

Circle'em Up, Then Roll'em North to Quesnel!



Photo by N. Turner

June 21, 1996, found GMC Cascaders gathered at Chilliwack, BC (above) for the start of the third rolling rally led by Denny and Fran Allen and their team of BC co-hosts.

Our entire rally was a bit damp. Rain fell, off and on, but never settled in for a long period; we just got doused and misted between sunshine. But, no group of Cascaders ever let that slow them down! And so, from Chilliwack to Quesnel, we moved merrily on... great people, exciting events and elegant old coaches.

Day Two offered tours of the beautiful Minter Gardens (lower left), the wooden sculptures found throughout the city of Hope (lower center), and a spectacular ride across the raging Fraser river at Hells Gate (lower right). Other attractions drew travelers east and west as we worked our way north up the Fraser River Gorge toward Cache Creek for our rally business meeting and our second night on the road. One short side trip took some of us to Lytton where the Thompson River and the Fraser meet.

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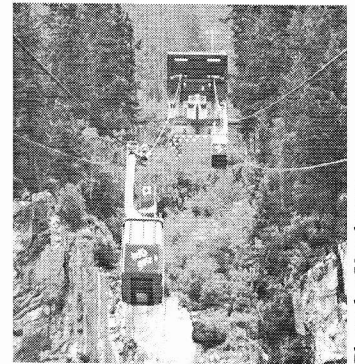


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Rally Schedule 1996

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
August 21-24	LaGrande, OR	Starkeys Store, Mt Sound	Fleets & Scolmans
August 25-30	Welches, OR	Mt Hood RV Park	GMC Western States
October	To be announced		
December	Cannon Beach, OR		

Additional rallies scheduled for 1997; see future issues of the GMC Cascaders News.

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The high bridge over the Thompson (right), the reaction ferry across the Fraser, and the dramatic blending of the clear waters of the Thompson with the turbid Fraser (lower right) kept cameras busy and drivers alert.

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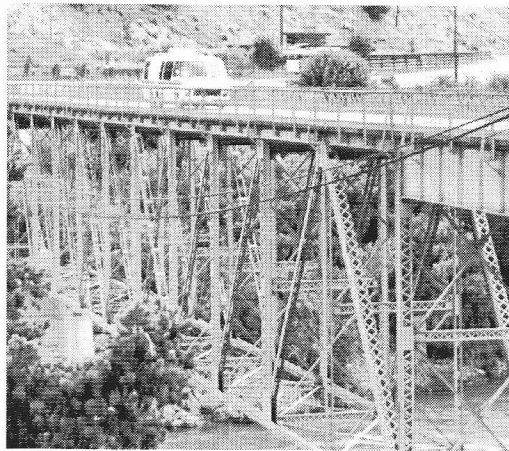
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At the Cache Creek business meeting, Vice President Terry Morris presided in the absence of our President Carol Baxter.

The Cache Creek Campground staff put on a fine breakfast for us before we hit the road (bottom).

Rolling on to Lac La Hache, Day Three

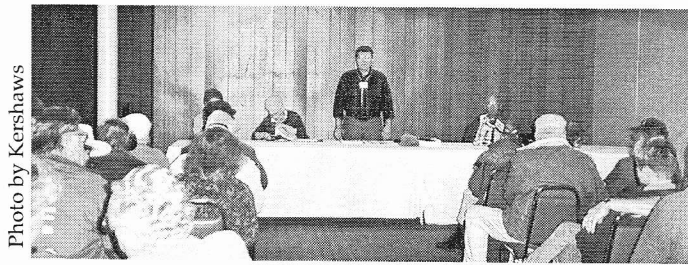
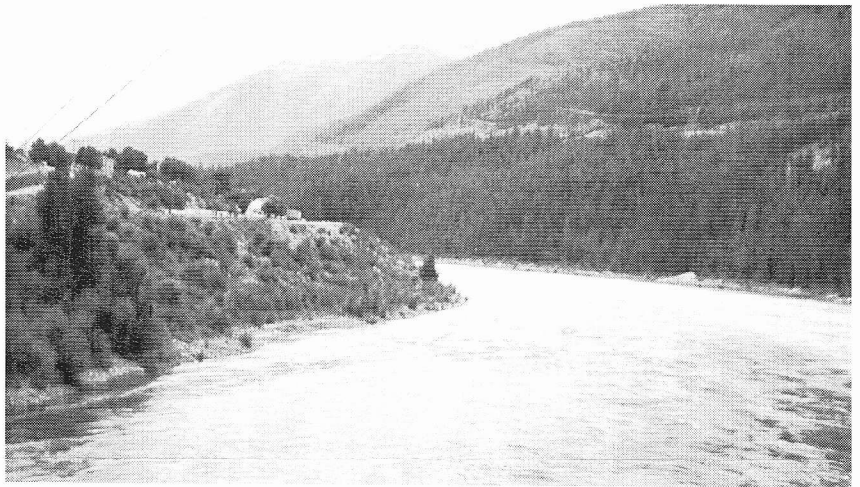


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Cache Creek business meeting (above).

