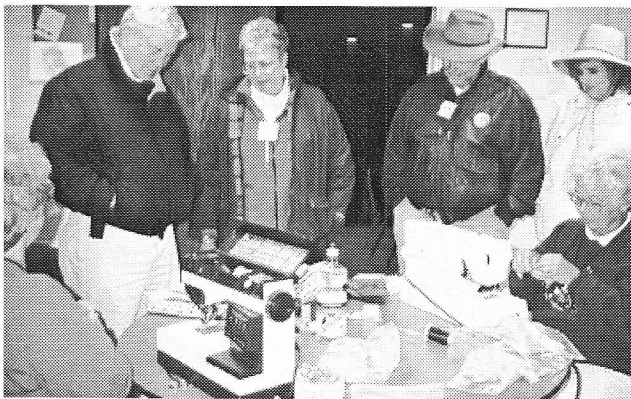


Tokeland in the Sunshine Brings Relaxation and Dozens of Bears

Hypothesis: Give Cascaders a relaxed, open rally schedule and they will fill the time with fellowship, good times, and of course, food and foolishness. If this theory was ever in doubt, hosts Carl and Helen Hove, Gordon and Carol Frydenlund and Jack and Cathy Cupples proved it to be true. From the first evening's hearty turkey dinner to Sunday's lively business meeting boredom never had a chance to creep in.

Great weather (for April at the coast, at least) surprised us all. In lieu of the usual rally report, browse through the Scrapbook on pages 2 through 4 for images and notes about our weekend.



Above—Baxters and Morriszes look on as Carol Freydenlund (left) and Virginia Paradis (right) prepare Teddy bear "parts."

Before diving into the scrapbook, we must give credit to Virginia Paradis and Carol Frydenlund who put on a whiz-bang, high quality Teddy bear-sewing class. Working like Santa's elves to prepare for the enthusiastic stitchers (*below left*), they accomplished enough advance work that most bears came to completion before Sunday's departure.

First-time Teddy bear stitchers gained inspiration and guidance from experienced fellow bear builders and there were plenty of finished samples to admire along the way. Among the exceptional were Gaynor Calhoun's remarkably tiny bears (*right*) which drew many admiring comments.



Several guests and first time attendees added to the rally's success—see Minutes, page 6. Many thanks to our hard working hosts. And to the owners of the Tokeland RV park who provided the free meal and accommodated more Cascaders than early planning had predicted.



NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
June 14-20	British Columbia	ROLLING RALLY	Denny and Fran Allen

MORE RALLIES... on back page

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CASCADER SCRAPBOOK... What we do with an open rally schedule



Friday night finds us huddling around a genuine campfire, roasting marshmallows and dodging smoke. Karen Kershaw, Tim Jones and Murphy watch (left) as Webbers down hot marshmallows roasted to perfection. Well, we define perfection rather broadly.

Saturday sunshine brings out the kid in several Cascaders. A precision (?) team prepares to loft a colorful kite (right).



Photo by Diers

Photo by Diers



Some respond to the sunshine with quiet chats in the sun (left and below).



Photo by Diers

Morning walks lead to a charming marina (right), filled with working fishing boats and pleasure craft. Bill Hardin, Ken Ragsdale and Jack Mast share their observations about local industry.

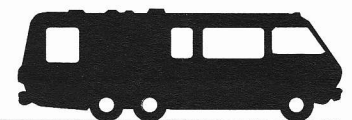


For some, sunshine means all work and no play! (right) Ken Ragsdale serves as armchair supervisor while Bill Guise sails into the exciting task of using his newly installed macerator for the first time.

Jack Cupples watches closely to see if Bill earns a dumper award. No sweat... Bill has the job completely under controll



Photos by Guises





**IN
MEMORIAM**
Clarence Estridge,
died
February 18th,
1998
at age 79

A HAPPY/SAD MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE...

There's a story that goes with the photos on the right. Last Christmas, during the gift exchange at the Cannon Beach rally, Clarence Estridge took his gift, a bottle of Jack Daniels, and paced slowly around the room to where



Photo by Cupples

Carl Hove was sitting. Planting it firmly on the table in front of Carl, he declared that he wanted Carl to have it.

