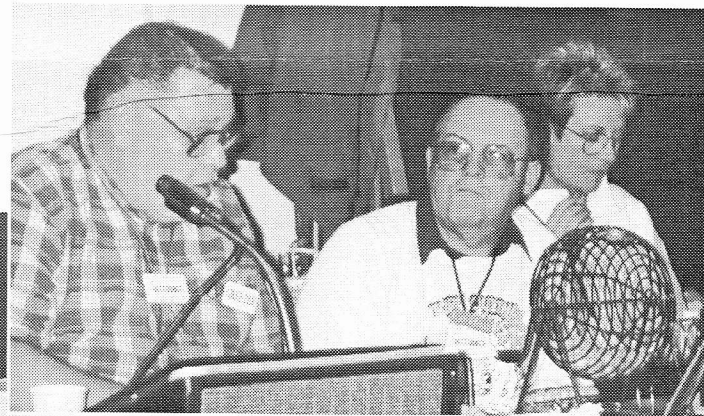


## Pioneers of West and Air Focus of April Rally... and bingo, too!

Rain, rain and more rain marked our April gathering at Jantzen Beach RV on Hayden Island just north of Portland. Hosts Terry and Joanne Boyd, Ray and Bev Groth and Carol and Gordon Frydenlund, along with greeters Chet and Karen Kershaw, provided a rich roster of fun, food, and fascinating history to keep us all busy in spite of the weather.



Friday afternoon's shopping and visiting paved the way for a grand pizza feed in the park's community room. Salad and dessert rounded out the meal.



*Karen Kershaw's THIRD bingo (right) brought howls from the group and denials from Ray Groth (above) that the game was "fixed." It also prompted Carol Baxter to migrate across the hall. Carol figured that by sitting next to Karen either her bad luck would wear off on Karen or Karen's good luck would influence Carol's card. ...Sorry Carol.*



In no time, the stage was set for an evening of bingo. Host Ray Groth lined up the numbers to be read out by greeter Chet Kershaw. Once the games began, a few interesting developments made the evening more lively than the planners envisioned!

It all began when Karen Kershaw, closely related to the numbers caller, hollered "Bingo!" Other players monitored their boards carefully as more rounds were called. Several Cascaders took home some of the cash that Ray and Chet were lavishly awarding to winners. Candid shot of bingo players reveal the seriousness of their efforts (*next page*). Soon, to every one's surprise, Karen Kershaw was back at it with another "Bingo"

(*lower left*). Karen seemed a little embarrassed by her "haul." When her card showed a *third* bingo, she whispered the magic word! Too bad the photo below is not in color!

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### NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
June 12-15	Lynden, WA	Lynden KOA RV Park	Ovens, Paradis', Calhouns & Eerkes

**MORE RALLIES... on back page**

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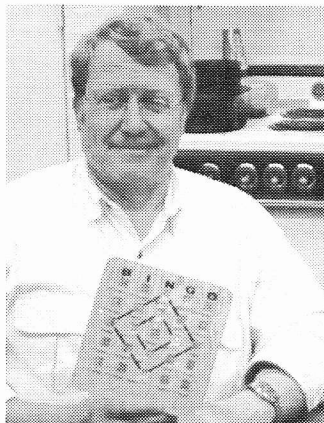
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*Some bingo players(left) took the entire event with pleasant equanimity.*



*Terry Morris won a round by making an "M" as in G"M" C (above).*

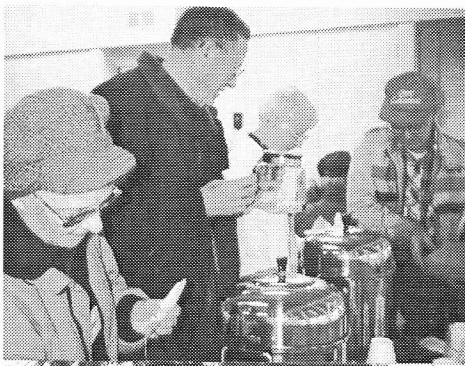
*Others studied their cards as though the family fortune was at stake (below). Popcorn for all eased the pain of losing.*



