

# GMC CASCADERS NEWS



January 2000

## Cannon Beach Turns Tropical!

CANNON BEACH, OREGON

by Jack Cupples

Surely this must not have been the Oregon coast in December as the sun was out and the winds were only a breeze for the better part of the long weekend.

Such were the comments heard from the members crewing the 35 or so GMC coaches gathered for the annual Christmas rally the first weekend of December. Not only did the weather put on a good show, our rally hosts George & Carol Baxter, Glenn & Ruth Diers, Bob & Elaine Fry, Tim & Cass Jones and Ken & Becky Ragsdale staged an outstanding rally with an excellent program of events and venues for our various activities. Our thanks to all the hosts for your efforts. It was a super rally.

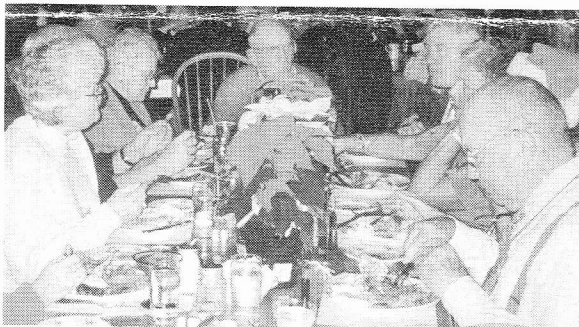


Photo by Morris

Dedicated hosts sit down for a well earned banquet at the grand buffet Saturday night.

Thanks also to the volunteer drivers who transported all of us to the downtown activities. We don't have a list of all the drivers, but you know who you are; thanks for your help.

The early crowd that arrived at the Cannon Beach RV Resort on Thursday enjoyed the "obligatory" dinner at Dooger's Seafood Restaurant and

were delighted with their Thursday half price for seniors on the whole menu. I believe there were some twenty seven of us there. Back at the campground, we spent the rest of the evening visiting—a fine Cascaders' tradition.

Arrivals poured in early on Friday. As soon as coaches tied up and greetings were exchanged, many Cascaders took advantage of the free shuttle bus to downtown and enjoyed the festive city with its unique shops. Some strolled the beach during this break in the winter weather. Others enjoyed the RV Resort's indoor pool and hot tub. Some



Photo by Cupples

decorated their coaches. Late in the afternoon, Tim and Cass Jones hosted a well attended Hot Buttered Rum holiday open house (above).

Don and Denta Persinger's decorated GMC was outstanding again this year (right) with its special



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## NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	Hosts
Feb. 11-13	Kelso, WA	Brookhollow RV Park	Rod & Maurrie Price, Vance & Sandy Smith, Steve & Sandy Kyle, Joe & Yvonne Sawtell

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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adornment of outside lighting. The Politikes certainly should get honorable mention also for their dashboard covered with a winter scene including Christmas trees. The evening's entertainment started with a social gathering in the community room followed by a hearty soup and salad buffet.

Photo by Fry



Our hosts had decorated the tables with holiday center pieces and many poinsettia plants. After our tummies were full of hot hearty soup and our spirits were in the holiday mood, the coaches were loaded for the trip down-

town. Our caravan of lighted GMCs serpentine through Cannon beach with



Photo by Fry

Fry's coach blaring Christmas music to the throngs of local citizens (I did see one couple from our throng, on the sidewalk and they did wave to us). We eventually arrived at the Coaster Theater to attend the locally produced classic play *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. The narrator acknowledged the Cascaders' attendance when in a scene speaking of extravagant spending, he mentioned those who own GMC coaches!



*The final curtain falls and Cascaders make their way out of the Coaster Theater following another community-produced performance.*

Photo by Cupples

Saturday morning was off to a good start in the community rooms with a Continental breakfast, collection of gifts and ornaments for the party and followed by a craft bazaar for the copilots and a bull session for the mechanically interested GMCers. The hit of the craft show seemed to be the Teddy bear of real fur made by Virginia Paradis. We believe that Teddy now resides with the Bev and Ray Groth. The day was then open



Saturday morning finds the host of hosts out in force (right) collecting the gifts and ornaments for distribution at the evening banquet at the restaurant. These cheery faces don't reveal that they stayed up late for a big night at the theater the night before... what dedication.



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Frys and Eberharts can't resist hamming it up a bit (right and below).



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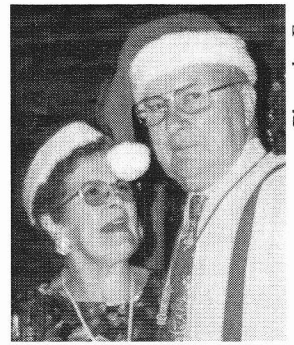


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Continental breakfast (left) finds Cascaders getting a smooth start on a busy day. Craft bazaar follows breakfast and then an open day for shopping, visiting, relaxing and beachcombing.

John and Gisela Bandur attend their first Cascader rally (right).

