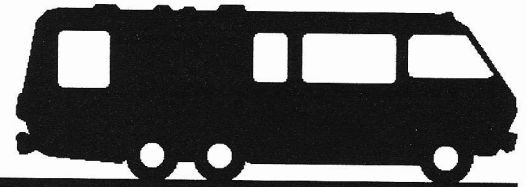


GMC CASCADERS NEWS



May 2000

McKenzie River Rally—Wet, Wild, Wonderful, Warm!

Tucked into the tall forest on the banks of the rushing McKenzie river lies a beautiful retreat—Belknap Hot Springs. Combined facilities offer lodge, cabins and RV sites for all needs and tastes. And, the hot springs fed spa promises just the preferred type and length of "soak" to suit your desires. Sounds like a tourist brochure, doesn't it? With most brochures, you find the reality

Below—Spring runoff lulled Cascaders each night as the McKenzie raced and tumbled past their campsites.

Lower left—Experienced oarsman at the sweeps freed Cascaders to take in the spectacular scenery during the raft trip on Saturday.

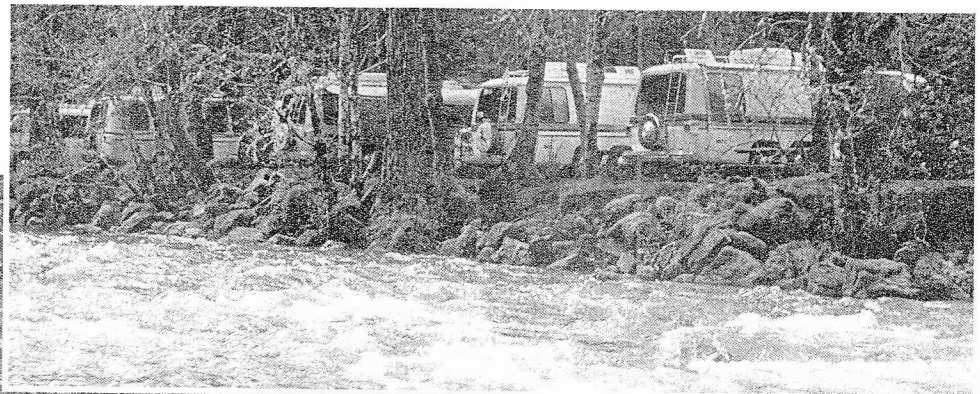


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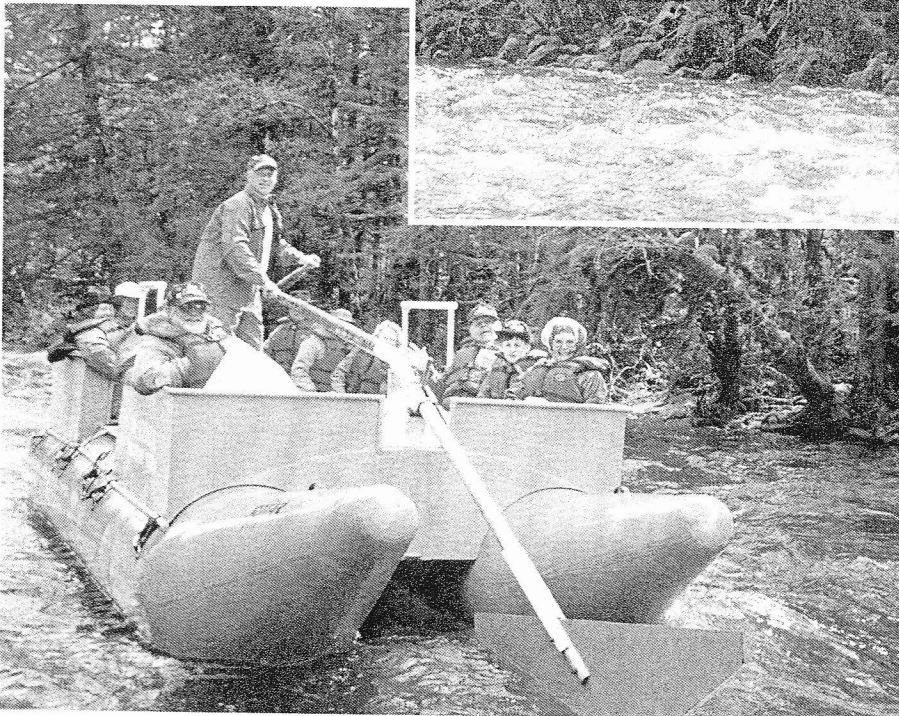


