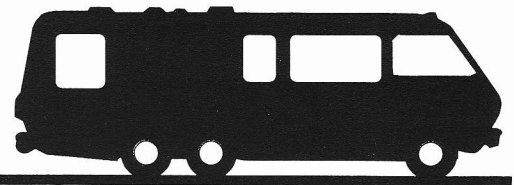


GMC CASCADERS NEWS



December 1998

DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN

By Jack Cupples

Our gracious hosts for this Cannon Beach Rally certainly kept up the traditions of our yearly Christmas get together. Although new to hosting this rally, the Boyds, Kershaws, Sawtells and Thompsons did an outstanding job of putting this non-stop party together for us and we can't thank them all enough for the effort and work they obviously put into making this rally such a success.



Merry, merry, merry hosts? (above) Hard work brings even Santa's cheeriest workers to moments of sober contemplation.

As is often the case, several GMC coaches arrived early on Thursday and most elected to go to Doogers seafood restaurant to see if the food was as good as remembered from last year. Not only was the food still great, but happily the Thursday half-price senior menu remained in



Dry pavement, the calm before the storm. (left)

effect. The weather for the early arrivals was not too bad and we felt reason to hope we would have a repeat of last year's mild weather. Unfortunately this hope was ill founded and the rest of the weekend was wild, wet and windy as is normal for the coast this time of year. Weather, however, did

not detract from the fun and comradeship of all attending Cascaders.

Friday the remaining coaches arrived in bunches and singles until we counted some 35 GMCs gathered at the Cannon Beach RV resort. The day was busy with decorating the coaches amid hugs

Lighting, inside and out, brightened holiday coaches. This one even has decorated trees (right).



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and greetings for new arrivals. Some took to the indoor swimming pool and hot tub while others used the shuttle-bus to get to downtown Cannon Beach to visit the many quaint shops and to enjoy the totally decorated town in its Christmas raiment. The stormy evening started out warmly with hot bowls of steaming soup, chowder, Fireside cheese-and-onion rolls and tossed green salad

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Our Cannon Beach rallies are notorious for Xmas shopping "opportunities." Helen Hove shares a treasure with JoAnne Boyd. (left)

NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
February 19-21	Pacific Beach, WA	Pacific Beach Center	Calhouns and ?

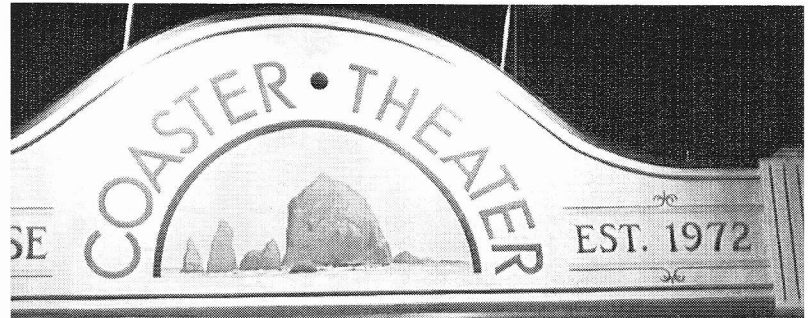
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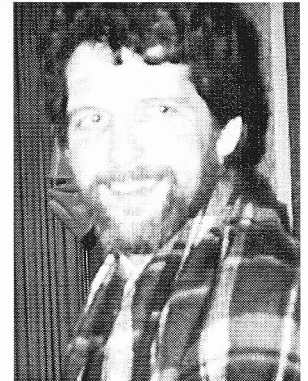
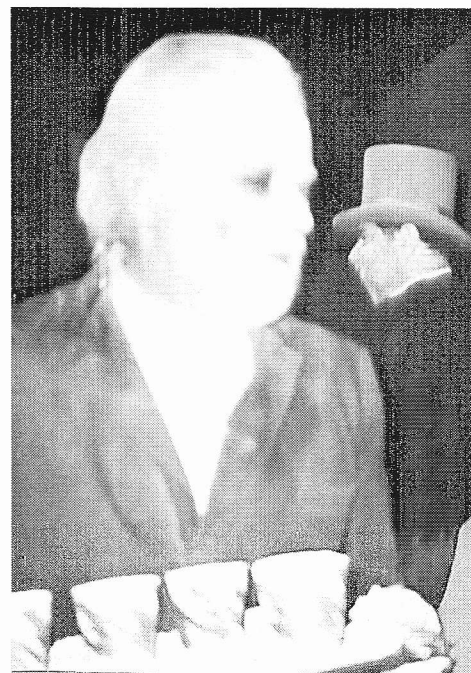
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enjoyed at the campground. Later, several coaches loaded all those going to the Coaster Theater in Cannon Beach to attend a performance of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The performance was very enjoyable with the local actors doing a superb job.



