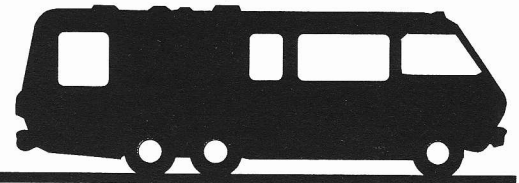


GMC CASCADERS NEWS



July 1998

Victoria to Port Alberni, Cascaders Swarm Vancouver Island, BC

By late afternoon on Sunday, June 14th, 36 Cascader coaches had assembled at the Ft. Victoria RV park in Victoria, BC, ready to start Denny and Fran Allen's latest rolling rally. (photo on right)



Photo by Kershaws

Each arriving coach received a super packet of information about the entire area we would cover and a well prepared notebook containing complete driving directions for each day, optional side trips and featuring venues of interest. What a grand job Denny and Fran did to prepare each one of us to enjoy the rally to the fullest. Notebooks for those attending the unofficial "sequel rally" immediately following the Vancouver Island trip included complete directions for that expedition, too!

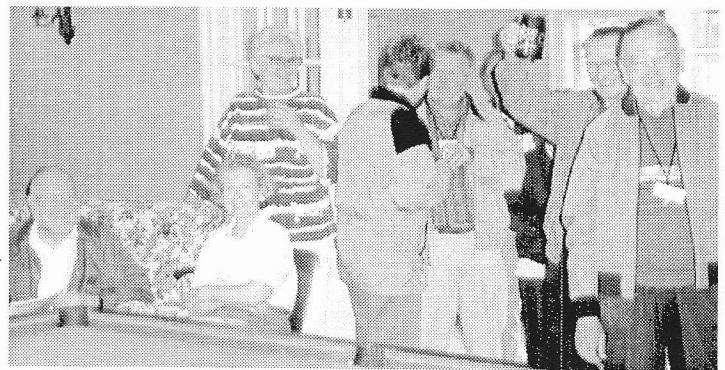


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A leisurely breakfast (above) on Day 2 allowed us to kick back and visit a while before the action began in earnest. At noon, rally goes boarded a Grayline Overland double-decker bus for a spectacular tour of Victoria and surrounding areas.

Driver Hans Forsberg (left) narrated a highly informative trip while piloting the tall bus through tight corners and among heavy June foliage. He even took us to his favorite ice cream parlor for extra treats.

Touring through the oldest residential development in the city which many tourists miss seeing, we saw elegant, beautifully kept homes overlooking the bay. A stop at Government House, residence of provincial officials, enabled Cascaders to walk the grounds and enjoy the formal gardens. Next, we descended to the waterfront for a lunch snack and tour of Oak Bay marina.

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Photo by Hardins

Above, Driver Hans pauses with hosts Denny and Fran Allen near the Government House, high in the hills overlooking Victoria. Tim and Cass Jones seemed to enjoy watching someone else occupy the spotlight!

NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
August 7-9	Rogue River, OR	Valley of the Rogue St. Park	Perrys, Teeuws, Madisons, Krebs

MORE RALLIES... on back page

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Government House' grounds and formal gardens delighted the gardeners among us. Mary Lou Foote found a rose she really liked. (right)

Although closed to the viewing public, Government House, with its English Tudor architecture impressed us. (left)

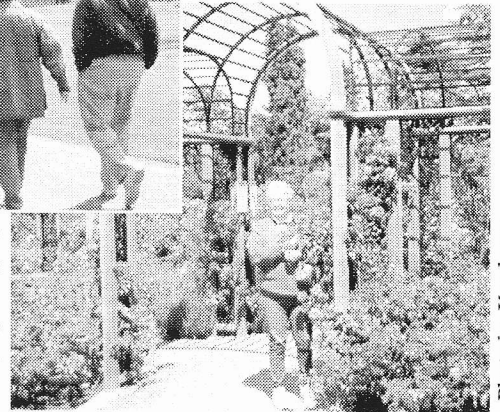


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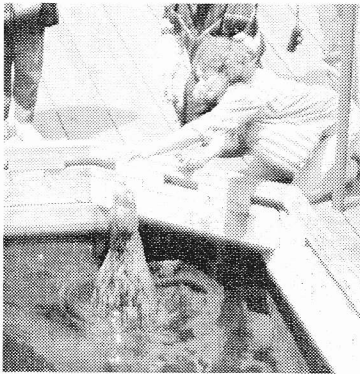


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Vi Preston, accomplished diver and underwater camera operator was right in her element feeding chopped fish to one of the seals that haunt the marina area in hopes of such handouts (left).