Jack and Cathy Cupples fortify themselves for the road with a hearty breakfast at the Cache Creek Campgrounds (right).



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took us past historic Hat Creek Ranch, one of many roadhouses that once lined the Cariboo Trail at intervals of one day's travel en route to the gold fields (above). Hat Creek adventures included an opportunity to visit with costumed interpreters from blacksmith to docents. The working blacksmith was a favorite; visitors could also ride around the ranch on the horse-drawn wagon (above).



Briefings by Denny Allen, rally master, kept us well informed about what was coming next (above). Questions? Check your copy of Denny's directions covering daily events and route options.

Housing at Lac La Hache was at Crystal Springs (below) and Fir Crest (lower right) where Glenn Diers and Carl Hove got into condition for the ups and downs of rolling rally rigors.

Photo by Kershaws



Photo by Diers

Trying to maintain proper road manners, we kept considerable distance between coaches making a shot like the one above a rare opportunity.

A gleeful reunion (left) at Hat Creek between Treasurer Ruth Diers and Don Forster. It was Don's first rally following his serious illness.

The historic town of Clinton and "The Chasm" provided other activities on Day Three. The Chasm, a deep cut in the terrain, seemed quite out of place in the area.

Too large for any one local RV park, we divided our party in half for our night at Lac La Hache.

Day Four—Our destination was historic Barkerville, 170 miles north to Quesnel, east, and UP. Stopping in Williams Lake to "pick up" the Irelands from their home, we moved on to Quesnel for last minute grocery shopping prior to the climb into the remote mountains and Barkerville. We sighted moose and bear as we neared the Forest Rose Group Campground where we stayed for two nights.

Day Five—What a packed day! Coach-pooling the mile to the Barkerville parking lot, we paid our

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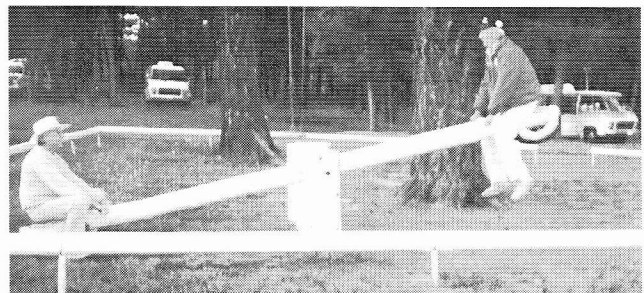


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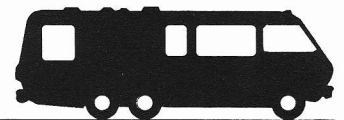


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Proprietress of a "respectable" boarding house and her hired man took us on a lively tour of the town, telling us about the great fire that destroyed Barkerville in 1868 and how the community rebuilt itself in record time (left).

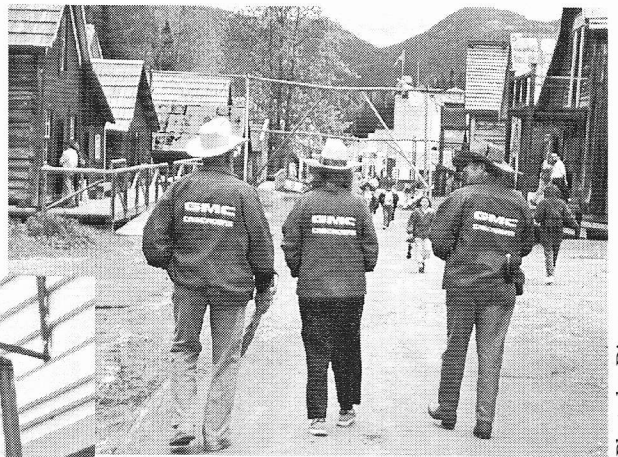


Photo by Diers

Three Cascaders stroll down the main street of Barkerville (above). Note the wooden water pipe propped overhead. We caught Joe Sawtell and Denny Allen under the sign of the Joe Denny Saloon! (left).

