

GMC CASCADERS NEWS



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Great Field Trips, Beautiful Cars and Fine Weather at Walla Walla

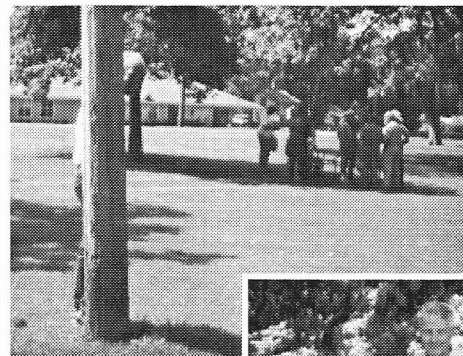
Whether our volunteer rally hosts are first-timer hosts or old hands, we always appreciate the innovative and wide-ranging activities that appear on our rally schedules. The veteran team of Miller, Franks and Lennartsons kept us all hopping during the September rally at Walla Walla.

locally by Nelson technicians. Cascaders were impressed with the immaculate, modern plant and its precision approach to the business.

Lunchtime brought the caravan to Walla Walla's Pioneer Park for sack lunches beside the river. The park

was lovely; it offered a perfect "time out" before our next stop at Martin Archery.

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Denny Allen was suddenly camera shy (above) but the rest of us really enjoyed the lunch.



Photo by Kragt

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Thursday morning, after continental breakfast at the club tent (above), we boarded busses for a tour of Nelson Irrigation. Imagine discovering that the humble subject of farm irrigation has moved into the 21st century with high tech manufacturing of every component sold by the Nelson Irrigation company. AND, most of the remarkable robotic and control systems in their plant were designed

Field trips DO require a certain amount of waiting... Cascaders line up for the trip to Nelson Irrigation followed by lunch in the park and a tour of the Martin Archery factory.



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NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	Hosts
December 5-7	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV	Diers, Frys, Jones & Ragsdales

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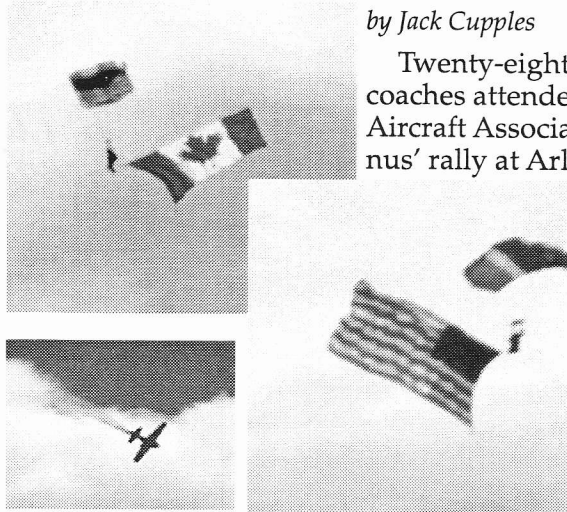
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Happy Landings at Arlington AIR SHOW 'Bonus' Rally

by Jack Cupples



Twenty-eight GMC Cascaders' coaches attended the Experimental Aircraft Association Air Show 'bonus' rally at Arlington, WA, July 9-13, 1997. Hundreds of restored and custom-built aircraft were flown in by their proud owners, each competing for one of this year's awards. EAA provided daily air shows, static

displays of vintage and experimental aircraft, evening movies on the closed runway, tours of nearby aircraft-related industries such as the GlassAir aircraft kit manufacturer, dancing, jazz bands and the Arlington Street Fair.

The aircraft and non-aircraft-related activities



Whether sky-gazing or on the ground, Cascaders enjoyed the 'front-row' parking arranged by our hosts.