Grinding up the steep, winding road to the top of Mt. Tolmie in the double decker (below), Hans treated us to views of the city, the Juan de Fuca Strait and the peaks

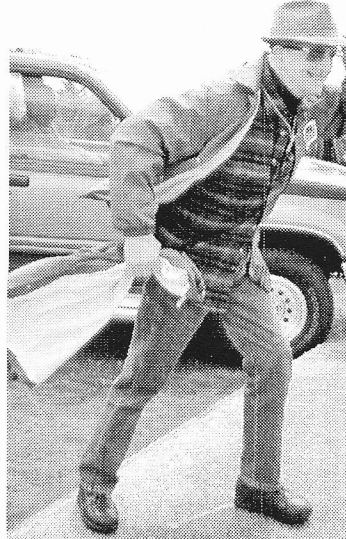


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Ted Swanson had no trouble hamming it up for the camera to show the force of the wind.



Photo by Kershaws

of the Olympic National Park rising in the distance. An added feature up there was the near gale-force winds.

By late afternoon, we were safely back at the Ft. Victoria RV park. Volunteer coaches lined up at 6:00 pm to carry us to the nearby Four-Mile Roadhouse restaurant for fine dining.

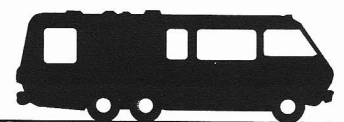


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GMCs punctuated the parking lot, greatly improving on the general atmosphere at the Four-Mile Roadhouse (left).

Fitting our crowd of ravenous Cascaders into the facilities at the Roadhouse was no easy task. Cozy was the word for the evening (below). The food was excellent and the staff did a fine job!

We were happy to share dinner with Denny Allen's parents (below). Fellow Rvers, the senior Allens have joined us on previous rallies, too.

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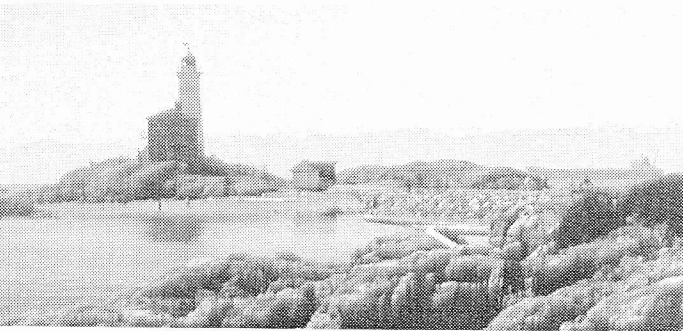
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either over the Malahat's high road or past Lake Shawnigan's shores. Heading northwest we then cruised, stopped, toured and shopped through Cowichan Bay (where Denny and Fran live), Cowichan Native Village and/or the little town of Chemainus where many of the businesses adorn their walls with beautiful murals.

The overriding impression at each of these sites was one of community cooperation to produce something distinctive. Local tribal artists at Cowichan Native Village present many fine works, both finished and in progress. There are interpretive talks and demonstrations. Visitors are even invited to try their hand at carving a totem pole in progress.

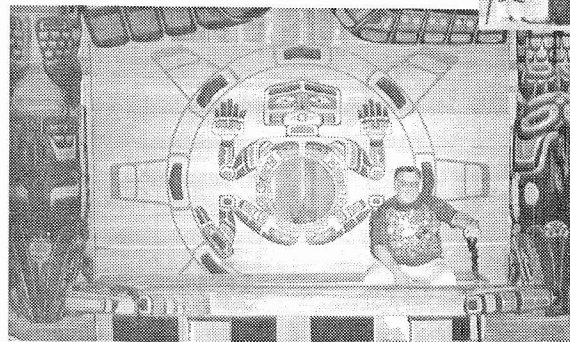
Chet Kershaw demonstrates the scale of two fine pieces of Northwest Coastal aboriginal work (right and below).