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years of experience in the area to pull together a grand time for all with varied activities and super food. Our many thanks to supporting hosts Barries, Hoves and Tituses who worked with Persingers to make a highly successful rally.

While several Cascaders arrived early, things really got going Friday evening with a hot dog roast in the rain. (Oh, did I forget to mention the rain?) Salads and the proverbial "hot dishes" hid from the raindrops in the lodge

fades compared to the rhetoric. Not so with Belknap Hot Springs; just the opposite is true. Lead rally hosts Don and Denta Persinger drew on

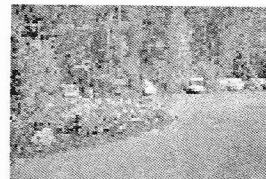


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Left & right—Gardens and fountains grace resort grounds.

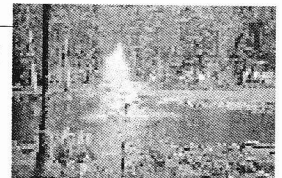


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NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
Jun. 23 - 25	Poulsbo, WA	Kitsap Co. fairgrounds	Paradis, lead hosts

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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meeting room; diners joined them after roasting their hot dogs over the open fire by the river bank.

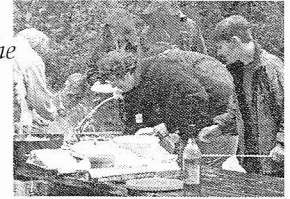
Inside, we not only found all those salads and beans but two additional treats awaited. Persingers shared some of their elegant estate-bottled wines and Buck Barrie generously prepared duck and pheasant ... the fruits of his own hunting efforts. We have come to expect hosts to be generous with us but these offerings set something of a gourmet record!

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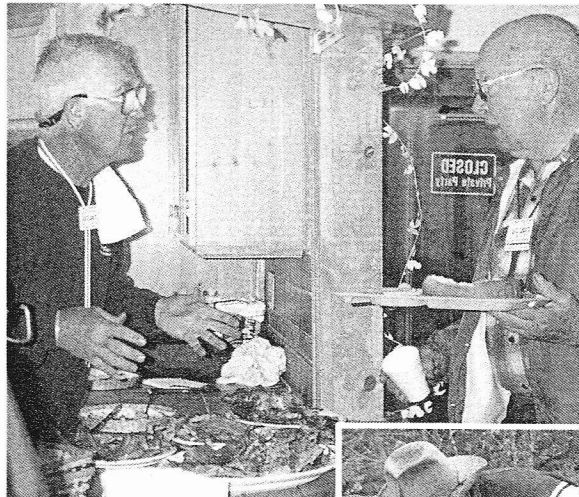


Above—Carl Hove takes a moment off from host duties to load a hot dog with all the “goodies” available.

Right—In pursuit of the perfectly roasted hot dog, Luana Perry and Matt Gordon bend to the task.



Right—Pat Huevel rivals Julia Child as she displays classy S’mores presentation!



Above—Buck Barrie pauses, ready to serve Bob Fry whatever piece of fresh game bird his heart desires!



S’mores offered a dessert adventure... some Cascaders enjoyed the rich confection for the first time, others were reminded of campfires in their pasts.

Right—Lawrie Paradis shelters a marshmallow from the drizzle... to create that sweet, heavenly sauce that will melt the chocolate onto the cracker.

