



Cannon Beach Rally

Our Christmas Rally started off with a bang on Thursday with most of the members arriving early. The group enjoyed a dinner at Dooger's in the evening and then were invited to Ken Ragsdale's condominium for pie and ice cream. They crowded about 35 people into his condo for a great evening of camaraderie. The late comers that evening were Lawrie and Virginia Paradis who just got the engine back into their coach in time to get there late Thursday. Each coach received two Christmas mugs and two GMC Cascaders pens with our website address on them.

Friday morning found the board members with all their helpers setting up tables and decorating. Jackie Jones brought the gold sprayed pine cones, Mary Gibson brought Christmas balls, Virginia Paradis provided the table runners with GMC's embroidered on them. Mary Gurtler brought the Christmas Tablecloths. With the brawn of the men and the decorating talents of the women, it was no time at all before we



had a festive atmosphere for our rally. The rest of the coaches arrived by afternoon when we were treated to a lasagna dinner with all the fixins.

After the dinner, we boarded our motorcoaches and went into Cannon Beach to see the play, *She Loves Me* which was based on the movie "You've Got Mail".



Dinner in the Club House



On Saturday morning, we were all up early bearing gifts for the gift exchange and enjoyed a cooked breakfast of egg strata and delicious Christmas bread provided by Mary Gibson. Enjoyed by all!!

After breakfast, the men gathered in the meeting room for a "bull session".



Bull Session

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Craft Sale

The gals enjoyed a members' craft bazaar and visited.

The afternoon was spent exploring Cannon Beach with the convenience of the free shuttle.



Pelicans



Lawrie Paradis and John Gruenewald were the judges for the best decorated coaches before we headed off for our festive evening of dinner and gift exchange.

This evening, we enjoyed a wonderful buffet of beef, chicken, vegetables, potatoes and lots of bumbleberry cobbler



with lots of whipped cream. We had a fun evening of exchanging gifts. The winners of the best decorated coaches were the Bill and Peggy Guise. The grand prize was a beautiful quilt made by Mary Gurtler which went to the Guises.



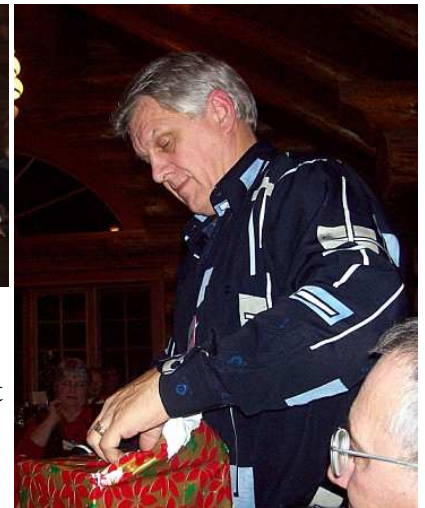
Best Decorated



Mr. Santa Morris & Mrs. Santa Gruenewald.



After the gift exchange, the table runners were given out as door prizes. All in all, it was a great evening with Santa (Terry Morris) and Mrs. Claus (Vera Gruenewald).



After a breakfast of rolls, bagels and cream cheese, fruit, juice and coffee, we had our general meeting and then everyone said goodbye and went on their way. NO SNOW THIS YEAR!! YAY!!



RALLY ATTENDEES

George and Carol Baxter	Paul and Jackie Jones
John and Leah Behan	Toivo and Sandy Lammi
Michael Cummings and his mother	Don and Joni McKeta
Jim Davis	Terry and Gloria Morris
Mel and Vickie Dones	Lawrie and Virginia Paradis
D.J. and Barbie Eberhart	Rod and Maurrie Price
Jeff and Mary Gurtler Faisure	Ken Ragsdale
Ted and Jackie Freemire	Gene and Carol Ransom
Don and Mary Gibson	Terry and Diane Skinner
John and Vera Gruenewald	Frank and Diane Taber
Bill and Peggy Guise	Noble Warrant and Sharon Cummins
Carl and Helen Hove	Jerry and Sharon Work
Russ and Patti Johnson	Tony Wright and Lynne Wilson

Submitted by: Virginia Paradis

GMC CASCADERS RALLY MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Cannon Beach, Oregon December 07, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 0915 by the President, Lawrie Paradis.

Hosts / Helpers: Lawrie thanked everyone on the board for hosting and putting together a great rally. Everyone had a great time and the weather was wonderful.

