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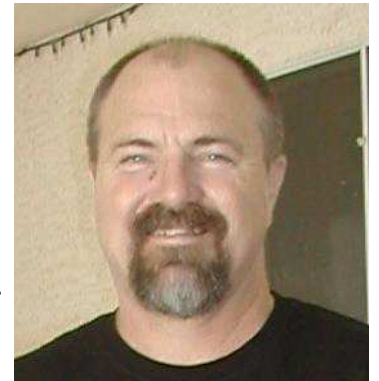
December 2010



Message from the President

Merry Christmas Cascaders,

This has been an interesting year. We have enjoyed a full slate of rallies, traveled a fair portion of the northwest and shared many good times among ourselves. For those who have not experienced a rolling rally, Dave Ireland took a group of us on a very exciting trek across British Columbia, which whetted my appetite for more of them.



I want to express my appreciation to the executive board for making my transition from 1st VP to president a seamless experience. Speaking of the board, it is time for everyone to begin thinking of who will replace Mary Gibson, who is graciously filling the 1st VP position until a new VP can be brought on board. Jackie Jones, Secretary and Mary Gurtler, Treasurer have done tremendous work for the club since 2008 and soon will complete their terms. I personally thank them for being a part of your leadership team and look forward to working with the new people who replace them. I have been able to convince Sharon to continue for one more year as Wagon Master, and am sure all applaud her for the job she has done to manage and fill our rally schedule.

If you haven't perused the new items being offered, check out the awesome items Lynne has found to improve our apparel and gear. The new coffee mugs are durable and look great, not to mention hold a good amount of coffee! Those 4 colors of hats make it easy to choose a color you like, and fit pretty darn good. And we now have several colors to choose from in fleece vests. Let Lynne know if you like the gear, she spent a lot of time finding the right ones for the club.

Tony keeps our webpage working smoothly and works with Jackie to update information very quickly so all of us have access to the goings on of our club, Thanks Tony!

A note of importance, our own Carole Baxter is the new President of GMCM. Congratulations Carole, We need your experience to keep International chugging along.

Our schedule is complete through spring 2011, but if there is a great theme or activity near you that would make a good rally, sign up, hosting is a fun experience, and with a little help from previous hosts a good way to share your area with the club. I want to thank our host's who planned and made this year so fun.

I look forward to meeting all of you during my term as your President, hope our club grows and continues to enjoy this magnificent coach and socializing that is a part of being a Cascader.

Ron Smith

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2010 CHRISTMAS RALLY

Free from the snowy weather of the week before, Wilsonville OR welcomed the arrival of the GMC Cascaders with chilly-but-dry days for the 2010 Christmas rally December 2-5, hosted by the Board of Directors. Pheasant Ridge RV Park was decked out in Christmas lights and the GMC coaches sparkled with decorations as well.

The party started on Thursday with Hot Buttered Rum drinks for Happy Hour, hosted by Ron and Pattie Smith, followed by a famous GMC-ers potluck. We had new members Paul Hoge and Sandy Brooks, as well as second-timers Tom & Sally Donovan and Kim & Patricia Davison.

On Friday people did some tax-free shopping by either driving to the nearby Woodburn Outlet Mall or walking across the street to the local Wilsonville mall.

Friday night's Christmas celebration began outside, walking among the decorated coaches with judging ballots in hand. Three coaches -- the Works, Smiths and Jones -- were set up as wine-tasting stops, each with an appetizer and a choice of a red or white Washington or Oregon wine. The night was clear but very cold and breezy, so the propane firepit at the Work's coach was the spot to be. Once



back in the clubhouse and warmed up, a lasagna dinner was served by board members. The hit of the evening was the arrival of Santa (Terry Morris) and Mrs. Claus (Vera Gruenewald); they went right to the task of handing out gifts for the annual gift exchange. The evening ended with a group picture around the tree with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.



After a pancake breakfast by Lynne Wilson and Tony Wright on Saturday morning, Ron Smith led the guys in a seminar about how to add an air conditioner to the coach's engine a/c pump. Beginning in the clubhouse, they moved outside to Ron's coach. The ladies then took over the clubhouse to sell their crafts, with many wonderful items enticing buyers. In addition to the crafts, Lynne Wilson displayed all the wonderful new stylish gear that she has assembled for the club with the GMC CascaDer logo; business was brisk all weekend.



At 5 p.m. on Saturday, with poufy poodle skirts rustling and cigarette packs safely tucked into white t-shirt sleeves, the gang all sashayed into the clubhouse, fully outfitted and ready for a 1950's night and the arrival of Elvis. With 39 high school graduation pictures hanging around the room, each person attempted to find their friends in those youthful faces. Most were pathetic at it. The food for the night was a 1950's menu served by board members of chili dogs, chips, coleslaw and Jell-o, ending with root beer floats and banana splits.