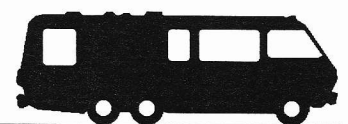


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Above—Undaunted by rain, Jeff Helfrich and family turn out breakfast for a crowd

Saturday dawned WET and early! The Jeff Helfrich family of river-rafting tradition, prepared eggs, hotcakes and all the fixin's under the shelter of their rain awnings. Great job!

Those Cascaders going on the raft trip down the river filled up in preparation for a very wet journey. As the rain eased up, river rafters scooped up their waterproof gear and gathered in front of the lodge. Volunteers drove downstream to the "take out" spot to position vehicles for the return trip to Belknap. Soon, rafters were piling into shuttle coaches and cars to go upstream to the "put-in" site. There we found Ken Helfrich and crew, 4th genera-



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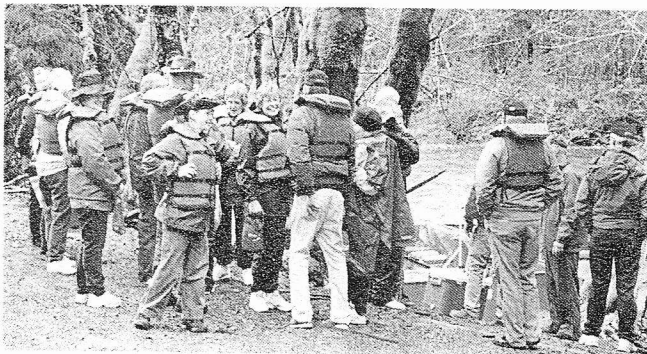
Above—Fashion statements... Barbie Eberhart and Elaine Kragt model rafting attire for admiring (?) Cascaders.

tion river guides, who provided life jackets and a hand up onto their custom designed rafts.

All that river rat experience must have paid off in connections with the weather-person; we had only a sprinkle of rain during the entire trip.

As soon as we pushed off from the shore, we realized just how well adapted the Helfrich's raft design was to the special conditions in the McKenzie at spring runoff. Dual rudders, fore and aft, enabled the rafts to slip through narrow spaces

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Above—Poised at the put in, we all looked like overstuffed Teddy bears.

Below—Rising fog banks added to the sense of discovery for river rafters.

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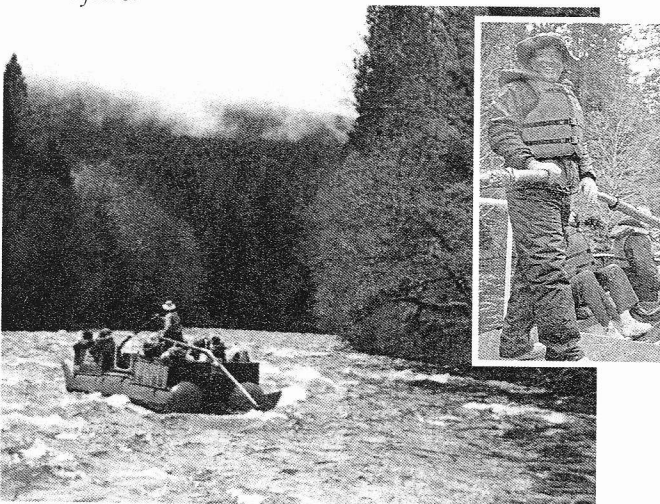
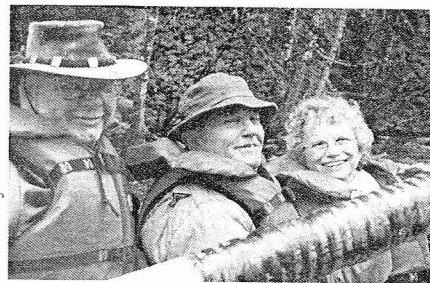


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Left—Larry Gordon and the Ransoms settle in for the trip. Rudder wrapping, foreground, protects any rafters clambering around on board.

with no loss of steerability. The oarsman stood on a mid-ships platform that was coated with abrasive grit to provide good traction. Sturdy pipe frames on either side offered extra security should the oarsman slip.



