to the Motion** was made by Sue Chambers and seconded by Bill Quinn that those members who have paid their 2009 dues in advance have their membership extended for one year. **Motion as Amended carried** by a show of hands.

**Motion** made by JR Slaten and seconded by Dan Springer to recommend to the membership at the Business Meeting at Bean Station that as of the date of the 2008 Bean Station Rally, every member on the Treasurers books a \$20.00 credit would be given to each coach to be used over the 2009 season to attend any **one** of the 4 major **2009** Dixielanders rallies. **Amendment to the Motion** was made by Lew Ayres and seconded by Elmer Olson to publish a voucher form in the newsletters that would be used by the members to make the rally reservation. **Motion as Amended carried** by a show of hands.

## New Business

**Motion** made by John Nicholls and seconded by Roscoe Trivette that in the interest of demonstrating our concern over the cost of fuel, the summer Dixielander rally at Peace Valley is cancelled. **Motion** failed by show of hands.

Howard Nylander suggested the club develop a binder on GMC history. Howard was requested to develop a "straw man" draft of a binder to show the members at the summer rally at Peace Valley.

There being no further business, a **motion** to adjourn was made by Sue Chambers and seconded by Betty Olson. **Motion** carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.

Joanna M. Tanner, Secretary



# Bean Station – 2008



## Summer Rally – Murphy, NC

July 24 – 26, 2008

The GMC Dixielander Summer Rally is scheduled for July 24 thru 26, 2008, at the Peace Valley Campground, Murphy, NC. The park has a limited number of sites, and we have reserved 30 for the Dixielanders. But, each attendee must make their own reservations with the campground. The park will hold the 30 sites for us until June 1st. When you contact the Park, please identify yourself as a "GMC Dixielander", to obtain the negotiated rate of \$20 per night. These rates are also good for early arrivals.

The Peace Valley Campground is located 4 miles Northeast of Murphy on US Hwy 74E. For those with GPS navigation systems, the address is 117 Happy Valley Road, Marble, NC.

PHONE NUMBERS: 828-837-6223

FAX: 828-835-3893

E-Mail: [info@peacevalleycampground.com](mailto:info@peacevalleycampground.com)

Web Site: [www.peacevalleycampground.com](http://www.peacevalleycampground.com)

GMC Dixielander Hosts: John and Rita Nichols, Chuck and Sue Chambers, Jerry and Audrey Holloway.

**CUT OFF for CAMPGROUND Reservations: June, 1, 2008**

Imposed by a very busy campground. If you wait, there will be no room.