Photo by Bovees



Next door, Fisgard Lighthouse (above) has guided shipping and naval traffic in nearby waters since 1860. Displays inside the old lighthouse residence explain life in the early days and the role of the light in guiding ships through treacherous waters. A few Cascaders and hordes of school children swarmed the rocky shores near the light.

From these historic sites, we headed out of town and "over the hill" on the Trans Canada highway. Alternate routes proposed by our host, led folks



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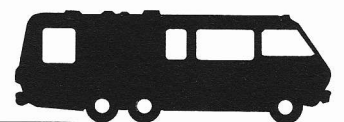


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One mural (above) pays tribute to the Asian immigrants who toiled to survive in the historic economy.

Rolling on to Chemainus, some of us found more than just fine murals depicting the history of the region—there was some VERY good ice cream AND the city parking lot on the cliffs above the sea provided a fine view of the saw mill below, the city's main industry.

The last cited tourist venue in our travel guides was the Bungy Zone as we approached Nanaimo. From a bridge over the Nanaimo River, one can sometimes watch daring leaps over the water. There was no action when we drove by.

Arriving at the lovely, wooded Living Forest Campground and RV park just outside of town, we found a green haven, friends gathering, and plans afoot for tomorrow's touring and shopping in and around the city of Nanaimo.

Day four offered day-long shuttle service provided by Denny and volunteer drivers from the club in a rented van. Pickup spot in town was near the historic cannon (below) and the wooden fort (left) dating back to the first Hudson Bay outpost on the island.

Some Cascaders took the ferry and/or water taxi to nearby islands for shopping and a meal. Others shopped

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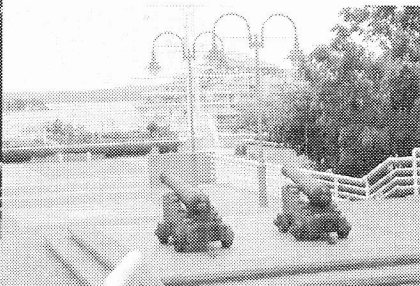


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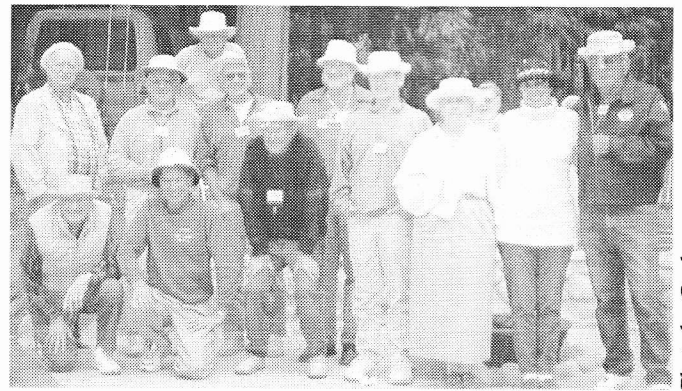


Photo by Cooks

and poked around town. By evening, so many new Tilley hats appeared at camp that we had to take the obligatory photo (above).

A potluck of hearty hors d'oeuvres (below) crowned a great day for most. The steady under-



Photo by Hardins

current of coach repairs going may have made for a less-than-sparkling day for a few—see side bar, page 6.

Day five found Cascaders poking through the little communities of Parksville, Qualicum Beach, and Coombs.



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At Coombs was the sod-roofed shop complete with grazing goats (above). Nearby, Butterfly World displayed exotic "bugs" for us to view (right).

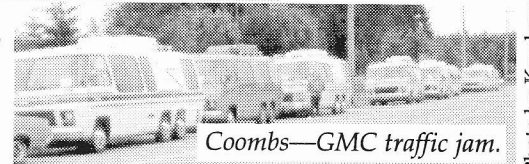


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Driver Brian Dickson welcomes Bunny Wold. (above).

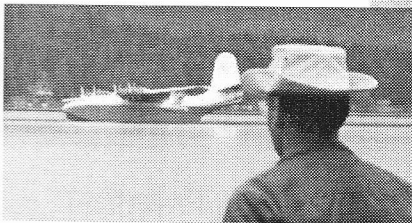
Turning west, we rolled over a pass through more elegant forests, stopping to lunch and hike at wayside parks. We dry-camped at the Port Alberni fairgrounds.

Day six was a busy one. Divided into two groups, one half rode the coastal freighter Frances Barkley (right) down the Alberni Inlet to Ucluelet while the other half took an overland bus tour

north to Tofino and met the boat at Ucluelet to exchange passengers about noon.