Our boatmen made the job look so easy that some passengers volunteered for a turn at guiding the rafts. On our raft, both Elaine Kragt and George Baxter took the rudders for a bit. Only when our novice "oarspersons" tried to maneuver around some obstacle that Ken pointed out did we realize how much skill was involved in bringing us so smoothly down the rushing torrent.

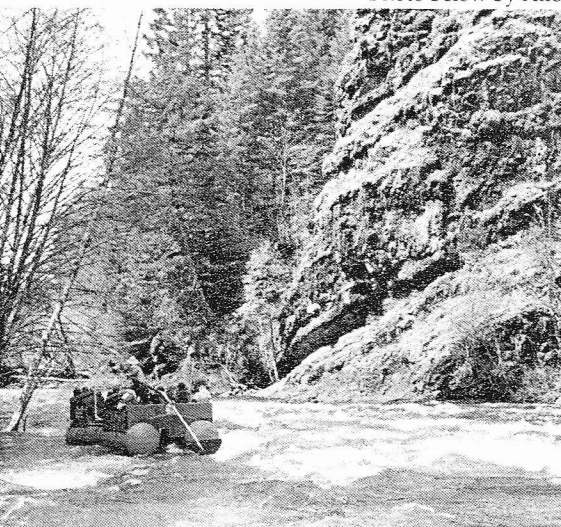
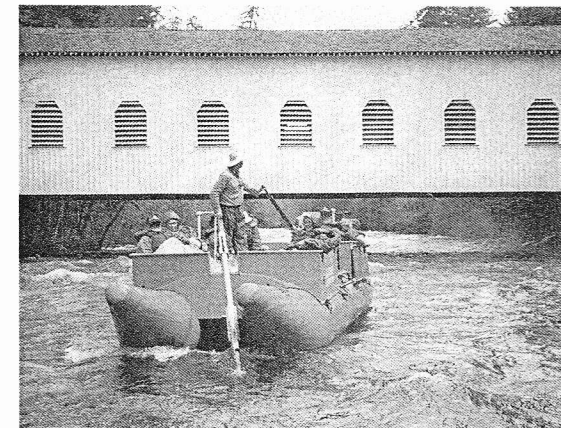
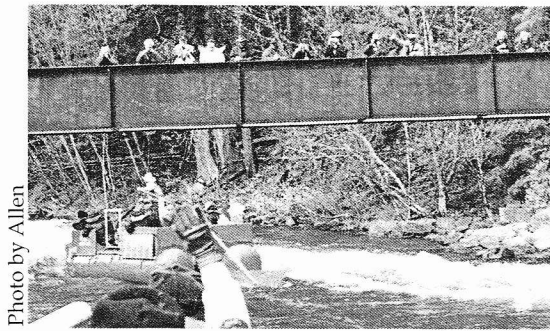
The views along the way were fresh and ever-changing as we descended the valley of the McKenzie. Bridges provided part of the fun. Early in the ride, we passed the Belknap Springs resort. A cheering, waving crowd of Cascaders (*upper center*) awaited us on the steel foot bridge spanning the river. Some brandished cameras and some threatened to drop various items on helpless rafters as we slipped by. Fortunately, the only thing they shot at us was film.

Farther on, we swept under a steel highway bridge... it was really low overhead for our men standing at the rudders.

Finally, (*middle center*) as the river broadened and we approached the midpoint of our trip, we glided under an historic covered bridge.

Other points of interest ranged from the smallest details to massive rock structures (*right*). We marvelled at the delicate wisps of moss trailing long tendrils in the flood. Everywhere, the high water created drama... logs piled up, standing trees entirely surrounded by spring flood and powerful ribbons of black and white water flooding over great boulders.

Soon, we began to see more evidence of human habitation—humble, old-timers' vacation cabins and modern, large homes. We watched with rapt attention the variety of dwellings built by vacationers drawn to the river. Some clearly served



year-round occupants. Sometimes we were the ones being watched by folks on the bank.

