

## CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY TO CANNON BEACH



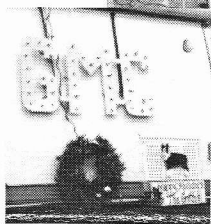
and upper community rooms of the resort with lip-smacking munching and holiday conversation.

After food, we piled into coaches for the short trip to town to attend an evening of community theater. Cannon Beach citizens' dedication to "barn

→ Coach parade winds through Cannon Beach.



↓ THE GROUP



← Groth's and Allen's coaches were just two of many sporting holiday decor.

Thirty-one Cascader coaches rolled into the Cannon Beach RV Resort on December 1, 1995 for a super winter rally hosted by Frys, Diers, Jones and Ragsdales. We were delighted to find that on this wintry, stormy weekend, numerous members joined us for their first club rally.

Friday evening hearty hors d'oeuvres proved once more that GMC Cascaders boast some of the best cooks and heartiest trenchermen (make that trencherpersons) of all time. We filled both the lower



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### Rally Schedule 1996

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
Feb 17-20	Salem, OR	Oregon State Fairgrounds	DeLapps and Politiskies
April 19-21	Burlington, WA	KOA RV Park	Paradis', Ovens and Eerkes
May 24-27	FMCA NW Roundup	Puyallup, WA	Cascaders to serve ice cream social.
June	BC Rolling Rally	Abbotsford to Quesnel, BC	Allens and Irelands
July	Quesnel BC to Alaska	Unofficial 42-day adventure	Dave Ireland—facilitator

Additional rallies scheduled for 1996; see future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News*.

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 theater" keeps Cascaders coming back to enjoy the offerings of the Coaster Theater. This year's romp through *Annie* celebrated community spirit and local talent. Clever sets included rolling scale-model cots for

the girls in the orphanage, quick scene changes and innovative sound effects. Music drifted from a hidden source high above the stage. A bevy of girls became an enthusiastic orphan chorus that ran support for the winsome Annie. Wild costumes and amazing accents added to the fun. Following the performance,

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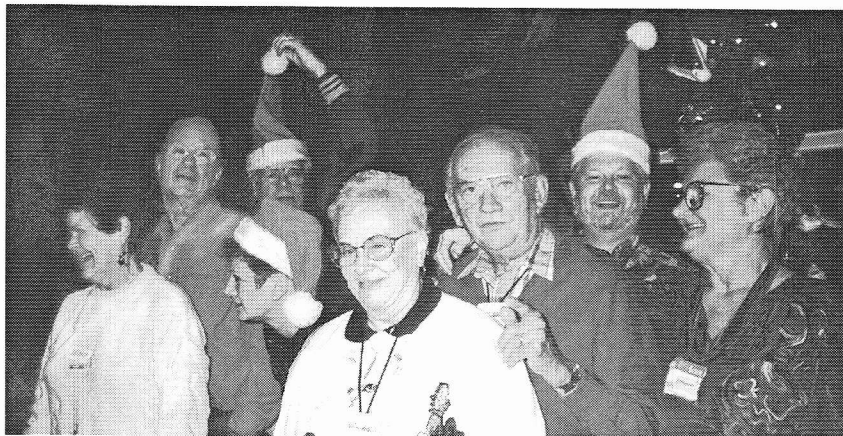
Liz and Walt Ovens eagerly await curtain time at the The Coaster Theater (left). But they did not miss the real action on stage (below).



cast members and crew hosted the audience on stage for holiday hot punch and cookies (right) — a Coaster Theater tradition.

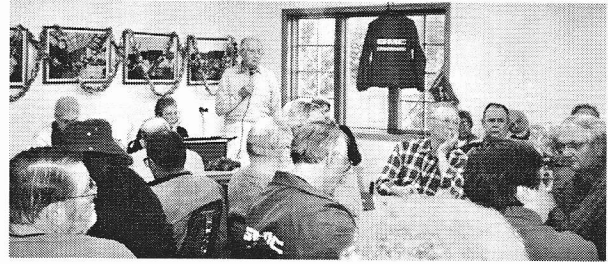


Saturday found the mechanical-minded and the mechanically challenged meeting together for a technical "bull session" devoted to steering coach owners toward reliable repair, maintenance and upgrade solutions. Herding our coaches safely and smoothly into the second half of the nineties is important to all of us.



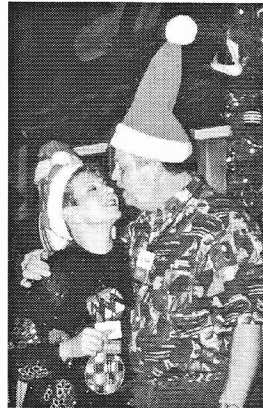
A Saturday afternoon of shopping, beach excursions and shop talk slipped by quickly. By 4:30, we were preparing to board volunteered coaches for an evening of food, gift and ornament exchanges and holiday foolishness at one of Cannon Beach's fine restaurants.