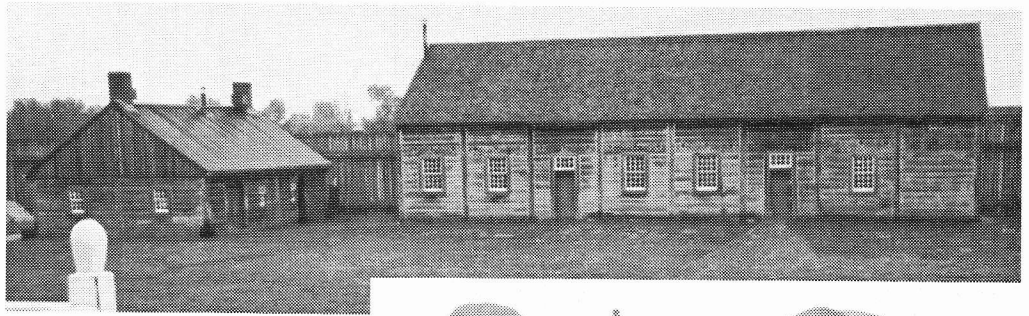
*Saturday morning brought most of the crowd back to the community room for a great spread of fruit and pastries, washed down with lots of hot coffee and tea (bottom left). We were fortifying ourselves for the historical portion of the rally.*

*Soon, toting sack lunches, we clambered aboard coaches and into cars for the trip across the Columbia into Vancouver, WA, for two journeys back in time.*

*First, Fort Vancouver's reconstructed fort and museum took us to the time, just 20 years after*



*The principal trade building (far right) and the all-important blacksmith shop (at its left) anchor the south side of the stockade. They face the chief factor's home and extensive kitchens where food was prepared to serve the factor (chief and assistant) and their many European guests.*



*Never fired in battle, the canons of the fort fired salutes to incoming supply ships. The royal seal of England is still visible atop the piece at the left. Entering the fort in the rain via the garden area (right), we got a small taste of the hard life in the early days.*

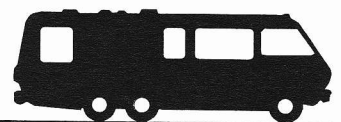


*Our guide awarded Egon Hellsner the privilege of modeling the beaver hat (left). The beaver hat caused the enormous economic drive to gather pelts in the Pacific Northwest.*

the Lewis and Clark expedition, when the Hudson's Bay Company established a supply depot serving a huge area of the New World stretching from San Francisco north to the Russian holdings in present-day Alaska and from the Rocky Mountains west to Hawaii. The fort served the HBC as a gathering and resupply point for the far-reaching fur trade. It also became the first terminus of the Oregon Trail as Robert McLaughlin, chief factor of the fort, had yet to establish the Oregon City enclave. Until the building of the Barlow trail, the Columbia River route was the only logical, though treacherous, access to the rich agricultural lands west of the Cascades.

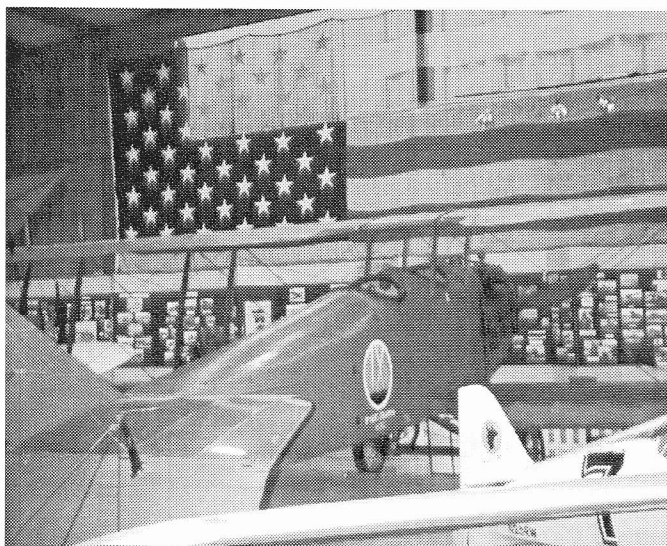
Destroyed by fire during the last century, the fort as seen today has been carefully restored according to early records. Archeological work continues around the site as funds become available. Our guides, both volunteer and park service employees, filled us with historical facts and anecdotes. They were well prepared and had answers to most of our curious questions. The accompanying museum presents a wide array of additional artifacts and a video that fills in many empty spots in our knowledge of the time.