Clarence died in February. Carl brought Clarence's unopened gift to the rally. So it happened that in the sparkling sunshine of an April day at the coast, we all paused to think of Clarence and share in toasting his memory. It was a fine tribute to a strong GMC advocate and a dedicated member of the club. We missed Elsie; she was certainly included in the spirit of the occasion.



Photo by Diers



But even Saturday sunshine fails to deter some folks from serious work. Jack Mast and Denny Allen (right) sort out club supplies in preparation for the upcoming rolling rally on Vancouver Island.

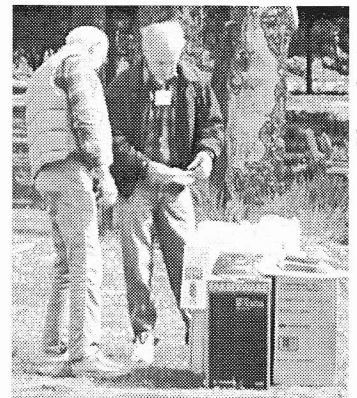
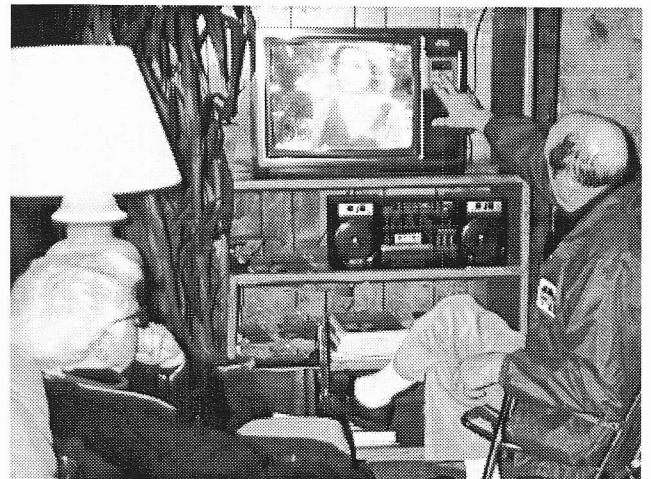


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Sunshine really gets to this bunch (above)... a bit sun struck, eh?. An oversupply of bananas, bought in a bargain mood on the way to Tokeland, causes a rash of banana eating followed by considerable monkeying around..

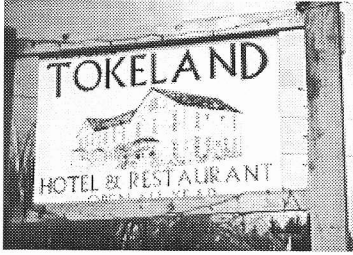
Evening invites a quiet hour in front of the lounge TV. Ted and Jane Swanson analyze Tarzan and Jane (right).



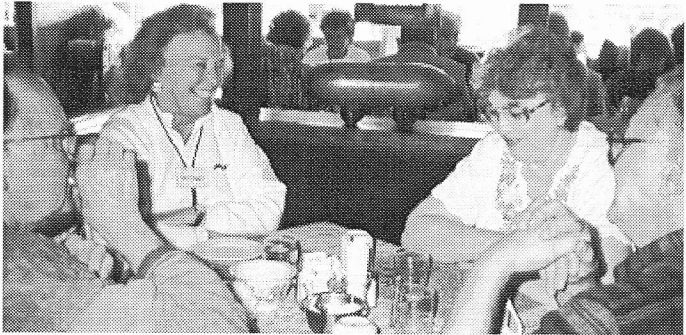
Night brings new challenges like learning to play Mexican Train from Leona Blodger. Carol Frydenlund, Barbara Eberhart and Helen Hove keep the cards flapping and the dominoes clicking.



DINNER AT THE OLD TOKELAND HOTEL AND RESTAURANT



Saturday night dinner at the historic Tokeland Hotel and Restaurant brings more good times and an outstanding meal. Just ask any participant about the food.



Above—Andy Bell's parents joined Andy and Paula for dinner. Andy is powering up to design a GMC Cascader web page. Thanks, Andy.

Service at the hotel was excellent; we all enjoyed the meal. Notice (above and right) that Scolmans found an intimate table-for-two behind a post!



Below—Some diners took their meal very seriously.