Hardworking hosts transported all the "his and hers" gifts brought by rally attendees for the gift exchange. Likewise, each of the ornament-exchange items was hung on the restaurant's Christmas tree for distribution after the gift exchange. Following a delicious buffet dinner, the gift exchange provided an entire evening's entertainment. Bob Fry, resplendent in Santa hat, presided over the affair. He offered each giftee the option of opening an unknown gift from under the tree or of "stealing" a coveted gift that had already been opened. This added a lively note to the proceedings. By limiting each gift to only one transfer of ownership, Santa Fry managed to shorten the evening's festivities. After gift exchanges came ornament exchanges; each recipient couple exchanged a hug and a kiss upon receiving their ornament—by order of Santa's Elves!

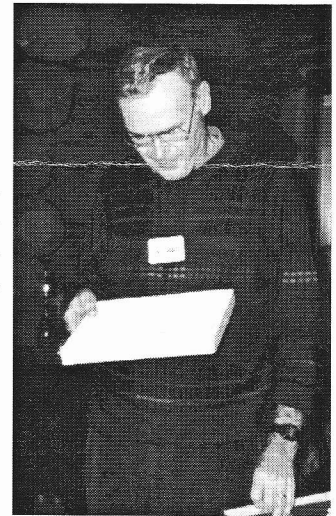


Sunday morning brought our usual unusual business meeting and fond farewells until next year. Now, it is 'next year' and time to look toward our February rally in Salem.

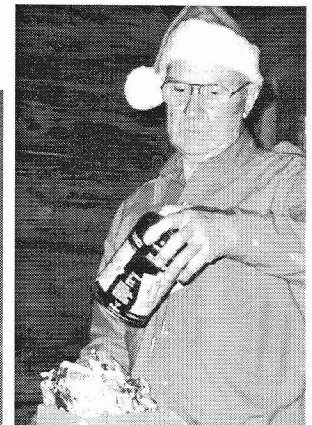
*Tim and Cass Jones share ownership of a tree ornament. Wow, look at Tim's hat!*



*Who could have planned a better gift for good old Don Perry than an empty foam-plastic, tree-light box?! Don is dismayed; everyone else wishes they had thought of it.*



**Gift Openers at Work...**  
*(Clockwise from right), Don Perry fights back tears, 'Santa' Bob Fry ponders, Chet Kershaw beams, Bill Hardin burrows.*



*What was it about those elf hats? Tim Jones' special talents as an 'upstanding' individual outshone all others.*



## Help Help!!...

Help out our wagonmaster—Send info on possible rally sites so Glenn Diers can establish a database of possible locations. Our large attendance at rallies and the need to secure covered meeting areas means we are finding it increasingly difficult to locate sites. As our dedicated wagon master reminds us, it's just good hospitality to share your part of the northwest with fellow Cascaders. So, please, give some thought to possible meeting places... innovative, nontraditional spots, too. Useful info would include: Number of sites (full hookups, partial and dry camp), seasons in which we would be welcome, costs, activity opportunities, etc. Get all the details you can but send him SOMETHING.

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## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

**COACH FOR SALE**—1978 GMC—Royale, 26' w/139,000 total miles, 53,000 on rebuilt 355 engine. Center kitchen, walnut cabinets including TV cab., 2 A/C, storage pod, 6 Kw Onan gen (365 hr), 18' awning, Sharp conv/micro, elect. step, Michelein tires, Bilstein Shocks, Hvy Dty front roll bar, rear stabilizer bars. Completely remodelled in 1988 by Buskirk Inc., maintained by Bob Fry. All manuals and maint. records including many extras. Asking \$33,000. Contact Gerry Pryde at 360-779-9494

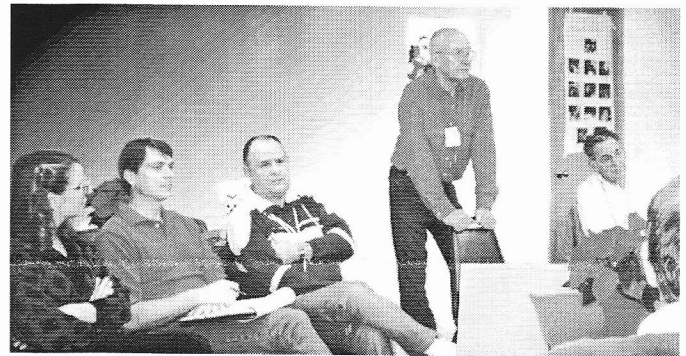
**COACH FOR SALE**—1975 26' Elganza, orig. interior. New Suburban furnace, new 2-way Norcold frig, new Caspro shocks, new stainless-steel hot water tank w/heat exchanger. Good wheels, tires and covers. 4-D house battery (1 year old), New fan clutch. 91734 miles. \$24,500 obo. Call Glenn Diers: 206-782-2131

