

About the Club

The Tellico Village General Motors Retiree Club originated in January 1990 over dinner at the Yacht Club. The dinner group consisted of four GM retired couples: Terry and Jo Benson, Chet and Claire Binder, Ivar and Jean Carlson, and Dick and Shirley Tracy. The group agreed after moving to Tellico Village that they wanted to maintain a connection with GM and needed to form a group to obtain and share important information. Chet Binder was elected the first President at the dinner. Initially, the Club was more of a social group, with couples meeting monthly for luncheons at various local restaurants.

When Cooper Sales realized the GM Retiree Club had been formed, they used the Club formation as a sales draw for other prospective GM retirees in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. A plaque was made with the GM Club Presidents' names and it was displayed in the Cooper Sales office.

Today the Club consists of more than 130 members and 250 total participants, including members' families. It no longer meets monthly for lunch, but has many annual functions, both business and social, including a January luncheon and officers election meeting at the Yacht Club, a June potluck picnic at the Tellico Village Beach Pavilion, a September Golf outing at one of the Village golf courses, the September United Fund event, November benefits update meeting, if needed, and a gala Christmas Party at the Yacht Club. Other social events are included throughout the year.

Members are encouraged to serve as a support group for other members in need and a Help Committee is charged with networking within the Club to advise members when others are in need of assistance. Members are active within the Village and community socially and on a voluntary help basis.

Past TVGM Club Presidents:

1990 Chet Binder – Financial Staff	2001 Ron Fasse – Corp. Finance
1991 Dick Tracy – Chevrolet Sales (deceased)	2002 Clair Kubiak – Chevrolet G&A (deceased)
1992 Ivar Carlson – CPC	2003 Jim Mattavi – GM Research
1993 Chuck Chaffee – Engineering Staff	2004 Bill McKeel – CPC
1994 Jack Gustke – CPC (deceased)	2005 Myra Germilhac – Pontiac Administration
1995 Dearl Keener – CPC Engineering (deceased)	2006 Elton Pierson– Vehicle Engineering
1996 Terry Benson – GMAD	2007 Dave John – NAO Fleet Operations
1997 Jack Racke – W/W Purchasing	2008 Bill Henderson – GM Corp
1998 Joe Fowler – CPC (deceased)	2009 Jim Gahrs – Pontiac/GMC Sales
1999 Dawayne Nelson – Delco Electronics	2010 Ron Stanley – GM Research & Planning
2000 George Britton – CPC	2011 Ron Stanley – GM Research & Planning