

Something New, Something Festive at Cannon Beach, 2000

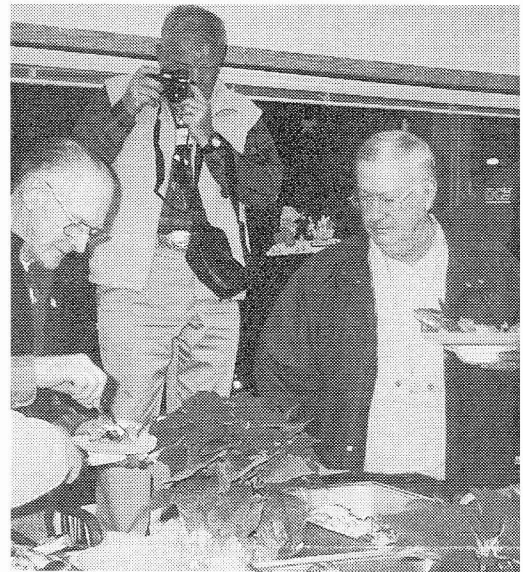


Left—Kicking off the rally in fine style, Tim and Cass Jones hosted a holiday party at their coach. Tim served up hot eggnog while Cascaders enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres. Thanks, Joneses!

When Cascaders gather at Cannon Beach in December, we anticipate a schedule that has become tradition. Actual events sometimes alter our expectations. This year was no exception.

First, we arrived over *dry* roads to a *dry* park. The Jones' hot eggnog quickly ended the "dry" status. Dinner of super soup and a wide array of salads preceded our traditional drive to the Coaster Theater for the community Christmas play.

Two more changes followed in rapid succession. An unhappy fact was the absence of Bob and Elaine Fry in our GMC parade to the theater. No Christmas carols flooded the town from Bob's speaker system.



Above—George Baxter puts Friday night's soup spread into his digital camera—where are the images, George?



Right—Friday night's soup and salad feast fills us up.

NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	Hosts
Feb. 9–11, 2001	Burlington, WA	KOA north of town	Tipton, Gruenwald, Calhoun, Paradis, & Ovens

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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Above—The Coaster Theater production of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol boasted a highly varied cast of characters. (L to R) the ghost of Christmas Present, Mrs Fizzywig and Scrooge himself.



Left—"Townspople" serve refreshments to the audience after the play—a tradition at the Coaster Theater.

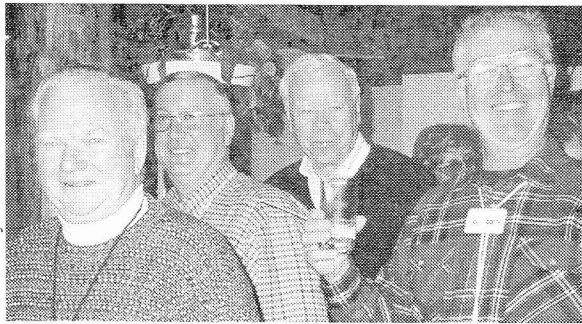
The second Friday night surprise was most welcome. It was the play itself. A touch of barn theater genius sparked their 2000 production with special effects and some strong actors that raised it a notch or two above previous plays. Blended with the enthusiastic amateur performances was the work of some pretty good thespians with strong voices and stage presence. And, throughout the play we witnessed a series of high-tech effects that turned the ghost appearances into real spectres! Strobe lights, dancers and even a ghost on in-line skates grabbed our attention. Congratulations, Coaster Theater. Weather note: it rained heavily as we left the play!

Saturday breakfast found our hosts back at work in the park club house. Collecting and numbering all those gifts and ornaments for the evening gift exchange made breakfast hard to come by for Carol Baxter, Cass Jones and Ruth Diers. Jack Titus also pitched in and helped.

Hosting our traditional Christmas rally requires a lot of work. Thanks once more for a major effort by Baxters, Diers, Jones and Ragsdales. We all missed Bob and Elaine Fry who are usually part of the team. Get well fast, Bob. (Word is he's doing very well.)



Photo by Evans*



Cocktail hour at the Fireside found the quartet above lined up at the no-host bar.

Right after breakfast, the annual Christmas craft show and sale brought buyers and creators together for lots of fun. We have some very talented people in our club!

