



As the evenings drew darker and the time drew nearer, the Cascader elves danced and pranced their way to gathering the goods in preparation for the sleigh ride to the beach. On Tim, & Cass, on Carl & Helen, on Bill & on Peggy, the gatherers of this past Cannon Beach Rally.



But the real sleigh was arranged, loaded, and packed to the hilt by Tim & Cass Jones. Once again, they made it happen with class, and the heavy load this year fell on their laps. As the arrangements were made, the menu chosen, and the site prepared, the GMC was loaded

with care in hope that St. Nick would make it there! Off to Costco, on the bun run, and over to pick up the Christmas floral centerpieces, and on to the streets of West Linn and Oregon's highways, making good time on their mission to the Cannon Beach Xmas rally.

The big surprise was that on arrival at the RV site, the GMC sleigh bearing the many resources for Cascaders was met by 16 coaches that had arrived early for the annual feast at Duggers and the dessert treat at Becky & Ken Ragsdale's Tolovana Inn. As usual, Duggers dinner was exceptional and the service fast as we once again loaded into coaches for the trek to the Tolovana Inn.

Some Cascaders got lost in buildings and elevators, but with the Santa's sixth sense, we all made it to the 4th floor and enjoyed being hosted by the Ragsdales, and elves by the name of Thom & Gail Daun, and Peggy Guise, who did the cutting and scooped the ice cream over the Berry Patch pies, picked up by Ken as his sleigh made it's way to Cannon Beach. St. Nick noted that a good time was had by all, thanks to the Ragsdale's invitation for dessert.



Actors at the dinner play

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GMC motor home owners from the following states and provinces are eligible to join GMC Cascaders: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Yukon Territory. Contact any officer for information.



Elaine Fry and grandson Benjamin enjoying dinner with Terry and Joanne Boyd



Recognition of a well decorated coach!



Rod & Maurrie Price anticipating the buffet dinner

Friday was a relaxing day, but with half the rally members already there, the only thing we all could look forward to was the annual Tom and Jerry party hosted by the Jones in the afternoon. As usual, it was a smashing hit, with the boiling water being heated by the club's own Coleman stove outside on the picnic bench. Tim brewed a special concoction for those of us who can't have much of the sweet stuff! In preparation for dinner, we all got to see a real soup kitchen, with many pots brewing in the RV lounge. The evening soup and salad warmed the cockles of the Cascaders and got them ready for an evening sleigh ride into town to the Coaster Theatre Playhouse for this years showing of "A Christmas



Carl Hove, beaming with pride, and his new takeaway!



Ready for Friday's soup & salad



Vera Lou Gruenewald, Santa's helper



Hot Toddy time at the Joneses

Carol." Without the help of a team of Cascaders – I counted 7 – the Saturday morning coffee would have never been on time! Yes, it took seven Cascaders to set the timer for the pots, but after many false starts, the team came up with a winning recipe and the Saturday morning coffee was done on time. Cascaders had a chance to view and purchase many of the crafts created by the talented hands of members. Saturday evening found the group looking at the many decorated coaches, and if prizes had been

awarded, my guess is that the Gibbs coach, with its twirling wheels, would have taken the grand prize! Once again, the meal planning and arrangements for dinner at the Fire-side Inn were splendid. With heavy anticipation, the annual gift exchange took place under the watchful eyes of Vera Lou Gruenewald, Santa's representative, and Tim Jones, our Master of Ceremonies. As only he can, his strategies added a personal touch to the gift exchange that kept the gifts moving from one side of the room to the other. Thanks once more, Tim, for your entertaining "Master of Ceremonies" task.

Step Right Up Docents

There are always opportunities for members to share their experience with the Cascaders by becoming docents! It doesn't take anything more than a willingness to spend a little time with club affairs, and it doesn't hurt! Everybody gets the benefits of your endeavors, and you get to know the club, and its members from a different perspective. We have a real reservoir of talent in our group, and by becoming a docent, you help all of us strive to have a club full of energy, excitement, and new experiences. We have needs, and here is a partial list:

Newsletter Editor: Responsible for collecting the articles, keeping things updated, and sending the completed text, and pictures to the designer.

Rally Hosts: We need you to host a rally not only this year but next year, too! The 5 star locations, and event locations are booked far in advance and we need to get our rallies in place for this year and next, so we can connect with the balloon events, kite events, wine tasting and other community events which make our rallies even more exciting for our members!

Web master: While I am willing to continue to handle the web, something has to give! As of now, I get to serve you as President, Webmaster, editor, trailer hauler, manager of paper plates, sweater order desk, and anything else that is asked for by members, and not handled by other officers or docents! Now I don't mind being a docent – but a dumb docent!