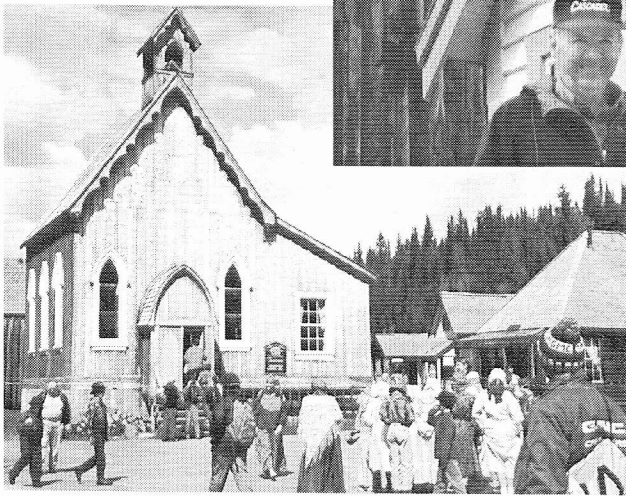
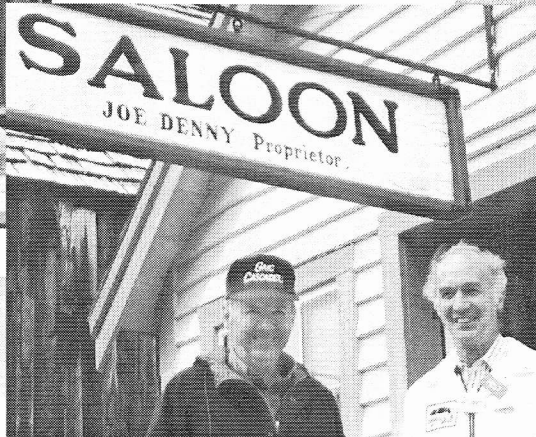


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Prince George school children learn history, mining, blacksmithing, hydraulics and geology on their field trip to Barkerville. We enjoyed learning right along with them. The two "miners" (above) acted out the entire business of their mine enterprise from soliciting backers to sinking shafts and water power management to sluice boxes. Action was the theme for all instruction with demonstrations that were lively and vivid.



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entry fees and the fun began. Period-costumed guides, playing the roles of actual historic figures, introduced us to their town as of 1898. Each character that we met was well played and informative. They all played off of each other as small town folks might do— what a treat!





Day Six found many of us lingering for one more taste of Barkerville before heading east to Quesnel for the official close of the rally. Some returned to Quesnel in time to tour a pulp plant; all arrived at Robert's Roost RV in time to park in a downpour. That night, we coach-pooled into town for our closing banquet (see page six). Next morning, one coach had to be towed out of the soggy grounds (left).

Days Seven and Eight, though not official rally activities, found about 21 coaches back at Williams



Lake to enjoy the Famous Williams Lake Stampede. From our privileged parking spots (above) ringing the far end of the race track, we could see the track events right from our coaches. Thanks, Dave Ireland, for the special hometown arrangements.

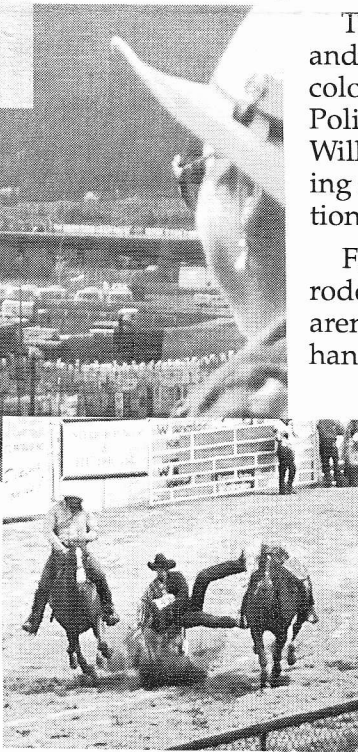


The parade, which ran for blocks and blocks, included the proud and colorful Royal Canadian Mounted Police in all their finery (far left). Williams Lake can be proud of gaining such full community participation for its stampede.

From the hill, overlooking the rodeo grounds, we could see the arena, the infield and beyond, a handsome row of GMC coaches (left). (The sixth one in from the left is an SOB! ...the senior Allens'.)

Thanks, again, to Dave and Denny's teamwork for the fine rodeo arrangements.

