

Canadian Rally

Fourteen Canadians, Thirty Five Coaches, 30,000 Miles, and No Breakdowns!

Editor's note: Another successful DA rally put to bed! Thoroughly enjoyed by everybody who traveled the Canadian way! The Canadians we met were awed by the coaches, and the hospitality was wonderful. Besides providing Cascaders with a great experience, Denny Allen also took the time to write up the following travelogue. Thanks Denny. I appreciate the time you took to go the extra mile.

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Canby: Everything Cascaders Had Hoped For!

Dan & Mable McKinnon provided Cascaders with one of the rare two banger rallies we have had! We not only got to participate in the Canby flower and garden show on Saturday, but also traveled to the farm of Elaine Fry, where GMC'ers converged in the barn, dancing among all the jewels called GMC parts. Our host location at the Riverside RV Park served us well as a base to do our exploring of the area. We had a long list of guests, and over 80 people representing 42 coaches took advantage of this trip to Oregon.

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*Elaine Kragt & Vi Preston
Finally Happy!*

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Canby continued

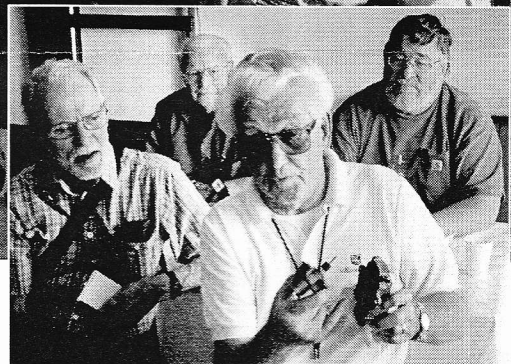
The Canby garden show proved its worth, as bunches of GMC'ers trekked down to see the efforts of local volunteers ready the grounds for this years show. As usual, our own Tim Jones once again was part of the crew getting the grounds ready for the big show, and the weather cooperated by giving us ideal conditions for wandering the acres of plants and gleaning the best to take home. By Saturday evening



Straw Boss Elaine in her 57 Chevy!



Ernie Haste at the Garden Show with Friends



Ken Wilson, inserting the needle into what?

some Cascaders had loaded their trackers to the gunnels, ready for the trips back home. Sure hope all those plants made it home alive! The display of bedding plants, annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, shrubs and trees were a hit, and I am sure for many, they will plan next year to make Canby their destination in the spring. In between the two events, we loaded the coaches and headed for Jarboe's Steak and Grill in Canby where we feasted on chicken Dijon, baked halibut, and prime rib, along with a little fine wine to prepare the palate!

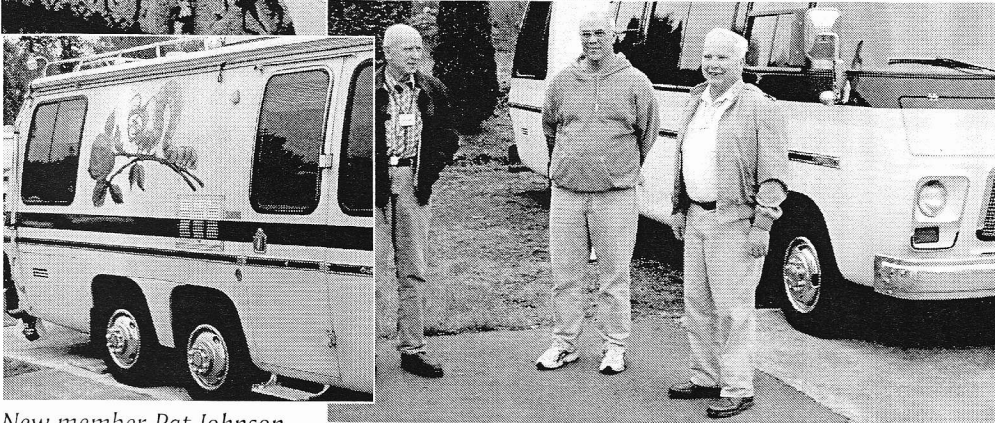


Mary Gibson: Two-handed but an empty glass??

Sunday was big boy toy day and Elaine Fry's farm looked like an international convention of GMC'ers



The Gang ready to move The Road Ranger Trailer



New member Pat Johnson shares her logo!