As we departed Fort Vancouver for the Pearson Air Museum, we passed a row of handsomely maintained officers' dwellings. Now owned by Clark county, the buildings hold private residents and businesses.



**Pearson Air Museum**—oldest operating airfield in the U.S.—since 1905!

Backers of the Pearson Air Museum are rightly proud of its history, both early and recent. Many planes on display are placed there by owners and are in fully reconditioned, flying condition! Docents, many of them veterans, clearly enjoy sharing their interest with visitors. If you missed our trip to the museum, you will likely find the entire museum in a new and different hangar by the time you arrive. New quarters will include a complete restoration hanger in which other salvaged historic "birds" will receive new life under loving hands.



The owner of the fully restored Curtiss "Jenny" flies the historic machine on occasion (above).



Gary, our docent, explains the action of an early jet engine to our group (above).

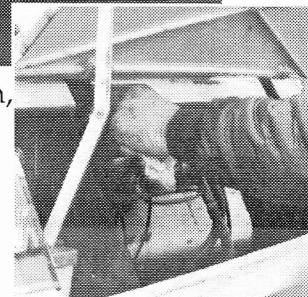
Although our heads were spinning with rich, new information, we topped off our Saturday learning with parallel seminars put on by our own members. Gloria Morris brought a full supply of



samples and literature describing a program of nutrition that has been serving her own needs for several years. Her testimonial of personal struggle was impressive (left).



In the sopping afternoon, Bob Fry replaced the master brake cylinder on Ken Wilson's coach (above and right). Loyal, curious mechanics watched and shared their own grease-monkey sagas.



Food at the Eidelweiss fulfilled our expectations AND our appetites. Perry's pause for a very brief moment from the business at hand. Dion Madison stuck to her priorities!





Barely recovering from our day of studies, we headed back across the mighty Columbia for dinner at the Eidelweiss restaurant in Vancouver, WA. It was truly a dinner of another sort! The food was great, the service remarkably good and the entertainment refreshing.

At the Eidelweiss, the wait staff does much more than serve tables. The head waiter introduced our waiters and the fun began. Their talents ran from magic to dance, song, and accordian music. Chief of mischief seemed to be Adam who produced magical surprises to various "victims" at their tables. Then the accordian came out and diners moved to the dance floor for everything from "oompah" music to a lively dance of "the Chicken" (right). Adam took Mary Lou Foote to the dance floor, sailed into the number and then launched himself off across the dance floor in a spectacular prat fall that scared Mary Lou royally.

### What a memorable dinner!

Sunday morning saw a repeat of the wicked pastries and fruit. Our usual lively business meeting topped off a grand rally.

*Adam, magician-waiter, delivered much more than food to his tables. Jack Cupples awaits the unexpected (left). Adam's sleeves produced such varied items as table knives and, to one table's surprise, a scanty piece of black underwear. Joanne Boyd models the item for her fellow diners (below).*

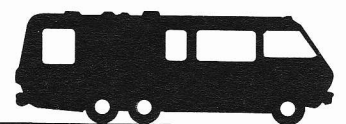


*Visiting around the banquet tables kept everyone involved. Denny Allen spins a yarn for his table mates (above).*

Notable at this rally were the number of "drive-in" attendees (5 couples) and the large group of first-time attendees and guests (9 couples).

Thanks, again to our energetic hosts, greeters and all parties involved for a memorable, smoothly managed event.

See you all at Lynden, WA, in June!



## Minutes—4/20/97

Jantzen Beach RV, Portland OR

President Baxter called the meeting to order at 8:59am. She thanked our hosts, Terry and Joanne Boyd, Ray and Bev Groth and Carol and Gordon Frydenlund as well as greeters, Chet and Karen Kershaw for the excellent job of rally planning and production.

Our guests and first-time-rally attendees received a warm welcome. Guests were: Jerry and Patty Foreman, Egon and Helga Hellsner, and Vance and Sandy Smith. First-time-rally attendees were: Bill and Peggy Guise, Ed and Gail Michayluk, Charles and Arlene Mindemann, George and Helena Paavala, Marvin and Ruth Rosencrans, and Larry and Rosella Smith.

