

# GMC Dixielander

## *Movers and Shakers*

- President Jeanne Slaten
- Vice-President Dan Springer
- Secretary Rita Nichols
- Treasurer Chuck Chambers
- FMCA Nat. Dir. Don Walloch
- Alternate Don Leslie
- Executive Committee
  - Sue Chambers
  - John R.
  - Luther McConnell
- Nominating Committee
  - Audrey Holloway
  - Betty Davis
  - Ted Stinnett
- Audit Committee
  - Gene Dotson
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- GMCMI East Rep Jim Buchanan
- 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

I'm still enjoying the after glow following the Perry Rally. Is it just me? It seems each rally just gets better and better! We had 29 coaches and approximately 64 people in attendance. And how about our hosts, the Chambers and Holloways. They sure raised the bar this time! If I use personal weight gain as a barometer by which to judge the rally, this was at least a five pounder!! I'm still marveling at how a \$20 rally fee could be stretched so far! Great weather (it only rained early one morning), great friends and great food. Life doesn't get much better.

And wasn't it great having with us four of our newest members; Brian and Sandy Burroughs and their young daughters from Lawrenceville, GA, Westley and Helen Chalk from Pensacola, FL, Bruce and Gayle Ferguson from Franklin, TN and Bobbie and Vickie Gray from Brighton, TN. At a time when the RV industry is experiencing financial woes and RVing in general is in a downward slump, its wonderful to see the GMC coach gaining in popularity, especially among the younger generation. Back to the future?

Thanks to all who contributed to making our Fall Rally a great success. Already I'm beginning to look forward to the January rally at Lazy Days.

Lastly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who over the last four years have made my job as VP and President an easy task. I appreciate all of you and thank you for allowing me to serve. I think it was Ken Henderson who once said " GMC Dixielanders aren't a club, they are a cult!" I wouldn't go that far. But, in my opinion, while we may be a club, we function like a large extended family with rallies that more closely resemble family reunions than club meets. And the family keeps growing and the rallies keep improving.

As I step down as President and the gavel is passed to Jeanne Slaten, please join with me in making her job easy by volunteering when needed and never failing to let her know she is appreciated.

Jim Walters

## GMC DIXIELANDER'S TREASURER'S REPORT ----10/10/2009

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	\$4005.02
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## INCOME:

Excess rally income— Maggie Valley	308.86
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New members	<u>75.00</u>
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TOTAL INCOME:	+383.86
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BALANCE:	\$4388.88
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## EXPENDITURES:

John Nicholls: camping fees	64.80
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Jim Walters: camping fees	64.80
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Calling card	39.91
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Tom Phipps: newsletter	181.66
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St. Rita's Catholic Church—Bobby Moore	25.00
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Judy Acosta: Sunshine fund	50.00
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Specialty Engraving: Badges	<u>51.00</u>
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	-477.11
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ENDING BALANCE:	\$3911.77
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Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Chambers,  
Treasurer

Butch McNeil passed away, the morning of 31 Oct, at approximately 1:30 AM. Condolences can be sent to: "The Family of Dick and Butch McNeil", 210 Cartpath Road, N. Wilkesboro, N.C. 28659-8226.

"Butch loved to travel in the motorhome, she loved being with the Dixielanders and the alumni group. Our last trip was to the GMC national in Raine, LA. Perhaps I will be able to make the Florida rally in January." Dick McNeil

**GMC DIXIELANDERS GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING, Oct 10, 2009**

Fall Rally, Twin Oaks RV Park and Campground, Elko, GA

Noting that the number of members present represented a business meeting quorum according to the bylaws, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Pres, Jim Walters.

President Walters asked for a moment of silence for Bobby Moore, Marti Samsel's sister, and Ron Freeman's brother. The invocation was then given by Lew Ayres followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by John Nicholls.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the July, 18, 2009 meeting was read by Sec. Rita Nicholls. Sue Chambers moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by John Richardson. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was given by Chuck Chambers. John Nicholls made a motion to accept the report as given, seconded by Curby Robertson. The motion carried. Sue Chambers reminded the members that Rally Fees for Rally hosts are paid for by the club treasury.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Pres. Walter thanked Sue and Chuck Chambers and Audrey and Jerry Holloway for hosting the rally and welcomed new members; Bruce and Gail Ferguson, Brian and Sandy Burroughs, Wesley and Helen Chalk, and Bobby and Vicki Graves. He also reported that there were approximately 29 coaches and 64 people present. Pres, Walters noted that it was especially nice to see Ed and Marty Laird.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT; VP Dan Springer reported the following rallies:

Winter: Lazy Days, Seffner, FL. Jan 11-13, 2010, a no host rally. Attendees pay camping fees of only \$249.00 plus tax for a total of \$278. VP Springer also said that early arrivers would pay \$32.26 plus taxes for the extra nights. Reservations should be made prior to Dec. 1st. This will be a joint rally with the Alumni.

Spring Rally: Bean Station. Al and Marti Samsel and Jeanne and J.R. Slaten are the hosts. Marti announced Sports Theme. T-shirts should be worn Fri. night for a cook-out.

Summer Rally: Dillard, GA. July 8,9 & 10, 2010 at the River Vista Mountain Village. Camping Fee will be \$34.65 per night.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Judy Acosta brought the meeting up to date on the progress of those members who have been sent cards; Ray Whelan is well and in attendance at this rally. Bobbi Bramlett's ankle is mending and she is doing fine. Joanne Telgen reported that Lou McDowell has had a knee replacement and was doing well.