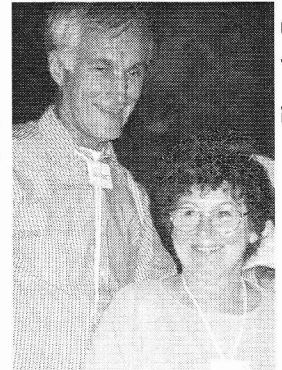


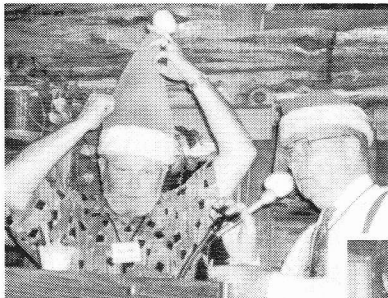
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again for beachcombing, shopping or just relaxing. Early in the evening the coaches were loaded for the trip to Morris' Fireside Restaurant for a no host bar and an excellent buffet dinner in the festively decorated party atmosphere. The Christmas party was a great success with the ornament and gift exchange orchestrated by the hosts. Special thanks to MC Tim Jones, who again kept the party going with his lively wit and humor.

Sunday morning brought more of that exceptionally good (it wasn't raining) Oregon coast weather but we had a good business meeting after another Continental breakfast with reports of a pretty full calendar of upcoming rallies. We even kept dry for the group picture.

Holiday festivities at the Morris' Fireside restaurant feature great food and lots of fun over gift exchange and ornament sharing. Ragsdales (below) have a ball.

Photo by Morris



What is it about those pointy hats? Tim Jones adjusts his chapeau while Bob Fry looks on (left). Glenn Diers gets a bit of help from President Denny Allen (below).

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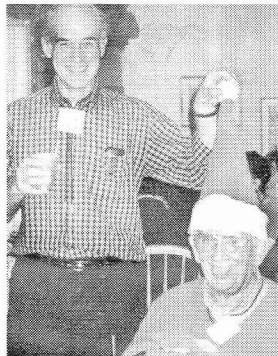
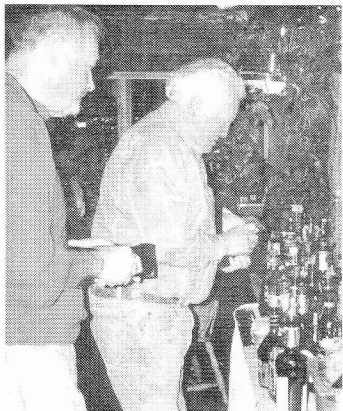


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(Left) Two Don's, Perry and Persinger size up the bar at the banquet.

Gloria Morris enjoys a chat with Ed and Louise Blaise (right).



Photo by Fry

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# MINUTES 12/5/99

## Cannon Beach, OR

**President's Message**—President Denny Allen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the RV Resort at Cannon Beach, Cannon Beach, OR, on Sunday, December 5, 1999. Denny opened the meeting by thanking our rally hosts: George & Carol Baxter, Glenn & Ruth Diers, Tim & Cass Jones, Ken & Becky Ragsdale and Bob & Elaine Fry. Denny then introduced new members, Bob & Arlene Lawrence and John & Gisela Bandur and Ken Madison's guest, Penny Wagner.

Attending were:

Allen, Denny & Fran	Kyle, Steve & Sandy
Bandur, John & Gisela	Lawrence, Bob & Arlene
Barrie, Buck & Roses	Lester, Steve & Sandy
Baxter, George & Carol	MacKinnon, Dan & Mable
Cupples, Jack & Cathy	Madison, Ken & guest
Davis, Jim & Laura	Morris, Terry & Gloria
Diers, Glenn & Ruth	Ovens, Walt
Eberhart, DJ & Barbie	Paradis, Lawrie & Virginia
Evans, Eldon & Joyce	Perry, Don & Luana
Fry, Bob & Elaine	Persinger, Don & Denta
Gordon, Larry & Betty	Politiske, Clarence & Grace
Groth, Ran & Bev	Price, Rod & Maurrie
Gruenewald, John & Vera	Ragsdale, Ken & Becky
Guise, Bill & Peggy	Sawtell, Joe & Yvonne
Hamilton, Bob & Donna	Smith, Vance & Sandy
Hove, Carl & Helen	Snow, Gene & Dixie
Hubler, Bill & Betty	Stout, Robert & Joan
Jones, Tim & Cass	Titus, Jack & Mildred
Krebs, Walt & Jerry	Westphal, Carl & Pearl

**Secretary's Report**—Secretary Cass Jones asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 12 business meeting as published in the October newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by Terry Morris (M), seconded by Walt Krebs (S), motion passed (P).

Secretary Jones then explained that the address used on a member's renewal notice or new membership applications were considered their permanent address. There had been requests to have newsletters sent to winter/summer addresses and it was explained that is not possible. Also, if a member has added an email address please email Cass so she may check it against the hand written one listed on the renewal notice.

Membership dues were due October 1 and those not received by December 31 are past due and will be deleted from the roster and mailing list. Club calendar year is October 1 through September 30.

