

## LaConner in February—a Valentine Sweet Spot

Story by Terry Morris

On a cloudy Friday February 13th the Cascaders drove their steeds to the Thousand Trails hitching post about three miles outside of LaConner, WA.

The campground is beautifully situated on a large timbered parcel of land bordering Puget Sound. The buildings were outstanding. When our steeds were fed and hitched, we gathered in the club house for a social hour.

Next, we enjoyed a fine potluck dinner... something Cascaders do well. Glenn and Ruth Diers introduced their Seattle-based guests, Bernie and

Bev Roach. Upon completion of dinner, we gathered around tables in teams of four to play "Bunko." We felt like rowdy kids playing musical chairs.



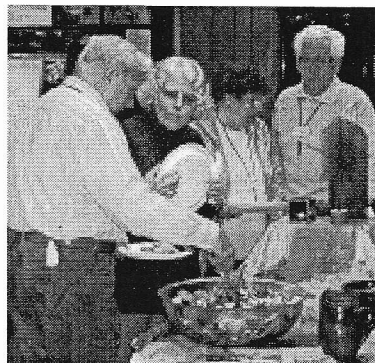
Pellegrino (above). What great French toast! The bread was baked with cut apples, raisins, eggs, and spices.

When we had filled ourselves with Nancy's wonderful concoction, the men headed for the "family center" for a Ken Wilson seminar (top right). The ladies stayed in the club house for their craft session. Ken explained the operation of the cruise control, and we talked about carburetors and distributors. The men were having such a good time the ladies finally came find out what was taking so long.



When the sessions were over, we piled into coaches, cars, and SUVs for the ride to LaConner or Mt. Vernon for lunch and shop hopping.

At 5:30, social hour began in the club house. Tales of shopping adventures and exchanges of GMC advice filled the air. The delicious salmon



and chicken buffet dinner catered by Burlington Cafe (right and below) soon commanded all of our attention. Cascaders do get serious about their meals.



### NEXT RALLY

DATES  
April 16-18

LOCATION  
Grayland, WA

SITE  
Kenana RV

Hosts  
No-host rally

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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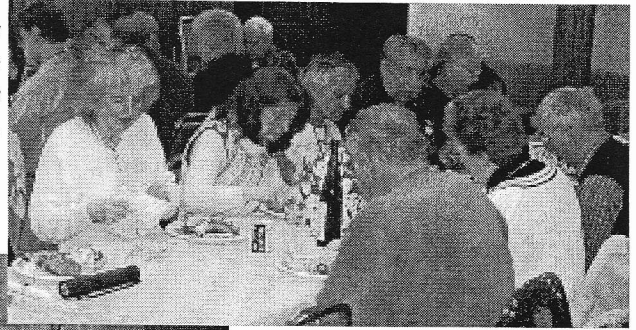
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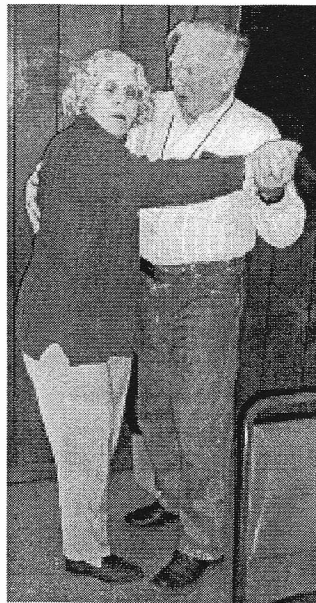
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Right—Happy diners go to work on the great buffet fare.

All photos this issue by Morris.



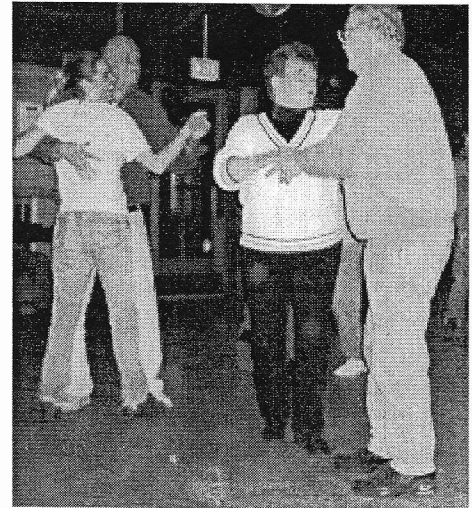
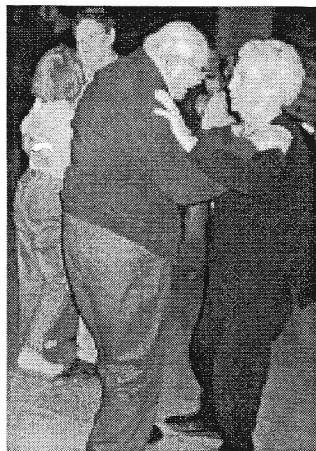
Left—Host Nancy Pellegrino brought out a decorated carrot cake in celebration of the January, February and March birthdays.



