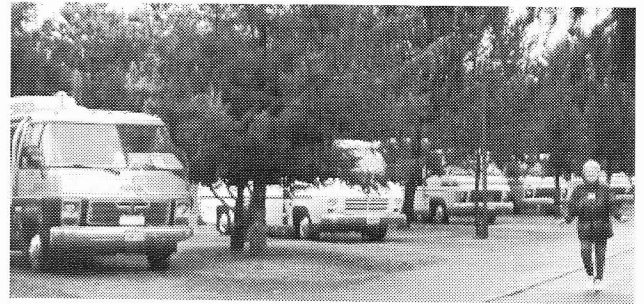


Cannon Beach Christmas Rally... Rainy, Romantic, Ridiculous

December 6th found Cascaders from all over the Northwest plowing through rain and wet roads toward another grand weekend on the Oregon coast. Hosted by Diers, Frys, Jones and Ragsdales, the rally relied on a seasoned team ready to unleash a variety of holiday treats... a Coaster Theater performance, special meals, a festive Christmas party and lots of open time for shopping.

A quick tour through downtown Cannon Beach on Friday afternoon revealed impromptu mini-meetings on street corners and in many gift shops as Cascaders swarmed the town with Christmas shopping lists in hand.

Friday night's catered meal marked the first formal gathering of the rally. The food was excellent and plans took shape for coach-pooling to the Coaster Theater production of *A Colonial Christmas*. Ken Ragsdale's game plan for the trip to town went off smoothly—the idea was to avoid creating a major traffic jam in the village.

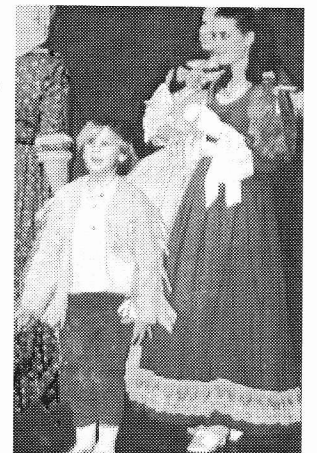


Cascader coach lineup (above).

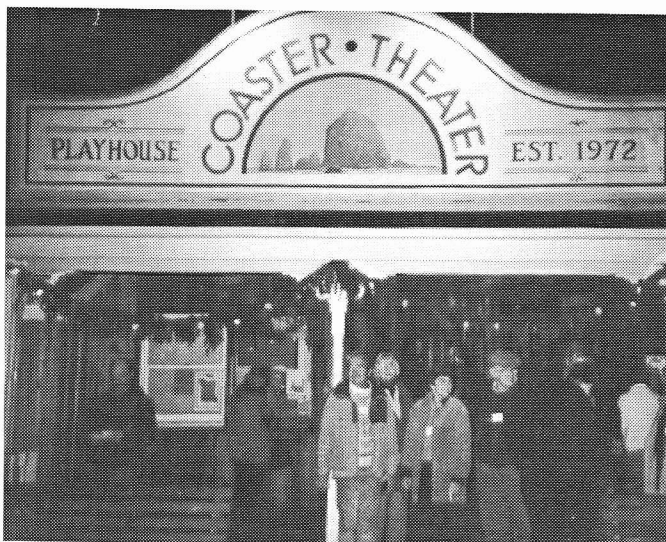
Terry and Gloria Morris (right) join the buffet lineup at Friday night's catered dinner. On Sunday morning, flu symptoms confined Terry to his coach.



*Child actors sparkled in Friday night's play. Costumes and song added much to the atmosphere if *A Colonial Christmas* (right).*



Cascaders take shelter under the Coaster Theater marquee in anticipation of the coming performance (left).



