



GMC CASCADERS RALLY MINUTES

LOCATION: FERNDALE, WA.

December 04, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Ron Smith.

Presidents Message: Ron thanked everyone for their attendance at this most festive and fun rally. Everyone applauded and thanked the rally hosts for a wonderful time. The weather was cold but it did not stop the several Canadians that made it to the rally. Thank you to everyone who made it to this rally.

Hosts / Helpers: We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to our rally hosts, Virginia and Lawrie Paradis, Fran Allen and Vera and John Gruenewald. They all did an exceptional job in putting this rally together and a lot of hard work. The turkey and food they prepared was exceptional and the hand-crafted gifts they donated for the coach decorating were beautiful.

New Members/First Rally/Guests: Ron welcomed guest Judy Counterline to our rally, a friend of Jim Hupy. Also present was guest Louise Cummings, mother of Michael Cummings.

Secretary Report: Jackie Jones requested approval of the previous minutes from the Condon, OR. rally, September 2011, as published. The minutes were approved: 1st motion – Sally Donovan, 2nd motion – Mary Gibson. We presently have 131 memberships. Jackie reported on the progress of the membership renewals. We have presently 13 members that have not renewed as yet and have until December 15th to do so. We have had seven dropped memberships due to various reasons or hardships. Our membership numbers tend to be consistent over the years. The rosters for members will be sent out in January.

Treasurer Report: Mary Gurtler reported that we have \$9387.39 in the treasury account, with \$300.00 out in deposits. We have a deferred income of \$600.00 for 2013 dues paid for members opting for a two year membership. Mary stated she completed a “balanced” budget report. She requested volunteers to complete an audit at the February rally. Sally Donovan and Paul Jones volunteered.

First Vice President Report: (Historian) Tony Wright reported on numerous cards he sent out to members. Get-well wishes were sent out to Virginia Paradis, Ernie Garcia, Frank Taber, Isola Olsen, Loreen Fleet, Del Preston and Rod Price. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Ken Wilson. Tony requested to be contacted with any information and addresses concerning any member's illnesses, injuries, surgeries, etc.

Second Vice President Report: (Wagon Master) Sharon Cummins stated she appreciates the critiques she receives back from the rallies and does incorporate some of the suggestions she receives. Sharon discussed upcoming rallies for 2012. Mary Gurtler discussed the Maifest rally in Leavenworth, WA. in May 2012. She requested for individuals to bring their tow vehicles to provide transportation to town. Dwayne Jacobsen discussed his Sea to Sea rally being held in August, traveling through Canada. The trip will have several legs where individuals from different parts of the country can join up or depart. He requested that you contact him soon if you are interested. Sharon also discussed a possible rally in Port Townsend in the fall of 2012 and the Christmas rally in 2012 if anyone is interested in hosting. Rallies in the works for 2013 include a rally for Graffiti weekend in July in Roseburg Oregon. That will work into a rolling rally through Southern Oregon that Jerry and Sharon Work will host. Please check the website for further updates and information on upcoming rallies.

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February 9 – 12 2012	Valentines Rally Washington Land Yacht Harbor Lacey, WA.	Sharon Cummins & Noble Warrant Sandy & Wayne Wright
May 10 – 13 2012	Maifest Icicle RV Park Leavenworth, WA.	Mary Gurtler & Jeff Fraisure
June 7 – 10 2012	Cape Kiwanda RV Resort Pacific City, OR.	Paul Hoge & Sandy Brooks
August 3 – 6 2012	White Rock, BC. Canada	Dwayne & Sharon Jacobson
Staring August 7, 2012	Sea to Sea Rolling Rally	Dwayne & Sharon Jacobson
December 2012	Christmas Rally T.B.D.	T.B.D.

Webmaster Report: Tony Wright stated he recently updated the website due to software changes. Please check the website often for news and updates. <http://www.gmc-cascaders.com>

Western States: Jim Hupy gave a report for D.J. Eberhart. Jim talked about the fall rally that was held in Palm Desert, CA. The next Western States rally is at Casa De Fruita, in Holister CA., in April of 2012.