Pony races took two forms: the chuck wagon races (far left) required two teams and the chariot races took one team. Both events were fast and dangerous. Arena events packed the usual excitement with fast times and good rodeo stock on hand (left).



Social Cascaders Excel at Ice Cream Slinging

Photo by Fry's



Sixteen GMC Cascader volunteers served heaps of strawberries and ice cream to folks at the Sunday ice cream social of the FMCA Northwest Area Rally on May 26th, 1996, in Puyallup, WA. Bob Fry's brother and sister-in-law pitched in and helped, too. Thanks to the hard work and organizing skills of cochairs, Jack and Cathy Cupples, we actually had more able hands than were essential. SO, thanks to all volunteers, too. (See photo at left.)

Quesnel Banquet Tops Off Rally



Diners feasted on buffet items from American to Chinese cuisine, all delicious!

Tumbling out of the banquet, full and sleepy, Cascaders found a fine rain awaiting them as they headed for the end-of-rally group picture and waiting coaches.



Photo by Kershaws

Rally Notes...

Pete and Jo Allen, parents of our rally master, joined us in their SOB (*Some Other Brand*) motor-home. Crists drove their RoadTrek van and Forsters travelled by car, staying in motels at night. Late arrivers were: Baxters, Masts and Fry's with coach repairs, Hardins with selling their home, and Denny's parents when they got good and ready! Bob and Hunter McCarthy, visiting GMC owners from Lillian, AL, planned to attend our rally before heading north with the Alaska contingent but major engine trouble delayed them until the very start of the Alaska trip.

Obituary for Bili ...a GMC Coach

This note came from Earl and Marley Becker on April 4, 1996 and would not fit in the last newsletter. Here it is, a couple of months late, but the "Thank You's" are just as sincere.

Yes, it was a bilious green color (that's how it got its name), but we loved it. After spending the last two years upgrading our GMC Palm Beach we were devastated when we drove out to Jantzen Beach on February 11 and found Bili in four feet of water. We had called the storage company the prior Wednesday to ask if there was any danger of flooding. We were assured they did not expect any problems. They did not call us when the water began to rise. Thank goodness our insurance has covered our financial loss.

Our thanks to Ray Groth who was a great help in getting Bili moved and in contacting the insurance company during the three weeks we were in Arizona. We would have been lost without his help. Also, thanks to Chet Kershaw and Tom Thompson for saving the tools, hubs, and bearings. Thanks to Bob Fry for his help in appraising the damages. Also, thanks to the club for sending the "get well" card. Lastly, thanks to Don Perry for taking the pictures. It was quite a surprise to see our motor-home in the newsletter.

Our thanks to all the Cascaders for your warm, friendly spirit. We plan to remain members and hope to attend a rally this summer. We have not forgotten about hosting a rally in Lake Havasu; We'll stay in touch. Here is our new address in Arizona:

3104 Mescalero Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404
Phone: 520-764-3610

Come and see us!

Earl and Marley Becker



Minutes—June 23, 1996

Cache Creek, BC

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm by Vice President Terry Morris in the absence of President Carol Baxter. Vice President Morris thanked our rally hosts (Hosts: Denny and Fran Allen and Dave and Linda Ireland, Co-hosts: Bob and Liz Smith and Doug and Elaine Cook) for their hard work in putting an ambitious, exciting rally together. He also thanked Dave and Linda Ireland for their work on the upcoming, optional Alaska trip.

First-time rally attendees were welcomed: Doug and Sherry Gray of Bellingham, WA; Frank and Carol Gray of Calgary, AB; and Jack and Yvonne Falk of Victoria, BC. John and Martha Kamp of Bozeman, Montana, joined our BC rally as visitors. Members attending the rally were:

Denny & Fran Allen	Tim & Cass Jones
George & Carol Baxter	John & Martha Kamp
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Chet & Karen Kershaw
Doug & Elaine Cook	Jack & Doris Mast
John and Marge Crist	Terry & Gloria Morris
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Don & Luana Perry
Bill & Grace Dye	Dean & Carol Richardson
Doug & Yvonne Falck	Joe & Yvonne Sawtell
Don & Dot Forster	Bob & Liz Smith
Bob & Elaine Fry	Greg & Sherry Smith
Doug & Sherry Gray	Jake & Diny Spelt
Frank & Carol Gray	Bud & Joy Sunderland
Carl & Jean Gwynn	Ted & Jane Swanson
Bill & Pris Hardin	Tom & Margie Thompson
Ernie & Nellie Hastie	Norm & Betty Turner
Carl & Helen Hove	Daryl & Mary Wilson
Dave & Linda Ireland	Ken & Jean Wilson

Minutes—The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the last newsletter. Moved (M) by D. Allen, seconded (S) by N. Turner and passed (P) unanimously.

