

Headed for the Kahneeta Rally?

WHOA! TURN THAT COACH AROUND...

Late-breaking news about the March rally is full of surprises—new dates and a new site! Registration information is included with this newsletter. The Beckers had a few surprises themselves as they began planning with Kahneeta staff. Too many restrictions and fees forced a change in plans. New dates will enable Cascaders headed for the Western States rally in Laughlin, Nevada, to attend our rally, too.

See you at Jansen Beach RV Park in north Portland on March 4–6. Working with hosts Earl and Marley Becker are co-hosts, Chet and Karen Kershaw and Ray and Bev Groth. Rain or shine, we'll have a busy "Almost Spring" rally—games, cookies, shopping, "On-the-Road Air Bag Replacement" seminar, pizza and dining out. Register quickly so complete planning is back on track. At the very latest, register by February 23rd.

Cascaders Holiday at Westport

There is a special atmosphere about December rallies. December 3–5, 1993 found two dozen Cascader coaches gathered at the Kila Hanna Camperland RV park in Westport, Washington. Every aspect of this winter rally seemed made-to-order—hosting, food, crafts,



seminars, coach decorations, gift exchange and generous amounts of prizes dispensed with flair and nonsense. Tom Olar, park host and owner, contributed meat and seafood for one of our main meals!

Our Cascader hosts outdid themselves with egg-on-muffin breakfast, steak and turkey dinners and dedicated attention to lots of details. Thank you, Bradens, Wests and Scolmans, for all your work that produced such a great time. Bob Fry conducted our social sessions and handed out prizes with remarkable skill. Contests requiring quickness and cooperation gave members the opportunity to win hard cash—just in case this sort of activity is repeated, you might practice tying shoes and putting Cascader jackets on other people ...fast. Other distinctions earned prizes, too, like distance traveled to the rally, etc.

The gift exchange was, as usual, the source of fun and excitement. Another treat that our December rallies offer is the fun of viewing decorated coaches. This year's winner, the Chet Kershaw

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Rally Schedule 1994

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
March 4–6	Portland, OR	Jansen Beach RV Park	Becker, Thompson, Osborn
May 13–15	Walla Walla, WA	Information coming	Miller, Travis, Lomax, Frank
May30–June 3	Around mainland British Columbia	On-the-Road rally	Allen, Forster, Ulmer

Additional rallies are scheduled for August, October and December; watch for details in future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News*.

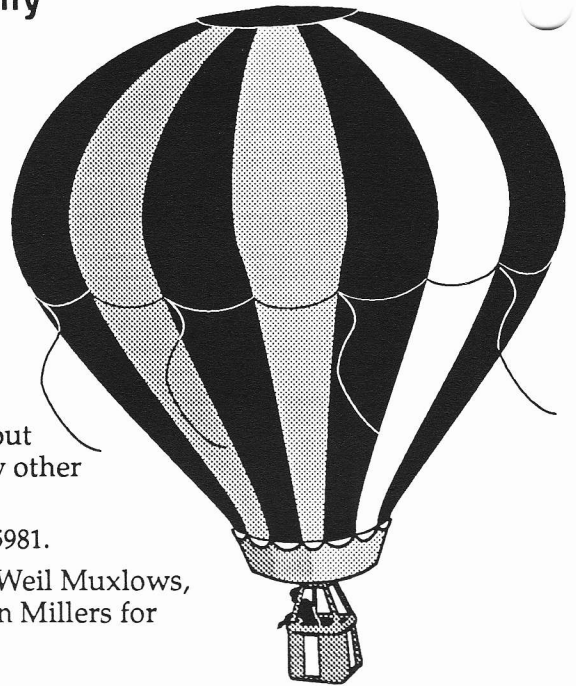
Early Birds Plan for Balloon Stampede Rally in Walla Walla

Our May rally hosts send an alert to members heading for Walla Walla's hot air balloon event—first ascent of balloons is at 0600 Friday, May 13th. The rally fee covers the nights of May 13 and 14. To take full advantage of the Balloon Stampede, (May 11–15), and explore regional attractions, our hosts recommend you arrange independently for extra nights at about \$12/night—come early and stay late but plan ahead to do so.

