

Chain-saws, Beaches, and Cascaders



Photo by Cupples

By Jack Cupples

It was a nice drive herding our GMC to Grayland in such pleasant weather. We arrived Friday afternoon at this coastal community on our Pacific seashore. Grayland boasts miles of pristine coastline reachable by numerous beach approaches. When we reached our rally venue at Roamer's Roost Adult RV Park, our hosts Tony and Sandra Lammi greeted us with lots of local literature as well as beautiful pots of pansy plants. There were 39 coaches at this rally and most of them had complete hookups (including TV) at this nice RV Park. Co-hosts for this rally were to be the Snows, but since they could not make it, John and Gisela Bandur willingly stepped in at the last minute and helped immeasurably. Thanks to the Lammis and Bandurs, this rally was a resounding success and thanks to all of you who helped to make this a great weekend.

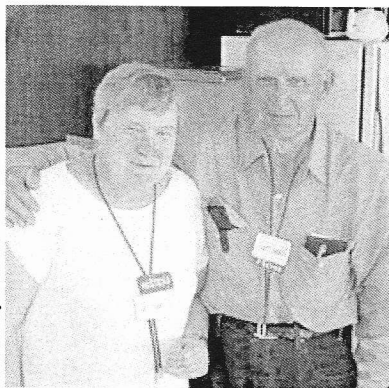


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Above—"Thank you" to our hosts Sandra and Tony Lammi.

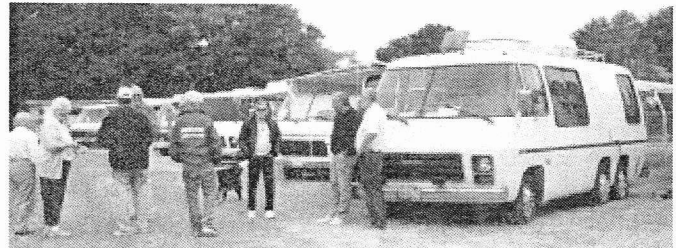


Photo by Boyce

Above—Cascaders gather in anticipation of the upcoming soup 'n salad dinner.

Below—Slurping soup and swapping chatter fill the hall.



Diner photos by Guise

The kickoff for our rally Friday was a Happy Hour followed by a soup and salad fest put on by our hosts in the RV park club house. Steaming bowls of local clam chowder and vegetable soups, mixed green salad, and rolls set a great standard for the weekend. As your reporter, I had to try a bowl of each of the homemade-tasting soups. They were great!

The International Nautical Chain-saw Carving Competition in nearby Westport provided the theme for this sunny weekend.

NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
October 11-13	McKenzie Bridge, OR	Belknap Hot Springs Resort	Barries, Hoves, Titus and Persingers

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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Photo by Bovee

Left—Cascaders' private bus stop!

Below—Bears, bears, bears! While they are the Kitsch part of the show, they are the darlings of all.

The Lammis arranged for an all-day shuttle bus Saturday between the RV Park and Westport just for the Cascaders.

It took hours just to see all the chain saw artists' work. It was the largest gathering of carvers I have ever seen. We marveled at the intricacy of the carvings these professionals achieved with a chain saw. These freehand carvers could create a piece during timed competition with astounding speed... true artists. Other GMCers must have liked what they saw; I spotted at least three carvings coming back on our shuttle bus. One of them went home in our coach!



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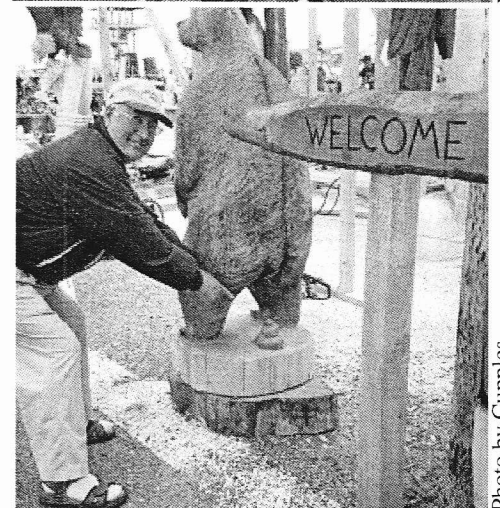


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Above—Wistful bear and poop bear prove that some carvers are able to move beyond the stereotypes.