Arriving at our "take out" site, we found the Jones, Baxters and others waiting to whisk us back to our beautiful spot at Belknap Hot Springs resort.

Meanwhile, back at the resort, Cascaders found plenty to entertain themselves. The emerging spring display of flowers in the extensive gardens intrigued everyone. During recent years, new management of the place have developed more garden sites and upgraded old ones creating a park-like atmosphere. Soon the resort's lovely gardens will be a wonderful destination in themselves. Fountains and carefully tended plantings invite walks on the broad paths. The footbridge crossing the river provides access to even more developing gardens on the far river banks.

Of course, time spent in the hot-spring-fed pools is wonderfully relaxing. A dip in the warm waters refreshed Cascaders and prepared them to "brave" the rigors of the catered dinner served Saturday evening.

Lower right— Late afternoon sunshine warmed Cascaders gathered along the path for more of that famous GMC Cascader visiting.





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And, what a meal it was! Veteran caterer Nadine Scott and staff popped a delectable meal out of a van and soon we were feasting on lean pork chops, roast chicken breast and a wonderful



array of support delicacies. Well, **SOME** of us were feasting "soon." Others waited (*left*) with varying

degrees of patience for their table's turn in the buffet line!

Following dessert, rumors circulated that there would be a sort of underground film show for those interested. The ultra curious and the overly full, stayed in their chairs and waited through the inevitable struggle to make the old super eight projector cooperate. Our reward was a series of quite remarkable old, old film shorts, both cartoon and realia. They revealed a slice of the past in their blend of blatant bigotry and early film and cartoon sophistication. What a long way we have come!

Sunday morning breakfast of fruit and pastries preceded our business meeting which was

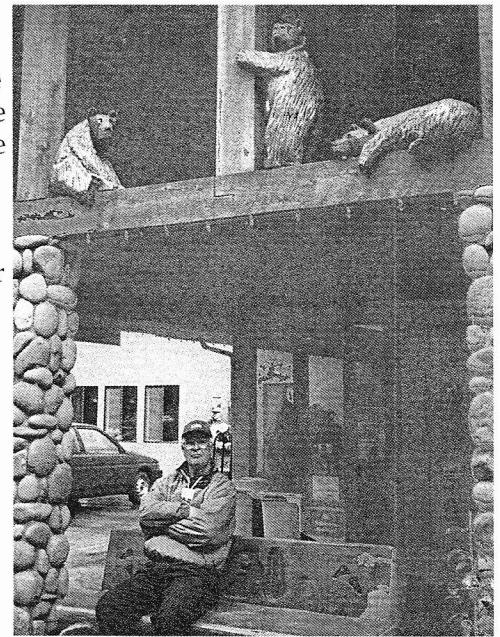


short and entertaining, as usual. President Denny Allen led the group in greeting Calhouns' guests Carol and Brian Phillips from England and Matthew, Gordons' grandson who is becoming a Cascader regular. Thanking our hosts is always difficult and this rally was no exception. What a wonderful time we had. Co-hosts Hoves, Barries and Tituses insisted that Don and Denta Persinger did the lion's share of the work.

In any case, we were all delighted to hear from Virginia and Lawrie Paradis that they have tackled the question of where our June rally will be held. We'll meet at Poulsbo, WA's, Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Watch for your registration materials soon.

DJ Eberhart urged all Cascaders to work on setting up an August rally, as that date is still open. He is also working on enhancing the rally planners' guide. Suggestions should go to him. Past hosts and executive board members may have some ideas to incorporate.

Our rally broke up following the group picture in front of the lodge where three "chain saw" bears watched over the process (and Buck Barrie, *right*). Several coaches stayed around for another day or so at the beautiful resort.



On the road again...

'78 ROYALE FOR SALE—4 ZipDee awnings, screen door, Raguso step, new windshields and tires, covers for windshield and spare tire, rear twin beds, hitch, dry bath. \$23,000. Contact Rod Vosgien, 9482 Silver Creek Ln. NW, Bremerton, WA 98311. Call 360-692-2461.