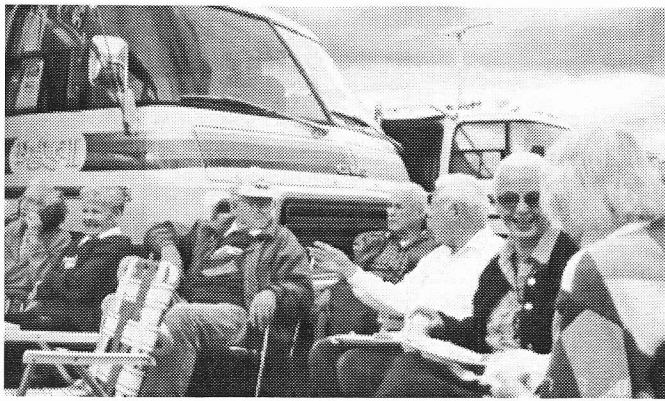


New Officers in Place

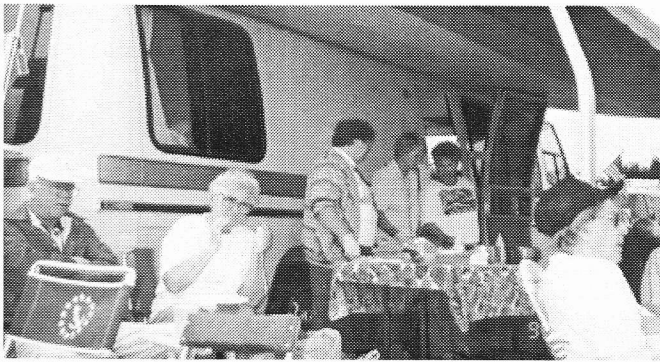
By the time this newsletter arrives, the business meeting at the October rally will have installed our 1998 officers; they will be on task, serving the club. The Newsletter masthead reflects the new 'crew'.

Many thanks to the outgoing officers for exemplary service and good times during their tenure of office. Without such dedicated volunteers, our organization would be lost.



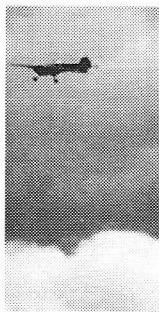


offered were more than any attendees could take in. For those looking for an alternative to kicking airplane tires, the activities tents offered a complete schedule of handicraft demonstrations and classes that included beginning needlepoint and



crochet. Thursday offered a presentation on effective storage and space utilization for RV's. Kelli Toff from the Burlington Outlet Center put on a fashion show Friday and Saturday. Shuttle busses ran to the Tulalip Casino throughout the week.

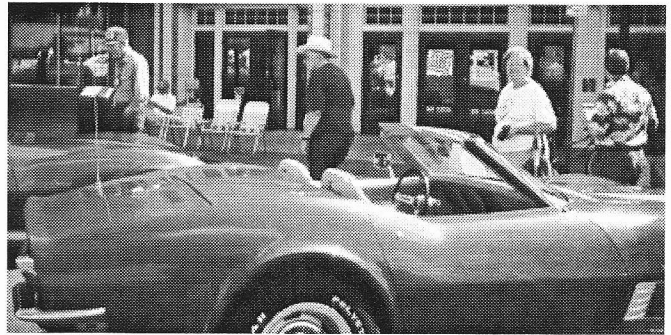
Coffee, rolls and etc. were served each morning. Thursday, a flock of volunteers pitched in to help the hosts serve hot dogs, beans and salad dinner under the awnings for all attendees. Friday the hosts provided a shrimp louie dinner. Saturday evening we enjoyed a no-host dinner after cocktails at Weller's Chalet.



Although there were nineteen pilots among the GMC Cascaders, even non-pilots found lots of interest in the fly-in activities.

The hosts—Richardsons, D. Wilsons and Cupples—anticipate hosting an Arlington Fly-In rally for Cascaders again in July of 1999.

Walla Walla's Show and Shine Simply Sparkles



Scores of restored and modified old cars graced blocks of Walla Walla's downtown area. Many were replete with scrapbooks depicting the enormous amount of work that each car represented. The transitions from wreck to restoration were marvelous. Innovative modi-

fications, fine craftsmanship and wild color combinations added to the show. Proud owners showed street rods, hot rods and classic jobs.



Jack Cupples Needs Help!

Our remote newsletter experiment puts Jack Cupples in the demanding role of Copy Editor. PLEASE provide him with rally photos and notes to ease his task of covering rallies.

THEN, get your snapshots and anecdotes to him quickly following rallies so he can forward them to nomadic Pris Hardin for the next issue.





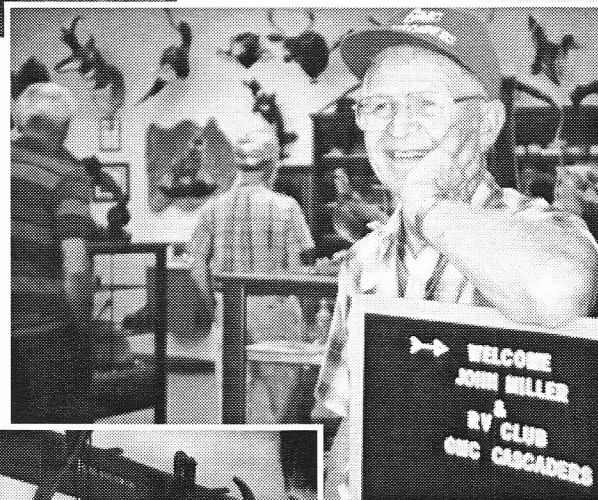
The rigors of the field trip left two Cascaders nursing their ankles (?). Well, Mary Wilson really DID have a bad ankle.