New Members/First Rally: Lawrie welcomed new members, John and Leah Behan. Visitors: Joan Hawkinson (Mary Gibson's sister) and Lou (Michael Cumming mother). Also welcomed guest were Vess, Michelle and Cyrus Fitz. They showed up with there GMC motor home at the RV Park and were surprised to see our group present. Several people shared their knowledge and encouraged their involvement in our club.

Secretary Report: Jackie Jones read the minutes from the previous meeting. Jackie requested approval of the previous minutes as published and corrected. The minutes were approved by George Baxter moved 1st, Jerry Work moved 2nd. The minutes were accepted. We have 138 memberships presently, 24 memberships not paid as of this date.

Treasurer Report: Mary Gurtler reported that we now have all chapter funds in one account with Bank of America. The present amount in the account is \$8,951.79. Out in deposits is \$659.40. Membership renewal dues continue to come in.

First Vice President Report: (Historian) Mary Gibson requested if anyone would please let her know of any member's illnesses, surgeries, etc. Get wells were or will be sent to Frank Taber, Walt Ovens, Terry Morris, Elaine Fry and Ken & Jean Wilson.

Second Vice President Report: (Wagon Master) Virginia Paradis talked about the upcoming

rallies for 2009.

Rod Price discussed the February rally in Vancouver in February. He stated that there will be three seminars for all members attending. #1 - use of the internet (providing WiFi is available at the RV park), #2 - interior renovations of the coach, #3 - how to host a rally. Also suggested, and a possible seminar, will be GMC Cascaders', the historical aspect. Thursday arrivals will enjoy a potluck for supper.

Webmaster Report: Tony Wright discussed the major changes that have taken place with the GMC Cascaders website. The website now has a new look with more links and information. There will also be an addition of more merchandise on the link with pictures of some items taken at this rally that will be posted. Also links to other clubs will be added and in the future, presently in the works, is a GMC Cascaders bulletin board. This will be an area, by invitation only, for all members to communicate with each other and to post information. Tony stated he received the input from the GMC Cascaders questionnaire that was sent out to the membership and he will be looking into members suggestions.

Western States: Sharon Work gave a report about the upcoming Western States rallies. April 22 – 27, 2009, will be in Palm Desert, CA. (Emerald Desert RV Resort). October 16 – 21, 2009, will be in Hemet, CA. (Golden Village Palms). Sharon reported that Western States are looking at places to hold future rallies and would like to consider areas available outside of California. If you have any ideas please let her know.

GMC International: George Baxter reported that the next GMC International spring rally will be in Dothan, Alabama, March 22 – 27, 2009. The fall rally will be Pueblo, Colorado, September 20 – 25, 2009. He encouraged attendance to this rally as it not being too far to consider going.

FMCA: Jerry Work reported about improvements and changes that are taking place in the organization. The Northwest and National organization has new leadership. He also encouraged others to attend FMCA conventions, stating that the average age of a coach that attend the conventions is 10 years old. Also FMCA is our liability insurance for the club and MedEx is a great benefit offered through FMCA. He stated that the GMC motor home is the largest single group in FMCA. The FMCA Northwest Rally will be June 4-7, 2009, in Albany, Oregon.

Old Business: Jackie Jones read through the results of the GMC Cascaders questionnaire that was sent to the membership. The results hold a lot of valuable information and input from the members of the club. Approximately 60 people (almost ½ the membership) responded and Jackie thanked everyone for completing and sending back their questionnaires. The results are now available on the GMC Cascaders website and the questionnaire results were also sent out to members without email.

New Business: A member brought up a question about the chapter First Aid kit and the location of it? The Paradis' currently have it in their coach. A member question was brought up, "what coach will we store or utilize the defibrillator, if and when we purchase one"? This is an ongoing discussion, concerning the use and the purchase of one. A show of hands from members present was requested of who has current First Aid/CPR certification. Approximately 10 people raised their hands.

A discussion was held about the GMC Cascaders trailer, what we want to do with it and where do we want to store it. It was stated, that it has become a hassle to bring the trailer to rallies and that most items are brought in someone's coach instead. Jerry Work suggested and put a motion on the table that we, #1, offer it for sale to the membership, #2, if not bought by a member, sell or donate it,

then #3, just do away with it. Carol Baxter 2nd the motion. Members approved.

A suggestion was put forth to perhaps put on a bumper box on a coach to carry the items to a rally. Terry Skinner stated he would look at what it would take to do this.