Nice addition to the fleet, John

loading up her long driveway to the barn, and taking any available space to park their coaches and survey the goodies available. It was an active scene with Elaine's family doing yeoman's work in pricing, organizing the parts, and assisting all the potential buyers that converged on the scene. Terry Skinner took pre-orders from GMC'ers from across the country, and tried to fill their needs with items found in the barn. Mem-

bers had piles of goodies stacked all over the place, and from the looks of the crowd, I hope that everybody got what they were after, and it was a successful day for Elaine Fry and the family. There are still many items available and Cascaders can see a partial list by visiting the Cascade Web site and looking under "GMC Parts & Apparel".

Thanks to the excellent pre-planning by the MacKinnons, our invitation to the Spring Shopping in Canby was an event to remember.

Canadian Rally continued

June 3, 2005

The race is on...we arrived at Pair-A-Dice RV Park in Creston, B.C. a day earlier than planned. That means two days before the rally start. Two GMC's were here ahead of us, and a third came in about 10PM (local time), so 4 GMC's are here 2 days early. We were the only coach here to have a reservation to be here one day early. We have crossed paths with three other GMC's enroute here today but they are not here yet. So I expect the park will be full tomorrow night, Saturday.

June 4, 2005

We have a sunny day for all the early arrivals today. I find out where my first error in rally planning is. Most of the Americans found a "to Highway 3 East" sign that I did not see. This gave them a tour of the Creston area and they found the brewery we are to visit on Monday. By the end of the day, there are 27 Cascader coaches here. That is more than double the reservations made. I understand, Merla, the RV

Park owner said, "I need a glass of wine." And, yes, the park is full tonight. In fact there is a coach doubled up at my site and one coach parked on the pavement by the office.

Several non-rally RV's have been turned away because we had the park full. Fran and I along with about 25 others went to town for dinner at Granny's Restaurant to celebrate our anniversary. A great

evening finished with a group at the bonfire until almost 11PM.

June 5, 2005

A nice sunny morning turned to pouring-down rain by 4 PM. Folks visited from coach to coach or took in the Creston Museum that was two blocks away. Due to wind and rain, the planned gathering around the bonfire was moved to the RV park clubroom. Len Folkman, representing the Town of Creston wel-



Grand Forks Cascader buffet, always great

comed us, apologized for the rain and presented each of us with a Creston pin. Everyone that we expected arrived at Creston. One coach e-mailed to say they had to replace their refrigerator and would catch up to us in Castlegar.

June 6, 2005

Another sunny day and remained sunny. Dave Ireland is on his roof fighting a water leak. Unfortunately we lost two attendees this morning. Maurrie Price took a fall at a restaurant last night and is sore this morning. Paul Gulleckson (new member) is feeling ill and also headed back home. Most of the group went off to the Columbia Brewery for the tour, followed by a tasting session of the Kokanee beers and ales. An interesting and humorous video of various Kokanee TV ads was shown also. As Fran and I traveled North on #3A we saw GMC's stopped at a variety of spots doing the touristy thing. The Glass House was a highlight with as many as 13 coaches parked at one time along the shoulder of the road. Everyone got to Crawford Bay and settled in at Kokanee Chalets RV Park. The shuttle to dinner at the Kokanee Springs Golf Course went like clockwork. A group of four Cascaders decided to walk to the dinner and found it a lot farther then expected but got there before dinner was served. An excellent



Yes, a picture is worth a thousand words!



These GMC's are on the road but plugged in?

meal of chicken and ribs was enjoyed by all. We were shuttled back to the RV park and had a nice bonfire with conversation, games and joke telling. Bill Guise and Terry Morris got the coffee pots all set up for the morning.

