



Anacortes Welcomes Cascaders at Christmas



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Winter started to shake out its fall rust and cascaded as wonderful snowflakes on the western landscape, which is just fine unless you're ready to strike out to join the Xmas Cascader rally! By Friday morning, it was mostly gone from the lower levels, and it did become a hazard for some of our Cascaders getting to the big show! Many arrived on Wednesday, and most on Friday, so by the beginning of our first event everybody who was coming was ready for an eventful weekend of festivities, walks, decoration of coaches, and lots of yarn (quilts), trips to Anacortes, and of course, "technical sessions", a must have at every rally! Our host team of Wilsons, Paradis, Boyds, Dauns and Gruenwalds worked hard at preparing our stay with "a touch of class".

Walt Ovens could not get down Queen Ann hill in Seattle to attend this year's rally and was quickly replaced as the "high chef" of the crab and salmon barbecue by Lawrie Paradis. The Friday evening meal would have taken a first prize in any fine Roadhouse restaurant. The evening was capped with entertainment provided and created by the Harmony Forecast Group from Anacortes.

I say created because the quartet did a stroking job on our own Denny Allen's head and Denny turned electric with a glow of Rudolph!

He could have guided Santa's sleigh through heavy fog and still made it out the other end with his brilliant glow. Later, Cascaders relaxed in conversation around the fire playing Mexican Dominos, cards and visiting in coaches.

Saturday morning found the group draining the coffee pots and being fortified with those big muffins and sweet rolls, and enjoying the morning craft sales and seminars. As the day progressed Cascaders scattered in different directions in order to squeeze in as much as could be seen around Anacortes. Many were looking to see if the LaConner turkeys had strayed westward to Anacortes and all were keeping their eye out for Santa's arrival at 1:00PM.

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GMC motor home owners from the following states and provinces are eligible to join GMC Cascaders: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Yukon Territory. Contact any officer for information.



Mr. Santa Morris & Mrs. Santa Gruenewald



Thanks for the cranberries, Tony & Sandy Lammi



Now that's a picture!



Yes, that's a big smile of satisfaction on Diana's face

Anacortes continued

Some enjoyed the horse-drawn carriage through "old town Anacortes" while others enjoyed the new Tommy Thompson 2.9 asphalt trail along the waterfront where bikes, skates or walking was in order. Many offered any cars available to carry Cascaders into both LaConner and Anacortes for a hardy lunch. Taxies were seen rolling in to pick up Gene & Diana Ewmkiw, and new Canadian Cascaders Dwayne & Sharon Jacobson from White Rock BC.

A big focus for many Cascaders was the tour of the LaConner



Gaches Mansion, a quilt establishment now owned by a local quilt maker's consortium. Carloads took advantage of an invitation to visit the home of our own quilt queen, Vera Lou Gruenwald, who was recently recognized by being selected

where to be found. Seems Tim Jones is working overtime in California, and Cass is supporting his retirement? Our evening dinner tables were graced with touches of the finest.

Cascaders were seated before linen tablecloths, and champaign glasses filled with red cranberry gel candles reflecting the glow. Our caterers, Gere-a-Deli, provided a wonderful tasty salad, roast beef, chicken, vegetables, potatoes, and scrumptious brownies topped with ice cream.

Santa Claus (Terry Morris) and Mrs. Santa (Vera Lou Gruenwald) were busy distributing the

many gifts from one Cascader family to another. Some special gifts, I am sure, were well over the minimum, included a hand made quilt produced by the talented hands of Virginia Paradis, with GMC embroidered coaches in many of the squares. The lucky recipients were



Look to the future for a classic time piece

Gene & Diana Ewmkiw, Cascaders

from Abbotsford, BC. Another innovative gift, sure to be in future demand was provided by Michael Cummings, who arranged for the creation of an aluminum clock machined from a block of aluminum, polished and adorned with the picture of a GMC Coach. All the gifts, champaign glasses and the poinsettias were carted off by lucky Cascaders. One lurker was on the prowl looking for the best "take". Liz Smith kept roaming from table to table with her Santa hat that kept flopping from side to side until her battery finally ran out. With another touch of taste, the evening closed with Mr. & Mrs. Santa saying good-bye to all Cascaders as they were whisked away to their respective sleighs.



