



APRIL FOOLS GATHER AT NEWPORT

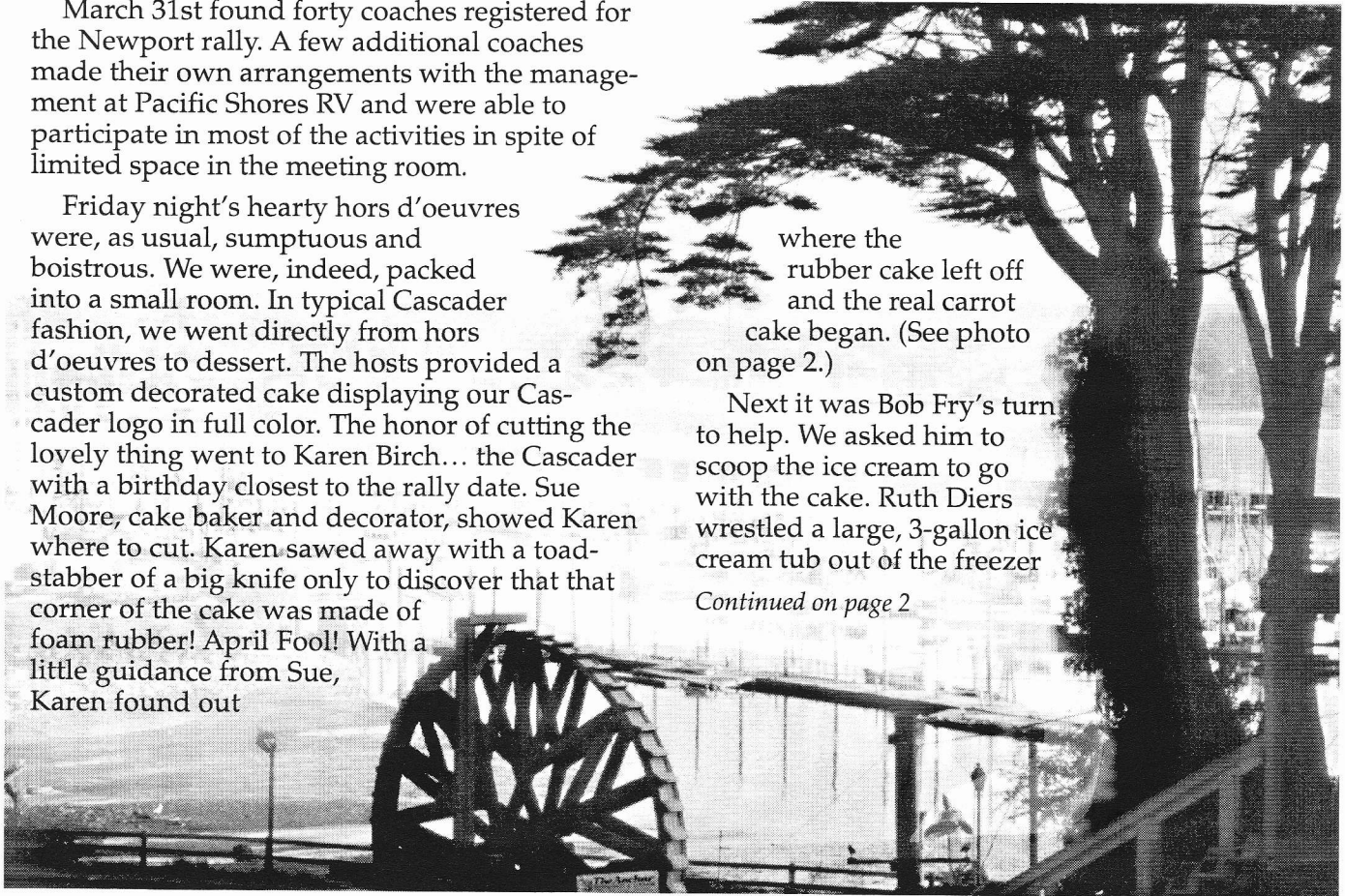
March 31st found forty coaches registered for the Newport rally. A few additional coaches made their own arrangements with the management at Pacific Shores RV and were able to participate in most of the activities in spite of limited space in the meeting room.