Continued from page 1—The Martin family runs two factories, one in Yakima where all of their wooden bows are made and

the one in Walla Walla, production site for all their bows composed of man-made materials.



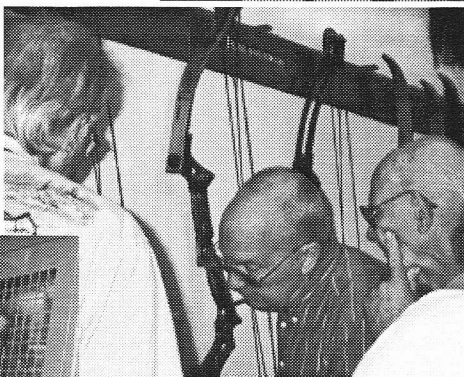
The Martin welcome included a personalized sign in their retail store (right). While we waited for the tour to start, Cascaders took the opportunity to examine a wide variety of hunting bows, related gear, and trophies on display.



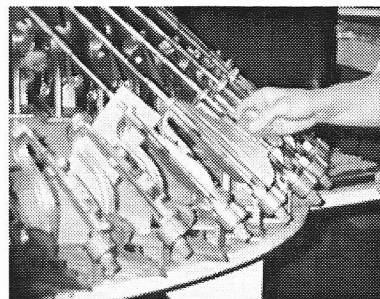
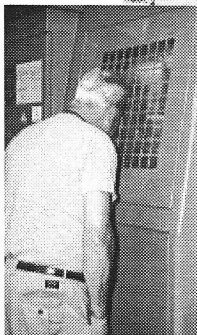
Looking more like he should be out in the wilds, bringing down big game (above) a Martin employee assembles bows according to the orders tacked on the bench in front of him.



Both of our tour guides were Martin family members. Below, one shows the wide variety of wrist guards produced in the plant.

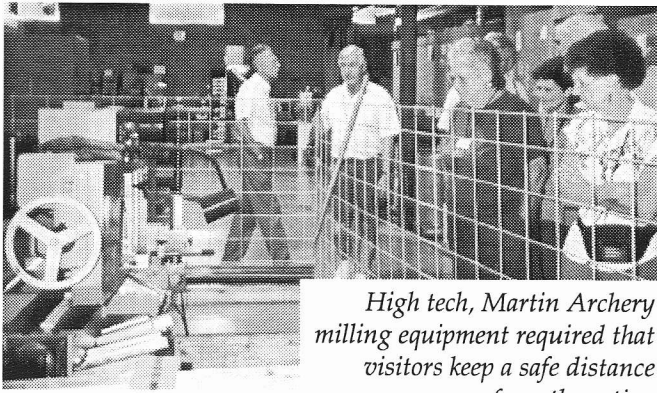


Bill Foote follows the rules: Look but don't touch (left). Hands in pockets were a good idea in some of the manufacturing areas. High tech tool and milling setups were the order of the day at Martin Archery.



The turntable (above), designed many years ago by the Martins, guides gluing of the fletches and veins into arrows.



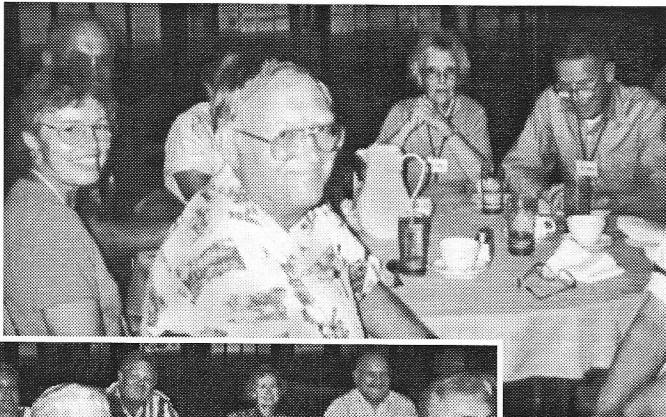


High tech, Martin Archery milling equipment required that visitors keep a safe distance from the action

