

GMC Dixielander

Spring 2009

Movers and Shakers

- President Jim Walters
- Vice-President Dan Springer
- Secretary Joanna 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

Notes from the President:

Jim Walters

What a nice respite from the cold! The GMC Dixielander Winter Rally in Kissimmee, FL was simply great. Warm temperatures, good food, attentive hosts, and great friends – just the right recipe for the Winter Rally. We had 27 coaches in attendance. A special welcome was extended to new members – Gerry and Viola Bowden. And, what a pleasant surprise to have Bill and Bobbie Bramblett all the way from Estes Park, Colorado.

A special thanks to our hosts, Ken and Elaine Henderson, Al and Marti Samsel and Dan and Ellen Springer. They were outstanding! It seems each rally gets better and better.

A special reminder the GMCM I Spring Rally is right around the corner. This year, the rally will be held in Dothan, AL, from March 22 – 28, 2009. Only every 4 – 6 years is the rally held in “our neck of the woods,” so, let’s make an all out effort to be there and demonstrate a whole lot of Southern Hospitality. Fuel prices are down sharply and it’s time to get our classic coaches out of storage, shake off the last vestiges of Winter and usher in Spring with the greatest bunch of people in the world. A great many Dixielanders are planning on an early arrival at Dothan to get an early start sampling the local cuisine and just socializing! So, make those reservations now and start marking your calendar. See you there!

Notes from the Editor:

Tom Phipps

What a turnout! Wish it were possible that we were there. Marilyn’s new job is consuming her time. We will not be able to make many rallies that are far from our new home. Having said this, the job of Editor of the newsletter is up for grabs.

GMC DIXIELANDERS TREASURER REPORT - AS OF 12/31/2008

Balance brought forward \$5983.54

Income:

Dues and new members	\$115.00
Excess Income from Murphy Rally	35.00
Charlotte Rally Fees	<u>1200.00</u>

Total Income \$1370.00

Expenditures:

Tom Phipps: Newsletter	\$157.16
Paul Frisz: Rally Fee refund	60.00
Roscoe Trivette: Charlotte Fees	1140.00
Tom Phipps: Newsletter & Roster	420.00
Asera Care Hospice – Memorial for Don Wirth	25.00
McIntosh Bank - New Check re-order charge	22.60
Roscow Trivette: Rally Fees	78.66
Memorial – Mary Williams	25.00
Specialty Engraving – Badges	<u>46.50</u>

Total Expenditures: \$1975.26

Ending balance – 12/31/2008 \$5378.28

Treasurer: Chuck Chambers

Additional Sunshine News: Cecil Miller Had stomach cancer surgery on Nov. 18th after a biopsy at upper endoscopy on Oct 27th showed a malignant tumor in his upper stomach. He developed additional complications, resulting in additional surgery on Dec 18th. His home address is 2094 S. Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103-1526. I'm sure that he and his wife, Pat, would appreciate you keeping him in your thoughts and prayers. His progress will be slow do to so many surgeries and the complexiity of it. Report from Pat, via Flic and Judy.

GMC Dixielander General Business Meeting – Winter Rally

January 10, 2009 Tropical Palms RV Resort Kissimmee, Fla.

The meeting was called to order at 0930 by President Jim Walters. The invocation was given by Richard Harwell and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with Roscoe Trivette holding the flag.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the Fall rally at Bristol, Tenn. were read by Flic Acosta in the absence of the club secretary. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Don Walloch and seconded by Ike grove. The motion was carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Walters recognized newcomers Jerry and Viola Bowden to their first rally. Long distance travelers were also recognized: Bill and Bobbie Bramlett from Estes Park, Colorado and Ken Rose and Emmy Dunlap from San Antonio, Texas. JR Slaten was asked to stand and be recognized as the new GMCM I President. It was noted that there were 27 coaches in attendance at this rally. Thanks were given to the hosts; Dan and Ellen Springer, Ken and Elaine Henderson and Al and Marti Samsel.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was read by Chuck Chambers. A motion to accept the report as read was made by John Howell and seconded by Elaine Henderson. The motion carried.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: VP Dan Springer reported that the Spring rally would be held at Bean Station on 30 April to the 2nd of May. The summer rally would be held at Maggie Valley, N.C. on 16-18 July 2009. A site for the Fall rally has not yet been determined and Dan asked for suggestions for locations. Discussion arose for next years winter rally. Several members proposed returning to LazyDays. A show of hands indicated 15 to 1 for returning to LazyDays. Also discussed was the possibility of moving the rally date further into the month so as to separate it from the hectic recovery of Christmas and New years. Ken Henderson proposed that the upcoming GMCM I rally in March at Dothan, Ala. be a combined rally with the Dixielanders providing support since the rally was being held in the heart of Dixielander territory. No action was taken at this time.