Friday night's hearty hors d'oeuvres were, as usual, sumptuous and boistrous. We were, indeed, packed into a small room. In typical Cascader fashion, we went directly from hors d'oeuvres to dessert. The hosts provided a custom decorated cake displaying our Cascader logo in full color. The honor of cutting the lovely thing went to Karen Birch... the Cascader with a birthday closest to the rally date. Sue Moore, cake baker and decorator, showed Karen where to cut. Karen sawed away with a toad-stabber of a big knife only to discover that that corner of the cake was made of foam rubber! April Fool! With a little guidance from Sue, Karen found out

where the rubber cake left off and the real carrot cake began. (See photo on page 2.)

Next it was Bob Fry's turn to help. We asked him to scoop the ice cream to go with the cake. Ruth Diers wrestled a large, 3-gallon ice cream tub out of the freezer

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Rally Schedule 1995

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
June 14-18	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Coeur d'Alene RV Park	Lennertsons and Prestons
August 16-20	Wallowa, OR	Wallowa Lake St. Park	Millers et al

Additional rallies scheduled for October and December; watch for details in future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News*.



Photo by B. Ragsdale

Karen cuts cake???



Hearty hors d'oeuvres!

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and placed it in front of Bob. With scoop at the ready, Bob pried off the lid and discovered a paper cover on the contents of the tub. It read, "U BIN HAD...April Fool." The tub proved to be full of frozen sand! Ruth Diers immediately provided Bob with a tub of the real stuff (see below) and we went on with dessert. Thanks for the laughs, Bob and Karen.

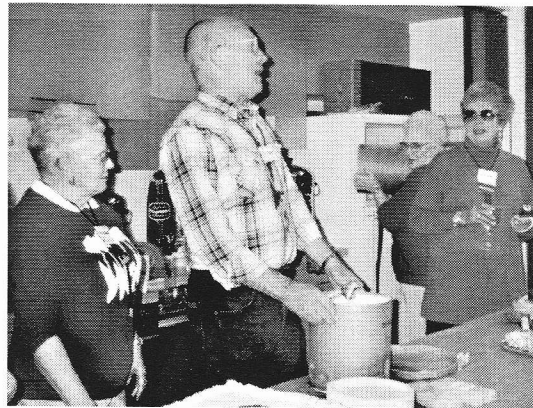


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Sue Moore of Moore Studios crafted a large sheet cake displaying our own GMC Cascaders' logo. The secret foam rubber section in the upper right corner didn't show at all!

Bob gets the scoop. Ruth Diers was everywhere making sure the joke went well.

Breakfast found hungry Cascaders lined up for a feast of sourdough hotcakes, complete with sausage, syrup, whipped cream cheese and fruit. Some diners thought that eating hotcakes dyed bright blue or spring green (April Fool) was easier with their eyes closed. Some didn't have their eyes opened yet, anyway.

Glorious warm weather gave us all spring fever on Saturday. The morning's technical seminars—on coach technicalities and

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CASCADERS GOING TO THE DOGS

June 14-18

Sign on for another new experience brought to you by dedicated Cascader rally hosts. This time, it is the Lennartsons and the Prestons. It's the first time either couple has hosted a rally and they have hit the ground running! They have planned a June rally in beautiful northern Idaho that promises everything from catered Asian dinner and a Longhorn BBQ to a visit to the dog track complete with buffet dinner at the track. For novice dog racing tourists, like yours truly, there will be a special orientation to the intricacies of the sport.

The Coeur d'Alene RV park is a relatively new facility offering top quality hookups and services including shuttle service to and from town.

Additional attractions include a factory outlet shopping mall, the town of Lake Coeur d'Alene. There is a gondola ride at Sliver Mountain, a boat cruise on the lake and the Silverwood theme park offering rides, old airplanes and antique cars. Special feature will be a scuba demonstration—complete with visual aids—by our own Jim Scolman.

Registration deadline is May 15! For more information contact:

John and Virginia Lennartson at: 1-208-765-3695 or
Del and Vi Preston at: 1-509-466-4655.

See you all at Coeur d'Alene

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on drafting a job description for pilots and co-pilots didn't last long. We cancelled our afternoon rainy-day relay races in favor of soaking up the out-of-doors.