MINUTES 4/16/00

Belknap Springs, OR

President's Message—President Denny Allen called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. in the banquet room of the Belknap Hot Springs Lodge, Belknap Springs, OR, on April 16, 2000. Denny opened the meeting by thanking our rally hosts, Buck & Roses Barrie, Don & Denta Persinger, Jack & Mildred Titus and Carl & Helen Hove. Denny continued by introducing Brian & Carol Phillips, guests of Larry & Gaynor Calhoun.

Attending the rally were:

Allen, Denny & Fran	Jones, Tim & Cass
Bandur, John & Gasela	Kragt, Harvey & Elaine
Barrie, Buck & Roses	Krebs, Walter & Jerry
Baxter, George & Carol	Macdonald, Bill & Evelyn
Bovee, Alan & Margaret	Madison, Ken & Penney Wagner
Boyd, Terry & Joanne	Ovens, Walt
Calhoun, Larry & Gaynor	Paradis, Lawrie & Virginia
Crist, John & Marge	Perry, Don & Luana
Cupples, Jack & Cathy	Persinger, Donald & Denta
Diers, Glenn & Ruth	Preston, Del & Vi
Dunlap, Robert & Christiane	Ragsdale, Ken & Becky
Eberhart, DJ & Barbie	Ransom, Gene & Carol
Foote, Bill & Mary Lou	Snow, Gene & Dixie
Fry, Bob & Elaine	Titus, Jack & Mildred
Gordon, Larry & Betty w/Matthew	Tipton, Eric & Christie
Hamilton, Bob & Donna	
Hardin, Bill & Pris	
Heuvel, Ken & Pat	
Hove, Carl & Helen	

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 13, 2000, business meeting as published in the March, 2000, newsletter. Pris Hardin then requested the minutes be amended to reflect a change: the previous newsletter masthead showed January, 2000, instead of March, 2000. Elaine Fry requested the minutes reflect they had not taken as many of the pictures in the last newsletter as they were credited for. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Secretary Jones then reminded everyone that renewal dues are due and payable October 1st. A member is considered in arrears if not paid by December 31 and shall forfeit membership if not paid within three months. This was brought up as a member just sent in their renewal notice.

Treasurer's Report—Club Treasurer Ruth Diers reported a club balance of \$6,591.99. Current membership is 165. We have \$440 outstanding for jackets.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President Tim Jones reported sending a card to Elaine Kragt and will be sending one to Eldon Evans. He then reported he didn't think there were any others as his 'black book' had been misplaced during the Jones' recent move and had not surfaced yet.

Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report—Wagonmaster DJ Eberhart reported the following upcoming rallies: June 23-25—Poulsbo, WA, for the Mid-Summer Festival. Virginia Paradis reported spaces will be available at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. August—still open. October 27-29—Tokeland, WA. December 1-3—Cannon Beach, OR. June 2001—Canadian Rally. Leona Blodger volunteered a Boise, ID, rally for October, 2001. Discussion followed on the possibility of having the Cascaders annual meeting (usually held in August for election of officers) being held at GMC International at Mt. Hood.

DJ asked for the membership's help in updating the current rally guide. He specifically asked for past hosts & co-hosts to please send him suggestions for the rally guide. Please send all information to DJ. The secretary volunteered to type the copy into final form if DJ needed the help.

Old Business—President Allen asked if there was a report from the Newsletter Email/Cascader Website committee. George Baxter reported a hotmail address will be used as a test site to see if the concept will work.

Pris Hardin reported copy-editor Jack Cupples will not be available for the next two meetings and to please send your pictures for the next newsletter to Pris no later than May 1st.

The club has jackets (\$28), flags (\$20), hats (\$15), and belt buckles (\$18) for sale.

Western States—Washington representative Carol Baxter reported: Spring rally April 24 - 29, 2000, Ukiah, CA; and the fall rally September 10 - 15, Newport, WA, at Diamond Lake. In addition, Carol asked that if you have any suggestions or comments about the organization, please let either her or DJ know so they may pass them on.

