



GMC CASCADER'S 2010 VALENTINE'S RALLY, February 12-14, 2010

The Valentine's weekend rally in Hoodspport, WA was hosted by Bill and Peggy Guise along with their assistants Wayne and Sandy Wright. The rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits, and luckily the RV park clubhouse had a long rack to hold all the dripping coats and umbrellas out of the way.



A few coaches arrived on Thursday, but the majority drove in on Friday. With a beautiful wrap-around view of Hood Canal, we gathered for afternoon visiting with coffee and cookies, then



moved on to Happy Hour hosted by Don and Mary Gibson. The pool table was transformed into a serving counter for all the potluck dishes and the line formed for dinner. Tony and Marilyn Vitale were introduced as members attending their first rally – they have owned their coach since it was new in 1976, have been GMC Cascader members for years, but somehow had never

made it to a rally. The evening ended with lots of viewers circling around the clubhouse TV for the opening ceremonies of the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, BC.

Saturday breakfast began at 8 a.m. with an assortment of cereals, rolls, fruit/yogurt/granola parfaits and juices. The men held their technical seminar on cruise control and vacuum booster pumps – Ken Wilson stepping in for DJ Eberhart (who ironically had to cancel his attendance because of mechanical troubles). The ladies then took control of the clubhouse for some serious bead making. Diane Taber had brought a large variety of beads, had urged individuals to also bring some from home, and she taught us how to make stretch bracelets.

The Olympic Winter Games played on the TV while people visited during the afternoon. The heavy rain discouraged outdoor exploration for all but the hardest. Jeff Eichen visited several coaches to explain his plan of photographing club GMC's for a 2011 calendar, and even managed to take some photos in between rain bouts.

Happy Hour was hosted by Lynne Wilson, Tony Wright and their wonderful drink-making-machine. Strawberry margaritas were enjoyed while each couple had



their Valentine's picture taken by Noble Warrant. The catered dinner of ham, turkey and all the trimmings arrived and the room settled down at romantically-decorated tables for a nice Valentines dinner. Sandy Shull was introduced as a guest – she is seriously searching for a GMC coach and spent a lot of time picking everyone's brain for information. After dinner, the

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Olympic Winter Games once again captured many people's attention and the Mexican-train dominoes group gathered for a game. The game took several 3-minute pauses, however, to watch each of Apolo Ohno's speed skating races.

Sunday morning's breakfast was followed by a short business meeting. The sunshine streaming through the windows announced a welcome lull in the wet weather, and allowed everyone the luxury of clear skies to transfer the tables and chairs back to the garage, pack the club's inventory into the next rally host's vehicle, ready each coach for departure and get in that last good-bye.

A huge thank-you to Bill, Peggy, Wayne and Sandy for all their hard work. Their organization, attention to detail, decorations and food choices made for a delightful Valentines weekend.

Rally Attendees:

Baxter, George & Carol	Hove, Carl & Helen
Price, Rod & Maurrie	Eichen, Jeff
Hupy, James & Mary	Taber, Frank & Diane
Field, Chuck & Jane	Jones, Paul & Jackie
Vitale, Tony & Marilyn	Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler
Lammi, Tony & Sandy	Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins
Freemire, Ted & Jackie	Leitch, Fred & Ruth
Wilson, Ken & Jean	Gibson, Don & Mary
Morris, Terry & Gloria	Tony Wright & Lynne Wilson
Gruenewald, John & Vera	Paradis, Laurie & Virginia
Wright, Wayne & Sandy	Guise, Bill & Peggy
Pellegrino, Michael & Nancy	



GMC CASCADERS RALLY MINUTES

LOCATION: HOODSPORT, WASHINGTON

February 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President, Mary Gibson.

Hosts / Helpers: Mary Gibson gave a special thanks to Bill and Peggy Guise for putting on a great rally. Wayne and Sandy Wright were also thanked for their helping in organizing the breakfasts. A great thank you also goes to Don and Mary Gibson and Tony Wright and Lynne Wilson for their contribution to our Happy Hour festivities. Thank you to Diane Taber for the beaded craft class she held and to Noble Warrant and Sharon Cummins for putting together our Valentine's Photo session. Even though we only saw the sun on the last day, it was a great venue. There were 23 coaches and 45 people in all.