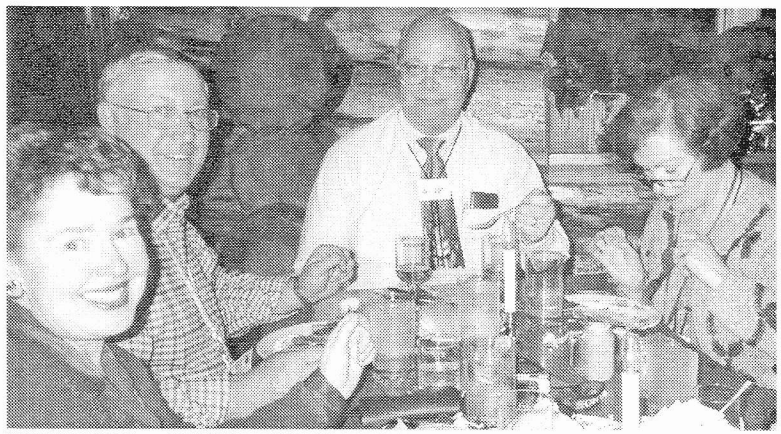
Saturday's open-day schedule turned Cascaders loose for shopping, beach combing, visiting and touring the area. Some wandered as far away as Seaside; some stayed right in the park.

By dark, coaches lined up and we all piled in for the evening's parade through town to the festivities at Morris' Fireside Restaurant.

A hearty welcome by the chef himself kicked off the fabulous buffet. Cascaders have seldom been known to hold back at the dinner table. Witness the happy diners on this page!

After dinner, Tim Jones presided over our wild and crazy gift and ornament exchange. George Baxter and Ken Ragsdale served as Tim's elves.

Below—Hard working distaff hosts collect ornaments and gifts during breakfast for the evening party at the Fireside Inn.



*All other photos in this issue by Hardin; get out your cameras in February, please!

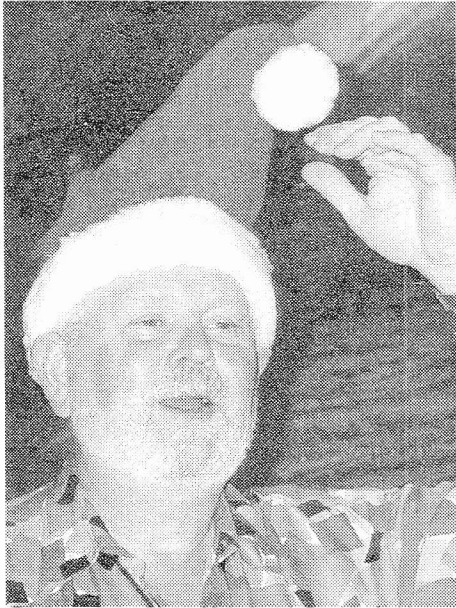


With questionable success, Cass Jones monitored Tim to keep him on task and away from dangerous topics like politics and religion.

Sunday morning's business meeting after breakfast topped off another memorable Cannon Beach rally. Thanks, hosts, and Happy New Year to all.



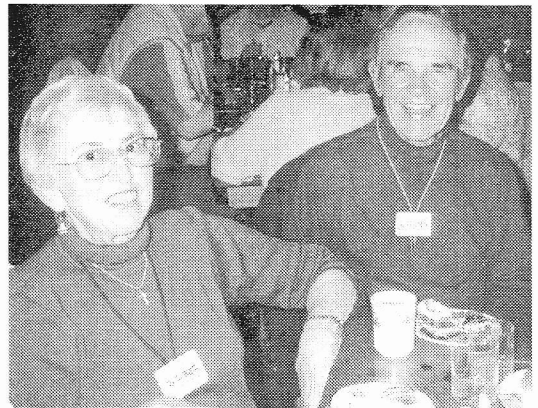
Left and below—Somehow, the question of which host can keep his Santa hat pointed comes up every year! And ever year, Glenn Diers is the consummate winner. How DO you do that, Glenn?



Below and lower center—Cuddly toys delight Ruth Diers and Pat Heuvel for a few moments until they are "stolen" by some other toy lover.



Below—Walt and Jerry Krebs watch the fur fly during the gift exchange without a ruffled feather. That's sort of a specialty of Walt's.



Left—One of the gift exchange sagas swirls around a beautiful quilted Christmas tree skirt. Joe Sawtell triumphantly displays the skirt.



Left—Tim “explains the rules” to Helen Hove!



Right—Joyce and Eldon Evans take the whole event in stride.

Lower left—Don Perry drapes his coat around the quilted skirt in the hope that subsequent “gift vultures” will fall prey to the “out of sight, out of mind” philosophy.