As the lights dimmed and the group settled down, Danny Vernon's *Illusions of Elvis* show began. He entertained with classic Elvis as well as Christmas songs. Several gals got teddy bears, leis or scarves during Danny's meanderings through the audience. His wife Marcia added backup singing as well as soloing during the costume change. Danny and Marcia mingled afterwards for much picture-taking and we ended with one big group photo of everyone in their '50's outfits with Elvis.



Sunday morning's meeting was kept to exactly an hour because of an early RV park checkout time. The results of the coach decorating contest were announced: Best interior – Ron & Pattie Smith, Best exterior – Jerry & Sharon Work, Best overall – Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler. The prizes were beautiful quilting items provided by Jackie Jones and Mary Gurtler.

The board received many compliments and thanks for the great weekend, but in turn the board

wants to re-iterate its thanks to the members for their full participation – decorating coaches, braving the cold for the wine walk, bringing crafts to sell, sending in graduation pictures, and rounding up and *wearing* 1950's outfits. It was a great weekend!

Sharon Cummins

Rally Attendees:

Baxter, George & Carol	Clark, Ron & Linda	Davison, Kim & Patricia
Dones, Mel & Vickie	Donovan, Tom & Sally	Ewankiw, Gene & Diana
Fraisure Jeff & Mary Gurtler	Gibson, Don & Mary	Gruenewald, John & Vera
Guise, Bill & Peggy	Hoge, Paul & Sandy Brooks	Hupy, Jim & Mary
Johnson, Russ & Patti	Jones, Paul & Jackie	Leitch, Fred & Ruth
Morris, Terry & Gloria	Price, Rod & Maurrie	Ransom, Gene & Carol
Smith, Ron & Patti	Taber, Frank & Diane	Warrant, Noble & Sharon Cummins
Winchester, Dan & Carol	Work, Jerry & Sharon	Wright, Tony & Lynne Wilson
Wright, Wayne & Sandy		

GMC CASCADERS RALLY MINUTES
LOCATION: WILSONVILLE, OREGON

December 05, 2010

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

Presidents Message: Ron rated this rally a great success. Everyone had a lot of fun and holiday cheer at our annual Christmas rally. We had a “50’s” theme with everyone dressed in their attire for the night. The highlight of the rally was the “Illusions of Elvis” show by Danny Vernon. Thank you to Sharon for her hard work in setting up the entertainment. We had approximately 20 coaches and 5 couples who stayed in motels. Jackie Jones announced the winners for the coach decorating contest. The best interior decorated coach prize went to Ron and Patti Smith. The best decorated exterior coach prize went to Jerry and Sharon Work. And the best overall coach decorated went to Jeff Fraisure and Mary Gurtler. Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to decorate your coach in holiday spirit. We had many compliments from the RV park on how festive we all looked.

Hosts / Helpers: We would like to extend our appreciation to our rally hosts, the Executive Board. A round of applause was given to Ron Smith, Mary Gibson, Sharon Cummins, Mary Gurtler and Jackie Jones for their hard work on the rally. Also to their significant others for the work they put in to make this rally a success. A great pancake breakfast was served by Tony Wright and Lynne Wilson that was enjoyed by all. Also a thank you to Mary Gurtler and Jackie Jones for the beautiful quilted items they made and donated as prizes for the coach decorating contest. Also, we definitely want to give credit to Sharon for posting and having us “guess & guess” who’s who in the graduation pictures. It was most interesting to see how we have all changed over time.

New Members/First Rally: Ron welcomed new members present, Paul Hoge and Sally Brooks to our rally and club.

Secretary Report: Jackie Jones requested approval of the previous minutes from the Prosser, WA. Rally, September 2010, as published. The minutes were approved: 1st motion – Terry Morris, 2nd motion – Jerry Work. We presently have 135 memberships. Jackie reminded everyone membership due notices were mailed out in September and are now past due. Rosters will be sent out to the membership in January.

Treasurer Report: Mary Gurtler reported that we have \$8231.04 in the treasury account, with \$800.00 out in deposits.

First Vice President Report: (Historian) Mary Gibson stated get well wishes were extended to Gloria Morris (injury), Lynne Wilson and D.J. Eberhart (surgery) and Joe Hensley and Bob Clarke (illness). Mary 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 discussed 2011 rallies. Rod Price spoke about the rally he and Bill Guise are putting together in April 2011, at Mayfield Lake in Mossy Rock, WA. This will be a rally to increase community awareness and to promote the GMC motorhome. This will also be a venue to sell GMC items and coaches. Rod requested if you have any input on what you would like to see at the rally, please email him at mnrprice@hotmail.com More information will be forthcoming.