Treasurer's Report—Ruth Diers reported that there are currently 186 paid members. The club has \$2,670.10 in the bank.

Vice President's Report—Terry Morris has sent thank you cards to the Skagit Valley Rally hosts: Walt and Liz Ovens, Lorry and Virginia Paradis, Jerry and Pam Eerkes and S.I. and Nancy Johnson.

Get well cards went to Norm and Betty Turner, Becky Ragsdale, and Liz Ovens.

The club has received a card from Liz Ovens thanking the club and each member who sent cards and flowers following her recent surgery.

Wagonmasters' report—Glenn Diers announced that he has found rally sites to carry us through June of 1997 with two exceptions—October '96 and February '97. He actively seeks volunteers for these rallies; Glenn would like to see an October rally at Toppenish and a February one at Tokeland but any venue would be welcomed. Otherwise, the roster is: August 20–24, 1996 at Starky's Store, near LaGrande, OR; August 27–30, Western States Rally (not a Cascader function) at Welches, OR; December, at Cannon Beach, OR; April 11–13, 1997, at Sisters, OR; June at Demming, WA, logging festival.

Old Business—There was no old business to discuss.

New Business—

- Terry Morris conducted the election of a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year. The committee elected is composed of Helen Hove, Elaine Fry, Denny Allen. MSP, Chet Kershaw and Jack Cupples. They will present a slate of nominees to our annual business meeting at Starky's Store in August.
- Ken Wilson, our FMCA Representative, reviewed the FMCA Emergency Message system for the benefit of all members.

Adjournment—MSP, G. Diers, K. Wilson

Respectfully submitted,

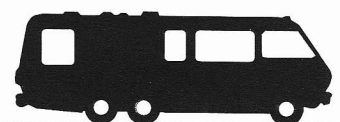
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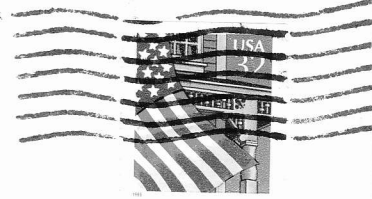
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**See you at Starkey's Store...
August 21-24!**



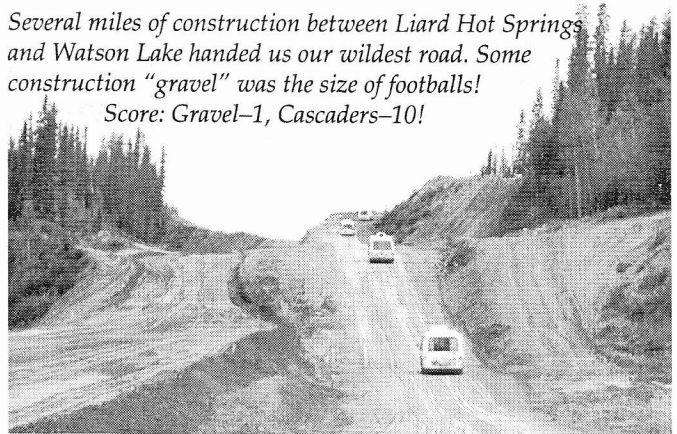
The Alaska Report...

THE KENAI PENINSULA—This newsletter comes to you from the beautiful shores of the Cook Inlet where the hardy, Alaska-bound troop of Cascaders (plus two) is rolling through one adventure after another. We have steeped ourselves in regional lore from gold rushes to oil strikes, in biology from sea mammals to wild flowers, and in tourist attractions from the streets of amazing downtown Chicken to the urban life of Anchorage. Current status report: no major automotive breakdowns, no food poisoning and lots of pastry! We brake for bakeries!



Several miles of construction between Liard Hot Springs and Watson Lake handed us our wildest road. Some construction "gravel" was the size of footballs!

Score: Gravel-1, Cascaders-10!



We happily add that we have now met our Alaska-based GMC Cascaders, Bel and Rae Kozlowski! They are delightful, generous people. They have invited our entire entourage to their Anchorage home on the 26th of July for a halibut feed. Bel will do the honors with his famous halibut bake! They even offered to help prep and mail this newsletter. This is a pretty rigorous new-member initiation but Bel and Rae seem to be up to it! More later on Alaskan adventures!