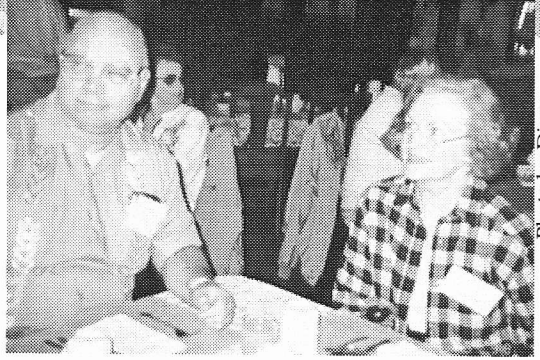
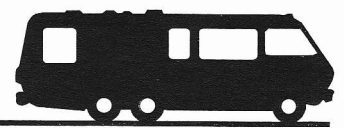


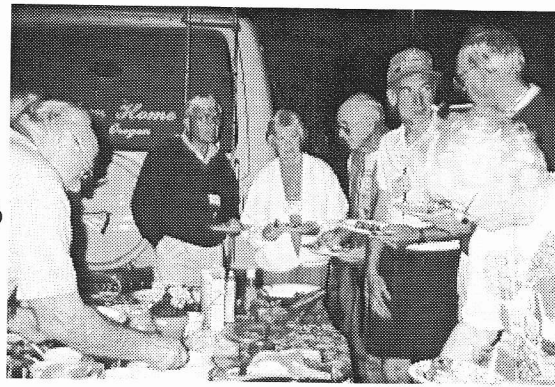
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Report:

THE GMC MOTORHOMES INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN LAS VEGAS

March 21-28, 1998.



The giant reader-board sign beside the Silverton Casino announced a glittering welcome to GMCers throughout the entire week (left).

Cascader attendance was the largest of any of the member clubs. Of course, a potluck was in order. We gathered (left and below) behind Kershaw's coach for a good time and lots of calories.

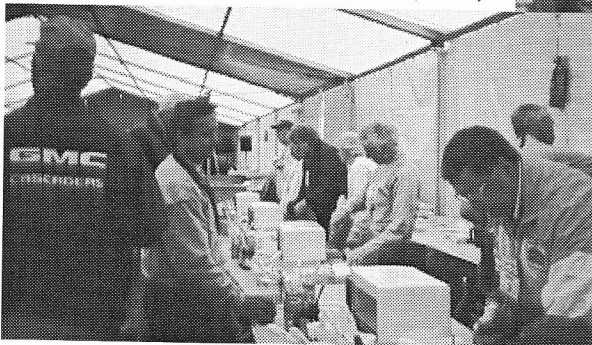


One of the best attended workshops for "copilots" was... you guessed it, a Teddy bear workshop (right). Cascader seamstresses showed off their handiwork along with other GMC international stitchers. Cascader bear builders, from right to left: Cass Jones, Betty Turner and Carol Baxter.



Photo by Turners

With Baxters at the helm, Cascaders did their volunteer duty by preparing and serving breakfast bagels and English muffins (below).



Surprise! Mid-breakfast, one morning, Cascaders joined in a birthday serenade for Elaine Cook (left). She blushed several delightful shades of pink. Happy Birthday, Elaine!

Cascaders were visible all the way home (below). Some of us paused to overnight at the first rest stop in Oregon off I-5... br-r-r-r. The Siskiyous were still in the clutches of winter.

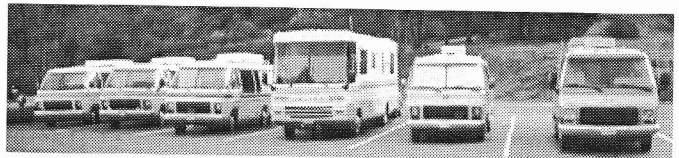
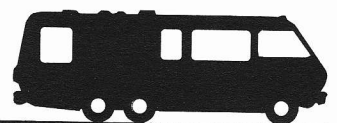


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MINUTES—4/26/98

Tokeland, Washington, Bayshore RV Park

President's Message—

President Terry Morris called the meeting to order following breakfast in the meeting room of the Bayshore RV Park in Tokeland, Washington, on Sunday, April 26, 1998. Terry opened the meeting by thanking our rally committee: Carl and Helen Hove, Gordon and Carol Frydenlund and Jack and Cathy Cupples. He also expressed 'thank you' from us all for the teddy bear class put on by Virginia Paradis and Carol Frydenlund. Next, Terry introduced two new member couples attending their first rally: Jack and Mildred Titus and Laurence and Betty Gordon.