Attending the rally were:

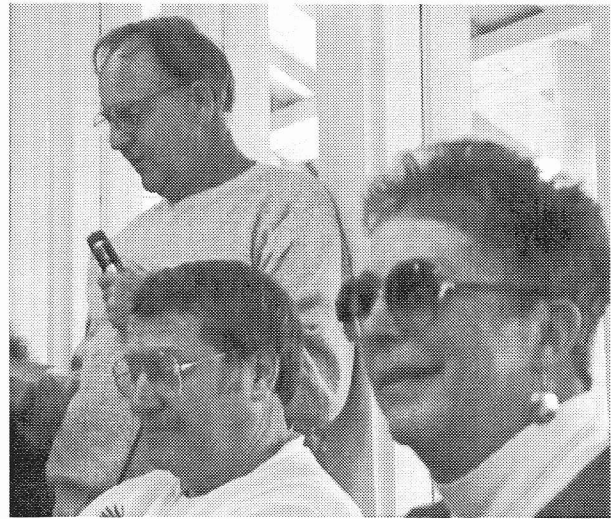
Denny & Fran Allen	Keith & Charlene
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Terry & Joanne Boyd	John and Lauree Miller
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Charles & Arlene
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Mindemann
Henry & Elaine Dykes	Terry & Gloria Morris
Egon & Helga Elssner	George and Helena Paavola
Clarence & Elsie Estridge	Don & Luana Perry
Bill & Mary Foote	Clarence & Grace Politiske
Gordon & Carol Frydenlund	Del & Vi Preston
Ray & Bev Groth	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Bill & Peggy Guise	Marv & Ruth Rosencrans
Bill & Pris Hardin	Jim & Sheryl Scolman
Carl & Helen Hove	Vance & Sandra Smith
Tim & Cass Jones	Bud & Joy Sunderlund
Chet & Karen Kershaw	Ted & Jane Swanson
Walt & Jerry Krebs	Tom & Marge Thompson
John & Virginia Lennartson	Norm & Betty Turner
Ken & Deon Madison	Ken & Jean Wilson

**Minutes**—The group passed a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the GMC Cascader News. Approval was moved by Al Bovee and seconded by Ken Wilson.

**Treasurer's Report**—Ruth Diers reported a tally of 164 paid members and a treasury balance of \$2,007.52. There are \$1500 outstanding for other rallies and jackets.

**1st Vice President's Report**—Terry Morris sent get-well wishes to Joe Sawtell following the accident that severed a portion of a finger. February rally hosts Eberharts and Footes received thank-you notes for their highly successful efforts.

**2nd Vice Presidents' Report**—Carl Hove delivered a quick run-down on the year's rally schedule.



*Executive Board members enjoy listening to Carl Hove "carry the ball." Co-wagonmaster Walt Ovens usually does the reporting honors... Walt and his GMC Cascader Secretary wife, Liz, were absent to attend the imminent arrival of a new grandchild.*

• June 12–15, at Lynden, WA, will be hosted by Ovens, Eerkes, Calhouns, Masts and Reeds. The rally will feature the Demming Logging Festival along with a miniature golf tournament and fishing derby (no license required).

• A "Bonus Rally," July 9–13 at Arlington, WA's, airport, will focus on the air show. The show requires dry camping but on the front row by the air strip with nearby dump station and water available. The Boeing tour will cost \$6 each. Jack Cupples made the hosts' report.

• September 3–7, at Walla Walla, WA, will be hosted by John and Lauree Miller. The Walla Walla antique car show and tours of a regional fruit farms and an agri-business high tech industry will highlight the rally agenda.

• October's rally will be at Sisters, OR, with Bovees and others as hosts.

• December 5–7, at Cannon Beach, OR, will see the experienced host team of Frys, Jones', Diers', and Ragsdales.

• August, '98's rally is tentatively scheduled for the Valley of the Rogue State Park. Don and Luana Perry are at work with plans for the rally.