**FOR SALE**—'95 RV Refrigerator, 8' Norcold, Model #682. Two-way; 110/propane. Like new! \$895. Call Ray Groth: 360-695-8046

**SEEKING BIDS**—The GMC Cascaders' have a slightly used, H-P Deskjet 550c printer for sale. It is configured for a Macintosh computer and accompanied by all necessary software and cables. (NOTE: H-P's PostScript interpreter software is also available with the computer for \$125 more, making it a fully functional postscript output device. All bids should state whether they include the postscript software.) Submit closed bids to: Pris Hardin, 2970 NW Hayes Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330, on or before 1/20/96. Bids will be opened and honored before 1/30/96.

## Tech Seminar Poses New Questions and Offers Pundits an Attentive Forum

Gathered in the meeting room at the Cannon Beach RV park, members discussed: Disk vs drum brakes (heat dissipation, drum cooling, caliper sizes and master cylinder capacities appropriate for front-wheel installations of disk brakes); braking wear and efficiency expected from various combinations of disk and drum brake installations for different wheels on the coach; asbestos and metallic brake linings; tire mounting, weighting and rotation. NOTE: Certain party's sexist opinions about women drivers and braking habits also came under scrutiny. Co-pilots, you'd be proud of the excellent defense put up by the shy, retiring ladies attending the seminar.



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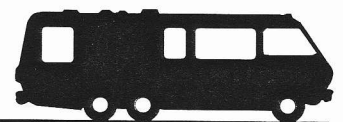
Trivia on our FMCA chapter number. It was derived from the Eugene, OR zip code! Ron Lewis who first filed our Cascader charter with FMCA lived in Eugene. That's how FMCA comes up with charter numbers!

**FMCA Chapter  
97225**

The production of Annie at the Coaster Theatre in Cannon Beach left show tunes running through our minds for some time afterward. Some members could not resist occasionally bursting into song. Overheard—Don Perry singing to Bob Fry:

Tomorrow, tomorrow,  
I'll pay you tomorrow,  
It's only a day away...

FMCA insurance policies covering chapters have been improved. We now have expanded liability coverage for rally hosts and rally resorts.



## MINUTES—12/03/95

Cannon Beach, Oregon

**Call to Order**—President Carol Baxter called the meeting to order at 9 am. A hearty “Thank You” was extended to our rally hosts and co-hosts: Bob & Elaine Fry, Glenn & Ruth Diers, Tim & Cass Jones, Ken & Becky Ragsdale. It was noted that there were 31 coaches in attendance and that many were first time attendees.

President Baxter welcomed our many rally guests, including Dolph and Barbara Eberhart’s mother and also pending new members, Art and Mary Wentz and John and Barbara Wingerter. She also noted and welcomed the numerous members attending their first rally; Larry Calhoun, Bill and Grace Dye, Steve Lester, Wendell and Joyce Lint and Frank and Lynn Whitbeck.

“Welcome back’s” were extended to Lora Childs and Yvonne Sawtell who were each recovering from recent surgery.

**Secretary’s Report**—Minutes of the 10/08/95 meeting, as published in the GMC Cascader News were approved (MSP). Liz Ovens noted that the club has acquired 11 new members since the Mt. St. Helens rally in early October.

**Treasurers Report**—Ruth Diers announced that our club membership had reached 189 member coaches and that we have \$2,964.26 in the treasury. The report was accepted as read. (MSP)

**First Vice President’s Report** —Terry Morris announced that “Thank You” cards had been sent to the October rally hosts; Kershaws, Groths, Footes, Beckers and Eberharts. Cards of good cheer were sent to Becky Fleet, Lora Childs and Yvonne Sawtell. Terry read correspondence received from Yvonne Sawtell, Jim and Sheryl Scolman and pending new members Ron and Rochelle Fowler.

**Second Vice President’s (Wagonmaster) Report**—Glenn Diers gave the upcoming Rally schedule as follows: February, ’96: President’s weekend at the Salem Fairgrounds. DeLapps and Politskes are co-hosting and announced that there are 48 full hook ups and space for dry camping, adjacent to fairgrounds. Registrations will be mailed shortly after the first of the new year.