President Morris and one of his most enthusiastic fans

Attending the rally were:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Allen, Denny & Fran | Guise, Bill & Peggy |
| Baxter, George & Carol | Hardin, Bill & Pris |
| Bell, Andy & Paula | Hove, Carl & Helen |
| Blaise, Ed & Louise | Jones, Tim & Cass |
| Blodger, Knute & Leona | Kershaw, Chet & Karen |
| Bovee, Alan & Margaret | Mast, Jack & Doris |
| Boyd, Terry & Joanne | Morris, Terry & Gloria |
| Cain, Larry & Mary | Mudd, Carl & Lorraine |
| Calhoun, Larry & Gaynor | Neuman, Dick & Phyllis |
| Cupples, Jack & Cathy | Ovens, Walt |
| Diers, Glenn & Ruth | Paradis, Larry & Virginia |
| Dye, Bill & Grace | Ragsdale, Ken & Becky |
| Eberhart, Dolph & Barbie | Scolman, Jim & Sheryl |
| Evans, Eldon & Joyce | Smith, Vance & Sandy |
| Foote, Bill & Mary Lou | Snow, Eugene & Dixie |
| Frydenlund, | Swanson, Ted & Jane |
| Gordon & Carol | Titus, Jack & Mildred |
| Gordon, Larry & Betty | Webber, Bob & Vicki |
| Groth, Ray & Bev | |

Secretary's Report—Motion to accept the Grand Ronde meeting's minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by George Baxter (M), seconded by Tim Jones (S), motion passed (P).

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Ruth Diers reported a club balance of \$2,575.39. Current membership is 163. We have \$440 out for new jackets and \$723 out for the Rogue River rally.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President Denny Allen reported the following cards were sent out: February—get-well card to Yvonne Falck following surgery. Thank you's to Eberharts, Footes, Kershaws and Jones for the Spirit Mountain Rally. A sympathy card was sent to Elsie Estridge on the loss of Clarence. Denny also requested a photo from Elsie for the newsletter. April—Get well cards were sent to: Jake Spelt who experienced heart problems while at the Las Vegas rally and went home to have bypass surgery; Ken Wilson who has had a hip replacement (Jean says he is doing fine and has signed up for the Canadian Rally in June); Ken Madison who had some foot surgery and Ted Swanson who had an allergic reaction that cut short his winter vacation in the South (was at the rally and doing fine).



Copy editor Jack Cupples—*"Keep those photos and stories coming."*

Denny also requested that the club let him know of any ailing members. Some of the cards went out after he returned from Las Vegas but to know that phone calls to Canada are not expensive and his machine is always on. The photo albums are with the Vice President and to date he has not received any photos to put into the albums.

Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report—Walt Ovens reported the dates for the upcoming rallies. Canadian Rolling Rally, June 14–20; Rogue River, August 7–9; October STILL OPEN; Cannon Beach, Christmas Rally, December 4–6.

Larry Calhoun discussed the possibility of a rally at Pacific Beach in February or April '99 and Leona Blodger proposed the Caledonia Scottish Festival in August '99. The club members present gave a thumbs up for both Pacific Beach and the Scottish Festival. Denny Allen answered questions on the June 14–20 rally and explained about the pet requirements for crossing the border. Animals must have a signed health certificate that you may acquire from your veterinarian.

Old Business—Newsletter editor Pris Hardin gave a big "thank you" to Jack Cupples for his help with the newsletter. She expressed the wish that information still keep going to Jack even though Hardins will be in Oregon for the summer months. The cutoff date for information for the newsletter is May 15, 1998.

Ruth Diers showed a bowl and piece of flatware she had been carrying around with them since Walla Walla—owners turned out to be Hoves.



In the absence of our Western States representative Don Perry, Carol Baxter gave the report. Upcoming Western States rallies: August 25-31, 1998 Hope, BC; April 20-25, 1999, Casa de Fruita, Hollister, CA; October 5-10, 1999, Balloon Rally, Albuquerque, NM; Spring 2000 open and September 12-17, 2000 Jackson Hole, WY.