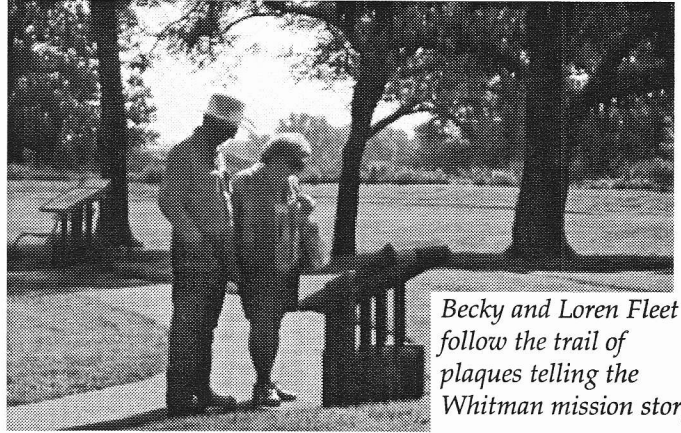
A bull-session at the Cascader tent (right) followed our field trip. Purpose: discussion of technical questions surrounding keeping GMC coaches on the road. Co-pilots gathered nearby (below).



A very busy Thursday schedule concluded with Baron of Beef and Chicken Buffet at the local Elks Club (below).



Friday brought visits to the Fort Walla Walla Museum and the Whitman mission for those who had missed out on these experiences during our last Walla Walla rally.



Becky and Loren Fleet follow the trail of plaques telling the Whitman mission story.

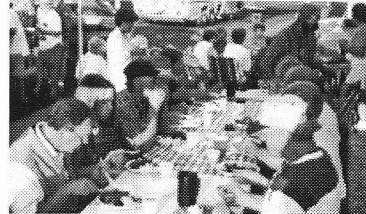
In the afternoon, a parade of vehicles came to look at GMC coaches. Our hosts had gained an interview with the local paper resulting in an article inviting visitors to Walla Walla's annual Show and Shine car show to come by and see our vintage RVs (see photos page eight).

Another full day closed with a catered chicken BBQ dinner in the park followed by our annual business meeting and the election of new officers.

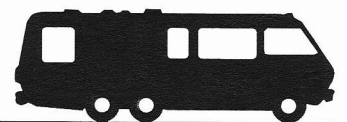
On Saturday, those Cascaders who had not taken off to caravan to Bryce Canyon and the Western States rally went downtown to see the Show and Shine car show—see photos on page three.

Special thanks to a fine team of hosts for another great rally in Walla Walla.

Some of the greatest eaters in the FMCA are GMC Cascaders.



BBQ chicken with all the 'fixins' went down well on Friday.



MINUTES 9/05/97

Walla Walla Rally—1997 Annual Meeting

President's Message—President Carol Baxter called the meeting to order following dinner on Friday evening, September 5th. She opened by thanking the rally committee: John and Lauree Miller, George and Alice Frank and Bill and Mary Lou Foote and welcomed new members and first time attendees, Bob and Vicki Webber.

Rally attendees were:

Denny & Fran Allen	Ernest & Nellie Hastie
George & Carol Baxter	Carl & Helen Hove
Knute & Leona Blodger	Tim & Cass Jones
Alan & Margaret Bovee	Chet & Karen Kershaw
Terry & Joanne Boyd	Harvey & Elaine Kragt
Larry & Gayner Calhoun	John & Virginia Lennartson
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Jack & Doris Mast
Glenn & Ruth Diers	John & Lauree Miller
Clarence & Elsie Estridge	Walt & Liz Ovens
Jack & Yvonne Falck	Lawrence & Virginia Paradis
Loren & Rebecca Fleet	Del & Vi Preston
Bill & Mary Lou Foote	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
George & Alice Frank	John & Hazel Sanders
Bob & Elaine Fry	Gene & Dixie Snow
Gordon & Carol Frydenlund	Tom & Margie Thompson
Frank & Carol Gray	Milt & Carmen Wade
Carl & Jean Gwynn	Daryl & Mary Wilson
Bill & Pris Hardin	Robert & Vicki Webber

Secretary's Report—Motion to accept the previous meeting's minutes as published in the newsletter by B. Hardin (M), seconded by B. Fry (S), motion passed (P). Secretary Liz Ovens reminded members who list 206 area codes in the club database, that those changing to 253 or 425 this coming November need to so note on their renewal application so the secretary can keep the files current.

Treasurer's Report—Ruth Diers reported a treasury

balance of \$2,592.49, with \$250.00 outstanding for jackets. She reported that the club currently has 171 paid members. Acceptance of the Treasurers report (MSP) C. Kershaw/D. Faulk.

First Vice President's Report—V.P. Terry Morris was unable to attend the rally but forwarded his report to President Carol Baxter who presented it. Thank-you cards were sent in June to the Lynden Rally committee, Paradis', Eerkes', Calhouns and Ovens. A get-well card was sent to Cliff Smith, and a sympathy card was sent to Rosemary Smith upon the passing of her husband, Cliff, later in the month. The club received a thank-you from Pat Braden for the sympathy card we sent upon the passing of her husband Bob. In July, a get-well card went to Jerry Mautz and an inquiry for photos of Cliff Smith was sent to Rosemary for possible publication in the *News*.