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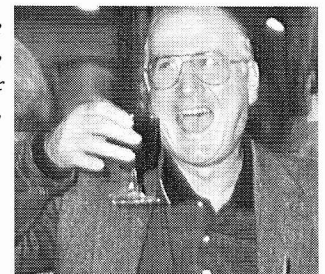


Bob Cratchett (above) and the ghost of Marley (left) mingled with theater goers after the performance. Those wishing to sip a bit of holiday punch could be served by a ghost!

Especially noteworthy was the central character of Scrooge played by Patrick Morrisson. When the returning coaches arrived near the entrance of the RV Resort, there were about 20 Roosevelt elk alongside of the road to greet the parade and ponder on those strange vehicles with all the blinking colored lights. There seemed to be a few late evening nightcaps shared among friends in some of the coaches before everyone turned in to try to sleep in the wind-rocked and rain-pelted GMCs.

Saturday dawned a little less wet and in fact it was sort of a nice walk to the RV park meeting room where

Bill Guise toasts the welfare of his GMC (right).



rolls, fruit and hot coffee greeted the group. After breakfast, there was a mini-bazaar of handmade crafts while a GMC bull session took place upstairs in the lodge. *Men fell upon monster muffins (right).*

Ladies found that craft items had fewer calories than muffins (below).



Later, Cascaders piled into volunteer coaches for the trip to our grand buffet dinner. Generators roared to life to power Christmas lights and we paraded through town to Morris' Fireside Restaurant.

Diners worked their way through a great spread of entrees including prime-rib



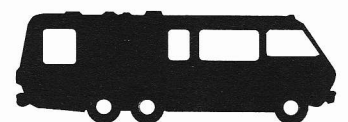
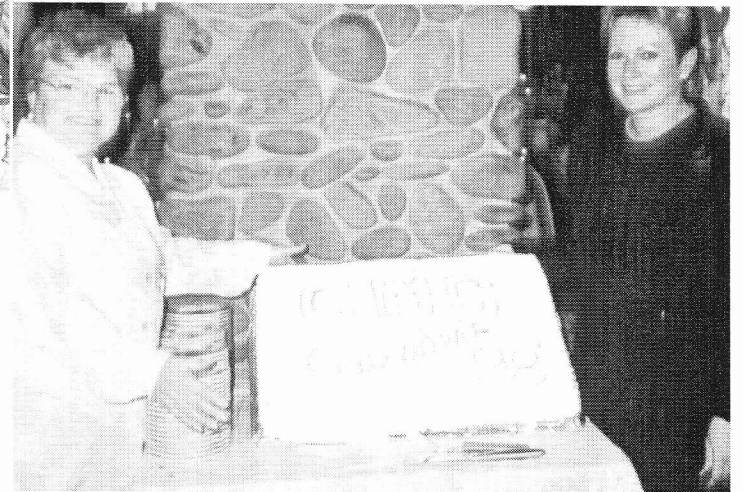
Larry Calhoun and Ken Ragsdale managed to wet their whistles before dinner (above).