Coaches lined up and loaded up to carry Cascaders to our Saturday evening banquet at Gracies at Smugglers' Cove in downtown Newport. The food was delicious.

The Hardin 'kids', Holly, Mark and Wes (*upper right*), gave our live entertainment following dinner. Two of them are teachers and they seized the opportunity to tackle the question of whether Cascaders who drive "short busses" are any less sprightly than those who drive "longer busses."

A singing contest settled the question. Holly coached the short-bus singers (*right*) who beat the long bus singers by one! Several Cascaders found themselves immortalized in the lyrics distributed for the sing-along.

The executive board, hosts of the rally, wishes to thank all, including the weather person, who pitched in to make this rally another memorable romp.



Technical Tips—Part I, *See page 6 for part II*

GMC Motor homes were designed with separate body/frame construction, then assembled using 20 rubber insulators positioned along the top of the frame.

Since GMCs are 17 to 22 years old, these insulators probably need replacement. In the rear, between the wheels, a section of the wood floor was removed to provide a space for the air lines to the air bats. When the insulators flatten with age, the floor can pinch the lines, crack them and cause leaks. Some owners have noticed that the top edges of the engine air cleaner are shiny. This is caused by coach settling that allows the engine access hatch to rub on the air cleaner.

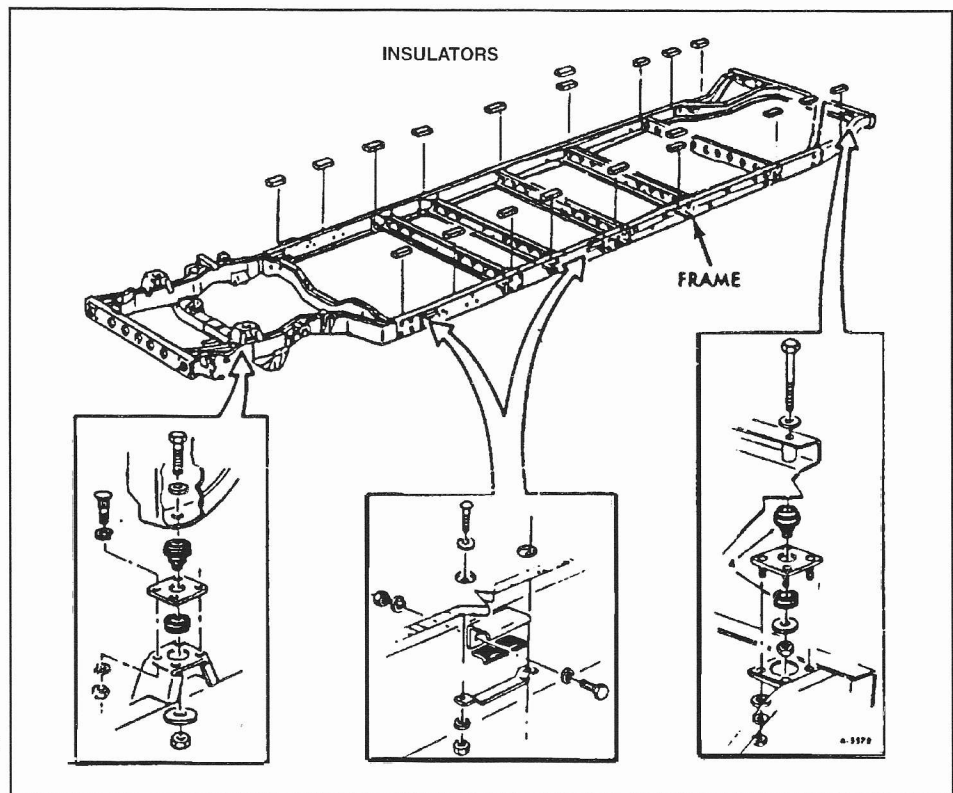
Replacing the insulators is not a major job. Just jack up the floor, not the frame, one section at a time, pull out the old insulator and insert a new one. Also, check the large doughnut insulators and replace them if necessary.

The diagram above shows where to locate the insulators and the front/rear large doughnut insulators. These doughnut insulators must be loosened before raising the floor. Try using a penetrating oil in the nuts; you will find them to be quite rusty.