GMC International: George Baxter talked about the fall rally that was held in Goshen Indiana. He stated that there were 160 coaches present and 30% of them were first timers and the weather was good. The spring 2012 rally will be in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The fall rally in 2012 will be Amana Colonies, Amana Iowa. Carol suggested that the rolling rally that Dwayne Jacobson is organizing, traveling through Canada; that some might be interested in dropping down to attend this rally. Dwayne stated he would look into it as he plans his itinerary.

FMCA: No representative was present. Jackie Jones made copies of an FMCA handbook that discussed the liability and role FMCA plays in our rallies, member benefits and coverage they provide. Board members were given copies of the handbook and a copy is available for members to look at. Any further questions please contact Ron Smith. Also you may look at the FMCA magazine or at the website to print out your benefits card. Their website is: <http://www.fmca.com/>.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter was sent to the club from past members, Warren and Nora Steinman, who will not be able to continue their membership due to health issues. It was a very nice and complimentary letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was brought up to change the Standing Rules concerning officer elections. The motion brought up was to hold the officer elections at the December rally instead of the fall rally. Tony Wright brought up the discussion that the fall rally is not held in a consistent month and is not a rally that is generally highly attended. The Christmas rally is historically and consistently held the first weekend in December and is well attended. It was also noted that membership renewals take place in the middle of the nominating and election process and it can be a bit overwhelming for a new officer to take their respective positions during this time. The nominations will be held at the fall rally, the elections will take place at the Christmas rally and the new officers will take their respective position the 1st of January.

The motion was brought up to the members. 1st motion: Shirley Gabbard 2nd motion: Patricia Davison. All were in favor and the motion was carried. This change will be reflected in the Standing Rules that are on the website.

A motion was brought up to change the board sanctioned rally stipend from \$200 to \$300. Mary Gurtler discussed how our rally monies have been used and the initial objective of the rally stipend was to reduce rally costs to members. It was also brought up that rallies are now more often 3 days instead of 2 days and can be more costly. Sharon Cummins stated that members prefer to come to the rallies that are 3 days in

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(con't) length and no one is obligated to come to the 3 days of the rally unless they want to. We also have the revenue in our Treasury account that does need to be spent down.

The motion was brought up to the members. 1st motion: Ted Freemire 2nd motion: Kim Davison. All were in favor and the motion was carried. This change will be reflected in the Standing Rules on the website.

The time is here for our annual officer elections. The position open is for club Secretary and Treasurer. It was announced that Wayne Wright has agreed to take the position of Treasurer. The position of Secretary is open with one individual considering the position.

A motion was brought up to elect the following officers:

President:	Ron Smith
1 st Vice President, Historian:	Tony Wright
Secretary:	Jackie Jones
Treasurer:	Wayne Wright
2 nd Vice President, Wagon Master:	Sharon Cummins

D.J. Eberhart -- Western State representative
George Baxter -- GMC International representative
Jerry Work - FMCA representative

1st motion: Carol Baxter

2nd motion: Kim Davison

The membership approved the nominations for officers and club positions.

Thank you, Mary Gurtler, for serving as our Treasurer. You did a wonderful job during your tenure, keeping our books in order and dedication in preserving the club values. Thank you to Wayne Wright for accepting the nomination.

We will be removing Mary Gurtler, Jackie Jones and Mary Gibson off the bank signature card. We will change the new signature card to Wayne Wright, Treasurer and Sharon Cummins, 2nd Vice President. They will both be the authorized signatures on the checking account.

Congratulations to all our new and current officers on a job well done.

Ron Smith adjourned the meeting at 1000.

1st motion: Peggy Guise

2nd motion: Fran Allen

Minutes submitted by: Jaclyn Jones ~ Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Fran Allen	Ronnie & Shirley Gabbard	Tony & Sandy Lammi
George & Carol Baxter	Donald & Mary Gibson	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis
Michael & Louise Cummings (guest)	Bill & Peggy Guise	Ron Smith
Kim & Patricia Davison	John & Vera Gruenewald	Frank & Diane Taber
Tom & Sally Donovan	Jim Hupy & Judy Countermine (guest)	Ken Walker & Susan Bell
Ted & Jackie Freemire	Dwayne & Sharon Jacobson	Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins
Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler	Paul & Jackie Jones	Tony Wright & Lynne Wilson