- June, ’96: June 22–29th. Eight-day Canadian sojourn commencing in Abbotsford, BC. Host, Denny Allen announced that the caravan will trek north after a night at Abboffsford; up Thompson River visiting Hells gate, Mintergarten, Cache Creek,

Barkerville, Williams Lake and will terminate in Quesnel. An approximate total of 350 miles will be well visited. Those adventurous travelers wishing to continue on the proposed Alaskan leg of the trip will roll on with the Irelands on Sunday the 30th. More information available soon.

- August, ’96: Glenn announced that August will find us back in LaGrande, Oregon for a five-day stay at the new Starkeys Store & RV park tentatively scheduled for the third week of August.
- April, ’96, October, ’96 and December, ’96 rally dates are still open. Any willing hosts?

**FMCA Report**—May 24–27th, 1996 are the dates set for the FMCA NW. Meeting at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. The GMC Cascaders will once again do the Ice Cream Social at the meeting.

**Old Business**—Pris Hardin announced that the club has a dot matrix, desk jet, color printer for sale. A motion was made and seconded to proceed on a closed bid basis; sealed bids will be accepted up to February 1st. Becky Ragsdale announced that the committee has completed the lengthy search and compilation of all but one of previous GMC Cascaders meeting minutes from the club’s inception. These documents are now housed in a special notebook which Becky presented to the club. The current secretary, Liz Ovens will hold the notebook. The missing minutes, believed to be for June, 1991 at Grants Pass, have been located and will be forthcoming, thus completing the project.

**New Business**—Glenn Diers and President Carol Baxter bought up subject of burgeoning club membership and rising costs of mailings. For discussion and consideration only; possibility of raising dues versus limiting members or other options. This subject was tabled for the present.

Terry Morris commented on a pewter plaque he’d found that would make a nice award or personal memento. It is available from GMC Western States. The plaque is 2 1/2" X 5 1/2" and sells for \$125.00.

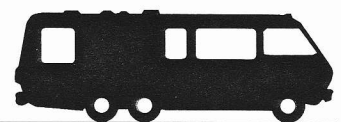
Earl Becker queried rally attendees on their interest in personalized GMC calling cards.

Cass Jones extended thanks from the rally committee to all participants and a special “Thank You” went to Gloria Morris and to her sister for the hand-painted Christmas ornaments.

Larry Calhoun commented that an RV park in the Anacortes area at Fidalgo Bay might be a possible future rally sight.

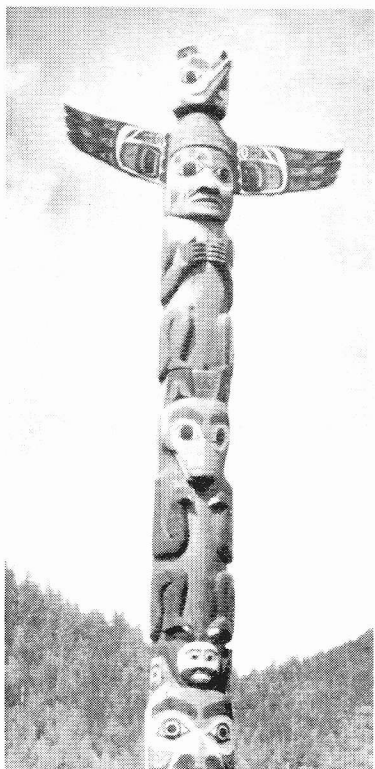
**Adjournment**—Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am (MSP).

Respectfully submitted, Liz Ovens, Secretary.



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## More About Caravanning Through Alaska and Canada with Ireland!

Dave Ireland's advance itinerary is now available for the great (unofficial) Canada/Alaska adventure. Immediately following our Cascaders BC rolling rally, the optional, far north adventure will run from July 1 through August 11. The carefully planned loop tour starts and ends at Prince George, BC. The itinerary enables participants to join or leave the group on their own schedule at any of the main junctions or Alaska Marine Highway (ferry) terminals.

Dave has selected a comprehensive publication, *The Milepost*, (\$19.95 list price; included in your registration fee at a cut rate of \$15.95) as the official tour reference. With this publication in hand, travelers will have good information for planning side trips and elective, divergent routes.

For information and a detailed, proposed itinerary describing daily distances, lodging, costs and an exciting optional Glacier Bay excursion write to Dave Ireland, 1605 Wood Rd, Williams Lake, BC, V2G-4P1 Canada. Dave is also on-line at: [direland@awinc.com](mailto:direland@awinc.com) ...or Fax/Phone: 604-392-2421. *To avoid last minute accommodation changes, register early.*

Wagonmaster Glenn Diers has a few copies of Dave's itinerary, also. If you want to preview more trip details, buy *The Milepost* which is available at Costco or Sams Club for under \$12. *Then tell Dave on registration that you don't need a copy of The Milepost and he will refund that amount.*