**Treasurer's Report**—Club Treasurer Ruth Diers reported a club balance of \$6,231.21. Current membership is 179. We have \$540 out for rallies.

**First Vice President's Report**—Vice President Tim Jones reported sending cards to Pat Heuvel who was getting over a case of shingles and to Phyllis Neumann for a broken leg. Denny Allen also reported on sending "thank yous" to the Kent rally hosts. Tim then thanked the current rally hosts saving on postage.

**Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report**—DJ Eberhart reported that as of that minute there were no rallies scheduled for 2000. He then explained his goals for future rallies and gave ideas for upcoming rallies. Volunteers signed up for February 11, 12 & 13 in Kelso, WA. Rod & Maurrie Price, Vance & Sandy Smith, Steve & Sandy Kyle and Joe & Yvonne Sawtell will host. Don & Denta Persinger announced they would put together a rally for April in the Eugene area at Belnap Hot Springs. Possibilities for future rallies were: Whidby Island or Lake Chelan, WA, and Wallace, ID. The '99 crew will host the next Christmas rally December 1, 2 & 3 at Cannon Beach again.

For the new members, Elaine Fry said that rallies didn't have to be functions where you try to keep up with the Jones. You can keep it simple—have potlucks.

**OLD BUSINESS**—The cut off date for information for the newsletter is December 31, 1999.

Denny asked for a report from the email/newsletter/website committee—no report.

The club has jackets (\$28), flags (\$20) and hats (\$15) for sale.

**Western States**—DJ Eberhart, newly appointed representative, reported on the Spring rally April 24–29, 2000, Ukiah, CA; and the fall rally September 10–15 Newport, WA, at Little Diamond Lake.

**GMC International**—GMC International Area Vice President George Baxter reported the Spring 2000 rally will be March 14 in Rayne, LA, and the fall rally will be September 17–23 at Mt. Hood, OR. George reported working hard on getting rallies closer and that he needed volunteers from the Cascaders for Sept. Please call or email him. He expects 100 Cascader coaches in attendance. Future rallies will be held: Las Vegas 2001, Wyoming 2002, Iowa Sept. 26–Oct. 2. Spring 2000

**FMCA**—Ray Groth had no report.

**NEW BUSINESS**—no new business.

Group photo to be taken right after meeting at side of building.

**Adjournment (M/S/P)** Carl Hove/Ruth Diers

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jones, Secretary.



## What Technical Seminar?

Photo by Baxter



Above: Cannon Beach rally festivities did not eliminate Cascaders' needs for technical "bull sessions."

Ken Ragsdale (right) learned about power steering filter systems the hard way... on the way to Cannon Beach!



Photo by Cupples

## A Note from Forsters...

To the Cascaders and all of our old friends;  
Just a note to wish you all a "Happy Xmas" and a wonderful, healthy year 2000.

We want to thank you all for our wonderful years with the Cascader group. We first joined in Las Vegas back in the mid-80s and did so enjoy our rallies... our GMC problems and our friendships. We have lost some and gained many in the past few years.

Unfortunately Don has been hospitalized since August from a rather severe stroke; he is making some progress but slow going.

If any of you ever come our way, please call in and say "Hello." Doug and Elaine Cook can attest to the beauty of it along with our bears!

We wish you much happiness for the future.

With affection for all,

Don and Dot Forster

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CANADA



### ••• In Memoriam •••

December 26, 1933—June 3, 1999

With deep sadness, we recall the death of Diny Spelt last June. Her family graciously sent us the above photo for publication in the GMC Cascader News.

## 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.

### CHANGES!

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Gene and Dixie Snow ..... w7hk@arrl.net

### NEW ADDRESSES

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If you would like to add yourself to the list or make a change in your existing listing, send your information to:

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AND to:

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### Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs

Cascaders seeking information or communication with Western States or GMC Motor-homes International may use email and the web as follows:

Western States website ..... www.gmcws.org

Western States email ..... :tweir@pacbell.net

GMC M Internat. website ..... www.gmcmi.com

GMC M Internat. email ..... gmcmi@newnorth.net



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On the way home, those traveling north on Highway 30 can't resist a stop at the Berry Patch Restaurant. Some say a GMC won't even pass there without stopping. As usual, we filled the parking lot with GMCs for an on-the-road lunch and some of that exceptional Marionberry pie.



Photo by Morris

## RALLY SCHEDULE 2000

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Feb. 11-13	Kelso, WA	Brookhollow RV Park	Rod & Maurrie Price, Vance & Sandy Smith Steve & Sandy Kyle, Joe & Yvonne Sawtell
Apr. 14-16	Leaburg, OR	Belnap Hot Springs	Persingers, Titus, Barries, Hoves
Dec. 01-03	Cannon Beach., OR	Cannon Beach RV Park	Baxters, Diers, Frys, Jones & Ragsdales

*Leap in and give DJ Eberhart a hand with rally planning; we need rally hosts for June, August and October.  
Volunteer! ...fellow hosts will appear!*

