



## GMC Cascaders Rally—Aurora, Or. 10/16-19/08

Under the supervision of host and hostess, Michael and Nancy Pelligreno, the rally started off with a great potluck supper with lots of good food and fellowship. After dinner, the usual games of Mexican Train were under way.

On Friday morning, we were up for a good breakfast and off to see the sights of Aurora. There was an excellent quilt show and lots of antique shops to be visited. Terry and Gloria Morris received the grand prize for the antiquing. They found some of their good china at a greatly reduced price. Others found some treasures as well. On Friday evening, Nancy was back at the stove with lots of volunteer helpers to cook up some good turkey and salmon burgers accompanied by all the fixins’.

After dinner, Judy Keppler of FMCA presented us with a Certificate and check in the amount of \$100 to celebrate our 25 years as a chapter of FMCA.



25 Year Award. Judy Keppler, Lawrie Paradis, Terry Morris



We celebrated with a delicious decorated carrot cake. When the celebration was over, Nancy got a game of Bunko going with prizes provided by FMCA.

On Saturday morning, we were treated to a breakfast of Nancy’s delicious baked apple French toast. After breakfast, the

men took over the laundry area for a tech seminar led by D J Eberhart. The ladies gathered around the tables to make fabric postcards. Virginia Paradis and Peggy Guise decided to make a postcard scene of a rolling rally with GMC’s on the “Road Again” utilizing Denny’s GMC stamp.



# **GMC** CASCADERS NEWS

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Everyone enjoyed their own creations. In the afternoon, some of us went exploring again. Dinner was catered at the RV Park and we had a good chicken dinner with all the trimmings including a great dessert. Evening brought out the Mexican Train group again.

On Sunday morning after breakfast, we had a meeting with the new board presiding. President, Lawrie Paradis, introduced Noble Warrant and Sharon Cummins who are new members and attending their first rally. There were some other newer faces there as well. Chuck and Karen Scott and Tony Wright and Lynne Wilson were recognized. We welcomed back Chet and Karen Kershaw who we haven't seen for a long while. The meeting opened up much discussion about how we can improve our communication with our members to bring them out to more rallies. It was exciting to see so many new faces who gave excellent input. We are indebted to Tony Wright and Lynne Wilson who offered to take over the web site and get out the newsletters and information to the members. Tony has already done a fantastic job of getting us off to a good start. Look for great things to be happening!!

The new Board is working hard to energize the group. Everyone felt Lawrie and his "harem" were off to a good start. It should be a fun year. We are looking forward to the Christmas Rally in Cannon Beach. Y'all Come!!

DJ's Tech Session on ride height, and the importance of it.

1. The rear end ride height changes the castor of the front. If the rear is too high, you basically have no castor.
2. You will be able to fill the coach up better, as the fuel and vent hose is down hill.
3. The rear control arms should have a very slight up angle
4. Loads the front bearings correctly.

Bottom line: Setting ride height is an iterative process.



DJ's Captivated Audience

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## OTHERS IN THE NEWS

Our own Maurrie Price made the front page of the Everett Newspaper on October 26 while attending the Skate America Championships. While watching one of the practice sessions, she was interviewed by a reporter from the Everett Herald. She mentioned that she had waited fifty years to see something like this and at age (bleep) she finally made it. She and Rod met up with Vera Gruenwald and Virginia Paradis at the Championships which included many famous international champions. It was a very exciting experience for all.

## GMC CASCADER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**LOCATION: Aurora, Oregon      October 19, 2008**

### The New Executive Board



Virginia Paradis, Jaclyn Jones, Lawrie Paradis, Mary Gibson, Mary Gurtler

The meeting was called to order at 09:30 by the President, Lawrie Paradis.

**Hosts / Helpers:** Thank you to Rally Hosts - Nancy & Michael Pellegrino. They did a great job in putting the rally together. Nancy stated they had many helpers and thanked everyone for coming.

**New Members/First Rally:** Lawrie welcomed new members, Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins.

**Visitors:** Mike Stevens & Jessica Hardun, relatives of the Eberharts.

**Secretary Report:** Jackie Jones read the minutes from the previous meeting. Jackie requested approval of the previous minutes as published and corrected. The minutes were approved by Barbie Eberhart moved 1<sup>st</sup>. Ted Freemire moved 2<sup>nd</sup>. The minutes were accepted. Jackie reminded everyone that annual renewals for 2009 have been sent out to the membership. She requested that everyone return them as soon as possible. We have 142 memberships.

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**Treasurer Report:** Mary Fraisure reported that presently the funds are distributed among three accounts due to the changes in officers. That will change to the one main account, which is now open. The combined amount in the accounts is \$8,130.31. That amount does not include annual membership renewals that are coming in right now. No money out in deposits.

**First Vice President Report:** Mary Gibson reports that get well cards were sent to Maurrie Price and Paul Jones (surgery) and to Ken & Jean Wilson (get well). Carol Gray, who received a get well card previously, thanked everyone for the good wishes.