What a full day! Bus driver Brian Dickson was a database of excellent trivia. He showed us one of the WWII Martin Mars converted water bombers

Photo by Hardins



(right) used to fight forest fires and the smallest fire department in the world—an open jeep with a pumper in the back! He took us over Sutton pass and down to the Pacific via the shores of Kennedy Lake. At Tofino, he guided us to wonderful art galleries and super pastries.

At Ucluelet, our two groups met and exchanged modes of transportation. The Frances Barkley served dual duty as a passenger ship, water taxi and local van lines, supplying all manner of dwellings and communities around Barkley Sound

Ragsdales, Masts and Swansons bask in the afternoon sunshine aboard the Frances Barkley (below). Too bad the morning crowd missed that warm sunshine.

Photo by Footes



and the Alberni Inlet with parcels and passengers. The views of the Sound and the Inlet took our breath away. While the morning group sailed under cloudy skies, the afternoon crowd enjoyed broken clouds and full sunshine by the time we arrived back at port.

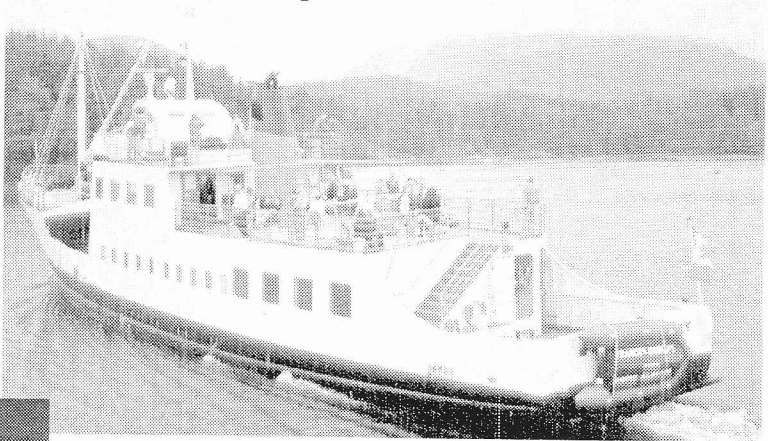


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All who sailed on the Frances Barkley marvelled at the galley service and the indomitable cook who took orders, cooked and served, and ran the “cash register,” too.



Photo by Kershaws

Cascaders stand in long lines (above) for spectacular hamburgers.

Ken Ragsdale helps Larry Calhoun to surround a burger (right).



Photo by Hardis

Our full day on bus and boat concluded with a grand salmon barbecue back at the fairgrounds. The meal was just the last of a long list of helpful service provided by our Port Alberni hosts, The Kinsmen. This civic organization of young people worked very hard to give Cascaders a memorable stay. They improvised electrical hookups, caught salmon for the



Photo by Kershaws



Dining out meant "outside" at the Port Alberni Kinsmen BBQ (right).

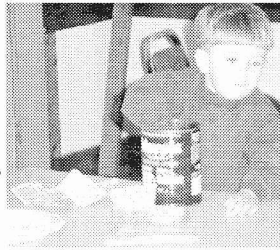


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dinner and had a special cake decorated with "GMC Cascaders" and a rash of roses.

A full barbecue setup (left) and super sweet corn cooker

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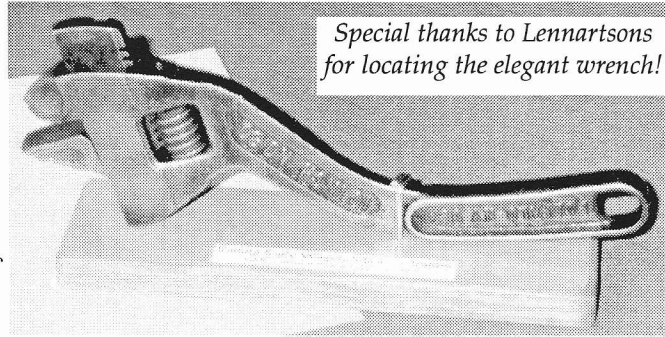
(Above) Kinsmen ad hoc treasurer, son of two of their leaders, inventories the gratuities.

aided in preparations. Following the meal, Denny presented 2 Cascader gratuities to the Kinsmen—one for the extra mile on the electric hookups and one for the super meal.