Lawrie Paradis, cooking salmon & crab by "flashlight"

to be the Fidalgo Island featured artist at its upcoming annual quilt conference. Congratulations Vera, I am told your work is worthy of being stolen, I hope it's insured!

Happy hour arrived at 5:00PM and many were disappointed that our annual hot toddy recipe was no



Jane Swanson & Fran Allen, both 40 and loving it!

Talk about Dependability!

After the last Caldwell, Idaho Cascader rally in September, Mary and I took a 6 week and 8000 mile trip around the United States from late September to the middle of November. Two pictures I thought Cascaders would enjoy are shown. The Zip Dee picture was taken at their factory near O'Hare Airport in

Chicago. We spent the night in that spot so they could fix our awning the next day. We were connected to their "shore power". The storm cellar was real, I thought it might be a joke, but Mary, who grew up in Kansas, assured me it was authentic. It was, and for the rest of the

trip all across the Midwest, there I was waving my credit card out the window and looking for more storm shelters! We enjoyed the Christmas rally at Anacortes and wish everybody a great Holiday season.

Mary & Don Gibson



I hear Don is now a Zipdee dealer!

Don & Mary Gibson, and Don did a lot of learning this trip!

Welcome, New Members

Cascaders are members from Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Yukon Territory. The vitality of the club is demonstrated by owners who join our organization and find Cascaders a friendly and helpful group. We welcome all these new members and look forward to seeing more of our new members at upcoming rallies. Welcome on board!

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Garcia, Ernie and Linda 2811 Wilson Creek Rd. Ellensburg, WA 98926

Mckenzie, Jack and Alice 525 N. 102nd St Seattle, WA 98133



New Members, Jack & Alice McKenzie

O'Bryant, Pat and Fran 2016 Washington St. Vancouver, WA 98660

Prusynski, George and Rosann 3584 NE Brogden Hillsboro, OR 97124

Steinman, Warren and Nora (Pearl Westphal) 227 Westwood Blvd. Nampa, ID

Dick & Isola Olson 1324 W North Five Mile Road, Spokane, WA 99208

Dwayne & Sharon Jacobson, Road House Eatery 1763 King George Hwy Surrey, BC, Canada

Fred & Rose Walsh, PO Box 464, Swift Current, SK, Canada

Smiths Score with a Sleigh Flyby!

The grand prize winner for the Christmas rally best decorated coach goes to none other than Bob & Liz Smith of Delta, BC. The picture taken does not do it justice, but trust me when I say it was decked out in blue bulbs led by reindeers that looked like they were towing the coach. Now we all know that would never happen! Nice job team, enjoy the cranberry wine provided by the Pasek Cellar Winery in nearby Conway, WA

From The Board



Cascaders across the Northwest are usually first in line to help what has become the steady stream of needs found in our society. Christmas is no exception and like you folks, Peggy and I will share what we can to make someone's holiday season a little better. From our house to yours, a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year", to you and your family.
Bill & Peggy Guise
President, Cascaders



It is a pleasure to serve Cascaders. I want to thank Cass Jones for setting me up on the computer. Her dedication all these years has been invaluable. You cannot know how much work she has done to make all future secretaries job easier. Thank her in person if you can.
DJ & Barbie Eberhart
Cascader Secretary



Take some time to slow down and enjoy the best features of your life, your family. We all have taken the gamble of life, and for most of us, we have been provided with great rewards. Enjoy Christmas and take it easy!
Carl & Helen Hove
Treasurer, Cascaders