New Members/First Rally: Mary welcomed Marilyn and Tony Vitale. Although they have had a coach since 1977 and have been members for a couple of years, this is their first rally. We also welcomed Sandy Schull, who joined us looking to buy a coach. She was appreciative and encouraged by everyone who answered her queries and questions.

Secretary Report: Jackie Jones requested approval of the previous minutes from the Portland, OR. rally, as published. The minutes were approved: 1st motion – George Baxter, 2nd motion – Carol Baxter. We presently have 131 memberships.

Treasurer Report: Mary Gurtler reported that we \$7455.59 in the Treasury account. We have \$1971.80 out in deposits. The taxes have been filed for 2009 for the GMC Cascader's treasury account.

First Vice President Report: (Historian) No representative was present. A card was circulated to sign for Walt Owen's recovery. If anyone has information concerning any member's illnesses, surgeries, etc. to please contact Ron Smith, Vice President.

Second Vice President Report: (Wagon Master) Sharon Cummins discussed the rallies scheduled for 2010. The flyer and information for the Poulsbo rally at the end April should be out in approximately three weeks. The July Sequim Lavender flyer and information is in the process of being circulated. The RV park needs the information on attendees back by May 1st. The September rolling rally will begin on September 11, 2010 in Chilliwack, Canada. And the Morris' discussed a gathering they have planned the first week of June in the Okanogan range in Eastern WA. Please check the website for further updates and information on upcoming rallies.

Webmaster Report: Tony stated the website is updated often and to please check it frequently.

Lynne Wilson, who has taken over the position of selling "Cascader Gear", discussed the articles the club has for sale. She also brought to the rally a great display board she put together of all the articles and gear the club has to offer to our members. Please check the website of what we have and contact Lynne if you are interested.

Western States: No representative.

GMC International: George Baxter reported the future rallies. The next GMC International rally

will be in Montgomery, Texas starting on March 19, 2010. The fall rally will be in DuQuoin, Illinois starting on September 29, 2010. GMC International is looking to elect a convention manager. It is a paid position. If you are interested, further information is on the GMC International website.

FMCA: Carol Baxter reported for Jerry Work. FMCA has recently voted in a \$5 a year increase in membership dues. If you are paying for multi-year membership you will not have to pay the increase at this time. The increase is due in part to the rise in the medical insurance benefit. The next FMCA International Convention will be in Redmond, Oregon from August 11 - 14, 2010.

Old Business: The old coffee pots were offered up to members and were taken.

The First Aid kit has been updated and is located in the President's (Gibson's) coach at every rally. Don Gibson displayed the First Aid kit we have for our club. The emergency contact flag was displayed in the Gibson's coach this rally. All rally notices put together in the future need to have it written in the flyer, the nearest hospital, emergency room or urgent care for members in case of need.

New Business: The club has available five memberships to FMCA for people joining as new members. Please contact President Mary Gibson for the application. FMCA is running a contest called, "A Dozen Does It". If the club gets 12 new members to FMCA then the club will receive a certificate and gifts for members to give away.

Virginia Paradis suggested that our club logo can be "digitalized" for a small cost to place on clothing articles. This was deferred to Lynne Wilson who is now handling our clothing gear.

It was brought up about a "Lost & Found" area. It was suggested that if you loose an article at a rally to contact the RV Park to see if it was found. Then it was suggested to contact the rally hosts that might have information. Tony, our Webmaster, stated he will create a link on the website for "Lost & Found".

Mary Gibson adjourned the meeting at 0950.

1st motion: Jeff Fraisure

2nd motion: Noble Warrant

Minutes submitted by: Jaclyn Jones ~ Secretary

Business Meeting Attendees:

George & Carol Baxter	Fred & Ruth Leitch	Jeff Eichen
Terry & Gloria Morris	Chuck & Jane Field	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis
Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler	Michael & Nancy Pellegrino	Ted & Jackie Freemire
Rod & Maurrie Price	Donald & Mary Gibson	Frank & Diane Taber
John & Vera Gruenewald	Tony & Marilyn Vitale	Bill & Peggy Guise
Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins	Carl & Helen Hove	Ken & Jean Wilson
Jim & Mary Hupy	Tony Wright & Lynne Wilson	Paul & Jackie Jones
Wayne & Sandy Wright	Tony & Sandra Lammi	

GMC CASCADER'S 2010 Spring RALLY, April 30-May 2, 2010

The **Poulsbo Spring Rally** opened to lovely weather on Thursday, April 29, 2010 as we all arrived at the Eagle Tree RV Park in Poulsbo, WA. The coaches were interspersed throughout the park, so we did not make our usual splashy statement to the RV world.