GMC International—George Baxter, GMC International Area Vice President, gave a short report on the Spring 2000 rally held March 19 - 25 in Rayne, LA, "the Frog Capital." ...lots of rice and spicy food. If you want to see pictures, go to the GMC International website. There were about 250 coaches and a lot of the same vendors will be coming to Mt. Hood. George then reported on the fall rally September 17 - 23 at Mt. Hood, OR. Anyone wanting to help with registration



please get in touch with George. He expects 100 Cascader coaches in attendance. Future rallies: Spring 2001—West coast rally, Laughlin, NV. Fall 2001—Niagra Falls.

FMCA—no report.

New Business—Secretary Jones reported they had just moved. "Don't do it." Their new address and phone number will be noted in the newsletter to facilitate membership application requests.

Group photo in front of the lodge followed the meeting.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Bob Fry/Carol Baxter

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Jones, Secretary.*

Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers on the internet and changes to existing addresses. Refer to your most recent membership roster for addresses current as of its publication date.

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NEVER LONESOME IN A GMC

By Denny Allen

Fran and I left home in early March heading for an Arizona sun break. Jack and Cathy Cupples were heading to Las Vegas for Jack's USAF Squadron reunion so we decided to travel together. We took I-5 south, over Tehachapi and on to Indio where we had a nice visit with the Cascader Snowbirds and also those Cascaders that now live in the Indio area. The Cupples then went on to Las Vegas and we went east to Casa Grande, AZ, and met up with my parents who had left Canada in their motor home in early January. We later met up again with Jack and Cathy in Parker, AZ, and together we did the length of Death Valley on our way north. I always attend the old car swap meet in Portland in April so there we stayed and the Cupples continued on home. Fran and I then took in the Belknap Springs rally. It was very well planned by the hosts, some of whom had not been part of planning a rally before. We stayed an extra night at Belknap and joined the other Cascaders that stayed for a nice dinner at the "Log Cabin Inn." Our next stop was the Western States rally in Ukiah, CA. While stopped for some road construction near Crescent City, we noticed GMCs behind us. So the Baxters, Diers, Frys and Allens took a leisurely four-day coastal drive before going inland to Ukiah.

About 75 coaches including about 9 Cascaders that were almost chapter parked, enjoyed another well-organized event. The news of Roy Platz's passing saddened the last day. Roy started the planning for this rally, but took ill and Alan and Miki Singleton grabbed the ball and did a fine job of running with it.

Fran and I then headed off on our own, doing a reasonably straight route home. Nobody was going the route we had chosen. But not far up the road Larry and Betty Gordon with Matthew fell in behind us. We all overnighted in Canyonville, OR. where we met Ken Madison and Penny at the restaurant. Gordons left before we got up the next morning.

Heading north, we found a GMC stopped on the other side of the highway. Luckily it was without a problem. It was Diers waiting for Frys. So again we were not alone. The coaches parted at the Woodburn exit. We overnighted with Tim and Cass Jones at their new digs on the shores of the Willamette River.

The next evening we enjoyed a spaghetti feed with some of the Kent, WA. Cascaders—Ragsdales, Guises and Cupples.



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RALLY SCHEDULE 2000

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
Cascaders			
Jun. 23-25	Poulsbo, WA	Kitsap Co. Fairgrounds	Paradis', lead hosts
Western States			
Sep. 10-15	Newport, WA	Little Diamond Lake	Bill Harvey
International			
Sep. 17-23	Welches, OR	Mt. Hood Village	GMCM
Cascaders			
Oct. 27-29	Tokeland, WA	Bayshore RV Park	Morris, Eberharts & Frydenlunds
Cascaders			
Dec. 01-03	Cannon Bch, OR	Cannon Beach RV	Baxters, Diers, Jones & Ragsdales, Frys,
Cascaders			
Jun. 2001	BC (and Alberta?)	Rolling Rally <i>Details later</i>	Allens and Irelands

We need rally hosts for August. Call DJ Eberhart and volunteer! ...fellow hosts will appear!