Bill Guise discussed the blacklist. He reminded everyone that it is name the blacklist as the list was first put together by some by the name of Roger Black. He reported that he is working with Bill Massey on the national Black List and attempting to update it. He said their will be a link in the future through our website. An interest form was given to members who would like to sign up to be on the list.

A suggestion was put forth about a new coffee pot for the club. This was tabled for further discussion.

Terry Skinner stated that an inventory of Denny Allen's estate of his GMC parts has been done and that they are looking at selling the inventory of items in one big lot. Terry raised the request, if any members are interested in going together in a consortium in placing a bid on the inventory. If you would like more information concerning this project, please contact him.

Lawrie Pardis adjourned the meeting at 1050.

1st motion: George Baxter

2nd motion: Jerry Work

Meeting Attendee's

George & Carol Baxter	Dwayne & Sharon Jacobson
John & Leah Behan	Paul & Jackie Jones
Michael Cumming	Tony & Sandra Lammi
D.J. & Barbie Eberhart	Don & Joni McKeta
Vess & Michelle Fitz	Terry & Gloria Morris
Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis
Ted & Jackie Freemire	Rod & Maurrie Price
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Minutes submitted by: Jaclyn Jones ~ Secretary



Rally Hosts Needed

We are in need of Rally Hosts for 2010. We need some in central and southern Oregon as well as Washington. Also,



where you see one couple listed doing a rally, please offer to help if you are in their area.

It is not difficult to put on a rally. It can be just a get together of the group in your locale. If there is something of interest going on, it is fun to include that in a rally as well. The simplest rallies seem to be the most enjoyable ones. I will be happy to assist anyone willing to organize a rally. Please contact me with your ideas.

Thanks,
Virginia Paradis



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AVAILABILITY OF REAR SUSPENSION AIR BAGS

It has been called to our attention that our rear suspension airbags are no longer available from the original manufacturer, Firestone.

It is IMPERATIVE that you place orders for airbags you may anticipate needing in the future with one of our suppliers listed below! Once the supply of airbags is exhausted, the only alternative at this time is to install the four bag system which costs approximately \$1,600 to \$2,000.

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47627 Kato Rd.
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510-440-1101 orders 800-752-7502
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Leigh Harrison also "4-bag" systems

1520 Woodside Dr
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GMCMI MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By becoming a new member of GMCMI between November 3, 2008 and March 22, 2009 *you will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a set of **Thorley headers***, donated by Jim Kanomata at Applied GMC, for your GMC.

If recruited by a current GMCMI member, that member will be entered into a separate drawing for another set of Thorley headers, also donated by Jim Kanomata at Applied GMC. The recruiter will get another chance with every new member recruited.

The drawing will be held at the spring convention in Dothan, Alabama. Member, new or otherwise, need not be present at the convention to win. A cash equivalent VISA card will be offered at winner's discretion.

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Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Motorhome _____ Year _____ VIN TZE _____ Length _____

FMCA Number _____ Check here if you require an FMCA Application _____

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GMC's For Sale

Complete listing, along with pictures and detailed information is available on the GMC Cascaders website:
<http://www.fmcanw.org/gmc/>

1975 \$35,500 or Offer Ted Freemire
freeted@msn.com

1977 ex Eleganza II \$11,500 DJ Eberhart
503-706-6402 bnederhart@wbcable.net

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360-293-0283 kcje48@comcast.net

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tero 206-852-1810 beanqueen@tubeart.
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1973 Canyonlands \$18,000 Can.
604-556- 9922 Fraser Field
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1976 Eleganza \$13,500 Wade
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Rally Report Event Calendar



<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rally Master(s)</u>
Feb. 13,14,15 2009	Vancouver RV Park Vancouver, WA	The Price's
April 24,25,26 2009	White Rock, BC	The Jacobson's
June 12,13,14 2009	Deming Logging Show Burlington, WA	The Paradis'
Sep. 11, 12, 13 2009	Two Rivers Casino Roosevelt Lake, WA.	The Olson's
Oct. 9,10,11 2009	Eagle Tree RV Park Poulsbo, WA.	Mary Gibson, Mary Gurtler, Jackie Jones
Dec. 4,5,6 2009	Christmas Rally - TBD	The Executive Board
Oct. 23,24,25 2010	Balloon Festival Prosser, WA.	The Eberhardt's