SUNSHINE REPORT: The Sunshine report was presented by Judy Acosta. Sympathy cards were sent out for the passing of Don Wirth and Hunter McCarthy in October and to Herb and Joan Haught in November for the tragic and unexpected loss

of their son John. Get well cards were sent out in November to Joe Terry, Korkie Rice and Peggy Anne Moore and in December to Bobby Moore and Cecil Miller. Additionally, Jo Telgen became ill on the way to the winter rally and they turned around and went home. A phone call determined that it was nothing serious. Turned out to be a virus and she was recovering.

FMCA REPORT: The FMCA report was given by Don Walloch. He noted that the January issue of the FMCA magazine included Medex cards which should be cut out and carried in the motorhome. The issue explains in detail on page 109, the emergency medical evacuation program. The upcoming rallies will be February 4-8 at Brooksville, Fla., followed by the Perry, Ga. Rally on 16-19 March. The Fall rally will be held in Bowling Green, Ohio (date unknown).

Don noted a current FMCA program that gave anyone joining the Dixielanders a concurrent one year's free membership in FMCA. That is limited to the first 5 new members. Don also noted that the current FMCA membership rate may be going up and we should consider renewing early at this years rate.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Ted Stinnett reported that the committee still has not come up with nominees for the offices of President, Secretary and Newsletter editor.

OLD BUSINESS: Sue Chambers reminded the members that it was agreed at last summer's rally that the men would host one of the 2009 rallies. There was no discussion and VP Springer asked that anyone interested in pursuing this, contact him.

The issue of a new overhead projector proposed by John Richardson at the Bristol rally was again tabled as John was not in attendance.

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS: President Walters noted that the upcoming GMCM I rally scheduled for Dothan, Ala. On 22-28 March 2009 is right in the heart of Dixielander territory and was hoping for a good turnout by the club. Additionally, JR Slaten needs help and would like a commitment from at least 5 members who would agree to show up early to assist in various functions required to set up the rally. A number of members volunteered and their names were taken by Jim Walters. It was agreed that the Dixielanders would furnish 3 volunteers and the Sunshine Statesmen 2.

Jim proposed that we have an informal Dixielander rally two days before the GMCCI rally.

It was noted that in addition to Firestone ceasing the production of air bags as of the first of the year 2009, Jim Bounds had reported that Alcoa planned to cease production of our aluminum wheels within a year or so.

JR Slaten said that the Fall GMCCI rally would be held in Pueblo, Colorado and suggested that we begin discussing a convoy of Dixielanders for the trip.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Bill Hutchinson and seconded by Bill Bramlett. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1030.

Respectfully,

Flic Acosta

GMC Dixielander 2009 Schedule

Spring Rally: April 30 - May 2, 2009
Bean Station, TN
Samsel Farm
Hosts: Al & Marti Samsel
J. R. & Jeanne Slaten

Summer Rally: July 16 - 18, 2009
Maggy Valley, NC
Stone Bridge Park
Hosts: Jim & Ethel Walters
John & Rita Nichols

Fall Rally: October 8 - 10, 2009
Perry, GA
Twin Oaks Park
Hosts: Chuck & Sue Chambers
Jerry & Audrey Holloway

Spring 2009 GMC Motorhome International Rally in Dolthan, AL. Rally info Web site: <http://www.gmcci.com/> for PDF file. I will see you there. Tom

BEAN STATION RALLY

April 30 – May 2, 2009

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. Main dish 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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CELL: 865-805-5317

BEAN STATION RALLY – April 30 -May 2, 2009

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 17, 2008