Webmaster Report: Tony Wright stated he is continually updating the website. Please make sure to check the website often for news and updates. <http://www.fmcanw.org/gmc/>

Western States: Mary Gurtler gave a report in the absence of D.J. Eberhart. D.J. reported to her, the Las Vegas GMC Western State rally held in October was a great success. Numerous vendors were on hand with a wealth of information at the seminars. The spring 2011 rally will be April 27th thru May 1st in King City, CA. at the San Lorenzo RV Resort. The theme will be John Steinbeck country since this author was raised in that area. Sharon Work suggested a great book to read, "Travels with Charley" by John Steinbeck as a prelude to attending the rally. D.J. stated that he hopes to see everyone there. It was also noted that our club member, Jim Hupy, was appointed as technical Vice-President for GMC Western States. Congratulations to Jim.

GMC International: George Baxter reported on the future GMC International rallies. The next GMCMI rally will be in Patterson, Louisiana on April 10 -15, 2011. The fall rally will be at the Elkhart Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana. It will be on September 9 – 14, 2011. Please check the GMC International website for more information. A round of applause was extended to Carol Baxter, who was appointed as GMC International President. She is the first women president of the organization and we all wish her well in her tenure.

FMCA: Jerry Work reported that FMCA is trying to get GMC's to more actively participate in their organization. The GMC motorhome is the number one in numbers of members in FMCA, but participate the least of any other motorhome clubs. Jerry stated that FMCA organization is in great shape right now with the changes that have occurred in the structure and management of FMCA. Please take a look at and know your new FMCA insurance, FMCAssist. The information is contained in your last FMCA magazine or on their website at <http://www.fmca.com/>. Jerry encourages our attendance at the next FMCA northwest rally in 2011, in Albany Oregon. In 2013, FMCA will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Old Business:

Lynne Wilson has obtained new gear and clothing articles for the club. She has put in a lot of hard work and has done a great job in putting this together for us. Please check out the website and let her know if there is any item you are interested in.

New Business:

Future Christmas rallies will be member hosted. The Executive Board will fill in as needed.

The club is actively searching for a Vice-President candidate. This position has been open since October and Mary Gibson has agreed to help out until the position is filled. If you are interested please let a board member know.

Also, the club is looking for a candidate to fill in for the Secretary and the Treasurer position when their tenure is completed in October. Be thinking of someone or if you know someone, please give a board member that information. If you have any questions about those positions and the duties it entails, please contact the respective position member for more information.

Terry Morris will be looking to find a committee chairperson for candidate positions.

Ron Smith adjourned the meeting at 0945.

1st motion: Paul Jones

2nd motion: Noble Warrant

Minutes submitted by: Jaclyn Jones ~ Secretary




MEETING ATTENDEES:

George & Carol Baxter	Bill & Peggy Guise	Ron & Patti Smith
Tom & Sally Donovan	Paul Hoge & Sandy Brooks	Frank & Diane Taber
Ron & Linda Clark	Paul & Jackie Jones	Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins
Kim & Patricia Davison	Fred & Ruth Leitch	Jerry & Sharon Work
Gene & Diana Ewankiw	Terry & Gloria Morris	Tony Wright & Lynne Wilson
Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler	Rod & Maurrie Price	Wayne & Sandy Wright
Donald & Mary Gibson	Gene & Carol Ransom	John & Vera Gruenewald




Rally Event Calendar

Date (s)	Location	Rally Master
February 11-13, 2011	Valentines Sweetheart Rally Westport, WA.	Tony & Sandra Lammi
April 7-10, 2011	Mayfield Lake Lewis County, WA	Rod & Maurrie Price Bill & Peggy Guise
May 19-22, 2011	Dry Camping at Morris' acreage between Twisp and Okanagan, WA	Terry & Gloria Morris
June 23-26,2011	Wine Tour, Tri-Cities, WA area	Ron and Patricia Smith
July 29-31, 2011	Salem Steam-Up, Salem Or.	Jim and Mary Hupy
September/October 2011	Rolling Rally Central Oregon	Will & Janis Powers
December 2011	Christmas Rally - TBD	TBD
Summer 2012	White Rock, BC Canada	Dwayne & Sharon Jacobson



GMC Cascaders Valentines Rally



American Sunset RV, Westport, WA

February 11-13, 2011

Registration Deadline: 1/30/2011

Photos

Many thanks to the folks that sent in their rally photos, Sharon Cummins & Tony Wright. Did you know more photos from the rallies are available on the website? If you have rally photos you would like to share send them to webmaster@gmc-cascaders.com , and they will be made available on the website. http://www.gmc-cascaders.com/rally_photos.htm

GMC Motorhomes and Parts for sale can be found on the GMC Cascaders website: http://www.gmc-cascaders.com/for_sale.htm

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