June 7, 2005

It started to rain about midnight and I got up to rescue the coffee pot cardboard boxes from getting wet. No one gathered in the rain for coffee in the morning but got their cups of java and went back to their coaches. When it came time to leave, many GMC's stopped at the weaving, broom-making, Kootenay Forge and Breathless Glass studios. Next was the ferry ride across Kootenay Lake. Fran and I had to wait for the next boat but are used to that because we live on an island. Once back on Terra Firma, some folks found a place to park and took in the Ainsworth Hot Springs. Others carried on to Kaslo, B.C. to tour the steam paddle wheeler SS Moyie or shop around town. Some had supper in town as there was no planned repast tonight. Parking coaches at Mirror Lake Campground was a challenge due to wet slippery grass. It had rained heavy the past few days here. Many coaches ended up just stopping on the roadways and running extension cords for power. At least the rain had stopped and the park operators were glad to see how we all squeezed in to what hard ground

that was available. Grandma Tess, a GMC owner from the area visited the park and the Irelands. I apologize for not visiting with her but we had a prior invitation for dinner with Bob and Liz Smith. If you have sampled Liz' cuisine you know why I wouldn't miss an invitation.

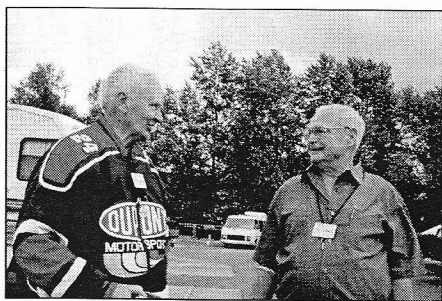
June 8, 2005

The weather picture was far better this morning. Doug Falck and the Piltz' had to be assisted off the grass by the little black Jeep. The ground improved because it did not rain overnight; there were a few coaches in Kaslo as we drove through. We stopped for breakfast at the rest area at Fish Lake and Ebberts, Gibsons and Freemires stopped also. We did not do the side trip into Sandon but some



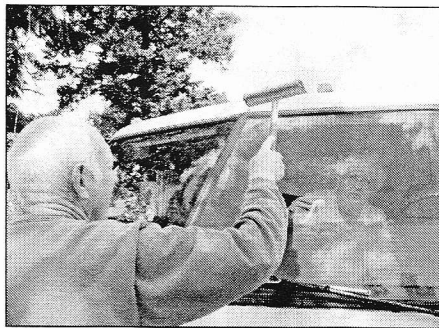
Joe in the Button Factory with Peggy Guise?

folks did. I was a little surprised that there were only about three coaches at the Nikkei Internment Center in New Denver. But we were running much later than the majority. It was non-stop from New Denver to Castlegar for us. We pass the Wilsons, Boyds, Gruenewalds and Walt O as they have lunch. Ken did not see us go by and later accused me of taking a shortcut to get to Castlegar ahead of them. There were only about four coaches at Pass Creek Campground in Castlegar, B.C. when we arrived. This was the no hook-ups park and everyone handled it fine. Except maybe one Cascader that backed into garbage can. Nobody missed the resultant racket. Doug and Elaine Cook joined us with their new refrigerator. Then I started to beat on a garbage can to call a meeting to order. Audrey Maxwell Polovnikoff, the manager from the Castlegar Chamber of Commerce came to welcome us and donate a "Hoodie" that was won by Walt Ovens. We all got City of Castlegar pins. The Pass Creek Campground operators Dan & Linn Hague, arranged a shuttle service to and from the Brilliant Cultural Center for our catered genuine Doukhobor dinner. Complete with borshch, tabbouleh, pyrahi, kartoshnik and piroshki, each place setting included a bro-



Del Preston & Les Wold sharing big GMC tales!

chure explaining the Doukhobor culture. Our hostess, Katherine, gave the blessing in Russian prior to our ethnic dining experience. After dinner the craft center was opened for us to tour and there were several ladies that now have a Doukhobor cook book. Two bonfires completed the social festivities tonight.



Ireland's trying to catch a bug

June 9, 2005

Bill Guise looks after the de-caff coffee pot and the park operators do the regular coffee. The weather looks great again and a third pot of coffee was perked to satisfy all those enjoying the sunshine. Almost half the group attend the Doukhobor Village Museum. Some take on a bit of fuel and head over Blueberry-Paulsen Pass. We pass a couple of coaches in Greenwood. I wondered if it was the bakery or antique stores that attracted their attention. Grand Forks serves as a place to stock up the pantry for an excellent "potluck" dinner at Kettle River RV Park. As usual the Cascaders do a superior potluck dinner. Walt Krebs did his skit about "Joe in the button factory" We all wish Keith and Joyce Ebberts a happy 32nd anniversary. Then I embarrass Leone Wood by announcing she and Dave recently celebrated 51 yrs and Dave took her for ice cream. Half the crowd then enjoyed an evening around the bonfire beside the Kettle River. Others played Dominos in the tent; some mosquitoes joined us also.