We would like to wish each Cascader a Very Merry Christmas, and may you have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.
Terry & Gloria Morris
Wagon Master

Gee, the end of another great year! Sorry we missed a couple of our rally's, but the move to Idaho sort of made up for it. I'll tell you more when you all come to our Rally in October, 2006, If you haven't been to a rally you are missing some great places and wonderful people. Try and join us in the coming year. If you know of anyone ill or under the weather, let me know. We lost two friends this year – Gary Gibbs and John Collins, take the time and send a note to Gloria and Millie on their loss. I was also just informed by Don & Luana Perry that Greg & Sharon Smith, Redmond OR, were on their way to Mexico when Greg fell from the roof of their motor home and fractured his hip. He is now recuperating at Trail Riders RV Park, 2512 East Main, Mesa, AZ 85213. I am sure a card would be appreciated. Until we meet again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Larry & Gaynor Calhoun
Vice President



Another year has come to pass
With lots of fun and memories to share.
Another year is about to begin
With more new fun and experiences to share.
Ken & Jean Wilson
FMCA Representative

Winterizing the Water System in a GMC

By Emery Stora

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Winter is here and for those of you living in the northern climates, you are again faced with winterizing your water system. (Those living where it never freezes can ignore this section). The owner's manual shows you where the water line drains are and how to drain the water tank and the water heater. Many pull out drawers and panels and open these valves and then attempt to blow out the lines with compressed air. Sometimes this is not successful and lines still freeze and break.

There is a better way to do it. First let me suggest a couple of products that should help greatly. Get a hot water heater bypass valve kit. Camping World has one, part number 15717 for \$19.99. They call it a Quick Turn Permanent Water Heater By-Pass Kit Featuring a Single Valve Operation. This kit fits on the face of the water heater in the sink cabinet. I have a side wet bath model. I drilled a hole in the handle of the bypass valve and fastened a push/pull wire of about 1/8" diameter so that I could open the right hand sliding door and turn the bypass on and off without taking out the cabinet. This kit comes with a check valve that is installed into the heater output (top). This check valve also will prevent you from getting hot water out of your cold water faucets that some GMCers have complained about.



The second part you should buy is a Permanent Pump Converter that lets your pump draw RV antifreeze directly from the bottle (Camping World, 6279 \$13.98). Both of the items I have listed are also available at J.C. Whitney and at several RV parts shops.

Once you have these parts installed, when you are ready to winterize, it is a 10-minute operation to prepare your GMC for storage in cold winter climates.

Follow the 15 steps and you are done. I often do this several times each winter season as we use our GMC year around. I use less than one gallon of RV antifreeze each time. When ready to use your GMC, just fill your water tank, hook up the electrical wire to the pump, open the water heater bypass, close the water tank and hot water drain

valves, close the temp/pressure release valve, and then pump water into your lines until they no longer show any pink color

1. Open the water tank drain.
2. Rotate antifreeze winterizing valve at pump, remove cap and attach hose.
3. Put hose into the antifreeze jug (use RV waterline antifreeze available from Wal-Mart, K-Mart or almost any RV store). The bottle should show that it is safe for drinking water contact and that it is made of propylene glycol. NEVER use automotive antifreeze, ethylene glycol. It is toxic.
4. Kitchen - if you have a filter, remove it and close bypass valve.
5. Bathroom - close water heater bypass valve. Open drain on bottom of water heater. Open lever of temperature/pressure release valve to allow air to enter hot water tank.
6. Turn on water pump.
7. Open bathroom cold water faucet until you get pink antifreeze out of it. Close faucet.
8. Open bathroom hot water faucet until you get pink antifreeze. Close it.
9. Flush toilet until you see pink.
10. Turn on shower while running water into toilet. Run till pink and close it.
11. Open kitchen cold water faucet until it runs pink. Close it.
12. Open kitchen hot water faucet until it runs pink. Close it.
13. Take hose out of antifreeze jug. Remove hose from valve and put cap on valve.
14. Pour a little bit of antifreeze into the shower drain to freeze proof the trap.
15. Disconnect electrical wire from pump to prevent it from running when tank is empty.