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NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
February 14-17	Grand Ronde, OR	Wandering Spirit RV Park	Eberharts and Footes
<i>Visits to Spirit Mountain Casino, Lincoln City factory outlet mall and Newport aquarium's orca whale, Keiko.</i>			

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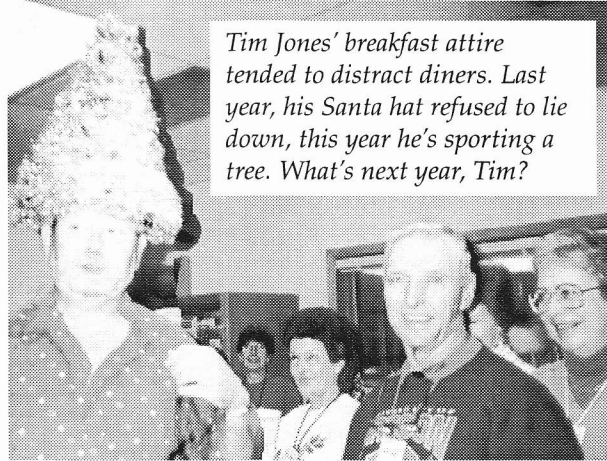
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A Colonial Christmas was delightful barn theater. Written and produced by Victoria Parker, the story involved family names picked from the annals of northern Oregon coast history. Individual players delivered fine performances, local musicians accompanied the singers and stage sets were outstanding. A Colonial Christmas focused lots of community participation in a fine activity.



Tim Jones' breakfast attire tended to distract diners. Last year, his Santa hat refused to lie down, this year he's sporting a tree. What's next year, Tim?

At Saturday's breakfast of delicious pastries and fruit, each couple contributed a Christmas ornament and a pair of "his and hers" gifts in preparation for the evening's festivities at Morris' Fireside

Restaurant. Each ornament received a number for use in the evening's distribution. The hard working host team hauled the mountain of gifts and ornaments to the restaurant during the afternoon while others were shopping and generally enjoying free time.

By evening, all was ready at the Fireside. Our coach pool



operation again delivered us downtown with drivers pausing to drop passengers right at the restaurant door (left).

A sumptuous buffet preceded the main party, MC'd by Bob Fry. Ken Ragsdale supervised gift distribution and "snatching" followed by Glenn Diers who took charge of ornament presentations and the obligatory (?) public kissing ceremonies.



Party goes, Bud and Sharon Marler arrive at Morris' Fireside (left).

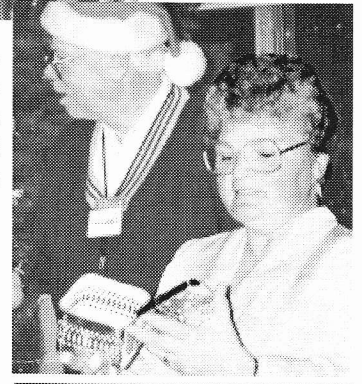




After MC'ing the evening's entertainment, Bob Fry "got his" (left)...a lovely box of pears from Medford, Oregon. Who do you suppose contributed them?

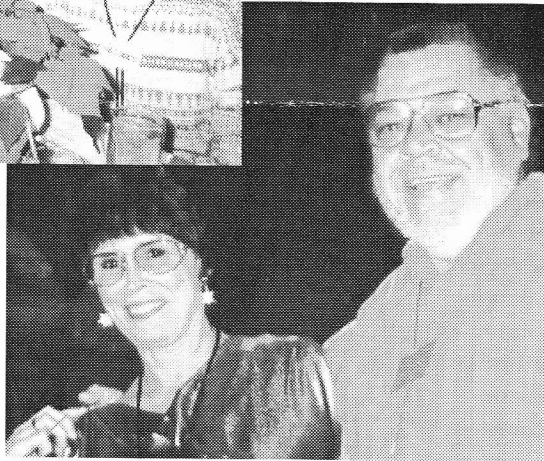


Ken Ragsdale served as Santa's elf, guiding gift recipients through selecting, opening and displaying each gift... for the benefit of potential gift snatchers? At right, Cathy Cupples examines a lovely gold box.

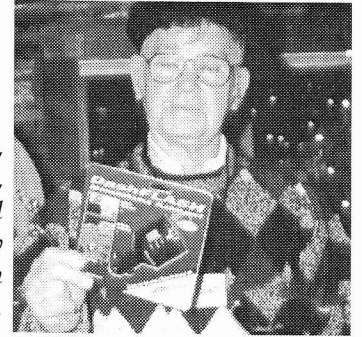


Denny and Fran Allen (above) with their poinsettia; hosts arranged for each participant to take one home.