June 10, 2005

Again the weather is unbelievably great. A group gathers at 7AM to hike up a nearby hill. Everyone is slow to move down the highway this morning because it is only about 30 miles to our destination and I probably have them fearing the downhill at Anarchist Mountain. But everyone makes it down the hill safely. Many little groups were formed in Nk'Mip Resort to pass away

the very warm afternoon. The Ridge Brewing Co. supplied a great catered beef and chicken dinner and Diane Ball provided our evening's entertainment. Some rain in the evening created a picturesque rainbow. The Cascaders put on a great show on the dance floor and we convinced Don Perry to perform the GMC Anthem (Oh Lord, It's hard to be humble). There was a rummy game taking place when I headed to bed.

June 11, 2005

Another sunny day by the looks of the sky. Coffee and pastries in the clubroom followed by the Cascader business meeting. The RV park gets pretty empty in a hurry after the meeting adjournment. Heinz Wittenbecher puts a CD in the clubroom TV and shows a few of us the rally as seen by video cam he had pointing out his windshield during the whole 300 miles plus some still shots. Fran and I leave about noon and Carl and Helen were the last folks out. I have to do a repair to our coach in Osoyoos. The turn signal flasher died.

Interesting piece of trivia to brag about here. There were 35 coaches that took part in the rally. The rally was about 300 miles long and most attendees had to travel 300 miles or more to get to Creston and another 300 miles from Osoyoos to home. So if everyone gets home without a problem, that is more than 30,000 total GMC miles without any breakdown of consequence. 14 Canadian coaches must be a record for a Cascader Rally. That was over 1/3 of the total attendance.



I tried my best not to shoot the plate

Minutes 5/1/05 – Riverside RV Park, Canby, OR

President's Message - President, Bill Guise called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the community room of the Riverside RV Park, Canby, OR on Sunday, May 1, 2005. Bill thanked our hosts, Dan & Mable MacKinnon for a wonderful rally.

Bill welcomed new members attending their first rally, Patricia Johnson and Lance Von Prum.

Guests: Larry Baymen, Kelvin & Cindy Dietz, Del & Diane Knapp, Doug Snyder, Jim & Sylvia Turner, Michael Wilhelm and Barbara Clausen.

Rally attendees:

Denny & Fran Allen,

Larry Bamen

Dwaine & Lucille Barclay

Terry & Joanne Boyd

Larry & Gaynor Calhoun

Kelvin & Cindy Dietz

Bob & Christiane Dunlap

Chuck & Jane Field

Ted & Jackie Freemire

Don & Mary Gibson

Frank & Carol Gray

Francis & Mary Guenther

Bill & Peggy Guise

Bob & Sylvia Gummersall

Ernie Hastie

Carl & Helen Hove

Bill & Betty Hubler

Patricia Johnson

SI & Nancy Johnson

Tim & Cass Jones

Del & Diane Knapp

Harvey & Elaine Kragt

Walt & Jerry Krebs

Mack & Linda Kreizenbeck

Tony & Sandy Lammi

Fred & Ruth Leitch

Steve & Deb Lester

Dan & Mable MacKinnon

Tom & Lela McBee

Terry & Gloria Morris

Lawrie & Virginia Paradis

Don & Luana Perry

Del & Vi Preston

Rod & Maurrie Price

Gene & Carol Ransom

Dan & Nancy Rarick

Terry & Diane Skinner

Doug Snyder

Warren Steinman & Nora Westphal

Jim & Sylvia Turner

Harold Washmuth & Barbara Clausen

Michael Wilhelm

Ken & Jean Wilson

Les & Bunny Wold

Secretary's Report - Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 04, 2004 published in the February 2005 newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by Mary Gibson (M) and seconded by Vi Preston (S), motion passed (P).

Reminder: your dues with FMCA must be paid to avoid being dropped from membership. Reason you must belong to FMCA - insurance for the Cascaders.