President Baxter noted that cards will go to Jean Wilson who is recovering from gall bladder surgery and to Karen Birch who is currently undergoing physical therapy for complications from her battle with cancer.

Second Vice Presidents' (Wagonmaster) Report—Walt Ovens and Carl Hove gave the Wagonmasters' report. Walt invited rally hosts to comment on each of the scheduled '97 rallies. Margaret Bovee updated us on the Sisters, OR, rally scheduled for Oct 3-5. Cass Jones reported on the Christmas rally at Cannon Beach, OR, Dec. 5-7. This will be the last year the Cannon Beach park is available to us. Carl Hove gave an update on the Tokeland, WA, rally scheduled for April 24-25, 1998.

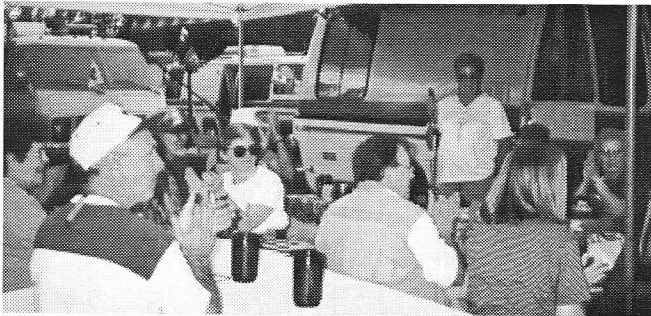
Daryl Wilson volunteered to take the club canopy back to Seattle following the Walla Walla rally. Elaine Fry invited new club members to get in on the fun and



volunteer to help out on a rally. Jack Cupples volunteered to host the Arlington Air Fair again in July, '99, and John Lennartson stated he'd be willing to look into the Sand Point Classic Car Show (ID) dates for May, '99, for a Cascader rally.

Old Business—George Baxter, our GMC International Area Vice President reported on the Las Vegas roundup scheduled for March 20–26, 1998. There will be room for 300 coaches. The Fall 1998 roundup schedule is still open.

New Business—Helen Hove, Chairperson for the 1998 club officers nominating committee, presented the nominees: President—Terry Morris, First Vice President—Denny Allen or Chet Kershaw, Second Vice President (Co-Wagonmasters)—Walt Ovens and Carl Hove, Secretary—Cass Jones, Treasurer—Ruth Diers, FMCA Director—Ken Wilson, Alternate Director—Ray Groth. There were no nominations from the floor. Acceptance of the 1998 officer nominations (MSP)B. Hardin/B. Fry.



A closed-ballot election yielded the 1998 GMC Cascaders officers: President—Terry Morris, First Vice President—Denny Allen, Second Vice President (Co-Wagonmasters)—Walt Ovens and Carl Hove, Secretary—Cass Jones, Treasurer—Ruth Diers, FMCA Director—Ken Wilson and Alternate Director—Ray Groth.

President Baxter reported an Executive Board recommendation regarding the nomination of Roland Wilbur to life member status. MSP—B. Fry/B. Hardin.

Newsletter Editor Pris Hardin noted that she will miss the next seven rallies and called for a volunteer to be copy editor. Copy Editor would gather news and photos for each issue and forward the copy to Pris for publication. Jack Cupples volunteered to take on the assignment of Copy Editor. He asked rally attendees to please forward information as soon as possible.

Adjournment (MSP) G. Baxter/F. Allen.
Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Ovens, Secretary

A Special Thank You

From Jerry and Betty Mautz

With thanks to all of you...

When any group of people
Does the thoughtful
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It's hard to find the words
Warm enough
To thank each one of you.

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Drive-by Gawkers!

Cascaders gawked right back at Friday's guests who came to see our coaches (right).



We were quite upstaged by the beautifully restored GMC truck of 1956 vintage that came to visit (left)!

SOME Cascaders, who shall remain nameless, hid behind the bushes at Kershaws' coach during the open house! (Below)



Rally Schedule 1997-98

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
December 5-7	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV	Diers, Frys, Jones & Ragsdales
April 24-26, '98	Tokeland, WA	Bayshore RV	Hoves & Frydenlunds
July (TBA), '98	British Columbia	ROLLING RALLY	Allens
Mid-August, '98	Rogue River, OR	Valley of the Rogue St. Park	Perrys, Teeuws, Madisons, Krebs

Watch future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News* for possible changes to the above schedule.