It can't be over emphasized that replacement of these insulators prevents the rear air lines from being flattened. The floor "works" or moves which can restrict the space where the lines pass over the frame. Be safe—check by moving the lines back and forth to see if they move freely. An added benefit of replacing the insulators is a reduction in road noise.

Note: You'd be wise to check with someone who has already done this work before you start the process.

The preceding article is adapted from Bob Sternfels' "Shade Tree Tips" in the Elegant Cruisers' news of last month. The Elegant Cruisers have turned our own, Luana Perry, into a "widely published" author by reprinting her recent story on the Rose Bowl hospitality offered by the Elegant Cruisers. Thanks, Cruisers, we look forward to more news exchanges.



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FOR SALE: 6 Radial rims (6) Centramatic balancers. (3) Michelin 8.75 R.16 x PS RIB LRD tires. (est. 20 K mi. left), (2) Les Schwab tires (est. 5,000 mi. left) All mounted and ready to roll. \$300 for the lot. Call Ken Ragsdale (206)-854-1642

Minutes—4/2/95

Pacific Shores RV, Newport, Oregon

President Becky Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Thanks were in order for the "April Fools" rally hosts—Ken and Becky Ragsdale, Carol and George Baxter, Ruth and Glenn Diers, and Pris and Bill Hardin. A warm welcome went to guests: Wayne and Betty Meussig of FMCA; Janet Ford, mother of Gloria Morris; John Raugust and Jan Moore; and Sherry and Dave Manus with daughters, Katerine and Christine. We also welcomed members Dolf and Barbara Eberhart who were attending their first rally.

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Members in attendance were:

Abrahams, Henry & Lola	Mast, Jack & Doris
Baxter, George & Carol	McLean, Bill & Betty
Becker, Earl & Marley	Moore, Doug & Midge
Birch Jr., Alexander & Karen	Morris, Terry & Gloria
Bovee, Alan & Margaret	Ovens, Walt & Liz
Childs, Gordon & Lora	Paradis, Larry & Virginia
Cupples, Jack & Cathy	Perry, Don & Luan
Diers, Glenn & Ruth	Preston, Del & Vi
Eberhart, Dolph & Barbara	Ragsdale, Ken & Becky
Estridge, Clarence & Elsie	Raugust, John & Jan Moore
Foote, Bill & Mary Lou	Reed, Ed & Mary
Fry, Bob & Elaine	Scolman, Jim & Sheryl
Frydenlund, Gordon & Carol	Seitz, Jim & Gerry
Groth, Ray & Beverly	Smith, Gary & Dorothy
Hardin, Bill & Priscilla	Spelt, Jake & Diny
Hove, Carl & Helen	Struble, Wayne & Alicia Kennedy
Jones, Tim & Cass	Sunderland, Bud & Joy
Kershaw, Chet & Karen	Swanson, Ted & Jane
Madison, Ken & Deon	Townes, Wil
Manis, Davey & Sherry	Van Allsburg, Bob & Bonnie
	Wilson, Daryl & Mary

Secretary's Report—The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously as published in the GMC Cascaders News.

Treasurer's Report—Ruth Diers reported that our current checking balance was \$2,831.31 representing 164 paid member coaches.

First Vice President's Report—Carol Baxter has written thank you notes to the last rally's hosts, Scolmans, Frydenlunds and Sunderlands. A card went to Ed Blaise, recovering from a heart attack. As **Historian**, Carol urged members to send photos of past rallies.

Second Vice President's Report—As Wagon Master, Glenn Diers called upon Del Preston to preview our upcoming rally.

- June 14–18—at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The four-day rally promises to offer a wide variety of fun and experiences.
- A letter from Tokeland RV owners commended the Cascaders for their fine rally in February and thanked us for the Cascader flag left to add to their rally memento wall. They also liked our hosts' clean-up skills.

- Wallowa Lake rally hosts report 57 registrations!
- Chet and Karen Kershaw agreed to host the October rally—time and location to be announced.
- Albany, Oregon, looks promising as a venue for the December rally. Glenn is still looking for hosts.
- Glenn called upon Dave Ireland to report on the proposed 1996 Canadian rally for which early planning is under way. The 5-day, rolling rally would terminate at Caribou with the option of proceeding on to Alaska for a 45–60 day adventure. Return trip could be by ferry or freighter to Port Hardy, Seattle or Tacoma.
- Glenn queried members in attendance about how many were planning to go to Gilroy, CA, in April and to Rapid City, SD in September.