The Thousand Trails Park was sponsoring a DJ dance. After dinner a large group of Cascaders went to the family center to dance and work off the dinner (left and below). We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the exercise.

Sunday morning we gathered in the club house for breakfast (top right). M-m-m-m, more French toast awaited along with fresh cinnamon rolls, home made muffins and a bowl of fruit.

Nancy Pellegrino's beautiful, handmade cloth and lace baskets brightened the tables. After breakfast she gave them away along with other





prizes. Everyone received something (left).

It was a fun weekend. We said our good-bye's, unhitched our steeds and headed down the trail.

Special thanks to Nancy and Mike Pellegrino for all the work they did putting on a great rally.

Mark those calendars for our next rally in Grayland, WA, April 16, 17, and 18.

## Wagonmaster's Tune-up

by Larry Calhoun

LA CONNER, WA—Those that didn't come to LaConner really missed a nice time. The weather was not too bad. We enjoyed a fine night of dancing, too. Thank you, Pelleginos, for all your hard work.

The next rally will be a no-host gathering at Kenny RV Park in Grayland, WA, April 16-18. I have reserved 40 sites; we will create our own program once we get there.

Please bring crafts to show, sell, or teach. D.J. is going to tell us about his throttle-body fuel injection. This will also be a good time to bring all those things you want to get rid of! We'll have a swap sale.

Things to do: the beach is right there, casino just down the road, and some nice shops to check out before the summer crowd buys all the good stuff.

Pay as you arrive and I will collect the rally fee. SEE YOU AT KENNY!

## Minutes—2/15/04:

*no officers, no business meeting, no minutes!*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Cascaders try hard to be a supportive group. In addition to word-of-mouth, we rely on Bill Guise's report in the minutes to learn about any Cascaders to whom he has sent get-well cards. In the absence of minutes, it seems appropriate to note members who could use a supportive note or card.

Denny Allen—Following emergency surgery while in Arizona, Denny and Fran's middle-of-the-night air ambulance ride back to BC shows Denny feeling a lot better. Special thanks to Cascader members Jim Swanson and Frank Czarny who rescued their coach and placed it in temporary storage. Word is that Terry and Gloria Morris will ferry it back to Canada following the Western States rally in Palm Desert, CA.

Cathy Cupples—Cathy is in the midst of 5 weeks of treatment for recurring cancer.

FYI—Last Sunday, her GMC was sold to new Cascaders, Pat and Chuck Horn of Puyallup.

Gary Gibbs—Bill received a very warm note from the Gibbs thanking Cascaders for the card. They are carrying on as best they can.

Doris Mast—Doris is making a remarkable recovery from surgery for two brain aneurysms. She is back at her place in Indio.

Others whom Bill Guise is missing current status are Eldon Evans and Bill Rowland. If there are others who could use a note of encouragement, please let Bill Guise know.

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### RALLY SCHEDULE 2003-04

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	Hosts
April 16-18	Grayland, WA	Kenanna RV	No-host rally
June 4-6	Waldport, OR	KOA	Price
<b>Unofficial Cascader events</b>			
June 7-Aug 5	Alaska	Prince George and back	Ireland
July 7-11	Arlington, WA	Arlington Air Show	Gibbs
August 6-9	Spokane, WA	TBA	Hensley & Thornhill
<b>FMCA International rally</b>			
August 16-20	Redmond, OR	Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds	
September 24-26	Clarkston/Lewiston	TBA	Kragt & Preston
<b>Western States rally</b>			
October 5-10	Albuquerque, NM	Balloon Festival	GMC Western States
December 3-5	Oregon area	TBA	TBA

*Call Wagonmaster Larry Calhoun (360-679-3724) to volunteer for December '04 ...fellow hosts will appear!*