Below—Delicious Medford pears, brought by the Perrys again, raise a

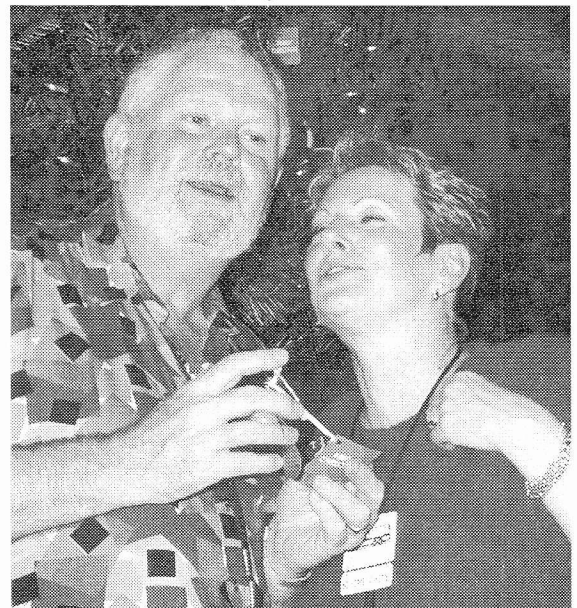
ruckus. Laurie Paradis locates the great bundle and hides it under his table.

Far right—Laurie tells pear vultures where to go in no uncertain terms! THAT doesn't work!



Left—Mildred Titus shares a bit of Christmas “enthusiasm” with Jack.

Below—Likewise, all is forgiven between Cass and Tim.



MINUTES 12/3/00

RV Park at Cannon Beach

President's Message—President, Denny Allen called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. in the Community Room at the RV Park at Cannon Beach, Cannon Beach, OR on Sunday, December 3, 2000. Denny began by thanking our rally hosts: George & Carol Baxter, Glenn & Ruth Diers, Tim & Cass Jones and Ken & Becky Ragsdale. Additionally, he welcomed first time member rally attendees Glenn & Errol Plymate.

Attending were

Fran & Denny Allen	Walt & Jerry Krebs
John & Gisela Bandur	John & Ginny Lennartson
Buck & Roses Barrie	Ken Madison and guests
George & Carol Baxter	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Don & Luana Perry
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Glenn & Errol Plymate
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Rod & Maurie Price
Eldon & Joyce Evans	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Larry & Betty Gordon	Gene & Carol Ransom
John and Vera Gruenwald	Joe & Yvonne Sawtell
Bill & Peggy Guise	Vance & Sandie Smith
Bill & Pris Hardin	Gene & Dixie Snow
Ken & Pat Heuvel	Ted & Jane Swanson
Carl & Helen Hove	Jack & Mildred Titus
Tim & Cass Jones	Ken & Jean Wilson
Chet & Karen Kershaw	

Denny thanked Luana Perry for looking over our first aid kit. All was in good order and there was one item she will be updating.

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones began by asking for corrections or additions to the minutes of the October 29, 2000 business meeting as published in the November 2000 newsletter. Newsletter Editor, Pris Hardin pointed out the newsletters were just out in the mail and no one had received them. She continued by asking Cass to read the minutes. With minutes read, Cass asked if there were any corrections or additions. Motion (M) to approve the minutes as read made by George Baxter, seconded (S) by Ken Ragsdale, motion passed (MSP).

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Helen Hove reported a treasury balance of \$8,148.70. Current paid membership is 156. We have \$864.80 out for rallies and \$695 outstanding for hats and jackets.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President Tim Jones reported sending get well cards to Elaine Kragt after knee surgery and Carl Westphal after his heart attack. Tim read a Christmas note to the Cascaders from Elaine Fry who reported that Bob was doing well after having surgery for an aneurism in his aorta. Tim continued by sharing an article that Ken Wilson

wrote for the Clam Digger newsletter in Anacortes after our rally at Fidalgo Bay. Ken received a letter and certificate of appreciation from the owners of the RV park.

Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report—Larry Calhoun reported for club Wagonmaster DJ Eberhart the following upcoming rallies: February 2001—somewhere on Washington Coast. May 4–6, 2001—mini rolling rally going from Boardman, OR, through Tygh Valley, OR. June 17–23, 2001—rolling Canadian rally, Denny Allen. Rally will start in Cranbrook, BC, and end in Edmonton, AB. Frank & Carol Gray and Norm & Jean Engman are talking about doing an optional sequel to Calgary. August, 2001—central Oregon coast at Winchester Bay (Annual Meeting). October, 2001—Lake Chelan. December, 2001—Cannon Beach (depending on the city). Mid-July, 2002—Arlington Air Show. October, 2002—Peach Beach RV park on the Columbia River, OR.

OLD BUSINESS

Website—Bill Guise reported the structure is ready.

Reviewed the layout structure and Bill said by the next rally the website would be "up & ready."

President Allen gave a report on the pricing he was able to obtain for producing the club flags. The best price break comes at the 100 quantity (\$12 each—U.S. \$). Discussion followed. Motion (M) by Glenn Diers to order 100 flags. Seconded (S) by Carol Baxter. Motion passed (MSP).