The early-bird Thursday group was shuttled to a barbecue dinner at the home of Jeff Fraisure and Mary Gurtler. The guys got the tour of Jeff's toys in the airplane hangar and the gals peeked at Mary's many quilts and her quilting room. The two pipe organs were turned loose after the pot-luck dinner; quite an event!

Friday breakfast sported a frenzy of sign-up sheets for transportation to anywhere you yearned to go – some went to the local quilting shop, some to shops in town, others to the Suquamish Clear-water Casino. At 1:00 a group went to the Keyport Museum and Undersea Tour where some members shared tour-of-duty experiences: Paul Jones' father Ray had served on a destroyer and Fred Leitch served on one of the submarines listed in the display.

That night we all headed for Campana's Restaurant in Poulsbo for a pizza party, followed by an ice cream social back at the clubhouse.

Lots of chatting and a Mexican Train dominoes game ended the evening.

On Saturday morning George and Carol Baxter treated us to delightful sourdough waffles, jury-rigging the electrical power to get the job done. The guys learned "All About Distributors" with D.J. Eberhart, followed by the ladies meeting for a fascinating presentation by Lawrie Paradis' sister Julie Swenson. She does award-winning Norwegian needlework called Hardanger and sews native Norwegian costumes called Bunads. We were all amazed at the exquisite Puyallup-Fair best-in-class handiwork. The meeting ended with each lady telling facts about themselves to the

group – we will never look at toilet paper the same again!

In the afternoon a group went to explore Poulsbo, some went to the casino, and others went to the Bloedel Reserve garden tour on

Bain-



bridge Island. The 150-acres of trails and gardens had us all wanting candelabra primulas, a reflective pool and 12 full-time gardeners, too.

We met at the clubhouse for rides to Whiskey Creek Ranch House Grill for our delicious Saturday night dinner, followed by cheesecake dessert at the clubhouse. Sunday morning we awakened to glazed donuts and



maple bars and cream-filled donuts and apple fritters and all things Jeff-Fraisure-like. After the breakfast clean-up, a group took down all the tables and placed the chairs in rows for the business meeting. The viola table decorations were given to each coach, and we all packed up and headed for home.

A huge thanks to our hosts – the Gibsons, the Fraisures and the Jones' – not only for a great weekend but also for all the transportation that allowed everyone to attend the

activity of their choice.

The following members attended the rally:

Baxter, George & Carol	Guise, Bill & Peggy	Paradis, Lawrie & Virginia
Eberhart, D.J. & Barbie	Hove, Carl & Helen	Pellegrino, Michael & Nancy
Jeff Eichen & Mikiya Sequoia	Hubler, Bill & Betty	Prusynski, George
Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler	Hupy, Jim & Mary	Smith, Ron & Pattie
Freemire, Ted & Jackie	Jarmin, Verl & Marge	Taber, Frank & Diane
Gabbard, Ronnie & Shirley	Jones, Paul & Jackie and Paul's father Ray Jones	Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins
Gibson, Don & Mary	Leitch, Fred & Ruth	Tony Wright & Lynne Wilson
Gordon, Laurence & Betty and Laurence's sister Cathy Cupples	Moore, Clifford	Wright, Wayne & Sandy
Gruenewald, John & Vera	Morris, Terry & Gloria	Guest: Sandy Shull

GMC CASCADERS RALLY MINUTES

LOCATION: POULSBO, WASHINGTON

May 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President, Mary Gibson.

Hosts / Helpers: This rally in Poulsbo was put on by Mary Gibson, Mary Gurtler & Jackie Jones. We would like to thank them for a great rally and all the hard work they did. Also a special thanks to George Baxter for the homemade Sourdough Waffles he served and to Jeff Fraisure for the yummy Sunday morning donuts. A special thanks to all the shuttle drivers that was able to make all the activities available to the attendees of the rally. It was a great rally with a lot of fun activities.