Rally plans sound great... GMC "stuff" flea market, seminars, relaxation time and lots of hot air balloon gawking. Anybody want to go up?

Lauree Miller writes that rally information will be in the mail about March 1; they need Volunteers for the seminars (and probably a few other jobs, too).

Contact John Miller, Rt 3, Box 125, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862; (503) 938-5981.



Thanks, already, to the Weil Muxlows, George Frank and the John Millers for their hosting dedication.

Whadda Ya Do!

We've all had times, sometimes urgent, when we wonder what we should do. Ted and Jane Swanson had such an experience on their recent trip from California. Here's the sequence:

Day one—

- Air conditioner quit; fan would not run in any setting.
- "Lazy" turn signals before starting engine; with engine running, all dashboard indicators (idiot lights) are fine and turn signals operate normally.

Day two—

- After driving two hours, the reminder to set ride level came on and buzzer sounded constantly;
- The engine backfired and died; re-started using house battery; drove four miles and it died again.
- Ran a jumper wire from house battery to distributor, engine ran OK.

Stopping a dead coach while coming down a mountain can be a challenge, especially when towing a car. Ted managed this...twice.

Looking back on the experience, he wondered if he had done the right thing. Problem? He couldn't make a sound decision because he lacked enough information to know what was wrong. The information he didn't have was the charging and discharging rates of his battery—the GMC does not have an ammeter! Ted has now installed a volt meter to tell him the condition of the engine battery. He says a voltmeter costs less than \$10 and he recommends that Cascaders install them.

Ted and Jane reached home safely. Ted says they were lucky.

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NEWS from the deBord Bus

King deBord, our Northwest Area Vice President of FMCA, reports that since May '93, invitations to join regional chapters (like Cascaders) have been included in all FMCA new-member packets. Local chapter membership among FMCA NW members has risen from 63% to 70%. Thanks, FMCA.

Nomination for 1995 National officers should go to Jack Schneiker, nominations chair—also from the Northwest. Let's keep our representation strong; nominate someone from the PacNW. Get Jack's address from the FMCA Directory or call King on his new, FMCA-sponsored voice mail number: 1-800-544-7062, voice mail box 277.

Plans for the national FMCA rally next summer in Puyallup, WA, call for LOTS of volunteers from the Pacific Northwest region. As we decided at the last rally, the number of volunteers needed to handle any one of the major hosting assignments far exceeds the size of group that GMC Cascaders could muster as a chapter. Therefore, any Cascaders planning to attend are urged to volunteer to help some other group with their hosting duties. Contact King deBord for names and addresses of committee chairs so you can let them know you're ready and willing. Committees are: Registration, Information, Trams, Greeters, Security, Ladies Seminars, and Men's Seminars.

CLASSIFIED ADS

BLINDS Complete set of almost new, woven-wood blinds replaced during remodel of 26' GMC Glacier. Blue, rust and ivory. Originally \$480; will take \$100 or make offer. Jessie & Bill Rowland, Wenatchee, WA (509) 662-7765

1976 GMC ELEGANZA II 26', Electro-level I, 455 engine, 6Kw/Onan, awning, roof air, 37,188 mi., second owner, garaged. Complete maintenance history and long list of extras available. (See Pris Hardin at next rally) Asking \$34,000. Ralph Woodward, Olympia, WA (206) 438-9195

Listing of GMC-related items is free to all Cascaders. All listings will appear in one issue only unless you arrange otherwise.