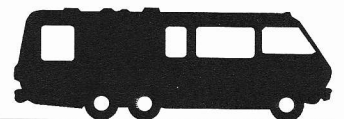
Chet and Karen Kershaw arrive for dinner (right).



New member, Carl Mudd, looks pleased with his new DashFlash (right).



The Peanut Gallery at the Christmas gift and ornament exchange kept all transactions lively with cheering and applause (right).





Fern Eberhart, mother of Dolph, is delighted with her new doll (left).

Tenold Peterson displays his shiny new Cascader belt buckle (right).



Dolph Eberhart (below) grins from behind his new door mat. NOTE: This message does NOT apply to the February rally, hosted by Eberharts and Footes.



Ken Ragsdale "consoles" Denny Allen (right) as he opens his fifth or sixth package... all the previous ones had been snatched. Denny just has a knack for picking highly desirable gifts.

Minutes—12/08/96, Cannon Beach, OR

President Carol Baxter called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. She acknowledged and thanked the rally hosts, Tim and Cass Jones, Bob and Elaine Fry, Glenn and Ruth Diers, and Ken and Becky Ragsdale.

Attendees:

Fran & Denny Allen	John & Virginia Lennartson
Carol & George Baxter	Bud & Sharon Marler
Terry & Joanne Boyd	Gloria & Terry Morris
Gaynor & Larry Calhoun	Lorraine & Carl Mudd
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Liz & Walt Ovens
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Lawry & Virginia Paradis
Dolph & Barbara Eberhart	Luana & Don Perry
Mary Lou & Bill Foote	Tenold & Karen Peterson
Bob & Elaine Fry	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Carol & Gordon Frydenlund	Neil & Dorothy Slater
Bill & Pris Hardin	Nancy & Neil Sutherland
Carl & Helen Hove	Daryl & Mary Wilson
Tim & Cass Jones	Guest: Fern Eberhart
Karen & Chet Kershaw	

Carol welcomed new club members, Carl and Lorraine Mudd as well as Bud and Sharon Marler who were attending their first rally.

Secretary's Report—Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the last newsletter. Approval was moved (M) by G. Baxter, seconded (S) by B. Fry and passed (P) unanimously.

Treasurer's Report—Ruth Diers reported a treasury balance of \$2,175.00 with \$1,434.00 outstanding. She reported that the club now has 189 paid members and that 12 club coaches have been sold or wrecked.

First Vice President's Report—President Baxter gave the First Vice President's report for Terry Morris who

was suddenly taken ill. She reported that get well cards were sent to Lora Childs, Clarence Estridge and Will Townes who is recovering from gall stone surgery. Lora Childs has since died. A belated get well card was also sent to Loren Fleet who suffered burns from an exploding auto battery shortly after the La Grande rally.



Treasurer's Report

Cards will go out soon to Cliff Smith who is suffering from leg problems and to Joe Sawtell who recently underwent serious eye surgery.

Second Vice Presidents' Report (Wagonmasters)—Walt Ovens gave the Wagonmasters' report with assistance from Carl Hove. Walt announced that the 1997 rally schedule is set except for December. Bob Fry responded to a call for December volunteer hosts with the news that the current Cannon Beach rally hosts will take on the December '97 rally, thus completing the schedule.

Walt gave a brief overview of the schedule and asked the five rally hosts briefly to provide details of their



coming rallies. There will be a "bonus" rally in 1997. The 1997 rally schedule is as follows:

February 14-17 at Wandering Spirit RV Park, Grande Ronde, OR; April 18-20 at Jantzen Beach RV Resort, Portland, OR; June 12-15 at Lynden KOA Resort, Lynden, WA; July 9-13 at Arlington Airfield, Arlington, WA (*no business meeting*); September 3-7 at Four Seasons RV Park, Walla Walla, WA (*annual meeting*); October 3-7 at Mountain Shadow RV Park, Sisters, OR; December (*dates to be announced*) at Cannon Beach, OR.