Left—At least two Cascaders adopt new members of the family and tote them home on the bus.



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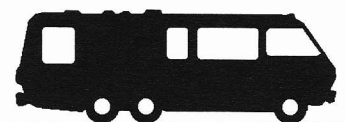


Photo by Bovec



Left and right—Marine chain-saw carving moves well beyond the bear syndrome to impressive, large sculptures like these. Whether depicting a narrative fishing adventure or celebrating marine life, these artists know their craft.

Westport had on its festive party face; the town was wide open for tourists. Several of our group ate lunch at one or another of the quaint waterfront restaurants in Westport. Others attended an all-you-

can-eat crab and oyster feed just a few miles down the road at Brady's Oyster and Crab Co. near the Elk River Bridge.

Late afternoon Saturday we spent time doing the usual GMC things of visiting with old friends and meeting new members, basking in the sun with groups of neighbors, and blending in with the whole group for a social hour before dinner at the

club house. Denny Allen grilled local, fresh oysters in the shell for "those who enjoyed them."

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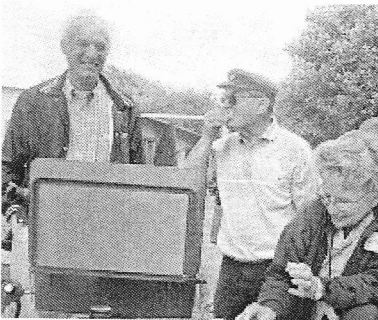


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Upper left and left—Denny's hors d'oeuvres, BBQ oysters-in-the-shell, make a major impact on Cascaders.

Above and upper right—Cascaders eagerly line up for the Saturday night buffet banquet.

Right—Surprise! Lammi's wedding anniversary did not go uncelebrated!

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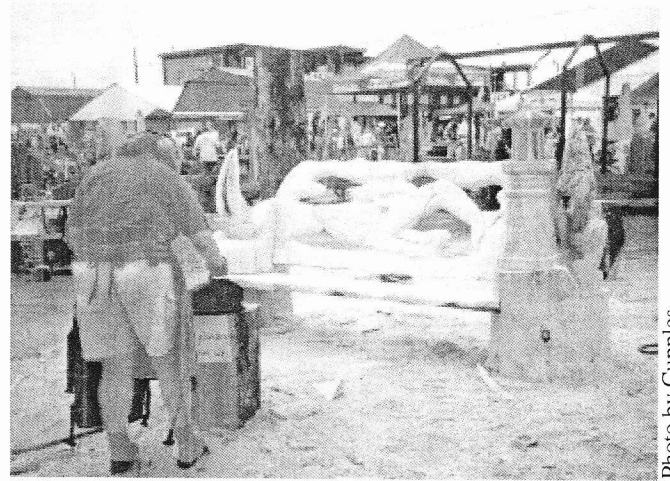


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Volunteer club members served the evening's catered buffet meal. Both entrées of salmon and chicken earned top ratings by diners. The ample spread of side dishes complemented a great meal.

Sunday morning's continental breakfast rivaled the fine spread put on by our hosts on Saturday morning. The business meeting followed in the club house. Only one short rain shower interrupted the sunny skies Sunday while we were saying our good-byes and preparing for the trip home. We are sure Tony Lammi has an "in" somewhere to provide us with such outstanding weather for our rally.

Thanks, again, to our hosts and co-hosts for a great rally.

Well done, Gang!