If you need to contact Cass on Cascader business please use the e-mail address:

gmccascaders@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club balance of \$6,813.81. Current membership is 162 paid members.

First Vice President's Report - Vice President Larry Calhoun reported on cards sent. Get well to: Bill Foote, Sandy Lammi, Elaine Fry, Eldon Evans and Gene Snow. Please let Larry know if a card needs to be sent.

Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report - Wagonmaster Terry Morris reported on the upcoming rallies:

2005 - June 5-11 - Denny Allen -

Canadian rolling rally

2005 - August 5 -7 - Grayland, WA

KanKanna RV Park

2005 - Sept 30-Oct 2 - Caldwell, ID

Kreizenbeck's

2005 - December 2-4 - Anacortes,

WA Annual Christmas Rally

Fidalgo Bay RV Wilson's

2006 - August - Wallowa Lake, OR

Fred & Ruth Leitch

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Website: Bill Guise reported that we have had 26,000 hits on our website since going on line. Average about 500 per month looking at the 'motorhomes to buy' section.

Western States - Fall 2005: Sept. 21-26 Estes Park, CO Spring 2006: April 25-30 Hollister, CA Fall 2006: Sept 24-29 Mariposa, CA
Jerry Work is the new WS technical representative, responsible for getting seminars for the WS rallies.

GMC International - Fall 2005: Sept. 11-17 Rapid City, SD
Spring 2006: Mar 5-11 Montgomery, TX Fall 2006: Sept 24-30 Berrien Springs, MI
Spring 2007: Rayne, LA Fall 2007: Amana Colonies

FMCA - National Director Ken Wilson reported the next FMCA rally was the Northwest Rally in Albany, OR the same time as the Canadian rolling rally. Ken also reported on 2 laws in WA which will add an additional tax on RV's. Senate Bill 6103 and House Bill 2312.

Merchandise - Maurrie Price has hats (\$15), club jackets (\$28) decals (\$5) flags (\$20) club sweatshirts \$22 and club front zippered sweatshirt jackets \$23. Denny Allen has GMC rubber stamps \$5.

Newsletter: Did not have a date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on updating the rally guide and by-laws. Will try and get rally guides from other clubs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol Gray has her new Flexsteel seats and gave a big thank you to Vi & Del Preston for their help along with Calhouns, Denny, Cooks and Hensleys. Lots of phone calls and e-mails helping her put them in. She found them \$300 cheaper in the states.

Lance Von Prum thanked the Cascaders for their friendly welcome and for those of you who don't know or have'nt seen, Lance has the aluminum GMC (he has stripped all the paint off).

Adjournment (M/S/P) Allen/Wilson Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Jones, Secretary.*

Minutes June 11, 2005 – Osoyoos, BC

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM by President Bill Guise. First, he thanked Denny Allen for the wonderful rally... great planning and the good time had by all. There were no visitors to introduce. Bill announced the need for a nominating committee to be composed to two new members and one from the previous nominating committee for continuity.

He also stated that under FMCA rule we are required to have two business meetings each year. A change in format might be Saturday sessions, a combination of business meetings and workshops for members.

Secretary's Report—There was no report in the absence of our secretary. **Treasurer's Report**—Helen Hove reported 163.5 member coaches! (One new member is half way through the process of joining the club.)

First Vice President's Report – Vice President Larry Calhoun has sent cards to Bill Foote, Sandi Lammi, Eldon Evans, Gene Snow, and Gary Biggs. He is preparing to send cards to Jerry Eerkes, Maurrie Price, and Elaine Fry and her grandson Benjamin who is awaiting a transplant.

Second Vice President's Report (Wagonmaster) – Upcoming rallies are:

August 5–6, Grayland, WA, Lammi hosting

September 30 thru October 1–2, Caldwell, ID, following Western States in Estes Park, CO.

December 2–3, Fidalgo Bay, WA, Ken and Jean Wilson

Rallies in 2006:

April, Ilwaco, WA, Gibsons;

August, Wallowa, OR, Leitches.

Hosts and sites needed for 2006, February, June and December. A Vancouver Island rally is looking possible for June of 2007.)

Western States—Next rally is September 21–26, Estes Park, CO. Larry Calhoun added that Western States wants the GMC Cascaders to host a rally in 2007, perhaps in southern Oregon. Anyone interested should get in touch with him.