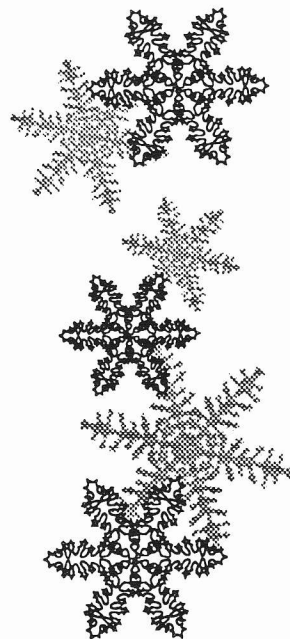
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coach, was decorated inside and out... no small trick in coastal winter weather. Our seminar was provided by Cliff Smith who brought slides, printed material and gifts for everyone from his recent visit to Clasco Manufacturing Corporation in Orlando, Florida. We were impressed by the complete restoration services available for GMC motor homes.

Members attending included:

Denny and Fran Allen
George and Carol Baxter
Earl and Marley Becker
Terry and Joanne Boyd
Robert and Pat Braden
Glenn and Ruth Diers
Clarence and Elsie Estridge
Bob and Elaine Fry
Ray and Beverly Groth
Billy and Pris Hardin
Ernest and Nellie Hastie
Chet and Karen Kershaw
Walter and Gerry Krebs
Terry and Gloria Morris
James and Karen Musser
Joe and Yvonne Sawtell
James and Sheryl Scolman
Clifford and Rosemary Smith
Theodore and Mary Swanson
Tom and Margie Thompson
Norm and Betty Turner
E.J. and Heddy Ulmer
Martin and Pat West



(Editor's Note: We suspect we are missing two or more names from this list. Our sincere apologies if we missed you. Please let Pris Hardin know if you were left off.)

On the Road Again...

- **HELP! SEND PHOTOS.** Don't forget that Carol Baxter needs snapshots for the chapter's photo albums. Whether you're an experienced photo journalist or just a part-time shutterbug, please send your favorite shots of our rallies to Carol to help build a visual record of our times together.
- **DUES PAST DUE?** If the mailing label on this newsletter indicates that your dues have lapsed, this will be your last issue. To reinstate yourself and your coach, contact Ruth Diers.
- **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES** Included with this issue of the Cascader News, is your updated Membership Directory for 1994.



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GMC Cascader ID

Need Cascader jackets, patches, decals, flags or other special chapter memorabilia? Glenn Diers, Wagon Master, is our dedicated salesperson. He will send items to you or bring them to you at the next rally. Ruth Diers, treasurer, is the person to pay. They are conveniently located at the same address... see your new Membership Directory or the masthead of this newsletter.

Minutes—Dec. Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Carol Baxter, 1st Vice President.

Our hosts, Bradens, Scholmans, and Wests, received a warm expression of appreciation for their hard work in producing such a successful rally.

Baxter extended a welcome to Jim and Karen Musser, attending their first rally as Cascaders.

The minutes, written by outgoing Secretary Karen Birch, were approved as corrected. Moved, seconded, passed (MSP).

Treasurer Ruth Diers reported that the treasury contains \$3,686.00.

Wagon Master Glenn Diers, 2nd Vice President, laid out the rally schedule for 1994. Rallies scheduled were: March 18–20 at Kahneeta, Oregon; May 6–8 at Walla Walla, Washington; June 19–21 on-the-road in mainland British Columbia; August 19–21 at Mt. Vernon, Washington; October at Toppenish, Washington; and December at a point yet to be decided. (*Ed. Note: some of these dates have changed; check page one for more accurate information.*)

Carol Baxter, 1st Vice President announced that she had sent notes of thanks to the Pendleton rally hosts: Millers and Franks. Baxter also circulated a card for members to sign for Ken Ragsdale, recovering from surgery.

Other old business called for a response by the chapter to the call for Cascader help at the FMCA National rally in Puyallup, WA at the end of July. Since all chapter volunteer portfolios required larger numbers of volunteers than we have at our larger rallies, the group decided to urge volunteer support on an individual basis by Cascaders. Cascader volunteers should call King deBord for assignments.

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned (MSP).

Pris Hardin, Secretary