Coaster Theater in downtown Cannon Beach OR

What Are They Up To Today?

Past Presidents:

91 Greg Smith: Check out the Cascader WEB site, his coach the "EXP" is up for sale!

92 Alex Birch: Son of the creator of the GMC screen door, last seen at the Mackenzie River rally in 2002

93, 94 Becky Ragsdale: An active member of the Cascaders, now in Hawaii for their annual 3 month retreat.

95, 96 Carol Baxter: As busy as ever, crossing the continent many times each year working with GMC International, and taking a big side trip to Alaska with the caravan, doing a little sailing, singing and travel to Hawaii with husband George.

97, 98 Terry Morris: Gets to see home for a few days each year, the rest of the time found traveling east and south and making it home for family gatherings!



Denny & Fran Allen, proudly displaying their new Dixielander Club Flag

99, 00 Denny Allen: Always on the go, Cascader rallies, Western State Rallies, Eastern State Rallies, even picked up a Dixielander rally this year on their way to the state of Georgia to see their daughter!

01, 02, 03 Tim Jones: That sleigh just keeps on sliding, going in all directions, all the time! In the last 6 months I am sure that they have not been home in West Linn OR. for more than 20 days

Valentine's – a day to say, "I love You"

*Valentine's a day to say, "I love you,"
A ritual that stages something real,
Letting out the truth of what I feel
Even as I think it often of you.
Nor could I with such grace without this day
Tell you that I'm grateful that I have you,
Impress upon you just how much I need you,
Needing such a frame for what I say
Even as I would my heart reveal.*



This years Valentine couple – Gene & Dixie Snow

Meet New Member Lance Vonprum And His GMC Aluminatti Land Yacht



The Aluminatti of a GMC Project

Watch your email copy for full story

Most of us want to spiff up our GMC's with a paint job, even change the color from a Newman motif to a deep red, but we don't think about making our GMC take on the aluminatti look. Well, with a few

hot rod skills, a place called home and the "hot" weather in Vancouver WA, our newest member did some research, and came up with an idea of dropping the temperature in his coach. Even on a moderate day of

70 degrees, the inside of our coaches will be significantly warmer. Lance did the reviews and to everybody's surprise, transformed his "live in" GMC into the latest Land Yacht. When you get your online version of this current newsletter, read his story, the steps he has taken, and see pictures that document the results of his endeavors.

Who Is This Guy...Jim Bisakowski



I set about trying to find some information on our new newsletter design and layout master, as he was reluctant to tell me anything, and I

simply wanted to let our members know who was doing all this preparation work on our Cascader Newsletter. After searching Google, I did find tidbits of information and references to "the theatre", "Calgary Olympics", "Publishing", and other references. I even searched the RCMP, and Victoria police blotters but could find no disturbing events surrounding his existence!

I did find out that Jim and his wife Diana live just outside Victoria B.C. on the shore of Florence Lake.

Diana was born in Ireland, and retired 2 years ago as District Coordinator of Severe Behavior Programs in Victoria Public Schools.

As she watches Jim work hard, she is enjoying her time as a potter and quilter. They both enjoy Royce, their only grandchild, now six months old, who lives nearby.

Jim incorporated his Desktop Publishing business in 1986 when electronic document production was in it's infancy. He designed his first book for a client in 1987 and has since produced more than 100 books. In 1995 he won the prestigious Corel Word Design Award for book design. More recently, television audiences for the Olympics and Commonwealth Games who number in the hundreds of millions benefitted from the Broadcasters' Handbooks produced for each of

these events was the work of Jim's firm. These handbooks provided the international and local broadcasters with general information about the community and the sports venues – information they pass on to the viewing audience.

Jim was born in Edmonton Alberta and graduated from Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS. He has worked for B.C. Telephone, and later as an engineering consultant in New Zealand and in Canada. He also established and operated an art gallery and shop in downtown Victoria for a few years.

Not letting any moss grow under his feet, he enjoys fly fishing, canoeing, and sports car tinkering on his 1974 Alfa Romeo and, of course, GMC RVing. It's great to have you on board, Jim.

Minutes 12/04/2004 RV Park At Cannon Beach

President's Message - President, Bill Guise called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. in the upstairs community room of the RV Park at Cannon Beach, Cannon Beach, OR on Saturday, December 4, 2004. In Bill's opening remarks he referred to the 'black box' that he had received from past President Tim Jones. He found the gavel in the box and made use of it. He went on to explain how the newsletter was being handled with the volunteered help 'for two years' from club member Jim Bisakowski. Jim was applauded by all. Thank you Jim B. Bill thanked rally hosts, Carl & Helen Hove, Tim & Cass Jones and Bill & Peggy Guise. A fun time was had by all.