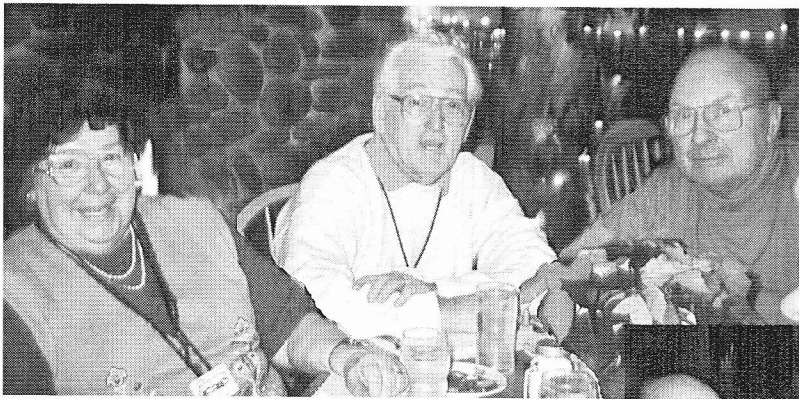


roast, baked halibut in cream sauce and stuffed chicken in mushroom sauce (left). The meal concluded with a special GMC Cascader cake [below, displayed by Cathy Cupples (L) and Cass Jones(R)].

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The rest of Saturday was open for beach combing, shopping or just relaxing. Some sturdy souls spent the early part of the now rainy afternoon finishing the Christmas decorations on their coaches. There was judging later in the afternoon to determine the best decorated coaches. First prize went to Don and Denta Persinger and second prize to Nick and Laurie Davis.





Ken and Jean Wilson (L) and Bob Fry (R) pause with the remains of a feast in front of them. (left)

Toasts kept Swansons (L) and Krebs (R) in the holiday spirit (right)



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Tucked into a corner, Baxters and Perrys watched the proceedings from a 'safe' distance.



A great time was had by all at the Christmas party and gift exchange.

Thanks again to our hosts for all their work in decorating the tree with the exchange ornaments and also in their directing of the gift exchange.

Gloria Morris enjoys another holiday meal with "The Prez" (above) The obligatory kiss accompanies each ornament gift. Below, Joe Sawtell does the honors for Yvonne while Terry Boyd supervises.

As we approached the RV park this night, the elk were not there to greet us. I think all those flashing GMC's were too much the night before!

Again, the late night crowd gathered in some coaches for a recap (or night-cap) of the evening. Just as the lights in most coaches were going off, Mother



Ruth Diers LOVES that old goat... we are not sure which one she adores most! (above)



Nature decided to keep us all awake with lightning and great claps of thunder going off right above us. Next came a lengthy hail storm that turned the park white with an inch or two of accumulation!

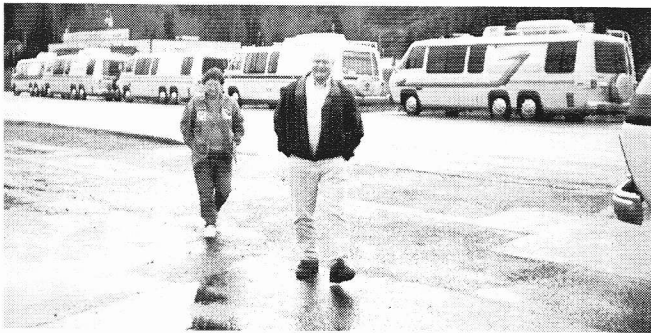
Some of the hail remained on the ground through Sunday morning and we could almost make snowballs (hailballs?) on the way to the community room for more rolls, fruit and coffee. The business meeting followed breakfast.

After the meeting, Denny Allen whipped the Cascaders into shape for the group photo outside. The rest of the morning was spent in removing decorations from the coaches, saying good-byes and hitting the road for home. Because of reported snow and ice on highway 26 to Portland, most of the group going east or north took the road through Astoria and followed along the Columbia through Longview to I-5. As mentioned last year, the unofficial tradition of stopping for lunch at The Berry Patch Restaurant continued this year. Some-one counted 16 GMCs parked outside as Cascaders enjoyed lunch and Marionberry pie.