There were approximately 25 coaches and 51 people in attendance.

New Members/First Rally: Mary welcomed new club members, Verl and Marge Jarmin and George Prusynski first time rally attendees. We also acknowledged visitors and guests to the rally, Sandy Shull, Cathy Cupples and Ray Jones (father of Paul Jones).

Secretary Report: Jackie Jones requested approval of the previous minutes from the Hoodport, WA. Rally, February 2010, as published. The minutes were approved: 1st motion – George Baxter, 2nd motion – Carol Baxter. We presently have 132 memberships.

Treasurer Report: Mary Gurtler reported that we \$7093.26 in the treasury account. We have \$2337.42 out in deposits. As per the GMC Cascader by-laws, Mary requested an audited to be completed on the treasury books. She asked for volunteers. Volunteering to complete the audit is Donald Gibson, Frank Taber and Helen Hove.

First Vice President Report: (Historian) Ron requested to be contacted with any information and addresses concerning any member's illnesses, injuries, surgeries, etc. The passing of a past Cascader member, Mary Wilson, was discussed. We extend our condolences to her family.

Second Vice President Report: (Wagon Master) Sharon Cummins discussed the rallies scheduled for 2010. The July Sequim Lavender rally has a couple of openings left. The September rolling rally will begin on September 11, 2010 in Chilliwack, Canada. Dick Olsen will take on the U.S. leg of the rolling rally on September 20 through the 22nd, in Two Rivers, WA., also traveling down to Ephrata, WA. for a night. And then on September 23, 2010, Barbie Eberhart & Ron Smith will host the Balloon Festival in Prosser, WA. The Morris' discussed a gathering they have planned the first weekend in June in the Okanogan range in Eastern WA. Please check the website for further updates and information on upcoming rallies.

Sharon is putting together a rally handbook for rally hosts to utilize. Our rallies now have notice in the FMCA magazine with the information Sharon has submitted. FMCA require a two month notification to submit information to post in their publications.

Sharon will put a suggestion form out at the rallies for members input.

Sharon brought up our goal of reducing garbage and waste at the rallies. Once our paper supplies are exhausted, rally attendees are requested to bring their own cups and utensils to meals. This is our "go green" contribution.

Webmaster Report: Tony stated the website is updated often and to check it frequently. "At a Glance" is a calendar with all the scheduled rallies of the GMC Cascaders, Western State, GMC International and FMCA. Updating is completed in the section of items "For Sale".

Lynne Wilson, discussed articles the club has for sale. It was suggested that we might want to have coffee cups made up with our club logo. Lynne said she will look into what would be involved in doing so. Please check the website of what we have for sale and contact Lynne if you are interested.

Western States: No representative.

GMC International: George Baxter reported on the recent rally in Montgomery, Texas. There were 125 coaches. The fall rally will be in DuQuoin, Illinois starting on September 26, 2010. The spring rally in 2011 will be in Patterson, LA. Kim Weeks has been hired by GMC International as the new Convention Manager. George is now the Northwest Director for GMC International. Please check out the GMC International website for further information.

FMCA: Carol Baxter reported for Jerry Work. FMCA has recently changed our Med Ex member coverage to AIG Insurance. This will also be canceling our Accidental Death Insurance benefit. The next FMCA Convention will be in Redmond, Oregon from August 11 - 14, 2010. Discussion was held about coming in as a group to the convention to camp together. A question was posed if their will be electrical hookups? The flyer for the Redmond FMCA convention has recently been

publicized and there are some utilities sites available.

Old Business: The \$200 stipend given for rallies use is up for discussion for annual renewal. Mary Gurtler reported from the treasury account that the \$200 stipend use has not impacted our account balance. Mary pointed out that one of our goals in maintaining a non-profit status with the IRS is to promote the use of our GMC's. We need to use our monies for this purpose. The stipend was also brought in to cut down on rally costs and to be able to pass the savings onto our members attending rallies. A motion was placed on the floor to continue the \$200 stipend for rally use. 1st motion – Terry Morris, 2nd motion – Don Gibson. Members voted to accept and continue the \$200 stipend fee. Guidelines for the use of the \$200 stipend will be included in the rally handbook being put together by our Wagonmaster.

The club has available five memberships to FMCA for people joining as new members. We have utilized the offer for a couple of new members. Please contact President Mary Gibson for the application.

