



The Board of Directors hosted the 2009 GMC Christmas Rally and had ol' man winter out as the greeter for early arrivals -- a cold east wind was blowing down the Columbia River Gorge and across the Portland RV Park with gusto. About half the rally participants arrived on Thursday, starting the festive weekend with a warming cup of cheer at happy hour before the yummy potluck spread was open for the taking.

President Mary Gibson introduced Alan and Janet Sims from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, members since 2008 but first-time rally participants. They were passing through on their way to sunshine for the winter, and the timing was perfect to catch our rally.

The park manager came around to ask us all to unhook our water hoses, as the predicted 20-degree temperatures overnight would freeze everything. The clubhouse soon emptied of the socializers but the hard-core Mexican Train Domino players came back for a few rounds.



Friday morning's breakfast was a spread of coffee, juice, pastries and fruit. Afterward, various groups teamed up for exploring the area: Christmas bazaars, fabric warehouses, shopping. More coaches arrived throughout the day until all our slots were filled.

We met at 5 p.m. to carpool to The Refectory restaurant for a festive evening of buffet dining and gift exchange. Barbie Eberhart played elf-helper to Terry Morris as Santa. Each couple selected a gift to open when Santa called a name; the assortment of gifts varied from gift cards to gift baskets. The highlight of the evening was when Barbie sang *Santa Baby* to Terry -- but her wish list included mac-

erators, generators, alternators, carburetors, all-things-ators -- instead of diamonds and pearls. She had everyone laughing with her lyric substitutions. Once the carpools de-

posited us back to the RV park, only the die-hard Mexican trainers met in the clubhouse.



Saturday morning began with a pancake breakfast, prepared and served by Tony Wright and Lynne Wilson. Then the guys met for their tech session on fuel-injection systems led by Jeff Fraisure, eventually heading out into the cold for

closer coach contact. The session included sharing other upgrades members had made, as well. The ladies took over the clubhouse with a sale of wares -- art work, sewing delights, wood-turning

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items, CD's, GMC items, Christmas ornaments. The money exchanged hands. Then Diane Taber led a session of making beaded memory bracelets. Everyone enjoyed the bead-making so much that she was asked to continue the lesson at

the February rally in Hoodspport WA.

Saturday afternoon was judging holiday decorations. Ballots were passed out for Best Interior Décor, Best Outdoor Décor, Best All-Around Décor and the whole club voted. During the day several visitors came by the RV park. people who had just purchased GMC's or were wannabes. Some had contacted a member in advance and some just saw all the coaches from driving by. Several new-member applications were passed out.

Saturday evening's social hour started an hour earlier than normal at 4 p.m. with dinner following at 5 p.m. After a wonderful meal of four soup choices, salad, rolls and dessert, we boarded the bus and headed



across town to Portland International Raceway for the *Winter Wonderland Experience* – a Christmas-themed animated light show. The bus driver was set on taking us to other Christmas light displays also, but it was not to be – Portland's famous Peacock Lane did not open for nearly two weeks, the Christmas ships on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers didn't start until the following weekend, he

couldn't even find a neighborhood with outdoor lights.

Sunday morning's breakfast was French toast, prepared and served by Sharon Cummins and Noble Warrant. The awards for holiday decora-



tions were given – Tony Wright and Lynne Wilson received a bottle of wine and a wine book entitled *Wine Trails of Washington* for best outdoor décor, Jeff Fraisure and Mary Gurtler received the prize for best indoor décor, and Gene and Carol Ransom received a Christmas-themed quilt sewn by Mary Gurtler and Jackie Jones for best all-around décor.

We all braved the cold (that frigid east wind had kicked up again) and went outside for a group photo.

The weekend ended with a business meeting.

- Sharon Cummins

GMC CASCADERS RALLY MINUTES

LOCATION: FAIRVIEW, OREGON

December 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President, Mary Gibson.

Hosts / Helpers: The Executive board was thanked for putting on a great rally. Mary Gibson, Mary Gurtler & Jackie Jones organized the rally. Tony Wright, Lynne Wilson, Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins put together the tasty breakfasts. Jeff Fraisure put on a tech class and Diane Taber a craft class. Many people helped with setting up and clean up. We would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making this rally a great success.

There were 22 coaches, several day visitors and 50 people in all. It was a great event.

New Members/First Rally: Mary welcomed Richard Wilding (first attending rally) and Louise Cumming, guest of Michael Cumming. We also had several visitors interested in joining our club. .

Secretary Report: Jackie Jones requested approval of the previous minutes from the Davenport, WA. rally, as published. The minutes were approved: 1st motion – Barbie Eberhart, 2nd motion – Jerry Work. As a list was being passed around to sign for attendance at this meeting, you are reminded to sign it to get credit for attending this meeting. When the newsletter comes out, please note, the list of attendees at the rally may be different from the list of attendees at this meeting.

We presently have 135 memberships. If your membership dues are not paid by December 15th, your name will be dropped from the roster as a member. Presently 14 memberships have not renewed. FMCA requires a report of membership by the end of the year sent in by the Secretary.