George Baxter, GMC International Area Vice President, reported on the spring rally held recently in Las Vegas at Silverton RV Park. It was the fourth largest GMC International rally ever and the Cascaders were represented by 32 coaches. Dates for future rallies: October 11-18, 1998 Marion, NC; Spring 1999 Sarasota, FL; Fall 1999 Forest City, IA. George also reported on the new GMC International web page that has links to Western States and other sites.

The web site will also have links to each of the various chapters and George reported that Cascader Andy Bell has volunteered to put together the Cascader web page.

New Business—Ruth Diers reported the club has hats, flags, belt buckles and jackets for sale. President Morris reminded everyone to turn in their restroom keys before leaving the RV park.

Adjournment (MSP) Jack Mast/Chet Kershaw. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Jones, Secretary

On The Road Again

FOR SALE—1975 Palm Beach. Interior redecorated. New screen door, shades, furnace and water heater. \$25,000. Call Sandra Richardson at: (509) 525-5469

or email at: pra@bmi.net.

1973 26' GMC FOR SALE. Excellent condition, new paint (white & 3-tone blue). Motor and Onan overhauled. Interior completely upgraded: rugs, reclining loveseats, drapes, Venetian blinds. New upholstery (blue & gray). Microwave oven. Interior fire extinguisher in motor. Many more extras. Asking \$18,000.

Call Earle W. Ma Curdy at: 509-328-4385.
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1977 KINGSLEY FOR SALE—Original interior; newer: 1996 gas/elec. refrigerator, insulated curtains, microwave. Excellent mechanical condition—headers, 3" exhaust system, 3.24 final drive, rebuilt steering. Asking #21,000. Contact Bill Hardin —email: prisbill@proaxis.com

Dumper's Delight!

Here's a recipe for a homemade holding tank cleaner/deodorizer solution. It's been published in various RV magazines over the years but some of you many not have tried it. We have used it successfully in both the old recirculating toilet and our newer porcelain throne that we installed last year.

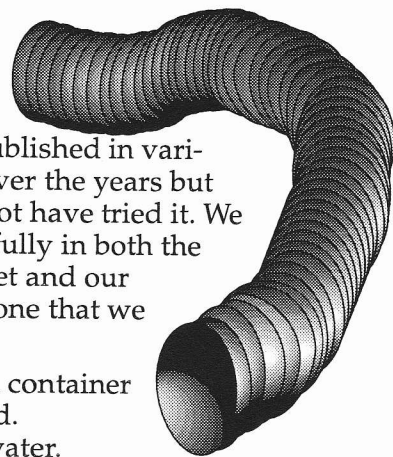
Start with a gallon container with a tight-fitting lid. Fill it half full with water.

Add:

- ½ c borax-based detergent (Borateem, for example)
- ¼ c Pine Sol
- 1 T ammonia

Fill the gallon jar to the top with more water.

Shake well before measuring out 1-2 cups per tank. Be sure to shake well each time you prepare to measure out another "dose." The unwillingness of the borax ingredient to dissolve is part of the plan... it will scrub your tank's sensors as you go down the road.



Cascader Email Directory

As noted in the last issue our GMC Cascader News Email Directory now reports only email addresses of newcomers to the internet and changes to existing addresses. Refer to your most recent membership roster for addresses current as of its publication date; incorporate the following into your roster.

New listings:

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for inclusion on the club membership roster... see masthead for our email addresses.



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Oregon State Parks Open Gates to Cascaders for Rallies!

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) announced a new camping reservation offer called "Club Camping."

Groups of five or more during Discovery Season (Oct. 1–Apr. 30) and 10 or more during Prime Season (May 1–Sept. 30) will have all reservation fees waived. First-night payments are still required as deposits to confirm reserved sites.

All Club Camping reservations must be made through Reservations Northwest (800-452-5637).

Reservations may be made several months in advance.

To qualify for the reservation fee waiver, a group must have a designated contact person within the group— a wagon master or rally host—to handle the arrangements. These include making the group reservation, directional signing at the park, assigning the sites to group members and collecting the remaining camp fees.

Rally Registration Note: Rally Registration is **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**. As our group grows, crowding will occur. Please register **FAST**.

Rally Schedule 1998

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
August 7–9	Rogue River, OR	Valley of the Rogue St. Park	Perrys, Teeuws, Madisons, Krebs
October	OPEN— <i>Volunteers needed!</i>		
December 4–6	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV Park	Boyds, Kershaws, Thompsons, Sawtells

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