**Second Vice President Report: (Wagon Master)** Virginia Paradis talked about the Christmas Rally that will be held in Cannon Beach, Oregon and will be put on by the Executive Board. It will be held at the Cannon Beach RV Resort, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Cascaders are welcome to come in on Thursday and pay the site rate at the RV Park. The site fee for Friday and Saturday night will be included in the registration for the rally. Our Christmas dinner will be held at a restaurant in town along with plans to see a musical/comedy play. The gift exchange will take place and there will be fun and Christmas cheer for all. The rally notice and more information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

**February 2009:** S.W. Washington, I-5 corridor. Rod Price will be looking at a place in SW Washington for the rally to be held

**April 17 – 19, 2009:** White Rock, British Columbia. The rally is to be put on by the Jacobson's.

**June 12 – 14, 2009:** Burlington, WA. The Deming Logging Show. The rally is to be put on by the Paradis'. Virginia said she will be looking possibly at the Burlington, WA. KOA.

**September 2009:** Roosevelt Lake, WA. Two Rivers Casino. The rally is to be put on by Dick Olson. He is looking at possibly the weekend after Labor Day due to summer crowds.

**October 2009:** Long Beach, WA. To be put on by Mary Gibson, Mary Gurtler & Jackie Jones. The date and location will be determined later.

**December 2009:** Christmas Rally to be put on by the Executive Board. The date and location will be determined later.

**Western States:** No delegate or report. Terry Morris did thank everyone who attended the Western State Rally in Coeur D Alene in September. He also thanked, along with Larry Calhoun, everyone's help in putting the rally together. He reported that there were 79 coaches and 39 of them were GMC Cascaders. That was a great turnout for club support. He received many letters and cards of thanks for a great rally.

**GMC International:** No delegate or report.

**FMCA:** No delegate or report. Judy and Don Keppler from FMCA attended the rally and on Saturday presented the GMC Cascaders with a 25 year plaque and a \$100 gift check. The GMC Cascaders was chartered November 15, 1983.

**Old Business:** The issue brought up at the last rally concerning surviving spouses receiving Lifetime Membership was readdressed. The concern was brought up by several members about the necessity of having FMCA membership and being a surviving spouse. A motion was put in place that if a surviving spouse has current FMCA membership then they would be an Honorary Member

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. If they do not have current FMCA membership then they would be an Honorary Guest at rallies and activities. This would not be added to the chapter Bylaws, but will be entered into the standing rules. The motion was voted on by the members and approved. Barbie Eberhart moved to accept the motion and Ted Freemire 2nd it.

**New Business:** Tony Wright and Lynne Wilson have agreed to take over the GMC Cascader website. Tony will be contacting and getting input from Bob Gummingsall about operating the GMC Cascader website. A few suggestions were offered about what people would like to see offered on the website. The membership acknowledged the great work that Bob has done for the club on the website and thanked Tony and Lynne for stepping up and volunteering to do the website.

The preservation of the historical aspect of the GMC Cascaders was brought up by Chet Kershaw. It was suggested that someone goes back to taking pictures of new members with their coaches. This was previously done. Bill Guise discussed getting some of the historical information digitalized as to preserve it. Rod Price volunteered to hold a Historical Day at the February rally to discuss the history of the GMC Cascaders. The membership was reminded that Mary Gibson is our Vice President/Historian and she will work on the historical archives of the club.

Chet Kershaw thanked all the new faces that have contributed and participated. A suggestion was to send cards to individuals that do not attend rallies to let them know we have not forgotten them.

Bill Guise suggested that we could possibly develop a North West regional area Black List, perhaps on the website. The Black List is a national resource for individuals that have questions about repairs, breakdown assistance or just a place to park when in need of help. Bill volunteered to look into that. Several members reminisced about how the GMC Cascaders have been a great help when they have needed assistance or repairs with their GMC.

The new board was congratulated and welcomed. The board appreciated the positive comments.

Jackie Jones had some new decals made for the GMC Cascaders. They are of cling material so they are removal from a window. She had about 150 of them made and if anyone wants to buy one, they are available for \$2. New members received them as part of their welcome packages. Some people also asked about the GMC Cascaders stamp. It was mentioned that Denny Allen had the stamp and someone would need to speak to Fran Allen about it.

Jackie Jones brought up that the Executive Membership had discussed sending out a survey to the membership concerning their input on what they would like to see at the rallies, activities, seminars, etc. Also we need input about communication, email vs snail mail, improvements and suggestions for the club. Jackie will put together a survey and mail it out to the membership. She requested that everyone please look over the surveys and give their feedback. The plan is to write up the survey, send them out to the membership and receive the input back before the Christmas rally. Please everyone do your best in returning the surveys as your input is vital in making the rallies and the club a better and fun place for all.

Lawrie Pardis adjourned the meeting at 1035. 1st motion: Don Gibson 2nd motion: Ken Walker

Minutes submitted by: Jaclyn Jones ~ Secretary