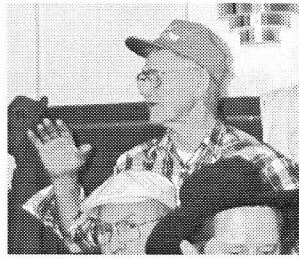
Carl urged volunteers to fill the empty hosting slots for 1998 rally hosts.

President Baxter called for all interested members to share their email addresses for publication in the newsletter. Members were asked to indicate any



interest in sports shirts bearing the GMC Cascader logo. A sign-up sheet was available.

The club also received correspondence from Air Brushes, Etc. in Roseburg. They seek RV owners who want murals painted on their coaches. The club does not offer businesses a commercial membership; interested members may contact them on their own.



*John Miller's report on the planning for our August rally is clearly over the heads of some members!*

**Western States Report**—Don Perry, our representative to Western States, announced a Prescott, AZ, rally from May 7–11, 1997 and a Bryce Canyon rally from September 10–14 1997. Ask Don for details.

**GMC International Report**—George Baxter's account of the GMC International rally in Boerne, TX, included the major efforts of Cascaders to provide breakfasts for inhabitants of 291 coaches (excluding pets)—60 dozen donuts and pastries fed the group each morning. Carol Frydenlund was especially steadfast. Next International rally will be in New Hampshire in September followed by a spring rally in Las Vegas. Next year, the 25th anniversary of the GMC coaches may see a Fall rally in Dearborn, Michigan. George serves on the siting committee and will keep us informed as plans develop.

**FMCA Report**—Ken Wilson reported that the next FMCA rally was scheduled for Spokane but it was cancelled as no hosts were forthcoming. Local FMCA members' efforts to reinstate it failed. FMCA Northwest regional meeting was scheduled as a leadership weekend on management. Our representatives decided not to attend.

**Old Business**

- The Executive Committee discussed life membership, as proposed at our last meeting. They decided not to offer such a membership category at this time.
- Chet Kershaw reported that he has registered for the Chemeketa Community College meeting scheduled for May. He will report on the experience at the June meeting
- The Executive Committee took up the proposal to raise dues comparable with other GMC organizations and tabled the discussion.
- Glenn Diers announced Cascaders hats, flags and jackets for sale.

**New Business**

- Chet Kershaw reported mention of our own Don Perry's Cascader Hymn in the GMC Marketplace magazine. Don was credited in the article. The report prompted requests for performance of the piece. Don proposed a practice session at the next rally.
- New members' photos, taken next to their coaches, are the responsibility of Carol Baxter. All members who have missed having their portraits taken are urged to contact her.

**Adjournment** was at 9:58am, G. Baxter (M) and A. Bovee (S, P)

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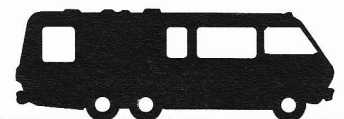
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## On the Road... notices and sales

For Sale—6 Steel Rims, 16.5 inches with Goodyear Steelbeltd Tires, 2 have only 8,000 miles on them—\$250 for all. Clasco Aluminum panel for rear bumper fill—\$75. Gordon Frydenlund 206-246-8847



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### Folding the Last Issue of GMC Cascader News



Many thanks to the dedicated group of Cascaders who folded and stamped our last newsletter (*left*) at a party (*right*) in Indio, CA. Our St. Patrick's Day evening was hosted by Daryl and Jean Wilson and Karl Cunningham! Oh, yes, we had a lot of fun playing golf and feasting, too.



*Kibitzers, golfers and folders all performed with skill and enthusiasm.*

Photos by Masts

### Rally Schedule 1997

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
June 12-15	Lynden, WA	Lynden KOA RV Park	Ovens, Paradis', Calhouns & Eerkes
BONUS RALLY—July 9-13,	Arlington, WA	Arlington Airfield ( <i>dry camp</i> )	Wilson, Richardsons & Cupples
September 3-7	Walla Walla, WA	Four Seasons RV Park	John and Lauree Miller
October 3-5	Sisters, OR	Mountain Shadow RV Park	Alan and Margaret Bovee
December 5-7	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV	Diers, Frys, Jones, & Ragsdales

Watch future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News* for possible changes to the above schedule.