The crowd at The Berry Patch (above) must have bewildered our rally hosts. How could they possibly be hungry after all the calories that the weekend had provided? Nevertheless, one good meal deserves another seems to be the GMC Cascader motto.

Parking at The Berry Patch soon engulfed both sides of the highway (below).



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Snow in the air sent most of our members home in a festive mood. Flying flakes and white shouldered along Highway 26 showed just how close we came to "exciting" road conditions (left).

Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers to the internet and changes to existing addresses. Refer to your most recent membership roster for addresses current as of its publication date.

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MINUTES—12/6/98

Cannon Beach, OR

President's Message—President Terry Morris called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in the meeting room of the Cannon Beach RV Resort, Cannon Beach, OR on Sunday, December 6, 1998.

Terry opened the meeting by thanking our rally hosts, JoAnne & Terry Boyd, Chet & Karen Kershaw, Joe & Yvonne Sawtell and Tom & Margie Thompson. The rally committee received a 'thank you' ovation from the crowd.

Terry then introduced new members, John and Vera Gruenewald and Rolf and Terry Anderson. Don & Denta Persinger were attending only their second rally since joining the club in 1992. Guests introduced were: Tracy Calhoun daughter of Larry & Gaynor Calhoun, and Terry Morris' mother, Dorothy.

Attending the rally were:

Denny & Fran Allen	Don & Mehri Kaufman
Rolf & Terry Anderson	and guest
George & Carol Baxter	Chet & Karen Kershaw*
Ed & Louise Blaise	Walt & Jerry Krebs
Terry & JoAnne Boyd*	John & Virginia Lennartson
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Ken Madison
and daughter	Terry & Gloria Morris &
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Terry's mother
James & Laura Davis	Don & Luana Perry
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Don & Denta Persinger
Henry & Elaine Dykes	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Jerry & Pam Eerkes	Joe & Yvonne Sawtell*
Eldon & Joyce Evans	Eugene & Dixie Snow
Jack & Yvonne Falck	Robert & Joan Stout
Bill & Mary Lou Foote	Ted & Jane Swanson
Bob & Elaine Fry	Tom & Margie Thompson*
Laurence & Betty Gordon	Jack & Mildred Titus
John & Vera Gruenewald	Ken & Jean Wilson
Bill & Peggy Guise	Les & Bunny Wold
Carl & Helen Hove	*Hosts
Tim & Cass Jones	35 coaches plus two couples
	staying in motels.

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the August Rogue River meeting as published in the September newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by Carol Baxter (M), seconded by Ruth Diers (S), motion passed (P).

Treasurer's Report—Club Treasurer, Ruth Diers, reported a club balance of \$4,493.75. Current membership is 166. We have \$440 out for new jackets.

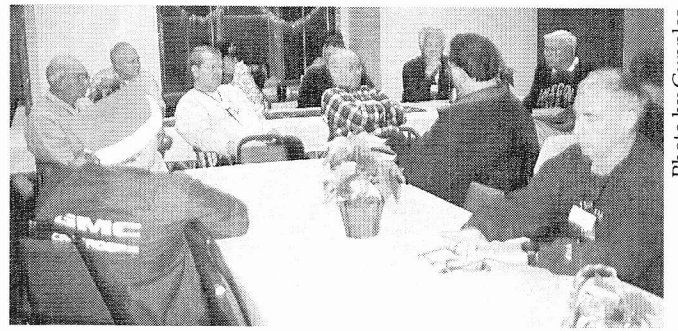


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First Vice President's Report—Vice President Denny Allen reported receiving a card from Carl Westphal. The club sent a sympathy card to Lorraine Hultman on Warren's passing and Denny also reported to the club on longtime member Henry Abraham's passing.