MINUTES 12-4-05

Presidents Message: Bill Guise
The President, called the meeting to order at 8:55 on Dec. 4, 2005 at Fidalgo Bay RV Park in Anacortes, WA.

Rally Hosts: Ken and Jean Wilson
Helpers: Lawrie & Virginia Paradis, Cathy Cupples, Terry & Joanne Boyd, John & Vera Gruenewald, Thom & Gail Daun. Santa played by Terry Morris and Mrs. Santa by Vera Gruenewald. Thanks to all.

New Members 1st Rally: Jack & Lela McKenzie, Sharon & Dwayne Jacobson. Visitors\Guests: Cathy Cupples, Dorothy Rafinot, Frank & Diane Taber.

Christmas Rally 2005 Attendees

Allen, Denny & Fran
Barclay, Dwaine & Lucille
Baxter, George and Carol
Boyd, Terry & Joanne
Cumming, Michael
Cupples, Cathy
Daun, Thom & Gail
Davis, Jim
Rafinot, Dorothy
Eberhart, DJ & Barbie
Ewankiw, Gene & Diana
Freemire, Ted & Jackie
Gibson, Donald & Mary
Gordon, Larry
Gruenewald, John & Vera
Guise, Bill & Peggy
Gummersall, Bob & Sylvia
Hove, Carl & Helen
Ireland, Dave & Linda
Jacobson, Dwayne & Sharon
Lammi, Tony & Sandy
McKenzie, Jack & Alice
Morris, Terry & Gloria
Orza, Rick & Linda
Paradis, Lawrie & Virginia
Pellegrino, Michael & Nancy

Roach, Bernie
Sawtell, Joe & Yvonne
Skinner, Terry & Diane
Smith, Robert & Elizabeth
Swanson, Ted & Jane
Taber, Frank & Diane
Wilson, Ken & Jean
Winchester, Dan & Carol
Secretary's Report: Barbie Eberhart
Approval of minutes from last meeting Caldwell, Idaho Oct. 2, 2005: The secretary, requested approval of previous minutes as published. Carol Baxter noted that the Grayland Rally minutes said that a committee audited the treasury. They were reviewed, not audited. M-S-P to accept minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Helen Hove
128 Members have paid dues so far this year. There is \$7011.11 in the treasury and \$1,000 out in rally fees.

1ST Vice President's Report: Get Wells to: Maurrie Price, Chuck Horn, John Gruenewald, Phil Singleton, Dick Wilding and Elaine Fry's grandson Ben. Our sympathy to John Collins family for his passing this month.

Wagon master's report: Terry Morris
The February rally will not be at Jansen Beach. They have closed the park. Instead it will be at Vancouver RV Park Feb. 10-11-12. In Sept. or Oct. or 2007 The Cascaders will be hosting the Western States Rally. Headed by Terry Morris. We will be setting up numerous committees. June 2007 Denny Allen will host a Vancouver Island rolling rally. \$60 to \$65 one way for the ferry.

Western States report: Carol Baxter
The next rally will be Casa De Fruta the end of April, featuring the annual wine festival

GMC International: George Baxter
March 5, 2006 Montgomery TX. A good facility, then on to Barian Springs, Mi. Sept 21, 2006

FMCA Report: Ken Wilson
Ken Wilson is working on the Albany Rally next year in June for NW FMCA

Old Business:

Our revised by-laws are still not done but being worked on. GMC store items are available through Maurrie Price or on the web-site.

New Business:

There was some discussion about raising the new membership fee to cover the higher cost of badges, or if we should find a new vendor. A motion was passed and seconded that the Executive board will investigate and report back.

Denny Allen noted that it cost \$4.40 for a Canadian news letter to be sent to Canada. It should have been \$.82. Bill requested a refund from Kinko's and it will be credited to the next mailing.