Day seven began with a sourdough breakfast, prepared by Hardins, Baxters and Karl Cunningham and Millie McGwil. Many thanks to the Cascaders who pitched in to help serve.

Rally over, the group moved out. The "sequel group" headed for the Comox ferry, the rest to points home and elsewhere. One final note: at the end of the "sequel" rally, Denny received the trophy below in gratitude for his planning of the entire event. It symbolizes our appreciation of all the wrenching dilemmas attendant to planning a rolling rally. He might also need it to fix some of those coaches that fall apart en route.

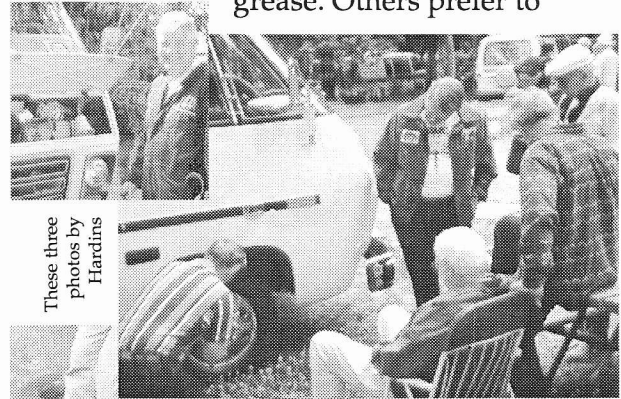
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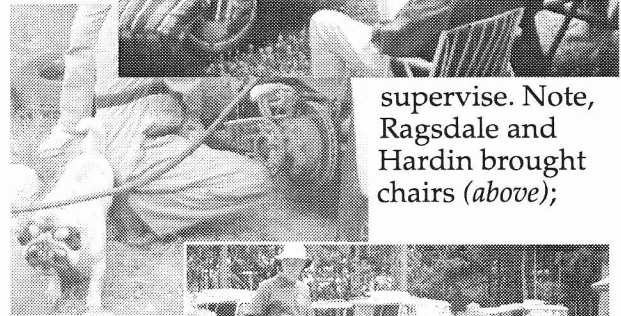
Special thanks to Lennartsons for locating the elegant wrench!

Technical Troubles?

During a rolling rally, we hope to avoid breaking out the tool boxes. No such luck this time! Some people just love getting into the grease. Others prefer to



These three photos by Hardins



supervise. Note, Ragsdale and Hardin brought chairs (above);

Denny was honored by a doggy supervisor (above).

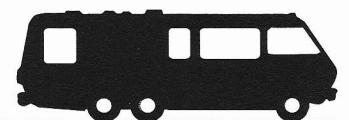


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Denny's reaction: "No more two-night layovers in future rolling rallies. It gives guys too much time to tear their coaches apart!"

Editors' Notes

- We especially want to thank the contributors to this newsletter. Photos came from:
Al and Margaret Bovee
Doug and Elaine Cook
Bill and Mary Lou Foote
Chet and Karen Kershaw
Ken and Becky Ragsdale
- We received no changes to the email directory for this issue. If you have changes, please send them to Pris Hardin at: <prisbill@proaxis.com> and to Cass Jones at: <timjones@hevanet.com>



MINUTES—6/18/98

Fairgrounds, Port Alberni, BC

President's Message—President Terry Morris called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Kinsmen Club meeting room, Port Alberni, BC, on Thursday, June 18, 1998. Terry opened the meeting by thanking our rally hosts, Denny and Fran Allen. The Allens received a standing ovation from the crowd and were complimented for their outstanding rally packets. Terry then introduced new members Larry and Noralee Fairbanks and first time rally members Ted and Mary Wood. Guests introduced were: Egon and Helga Elsnore (guests of the Bovees) and Millie McGwil, guest of Karl Cunningham.