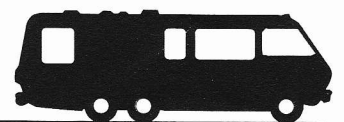
Second Vice President's (Wagonmaster) Report—Tim Jones gave the Wagonmaster report in Walt Ovens' absence. Larry Calhoun discussed the rally at Pacific Beach February 19–21, '99. Joe Sawtell reported for John Lennartson about the Cascaders' Lost in 50s rally, May 20–23, '99 in Sandpoint, Idaho. See page 8 for info on August's Caledonia Scottish Festival.

OLD BUSINESS—The deadline for information for the newsletter is December 25, 1998. A big 'thank you' went to Jack Cupples for the great job in gathering information and for copyediting on the newsletter.

Western States—Western States Nominating Committee member Carol Baxter reported on the spring rally April 19–24, 1999, Casa di Frutta, Hollister, CA; and the fall rally October 5–10, 1999, Balloon Rally, Albuquerque, NM; April, 2000, Yukia, CA; and September 12–17, 2000, Jackson Hole, WY.

GMC International—Area Vice President George Baxter reported the fall rally in Marion, NC, had 397 coaches. Spring 1999 will be March 28–April 3 in Myrtle Beach and the fall rally 1999 Forest City, IA, Sept. 26–Oct. 2. Spring 2000 will be held somewhere in Louisiana and, hopefully, the fall rally will be at Mt. Hood. George also reminded everyone to visit the GMC International web page.

FMCA—Representative Ken Wilson had the usual no report. However, he did mention that FMCA will be hooking up two more services for members. Becky Ragsdale added for the new members' knowledge that as a chapter of FMCA we receive insurance coverage for the club and that they do have a good phone message service available.



NEW BUSINESS—Carol Baxter reported on the rest of the cross-Canada trip from Sandusky, MI.

President Morris read a birthday card from FMCA.

November 15th marked the club's 15th birthday.

Terry asked Bob and Elaine Fry, two of the founders of the club, to stand. President Morris presented an Executive Committee motion that the Frys be voted lifetime members for their longtime contribution to the club. A unanimous yes vote passed the motion. Bob told how 10 couples started the club by meeting on Hayden Island for breakfast/meetings. There are video tapes of these early meetings.

Chet Kershaw gave a current weather report from the State Patrol.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Bob Fry/Larry Calhoun.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jones, Secretary

On the Road Again

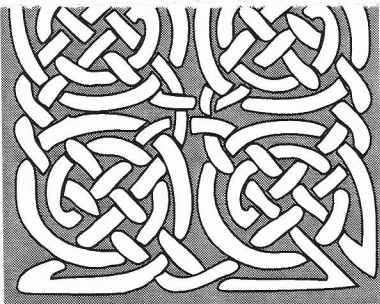
GMC FOR SALE—A 1973 26-ft GMC coach, asking \$30,000. 107k miles and in top condition, ready to travel. Professionally refurbished in 1994 and interior further redone in 97 with el. driver/passenger seats, new carpet, swivel/reclining seats, side table, & foam mattress. Many additional features & upgrades. Bill Dye, 2596 Cedar Links Dr., Medford, OR 97504 or call: (541)779-6642 or Email grbldye@grrtech.com

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Save July 8, 9, and 10 for a wee bit o' Scotland at Athena, Oregon. The Blodgers are planning our rally around the Caledonia Games complete with parade, clan tents, dancing and piper competitions. At the same time, the Scottish Games feature caber toss, hammer throws and much, much more. Count on sheep dog trials and a Saturday evening tattoo of the visiting clans and bands. And, for those who like bargains... the whole town becomes one giant yard sale!

For more information or signing on for the fun of helping host, call: Leona Blodger at 208-345-6755 or email to: kblodger@aol.com

Rally Schedule 1999

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
February 19-21	Pacific Beach, WA	Pacific Beach Center	Calhouns and ?
May 14-16	Sandpoint, ID	"Lost in the 50s"	Lennartsons and ?
July 9-11	Athena, OR	Caledonia Scottish Festival	Blodgers and ?

Watch future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News* for changes and additions to the above schedule. Make one of those changes YOURSELF... volunteer to host or serve as assistant. It's fun! Call Walt Ovens to sign up.