Dwayne and Sharon Jacobson, new members, have a restaurant on King George Hwy in Canada called the Road House. Come dine and identify yourself as a Cascader. Motion to adjourn made, seconded & passed.

Bill Guise adjourn the meeting at 10:00.

Minutes submitted by: Barbie Eberhart, Secretary

Mother load of Cranberries Press New Recipe into Action!

Cascaders Tony & Sandy Lammi, Cranberry growers from Grayland, WA provided the rally with a big supply of cranberries for the Christmas season. Our thanks go out to Carol Winchester, who emailed me this recipe to go with the cranberries.

Cranberry Delight Spread

1 Pkg. (8 oz) Cream cheese softened
2T frozen orange juice concentrate

1T sugar
Zest of 1 orange
1/8 t cinnamon
1/4 Cup finely chopped diced cranberries
1/4 cup finely chopped pecans
Mix first 5 ingredients together
Stir in cranberries & pecans

Jean Wilson was able to obtain the great chicken recipe used at our Saturday dinner.

(Provided by our Caterer:
Gere-a-Deli in Anacortes)

Chicken Breasts:

Equal amounts of Dijon Mustard & Italian Dressing
Mix together until blended
Dip Chicken in dressing mix then in Panko crumbs (Japanese style crumbs)
Bake

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Anacortes, WA photos were provided by Ted & Jane Swanson, Ken & Jean Wilson, and Bill & Peggy Guise, Don & Mary Gibson. Remember to select the higher quality

1280 x 950 setting on your digital camera and when sending the photos via email, it's best not to choose to reduce the size of the photo.

Send your photos to Bill Guise at bguise1@comcast.net, your photos are very much appreciated.

GMC Classics For Sale: Northwest

1975 Palm Beach \$24,000 Vancouver, WA Lance Von Prum (360-910-5179) lance@vonprum.com

1977 Kingsley \$19,900 Sheridan, OR, DJ Eberhart (503.843.3247) bndeberhart@wbcable.net.

1975 Eleganza \$25,000 Cove, OR, Loren and Rebecca Fleet (541-568-4000) becky@eoni.com

1978 Royal, \$39,900 Sequim, WA: Al & Janet Kruebbe (360-681-0768) penmort@olypen.com

1978 Royal \$39,950 Eugene, OR: Karl Cunningham (541-463-0637) kmcunningham@webtv.net

1977 Kingsley 28' \$30,000 West Linn, OR. Ted Debauw (503-656-9946)

1976 Eleganza II \$22,000 Clarkston, WA Jean Gwynn (509-758-2880) cjgwynn@amerion.com

1978 Royal \$17,000 Camas, WA (360-907-9624) Dave Frentress

1977 Kingsley \$12,000 Kent, WA (425-432-5342) Neil Slater

1973 26' \$14,900 Umpqua, WA (541-459-1138) Mac Scott

Complete listing, along with pictures and detailed information is available on the Cascaders WEB site: <http://www.cascaders.org/>

Morris Rally Report Event Calendar as of 12/10/05



Dates	Location/Site	Hosts
Feb. 10,11,12 2006	Vancouver RV Park, Vancouver, WA	Ray & Beverley Groth, Rod & Maurrie Price
April 27-29 2006	Eagle Tree RV Park, Poulsbo, WA	Don & Mary Gibson , Ted & Jackie Freemire
July 11th-16th 2006	Rolling Rally: Olympic Penninsula	Michael & Nancy Pellegrino
Aug., 24-26 2006	Wallowa Lake, OR	Fred & Ruth Leitch
Oct 6-9 2006	Wallace, Idaho	Larry & Gaynor Calhoun, Bob & Christiane Dunlap
December 2006	Cannon Beach, OR	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis
June 2007	Rolling Rally: Vancouver Island, BC	Denny & Fran Allen
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