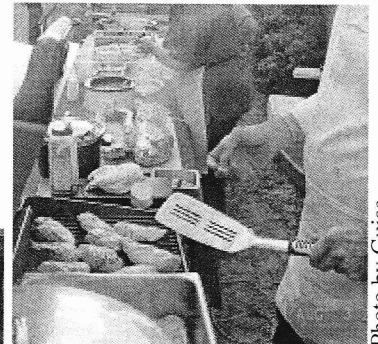


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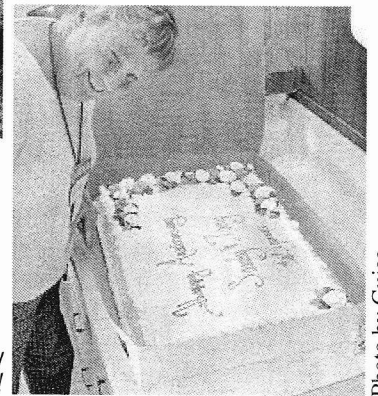


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MINUTES—8/04/02

Roamer's Roost Adult RV Park, Grayland, WA

Before we officially started our Cascader meeting, President Tim Jones told the gathering of the recent passing of Jack Mast. We had a moment of silence for each of us in our own ways to remember Jack.

President's Message—President Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 9:20 in the meeting room of the Roamer's Roost Adult RV Park, Grayland, WA, on Sunday, August 4, 2002. Tim thanked hosts Tony and Sandi Lammi for a great job and John and Gisela Bandur for pitching in and helping when Gene and Dixie Snow were unable to co-host. What a great rally !!!

Tim welcomed new members: Wayne and Sherry Thornhill and Joe and Rose McMichael. Guests attending: Dan and Nancy Rarick and son Koysta; Keith and Joyce Ebbert and Bob and Lou Ann Golphenee's son Shane.

Rally attendees:

Denny & Fran Allen	Steve & Deb Lester
John & Gisela Bandur	Bill & Mary Lou Foote
Ed & Louise Blaise	Dan & Mable MacKinnon
Alan & Margaret Bovee	Joe & Rose McMichael
Terry & Joanne Boyd	Terry & Gloria Morris
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Walt Owens
Jack & Kathy Cupples	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis
Keith & Joyce Ebbert	Rod & Maurrie Price
Jerry & Pam Eerkes	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Ted & Jackie Freemire	Gene & Carol Ransom
Gordon & Carol Frydenlund	Dan & Nancy Rarick
Gary & Gloria Gibbs	Koysta Rarick
Bob & Lou Ann Golphenee	Bill & Jessie Rowland
Shane Golphenee	Phil & Wendy Singleton
Ray & Bev Groth	Terry & Diane Skinner
John & Vera Gruenewald	Neil & Nancy Sutherland
Bill & Peggy Guise	Jim Swanson & Frank Czarny
Joe & Jeanie Hensley	Wayne & Sherry Thornhill
Carl & Helen Hove	Eric & Christine Tipton
Tim & Cass Jones	Jack Titus
Tony & Sandy Lammi	Ken & Jean Wilson
Fred & Ruth Leitch	

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 9, 2002, meeting as published in the July, 2002, newsletter. Ted Freemire asked the minutes be corrected to read Jackie Freemire as he didn't know a Joan Freemire. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes with correction. Motion: Terry Morris (M), Seconded (S) Becky Ragsdale—motion passed.

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club balance of \$5,332.93. Current membership is 172.

First Vice President's Report—In Vice President George Baxter's absence, Cass Jones reported the club had received a thank-you note from Jack Titus. It was given to Jack Cupples for inclusion in the newsletter.

Second Vice President's (Wagonmaster's) Report—Wagonmaster Larry Calhoun reported on the upcoming rallies:

2002—October 11–13: Belknap Hot Springs, Belknap Springs, OR. Hosts: Barries, Hoves, Titus and Persingers

December 13–15: Fidalgo Bay RV Park, Anacortes, WA. Hosts: Wilsons. Ken reported that all events will be happening at the RV park, no moving around to make it easier on everyone. Room for 50-60 coaches.

2003—February: Need location and hosts

April: Need location & hosts

June: Silverton, OR. The Oregon Gardens.

Hosts: Evans

August 15-17: Wallace, Idaho Hosts: Dunlaps

October: Need location & hosts

December: Need location & hosts

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Western States—

Fall 2002: Sept. 6–11, Cody, WY.