New Business: A question was brought up about the insurance on the GMC Trailer. The trailer is in Larry Calhoun's name and was given to the east side members at the Two Rivers rally last year. If the registration, insurance and/or title of the trailer be in question, Larry Calhoun needs to contact the club officers to look into how we should proceed.

Mary Gibson brought for discussion upcoming club elections. A nominating committee needs to be formed. Elections will be held at the Prosser rally in September, 2010. Volunteering to be on the committee are Terry Morris, Mary Gibson and Jeff Fraisure. Mary Gibson will not be running for president again. A motion was put on the floor to accept the nominations as named, 1st motion – George Baxter, 2nd motion – Jim Hupy. Member voted to accept the nominating committee.

Mary Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1010.

1st motion: Terry Morris

2nd motion: Shirley Gabbard

Minutes submitted by: Jaclyn Jones ~ Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES:

George & Carol Baxter	Paul & Jackie Jones	Cathy Cupples (visitor)
Fred & Ruth Leitch	Jeff Eichen & Mikiya Sequoia	Terry & Gloria Morris
D.J. & Barbie Eberhart	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis	Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler
Michael & Nancy Pellegrino	Ronnie & Shirley Gabbard	George Prusynski
Donald & Mary Gibson	Sandy Shull (visitor)	Lawrence & Betty Gordon
Ron & Patti Smith	John & Vera Gruenewald	Frank & Diane Taber
Bill & Peggy Guise	Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins	Carl & Helen Hove
Tony Wright & Lynne Wilson	Jim & Mary Hupy	Wayne & Sandy Wright
Verl & Marge Jarmin		

GMC Cascaders Rally Schedule:

Date	Location	Rally Master(s)
July 15,16,17, 18 2010	Sequim – Lavender Festival/Quilt Show	Pelligreno
September 11-19, 2010	Rolling Rally – Southern BC along Highway 3 to Lake Roosevelt, WA, meet in Chilliwack, BC	Ireland
September 19-20, 2010 into Prosser	Rolling Rally (continued) – Lake Roosevelt, WA to Ephrata, WA	
September 21 2010	Rolling Rally (continued) – Ephrata, WA to Prosser, WA	
September 23-26 2010	Balloon Festival Prosser, WA.	D.J. & Barbie Eberhart
December 3,4,5 2010	Pheasant Ridge RV Park, Wilsonville, OR	The Executive Board
February 2011	Grayland, WA	Lammi
April 2011	TBD	
June 23-26,2011	Wine Tour, Tri-Cities, WA area	Ron and Patricia Smith
July-August 2011	Salem Steam-Up, Salem Or.	Jim and Mary Hupy

GMC CASCADERS 2010 HIGHWAY 3 B.C. ROLLING ROLLY

BRIEF SKETCH:

Arrive at Chilliwack Heritage Park for two nights, September 11 and 12. NOTE: This is where Denny Allen started his first Rolling Rally, which morphed into a six-week 5400 mile Alaskan Adventure. Sights include Atchelitz Threshermen's Association antique display of farm machinery, steam engines, tractors, etc. , Minter Gardens, and Othello Tunnels at Hope. On Monday September 13 we travel just past Hope to the junction of Highway 3, following the Sumallo River, then the Skagit River through Manning Park into the Hozameen Range (Allison Pass summit is 1342 meters; 4403 feet) and camp at a park on the Hope-Princeton Highway. Tuesday and Wednesday will be at Gold Mountain RV Park, with a lots to see at the Visitor Center and an optional tour of the Mascot Mine. On Thursday we stay in Osoyoos , putting us east of the mountains for Friday September 17 at Rock Creek. Saturday night is spent in the Christina Lake area, and on Sunday we enter the U.S. and spend September 19 and 20 at Two Rivers Casino and Resort on Lake Roosevelt with a catered evening meal on Saturday. We stop at Ephrata on Tuesday September 21.

Dave Ireland will be out shortly with a flyer detailing sights, travel options, costs, tours, websites of RV parks and tourist places, etc.

The Prosser Balloon Festival Rally begins on Thursday, September 23rd.

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http://www.gmc-cascaders.com/for_sale.htm

Check out the new GMC
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http://www.gmc-cascaders.com/cascaders_gear.htm



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