Newsletter deadline: December 12th. Pictures always needed for the newsletter; please send to Jack Cupples.

Western States—Carol Baxter reported no new dates have been set. Spring, 2001—March 18–23 at Emerald Desert RV Park, Palm Desert, CA.

GMC International—Spring, 2001—April 1–7, the Oasis RV Park, Las Vegas, NV. Fall, 2001—September 23–29 at Niagra Falls area, Grand Isle, NY. Spring, 2002—East Texas. Fall, 2002—Wyoming or South Dakota. Spring, 2003—Alabama or Florida. Fall, 2003—Wisconsin or Michigan. Spring, 2004—Las Vegas or California. Fall, 2004—Kentucky or Tennessee.

FMCA—Representative Ken Wilson reported he had the minutes and financial report from FMCA for anyone who wanted to review. FMCA next rally—New fairgrounds at Redmond, OR.

NEW BUSINESS

President Allen announced Cathy Cupples had agreed (volunteered) to become the Club Historian, the keeper of the photographs.



Terry Morris has club jackets and hats for sale.

President Allen presented to the membership the Executive Board's recommendation to make Ruth and Glenn Diers Life Members. Glenn had served 3 years as Wagonmaster and Ruth served as Club Treasurer 11 years. Motion (M) made by Chet Kershaw to make Diers Life Members. Seconded (S) by Becky Ragsdale. Motioned passed (MP).

Secretary Jones reviewed the status of the RV Park at Cannon Beach. The current management company's contract is up in April. They are hoping to rebid for the job. The bigger problem—the city now owns the land the park sits on and wants it to have a school, not an RV park. The consensus is they can not move that fast in one year—so we should be okay. Motion (M) made by Roses Barrie for the Secretary to compose a letter for the officers to sign directed to the Cannon Beach City Council. This letter would express our desire of staying at the park, the monies that come to the city during our weekend stay, however also stressing that since there is no other suitable RV Park in the area that we may have to move our rally and take our monies with us. Seconded (S) by Eldon Evans. Motion passed (MSP). Ken Wilson will talk with Fidalgo Bay to see if they would have room if we have to move it. If anyone has an idea for a park to hold us somewhere centrally located let the committee know. Committee is the same.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Ken Wilson/George Baxter

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jones, Secretary.

Help Needed! Report the February Rally

Editor's Note: Your loyal copy editor and wife will be gone during the next rally. So will Pris! That means we really need your help in recording the goings on. Without your photos and stories, we will have a VERY SLIM newsletter. Jack Titus has agreed to step for Jack Cupples and collect your material. He has even offered to write up the events if need be. BUT, the photo reporting is a major part of our newsletter. SO, help Jack Titus, please.

Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs?

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

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A Note from the Dear Diers

To All Our GMC Cascader Friends...

This was the year of surprises for us. First, the 59th wedding anniversary surprise at Mt. Hood. What a wonderful party and buffet dinner you put on!

Then, at the Christmas Rally, at Cannon Beach, another surprise! Thank you for voting us Lifetime Membership. It is quite an honor.

We love all the GMC Cascaders and hope to have many more years of rallies and fun.

Thank you all again,

Lovingly—

Glenn and Ruth Diers

Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers on the internet and changes to existing email addresses. Please adjust your current roster to reflect the changes listed below.

CHANGES!

Preston, Del & Vi vipfalls@qwest.net

NEW ADDRESS!

Krebs, Walt & Jerry wkreb@internetcds.com

PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!!

If you would like to add yourself to the list or make a change in your existing listing, SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO BOTH:

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AND to:

Cass Jones, Secretary timjones@hevanet.com

Snowbird Snail Mail Policy

We regret that we cannot send mail directly to Cascaders at their winter addresses. Keeping track of when you hit the road when and when you return could create all manner of confusion. Please be patient with us, therefore, when your winter issues arrive slowly via your mail forwarding system. Thank you.



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Sharing Cascader Travel Tales!

We now have two or three interesting "travelogue" stories written by Cascaders about their individual wanderings in their GMC's. The stories are not only good reading but they contain some very useful ideas for trips that other members might take. Gruenewalds (*left*), Eberharts and Cupples have copy ready to share. As discussed in the Christmas rally business meeting, we have decided to include these stories on our web site. Perhaps copies might be available at rallies for members who don't have access to the internet. We will try to put a brief synopsis of each "tour" in the newsletter as they accumulate.

RALLY SCHEDULE 2001

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Cascaders			
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Cascaders			
Jun. 2001	BC (and Alberta?)	Rolling Rally <i>Details later</i>	Allen

We need rally hosts. Call DJ Eberhart and volunteer! ...fellow hosts will appear!