FMCA Report—Wayne Meussig reported for Cliff Smith in his absence. The Las Cruces rally was great—5,248 coaches in attendance and 826 exhibitors on site. Wayne called attention to the FMCA-sponsored fee reduction available from "Road America."

He reminded members of the May 26–29 FMCA Regional rally in Salem, OR, and of the Memorial Weekend 1996 Regional rally returning to Puyallup, WA. All clubs are requested to volunteer for one of the service duties required to make the rally a success. Cascaders elected to repeat serving the ice cream social as we did last year.

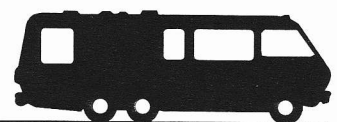
Wayne also noted the National Directors' meeting at Minot, ND on August 12–13, 1995

Old Business—Pris Hardin reported that the new, laminated, personalized coach signs were nearly finished at Kinkos and would be distributed with the next club newsletter.

New Business—

- As requested, Cascaders will donate 2 door prizes of approximately \$25 value each to the Salem NW FMCA rally. Glenn Diers volunteered to provide a large box of notepads as he has done in the past. The group approved—moved by B. Fry (M), seconded by J. Mast (S) and passed (P). G. Baxter moved that the second prize be a \$25 gift certificate from Camping World—MSP; G. Baxter and C. Frydenlund.
- Al Bovee reported from his meetings with Western States that they seek more active participation from Cascaders. Anyone willing to run or to nominate someone for Western States offices should contact Al who is on the nomination committee. Our representatives to Western States are Don Perry (OR) and Greg Smith (WA).

Adjournment—It was MSP (B. Fry/A. Bovee) to adjourn at 10:50am.

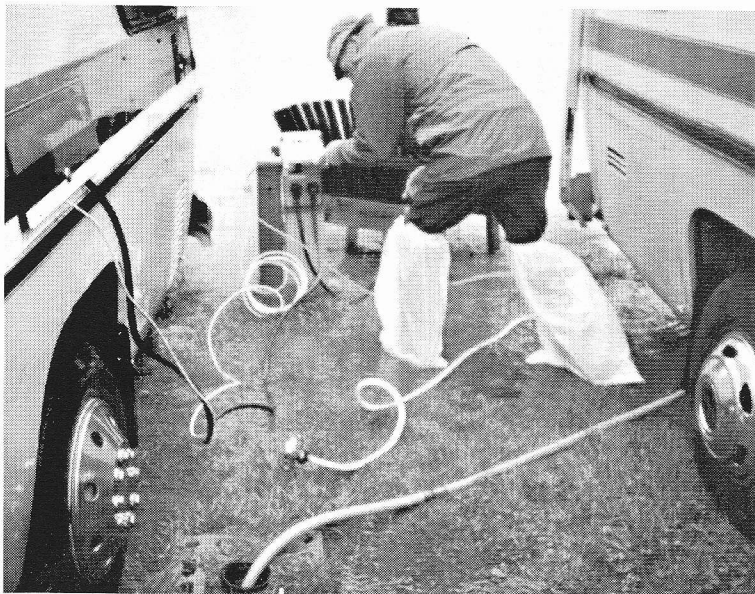


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Technical Tips—Part II *Continued from page 4.*

At February's Tokeland rally, Don Perry devised a very impressive technique for disconnecting electrical hook-ups in moist conditions. To prevent shock, it would appear that the prudent RVer wears spanking new garbage bags on his feet!!!



Don endorses the kind with the tie strings in the top to prevent unfashionable droopy-sack-syn-drome. Notice the masterful stance he manages to assume in spite of rain, wind, six inches of water around his feet and 30 amps of power at his finger tips.

We are not sure whether the insulative properties of this fancy foot gear would pass OSHA standards.

When considering this innovative solution to flooded facilities, just remember our GMC Cascader News disclaimer, below, that applies to all our technical notes .

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