FMCA: Don Wallach reported on the FMCA rally in Bowling Green, Ohio. A budget change was made to \$790,000 and FMCA was looking for a new MEDEX supplier.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No Report

AUDIT COMMITTEE: No Report.

GMCM Eastern: No Report.

NEWSLETTER: No Report. President Walker requested any photos from this rally be sent to Tom Phipps.

WEBMASTER: No Report. Ken Henderson said to see him for Internet Websites about GMCs.

STOREKEEPER: No Report.

PHOTOGRAPHER: No Report.

MEMBERSHIP: No Report.

EQUIPMENT: John Richardson reported that was nothing new but noted that a movie was shown Friday night with the new projector.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Sue Chambers recommended that the newsletter publish an updated membership list with each newsletter issue.

Pres. Walters stated that volunteer hosts are needed for future rallies after Summer 2010.

Joanne Telgen made a motion to raise the amount for memorials from \$25.00 to \$50.00. John Nicholls seconded the motion. VP Springer noted that an addition should be made to the Standing Rules concerning the change in memorials.

Pres. Walters asked if an additional signature authorization for the club checking account was needed in case of the incapacitation of the Treasurer. John Nicholls made a motion naming Jerry Holloway, seconded by Don Walloch. The motion carried.

Joan Dotson made a motion to amend the preceding motion removing Corky Rice's name from the signature authorization list. The motion was seconded and passed. Motion amended.

Discussion of the FMCA Rally in Winston-Salem, NC. (Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Oct 21 – 24, 2010). John Nicholls made a motion to have a joint rally the the FMCA. J.R. Slaten seconded the motion. Ken Henderson recommended contact with the GMC Tidewater Crabs. Pres. Walters asked for more discussion. John Richardson recommended that we find out more about what we are obligating ourselves for and stated that more details are needed. Joan Dotson stated that FMCA is working hard to include us at rallies. Ken Henderson added that being at FMCA exposed the GMC to others. Pres. Walters asked Jeanne Slaten to find out more and recommended that a decision be put off until the January Lazy Days Rally. John Nicholls asked that the motion be amended, seconded by J.R. Slaten. J.R. Slaen recommended that sitting President Walters poll other GMC clubs to find out if other clubs are interested. Pres. Walters announced that J.R. Slaten has volunteered to make contact.

Sue Chambers made a motion to set up a rally fee for children. Pres. Walters recommended 12 and under free. Motion seconded by Jerry Holloway. Motion passed.

Pres. Walters led a discussion of a missive from FMCA concerning a vote for gifts for chapters: I.e.; maps, cups, etc. Don Walloch will give feedback to FMCA.

Pres. Walters recognized John Ricardson. John Richardson asked for recognition for members who have made outstanding contributions to the club. Ken Henderson was recognized for exemplary service.

Chuck Chambers asked if there could be a rally on the Eastern Coast, such as Myrtle Beach, Savannah, tec. Some discussion followed.

J.R. Slaten reported that the Dixielanders were well represented at the International Rally in Pueblo, CO. Sue Chambers asked if the costs of the rally could be cut. J.R. replied that it was a bargain for the services received.

John Nicholls moved to adjourn. Pres. Walters to accept the motion and recognized Jeanne Slaten as 2010 president. Sue Chambers stated that the slate of officers should be sworn in at this meeting. Joan Dotson affirmed this. The 2010 slate of officers was recognized and sworn in by Pres. Walters.

There being no other business, the motion to adjourn was accepted and seconded by Flic Acosta. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Rita Nicholls.

Perry Rally Photos by Curby Robertson



## WINTER RALLY – LAZY DAYS – SEFFNER (TAMPA), FL – JAN 11 – 13 2010

### GMC Dixielander Winter Rally – Jan 2010

Location: Lazy Days Rally Park  
6130 Lazy Days Boulevard  
Seffner (Tampa), FL 33584-2968

Phone: 1-800-905-6627 (reservations)  
1-888-500-5299 ext. 4261 (directions, information)

Fax: 1-813-246-4408

Web Site: <http://www.lazydays.com>

Rally Dates: Jan 11, 12, & 13, 2010

Rates: Cost is \$249 + taxes (\$278.88) for camping, all meals and 2 nights of entertainment.

Early Arrival Day: Jan 10; Cost is \$32.26 for camping only.

Lazydays® is located just 10 miles east of downtown Tampa off of I-4 at exit 10.

From the I-75 interchange, take I-4 east one mile to County Road 579 (exit 10). Turn north (left) on 579 and proceed approximately one quarter mile to Sligh Avenue and turn west (left).

If you are traveling westbound on I-4, take County Road 579 (exit 10) and turn north (right) and proceed to Sligh Avenue. Take the next left, on Lazydays Boulevard to Lazydays RV Super-Center located between Cracker Barrel Restaurant and Camping World.

Facilities: 299 Sites (30/50 Amp) Full hook-ups. Laundry, LP Gas, Ice, Picnic Tables, Patios.

Recreation: Rec Hall, Rec Rooms/area, Swimming Pool, Shuffleboard courts, Tennis, Horse-shoes. Pets Welcome. Partial Handicap Access. Internet friendly.

Note: This is a joint rally with GMC Alumni.

**Members must make their own reservations – cutoff date is December 1 2009**

**GMC Dixielander 2010 Dues are \$10. Please send your check to:**

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

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to “GMC Dixielanders.”**