Treasurer Report: Mary Gurtler reported that we \$5838.89 in the Treasury account. We have \$2871.80 out in deposits, including this rally. It was stated, that for tax purposes, the December rally will go through the treasury books.

First Vice President Report: (Historian) Mary Gibson reported in Ron Smith's absence. We wish a "get well" to Virginia Paradis, who is doing well after surgery. We give our deepest condolences to the family of Elaine Fry, who passed away in October. A memoriam will be posted on the website. If anyone has information concerning any member's illnesses, surgeries, etc. to please contact Ron Smith, Vice President.

Second Vice President Report: (Wagon Master) Sharon Cummins discussed the rallies scheduled for 2010. Sharon requested anyone to let her know if you have any rally ideas. Several GMC Cascader gatherings are also in the works. Please check the website for further updates.

Webmaster Report: Tony stated the website is updated often. Many new links have been added in recent months. Please check the website frequently.

The Google Board is up and running and has been useful in getting information out. We now have 45 members that have signed up. If you have not signed up, please do so. Check the home page to see how to signup and join. Also another link is the "Member's Only" site. This is also located on the home page. The membership roster is located here. You need to follow the directions to join and will need your FMCA number. Make sure to put the "F" before your number when you enter it.

Western States: No representative.

GMC International: George Baxter representative not present.

FMCA: Jerry Work discussed member benefits available to us belonging to FMCA. Please refer to your benefit package. At FMCA rallies, they are now allowing GMC's to park together. GMC motorhomes are the largest single group in FMCA. FMCA National rally will be in Redmond, Oregon in August 2010.

Old Business: Lynne Wilson has agreed to take over the task of selling the GMC Cascader's merchandise. Thank you to Lynne for taking on this job.

The First Aid kit has been updated and is located in the President's (Gibson's) coach at every rally. They will be posting a flag on their coach so members can locate them in case of an emergency. Executive Board member were given a list of the Emergency Contacts for club members to have available at a rally. It should be noted, when planning a rally, it is necessary for the rally organizer(s) to know where the local emergency center or urgent care is. It has been suggested that CPR instructional training be offered at a rally. This is being looked at.

New Business: GMC Cascader rosters will be mailed to the membership at the end of December. Please put the roster in your coach. It could become necessary to contact a member on your way to a rally.

The coffee pot system belonging to the club will be transported from rally to rally. It will be passed on to the individual(s) that are holding the next rally. If they are not in attendance at the rally, then someone who is located nearby them will be requested to take the coffee system to them.

Mary Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1000.

1st motion: Paul Jones

2nd motion: Don Gibson

Minutes submitted by: Jaclyn Jones ~ Secretary



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Business Meeting Attendees

Ron & Linda Clark	Paul & Jackie Jones
Michael Cumming	Don & Luana Perry
Louise Cumming (guest)	Gene & Carol Ransom
D.J. & Barbie Eberhart	Alan & Janet Sims
Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler	Michael Stephens
Loren & Rebecca Fleet	Frank & Diane Taber
Ted & Jackie Freemire	Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins
Donald & Mary Gibson	Ken & Jean Wilson
John & Vera Gruenewald	Wayne & Sandy Wright
Bill & Peggy Guise	Tony Wright & Lynne Wilson
Chet & Karen Kershaw	Jerry & Sharon Work
Terry & Gloria Morris	



Rally Report Event Calendar



Dates	Location	Site	Rally Masters
February 12,13,14 2010	Hood Canal, Wa	Glen Ayr's Resort	Bill & Peggy Guise
April 30, May 1,2 2010	Eagle Tree RV Park Poulsbo, WA	Eagle Tree RV Park	Gibsons, Jones', Fraisures
July 15,16,17 2010	Sequim – Lavender Festival/ Quilt Show	TBD	Pelligrenos
September 13, 2010	Rolling Rally – Southern BC along Highway 3, Ending n Prosser		Irelands
September 23,24,25 2010	Balloon Festival Prosser, WA.		D.J. & Barbie Eberhart
December 3,4,5 2010	TBD	TBD	The Executive Board

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GMC's For Sale

<u>Year</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
1977	Palm Beach	\$5,000	Jean Stepanik		jeaninvancouver@shaw.ca
		\$20,000	Can Gregory	604-328-1849	gcampbell@hazco.com
1977	Hughes	\$29,000	Can Verne Bullock	604-883-2767	vbullock@armourtech.com
1976	Glenbrook	\$9,500	DJ Eberhart	503-706-6402	bndeberhart@wbcable.net
1975		\$35,500	OBO Ted Freemire		freeted@msn.com
1977	Kingsley	\$22,500	Ken Wilson	360-293-0283	kcje48@comcast.net
1975	Eleganza II	\$15,500	Robin Montero	206-852-1810	beanqueen@tubear.com
1977	Birchaven	\$6500	Doug Snyder	360-301-4108	douglasincr@yahoo.com
1973	Canyonlands	\$18,000	Can Fraser Field	604-556-9922	fraser@oldambulance.com
1973	Painted Desert	\$22,500	Jim Bisakowski	250-478-5111	desktoppublishing@shaw.ca
1976	Eleganza	\$13,500	Wade		wadedawn@nwlink.com