Old Business—Newsletter Editor Pris Hardin announced that 2nd or replacement coach signs were available or members for \$5.00 each. Order forms are available. She also noted that she and Bill are full-time RVing now so President Carol Baxter volunteered to receive December rally information and pictures to forward to Pris for the next edition of the *GMC Cascader News*.

GMC International NW Vice President George Baxter reported that he is on the convention site-location committee and is working to get a west coast convention in the future. Current convention dates and sites are: March 2-8, 1997 at Boerne, TX, and Pueblo, CO, 1998 convention.

Old issues of the GMC International News are available. The GMC Cascaders were represented by 35 coaches at the Laughlin, 1994 convention, the largest club turnout. There were 30 Cascaders at the Colorado convention in 1995. President Baxter announced that updated GMC International application forms are available.

GMC Western States representative from Oregon, Don Perry, reported that the dues form omitted the renewal fee. Western States scheduled rally dates are: May 7-11, '97 at Prescott, AZ; Sept. 10-14, '97 at Bryee Canyon, WY. The Spring, '98 rally is to be announced and Fall, '98's rally will be in British Columbia.

Errata: The GMC Mountaineers have extended an invitation to attend the Albuquerque Balloon Festival Rally in October, '97.

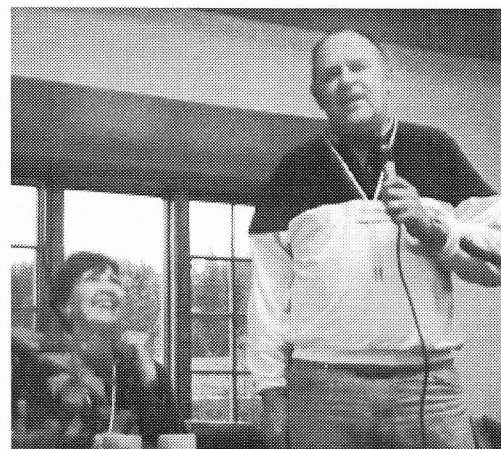
John Lennartson requested a correction for his address and area code. The correct address is 206 No. 4th. Ave. and the correct area code is 208.

The automatic timers are now up and running for the club's coffee pots.

Rally hosts were reminded that Canada mail must be in an envelope and requires extra postage.

New Business—Member email addresses will be printed in the newsletter on request. Carol now has

Walt Ovens (right) and Carl Hove (out of sight across the room) made the Wagonmasters' report with occasional input from the secretary!



an email address for GMC Western States President, Bob Deal.

Ken Ragsdale suggested the addition of a space for email addresses on the membership application. He also suggested the club schedule more tech seminars at future rallies. Bill Hardin added that club members should always feel free to ask questions about tech problems with their coaches; help is available.

Denny Allen quoted Canadian prices for chrome plating for bumpers at \$145.00 (Canadian) per piece.

Motion to adjourn meeting, B. Hardin, (S) B Fry, (P).

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

Respectfully submitted, Liz Ovens, Secretary

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Ornaments with a Kiss

Virginia Lennartson draws a number (*left*) to determine the recipient of the next ornament or gift. Following each ornament award, couples shared a holiday hug and kiss for the crowd. Some have the routine down pat. Others (*see Don Perry on the right*) are still working on the details.



Rally Schedule 1997

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
February 14-17	Grand Ronde, OR	Wandering Spirit RV Park	Eberharts & Footes
April 18-20	Portland, OR	Jantzen Beach RV Park	Boyds, Groths, & Frydenlunds
June 12-15	Lynden, WA	Lynden KOA RV Park	Ovens, Paradis', Calhouns & Eerkes
BONUS RALLY—July 9-13, Arlington, WA	Arlington Airfield (<i>dry camp</i>)	Wilsons, Richardsons & Cupples	
September 3-7	Walla Walla, WA	Four Seasons RV Park	John and Lauree Miller
October 3-5	Sisters, OR	Mountain Shadow RV Park	Alan and Margaret Bovee
December 5-7	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV	Diers, Frys, Jones', & Ragsdales

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