Cascaders attending were:

Denny & Fran Allen	Harvey & Elaine Kragt
George & Carol Baxter	Walt & Jerry Krebs
Al & Margaret Bovee	John & Virginia
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Lennartson
Karl Cunningham & Millie McGwil	Jack & Doris Mast
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Terry & Gloria Morris
Doug & Elaine Cook	Dick & Phyllis Neumann
Dolph & Barbara Eberhart	Walt Ovens
Egon & Helga Elsnore	Willi & Alison Pedersen
Eldon & Joyce Evans	Don & Luana Perry
Larry & Noralee Fairbanks	Del & Vi Preston
Doug & Yvonne Falck	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Bill & Mary Lou Foote	Ed & Mary Reed
Frank & Carol Gray	Dean & Carol Richardson
Billy & Pris Hardin	Ted & Jane Swanson
Carl & Helen Hove	Gene & Dixie Snow
Tim & Cass Jones	Jake & Diny Spelt
Chet & Karen Kershaw	Ken & Jean Wilson
	Les & Bunny Wold
	Ted & Mary Wood

Secretary's Report—Motion to accept the Tokeland meeting minutes as published in the newsletter was made by Carol Baxter (M), seconded by Carl Hove(S), motion passed (P).

Treasurer's Report—President Morris reported for Club Treasurer, Ruth Diers, a club balance of \$2,518.63. Current membership is 169. We have \$440 out for new jackets and \$773 out for the Rogue River rally.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President, Denny Allen reported no cards had been sent out as "everyone was well."

Second Vice Presidents' (Wagonmasters') Report—Walt Ovens reported the dates for upcoming rallies and we received updates from those people who

were in attendance. Don Perry talked about the Rogue River rally, August 7-9. They have 35 coaches with only 4 spots open; October STILL OPEN but Lennartsons will visit Leavenworth, WA, on their way home to see about Oct. rally. Details will be forthcoming at August rally; Chet Kershaw talked about Cannon Beach, Christmas Rally, December 4-6. Larry Calhoun discussed the possibility of a rally at Pacific Beach in February '99; John Lennartson told about Cascaders' "Lost in 50s" rally, Idaho Country RV Park, Lake Pend Oreille, ID, May 14-16, 1999. ("Lost in 50s" is one of the largest oldies car shows); June '99 OPEN; Caladonia Scottish Festival in August '99.

OLD BUSINESS—The cutoff date for information for the newsletter is July 15, 1998.

Western States—Don Perry, our Western States representative, turned his portion over to two additional representatives: Carol Baxter, member of the Western States Nominating Committee and Frank Gray, Western States recruiter in Alberta. Carol gave a short report on the nominating committee's progress. Frank updated us on upcoming Western States rallies: August 25-31, 1998 Hope, BC; April 20-25, 1999, Casa de Frutta, Hollister, CA; October 5-10, 1999, Balloon Rally, Albuquerque, NM; April 2000, Ukiah, CA, and September 12-17, 2000, Jackson Hole, WY.

GMC International—GMC International Area Vice President George Baxter reported on dates for future rallies: October 11-16, 1998, Marion, NC; Spring 1999, has been changed from Sarasota, FL, to somewhere in Florida (looking for a new location); Fall 1999, Forest City, IA. George also reminded those who had not visited the new GMC International web page to do so.

FMCA—Representative, Ken Wilson had no report.

President Morris reported that the club's first aid kit, put together by Luana Perry, was accessible in the pod atop his coach. His coach flies the large red-cross flag for easy identification.

NEW BUSINESS—Alan Bovee reported to us the Kinsmen Club was supplying our electricity at the Fairgrounds at no fee to us. We then passed the hat for donations to give to them for this service. President Morris presented the 1998 nominating committee: Ken Ragsdale, Helen Hove and Mary Lou Foote. George Baxter moved to accept the committee (M), Chet Kershaw (S), motion carried (P).

Adjournment (MSP) Jack Mast/Carl Hove

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jones, Secretary.



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Crippled Coach Crushes Cook's Last Day of "Sequel" Rally

Doug and Elaine Cook began to hear the feared "strange noise" emanating from the engine compartment on the first day of the "Sequel" rally. Doug said it sounded expensive. By June 24th, there was no putting off a professional investigation.



Photo by Cooks

While mechanics at Wilson Creek, BC, took the obligatory test drive, the water pump seized up, and everything came to a halt!

It took two tow trucks, one to Horseshoe Bay and one to Cook's home mechanic for repairs. Latest report is that everything is fixed: new water pump, radiator, fan clutch and timing chain. They are all set for their cross-Canada adventure in August with Irelands.

Rally Schedule 1998

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
October 2-4	Leavenworth, WA	<i>To be announced... details to follow from Walt Ovens</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.