Spring 2003: Apr. 28–May 3, Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA.

Fall 2003: Canada—chance of a Penticton/Kelowna area.

Spring 2004: Emerald Desert, Palm Desert, CA.

Fall 2004: Oct 5–10, Balloon Festival, Albuquerque, NM.

GMC International:

Fall 2002: Sept. 15–21, Nashville, TN.

Spring 2003: March 30–April 6 days, Tucson, AZ.

FMCA—National Director Ken Wilson reported Mick Hansen had sent a nice "thank you" letter to the club for their help on the FMCA Moses Lake rally.

Merchandise—Terry Morris is selling: hats, red (\$15), club jackets (\$28), decals (\$5) and flags (\$20).

Denny Allen has GMC stamps (you supply the ink pad) \$5 and belt buckles for \$20. Jessie Rowland has club sweatshirts \$22 if you pick up at a rally and \$26 if mailed.

OLD BUSINESS—Bill Guise reported the Nominating Committee had an easy job as all current officers



had agreed to serve another term. The only change, the club needed a new Alternate FMCA Director as Ray Groth was no longer eligible to hold that position (does not own a GMC), the committee put the name of Walt Ovens up for consideration. President Jones asked for a motion to accept the report from the committee. Terry Morris so moved, seconded by Bill Rowland. President Jones asked for nominations from the floor, with none being offered, asked the board be approved as presented. Motion passed. Officers for the year October 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003 are:

- President: Tim Jones
- Vice-President: George Baxter
- Secretary: Cass Jones
- Treasurer: Helen Hove
- Wagonmaster: Larry Calhoun
- FMCA Director: Ken Wilson
- Alternate Director: Walt Ovens

NEW BUSINESS

President Jones noted that Bill Guise had a baseball hat imprinted "CASCADERS.ORG" and that he had 'somewhat.' You may contact Bill if interested in one.

Deadline for newsletter: August 23 . Send all copy to Jack Cupples.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Ruth Leitch/Ken Ragsdale. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Jones, Secretary*



On the Road Again

GMC louvered front overhead cabinet—FREE!
Jerry Eerkes, 9263 Farm to Market Road, Bow, WA (360) 766-6006

GMC Cascaders
Dear Ken,
We would like to say "Thank You" to your entire GMC Group. You really pitched in when we needed all of you.
If you get a chance or thru a newsletter please express our appreciation to your entire group. I especially liked the parade entry.
Mick & Judy Hansen

In Memoriam
Jack O. Mast
March 3, 1926–July 15, 2002

It was a beautiful sunny day as family and friends, including eleven Cascader families, celebrated the life of Jack Mast on Saturday, July 20, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in LaConner, WA.

Several of Jack's 20 grandchildren recited an adaptation of "The Lord's Prayer" and Jack's son and Doris' daughter had some fine words to say.

A reception followed at the LaConner Country Inn where we were able to meet and speak with the family.

Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers on the internet and changes to existing email addresses.

NEW ADDRESSES

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PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!!

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Have Macerator; will travel.

When serious measures are required in the waste management department, many Cascaders have found that a macerator is just the device for the job.

Denny Allen installed one at the Grayland rally (*right*). Now, the lucky owners can empty tanks through a simple garden hose arrangement.



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RALLY SCHEDULE 2002-03

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October 11-13	McKenzie Bridge, OR	Belknap Hot Springs Resort	Barries, Hoves, Titus and Persingers
December 13-15	Anacortes, WA	Fidalgo Bay RV Park	Wilson's (Ken and Jean) & elves
February ??, 2003	TBA	TBA	Contact the wagonmaster!
April ??, 2003	TBA	TBA	Uncle Larry needs you!
June ??, 2003	Silverton, OR	The Oregon Gardens	Eldon and Joyce Evans
August 15-17	Wallace, ID	TBA	Dunlaps
October ??, 2003	TBA	TBA	October hosts have more fun!
December ??, 2003	TBA	TBA	Do something NEW for Xmas!

Call Larry Calhoun to volunteer for rallies in 2003! ...fellow hosts will appear!