GMC Motorhomes International—International President George Baxter urged Cascaders to attend the fall rally in Rapid City, SD, on Sept. 11–17. A total of 24 hours of seminars occur Monday through Friday; at least 20 vendors will be on site.

FMCA Report—Rep. Ken Wilson reported no news except that the Albany convention was currently in progress.

Website Report—Changes are coming; check site to see them.

OLD BUSINESS

Thanks to Denny Allen for arranging for new decals. See Maurrie Price for jackets, flags, decals and sweatshirts. Jane and Ted Swanson model them on line! Fred Leitch reported that the auction at Elaine Fry's moved lots of parts out of her way.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws need changing to bring them into congruence with FMCA changes. The new articles from FMCA are boilerplate for our bylaws. We should vote on these changes at the October meeting. It was suggested that the board members serve for a two year term, rather than one year as is the current bylaw.

Newsletter—Jim Bisakowski's two-year commitment to compose the newsletter will soon be entering it's second year. Future plans may include moving newsletter circulation to the website as the dominant circulation with snail mail copies to those without website access.

Nominating Committee—Elected by acclamation: Linda Ireland, Carol Baxter and Bob Dunlap (continuity member). The business meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM;

Moved—Fran Allen, seconded—Peggy Guise, and passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pris Hardin, secretary pro tem*

Photos

Thanks for the pictures and keep sending them to:

bguise1@qwest.net I appreciate those who took pictures and sent them to me for consideration in the Newsletter. I have been doing a print out of each picture received and adding them to the summary for the rally. Eventually, the Vice President (Larry Calhoun) will re-assume the task of club historian and get these pictures into new albums. Our thanks go out to the Guises, Swansons, Baxters, Hagues Hardins, and Wittenbechers for the pictures in this issue.



Audrey Maxwell and a Big Welcome at Castlegar

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GMC's For Sale: Northwest

Complete listing, along with pictures and detailed information is available on the Cascaders WEB site:
<http://www.cascaders.org/>

1978 Royale – \$31,000 Kent, WA, Ken Ragsdale (253 854-1642)

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1977 Kingsley – \$24,000 Sheridan, OR, DJ Eberhart (503.843.3247)

bndeberhart@wbcable.net

1975 Eleganza – \$25,000 Cove OR, Loren and Rebecca Fleet, (541-568-4000) becky@eoni.com

1978 Palm Beach – \$23,000 Vancouver, WA, Steve Kyle (360 573-9709) s_skyle@jun0.com

1978 Royal – \$39,900 Sequim, WA: Al & Janet Kruebbe, (360-681-0768) penmort@olypen.com

1977 Eleganza II – \$20,000 Stanwood, WA: Randy (360-939-0636)

1977 XPB – \$20,000 Milton Freewater, OR: John & Lauree Miller, (541-938-5981)

1977 Royal – \$26,000 Coeur d'Alene, ID: Jim Aucutt, 208-765-4075

1978 Royal – \$39,950 Eugene, OR: Karl Cunningham (541-463-0637) kmcunningham@webtv.net

1977 28' Kingsley Stretch – \$30,000, West Linn, OR. Ted Debauw, (503-656-9946)

1976 Eleganza II – \$22,000, Clarkston WA. Jean Gwynn (509-758-2880), cjgwynn@amerion.com

1974 GMC – \$18,000 Puyallup, WA Edwin Freiter, (253-848-9123) bat18@msn.com

Morris Rally Report Event Calendar as of 6/10/05



Dates	Location	Site	Hosts
Aug. 5, 6	Grayland, WA	KanKanna RV Park	Toivo & Sandra Lammi
Sep. 30, 1, 2	Caldwell ID	Ambassador RV Resort	Mack & Linda Kreizenbeck
Dec. 2, 3, 4	Anacortes, WA	Fidalgo Bay RV	Ken & Jean Wilson
Feb. 2006			Hosts needed, time to volunteer!
Apr. 2006	Ilwaco, WA		Don & Mary Gibson
Jun., 2006			Hosts needed, time to volunteer!
Aug. 2006	Wallowa Lake, OR		Fred & Ruth Leitch
Dec. 2006			Hosts needed, time to volunteer!