Bill welcomed new members attending their first rally, Don & Mary Gibson. Guests attending were: Lawrie & Virginia Paradis had daughter Patti join them Saturday; Jerry Gibbs, Gary's twin brother; Jim Davis' guest Marcella, better known as 'Charlie' and Elaine Fry brought her grandson, Benjamin. Elaine commented that Benjamin could not believe how much fun we all were.

Rally attendees: Denny & Fran Allen, John & Gisela Bandur, George & Carol Baxter, Terry & Joanne Boyd, Thom & Gail Daun, Jim Davis & Marcella, DJ & Barbie Eberhart, Ted & Jackie Freemire, Elaine Fry & Benjamin, Gary & Gloria Gibbs and Jerry, Don & Mary Gibson, Ray & Bev Groth, John & Vera Gruenewald, Bill & Peggy Guise, Ken & Pat Heuvel, Carl & Helen Hove, Bill & Betty Hubler, Tim & Cass Jones, Walt & Jerry Krebs, Toivo & Sandra Lammi, Mike & June Nooney, Lawrie & Virginia Paradis and Patti, Mike & Nancy Pellegrino, Don & Luana Perry, Rod & Maurrie Price, Ken & Becky Ragsdale, Gene & Carol Ransom, Dan & Nancy Rarick, Bernie

Roach, Terry & Diane Skinner, Gene & Dixie Snow

Secretary's Report - Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 26, 2004 business meeting as published in the November 2004 newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by Jim Davis (M) and seconded by John Gruenewald (S), motion passed (P). Renewal notices are in and so far have 29 non-paid members. If you need to contact Cass on Cascader business please use the e-mail address: gmccascaders@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club balance of \$7,642.27. Current membership is 169 (139 paid members)

First Vice President's Report - Bill Guise reported for Larry Calhoun on cards sent. Get well to: Ted Swanson, gall bladder out; Jerry Eerkes; John Collins and Larry Calhoun. Will be sending a card to Ken & Jean Wilson who are out with the flu

Vice President (Wagon master) Report - Bill Guise reported for Wagon master Terry Morris on the upcoming rallies

2005 - February will be a no-host rally

2005 - April need place & hosts

2005 - June 5-11 Denny Allen Canadian rolling rally starts in Creston ends in Osoyoos, BC

2005 - August need place & hosts

2005 - October need place & hosts

2005 - December Anacortes, WA Fidalgo Bay RV

2006 - August Wallowa Lake, OR

On-Going Business:
Website: Bill Guise showed the brochure about the website. Getting 300 hits per month on the 'for sale' area.

Western States - Spring 2005: April 4-9 Canyon Vista RV Resort, Gold Canyon, AZ Fall 2005: Sept. 21-26 Elk Meadow RV Park, Estes Park, CO
GMC International - Bill Guise introduced Cascader, George Baxter, the new President of GMC International. George reported upcoming rallies: Spring 2005: Fort Myers, FL Fall 2005: Rapid City, SD. George gave an overall review of International the organization and their mission.
Eastern States - No report.
FMCA - No report.

Merchandise - Maurrie Price has hats-red (\$15), club jackets (\$28) decals (\$5) and flags (\$20) for sale. Club sweatshirts \$23 if you pick up at a rally & \$26 if shipped. Also have front zippered sweatshirt jackets. \$23 if you pick up at a rally otherwise shipping added. There are some in the trailer. Denny Allen has GMC rubber stamps \$5.

Newsletter: Deadline - January 15th.

Old Business: Nothing
New Business: Need hosts for upcoming rallies. If you put on a rally you do not have to pull the trailer - the President will do it for you if needed. Talk to Terry Morris if you have an idea.
Also we are in great need of an editor for the newsletter. The President can not do it forever. Talk to Bill if interested.
Elaine Fry said how good the website had worked in selling three of her coaches. Also mentioned about having a gathering at the 'barn' to see about selling parts.

Adjournment (M/S/P) George Baxter / Fran Allen
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

*Respectfully submitted
Cassandra Jones, Secretary.*



A Perry Big Giveaway At Cannon Beach

I noticed this SOB at Cannon Beach and the toad was a Honda CR-V, and in the back of the CR-V was a mother load of parts. Naturally, half the Cascaders were gathered around gleaning goodies from the rear of the unit. Yes, it was Don Perry and his wife Luana who were distributing pears to some lucky people, air bags, compressors, and many other parts to fellow Cascaders. The great Cannon Beach giveaway was under way and many members went home with a gleam in their eye, and a new tool for their GMC jewel!

My spies tell me that on the way to dinner on Saturday night, fellow members Terry & Diane Skinner, who missed out on the giveaway, as they hadn't arrived at the RV site yet, were parked downtown on main street, rebuilding his starter unit. The Perry's stopped, but no

help was needed, as Terry had everything under control. Meanwhile, near Olympia, WA, Heinz & Louise Wittenbecher were returning from California and had some mechanical

problems, and were frantically on-line searching for Terry Skinner! Little did Heinz know that Terry had his own mechanical problems on the streets of Cannon Beach.



The Great GMC parts giveaway

Well Folks, How Did It Go!

To date I have not had any feedback regarding the emailing of the newsletter to Cascaders. I hope this was not a frustration for you, and opening the newsletter file was not a problem. This next emailing of the newsletter will have a couple of items added. You will get the newsletter, an article on the Aluminatti of a GMC by new Cascader Lance VonPrum, and a copy of the source list for suppliers of parts and service for the GMC, prepared by Bill Massey, a very talented guy from Texas who maintains about 6 WEB sites, and provides a wonderful service for everyone who owns a GMC. We will try to include a new story with each online newsletter about members who are doing exciting things. If you would like to share your story, let me know; however I will be doing some arm twisting, as many of you have done some very innovative upgrades to your GMC's.

Docents That Share, The Rowlands

If you're wearing a Cascader pull-over or the snappy full zippered sweater, the chances are good that it was Bill or Jessie Rowland who had your size in their inventory, took your money, and shipped it to you so you could look as good as the other Cascaders who were strutting their fashion clothing! After many years of sharing their docent time with this club task, they have now turned the pullover business over to another active Cascader,

Maurrie Price, who now handles the inventory for not only sweaters, but hats, flags, and jackets. A big thank you goes to the Rowlands, and the Morris's, for their long time maintenance of the order desk for jackets, flags and hats, and to Maurrie Price for taking on this new responsibility. In the near future, we will add pictures of items to the WEB site, so anyone interested in modeling, auditions will be held at a location near you!

Congratulations President George Baxter

If you are passing George & Carol Baxter's GMC, you will notice a shiny new plate identifying our Cascader as the President of GMC International. Both George and Carol have been long time active participants of not only the Cascaders, but Western State and International. Our congratulations go out to George and I am sure his many skills will pilot GMC International in the right direction. George is shown here (on left) with John Gruenewald



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Lots Of Wonderful Resources That May Have The Answer You're Looking For

<http://www.cascaders.org/>: Our own Cascader site, watch for rally information and breaking news!

<http://www.gmcws.org/>: Cascader Jerry Work handles the technical side of things for the Western State site, and of course its President is another Cascader, Milt Wade.

<http://www.gmcmi.com/>: Emery Stora is the new CEO, and our own George Baxter is the new President.

<http://www.bdub.net/GMCLinks.html>: Billy Massey handles 6 WEB sites, and this is a must visit WEB site.

<http://www.california.com/~eagle/>: Gene Fisher's site is outstanding, every

upgrade to a GMC is listed and much more!

<http://www.gmcmhparts.com/>: If you're looking for parts or crossover numbers, check this resource out!

<http://www.gmcnet.org/>: The mother ship of GMC information and help. If you want to communicate on a problem, this is the place!

GMC's For Sale: Northwest

Complete listing, along with pictures and detailed information is available on the Cascaders WEB site:
<http://www.cascaders.org/>

1978 26' Royal, \$39,900 Al & Janet Kruebbe: 360-681-0768
penmort@olypen.com

1977 26' Eleganza II, \$20,000 Randy: 360-939-0636, Stanwood, WA

1977 26' XPB \$25,000 John & Lauree Miller: Milton Freewater, OR.
 541-938-5981

1976 23' Birchaven, \$11,000 Tom Roswold, North Bend WA
roswoldinc@msn.com

1978 26' Royal, \$15,000 Jack Titus, Jansound@rockisland.com

1977 26' Royal, \$26,000 Jim Aucutt, Coeur d'Alene, ID 208-765-4075

1978 26' Royal, Eugene, OR \$39,950 Karl Cunningham 541-463-0637
kmccunningham@webtv.net

1977 28' Kingsley Stretch \$30,000, West Linn, OR. Ted Debauw 503-656-9946

1976 26' Eleganza II \$22,000, Clarkston WA. Jean Gwynn
cjgwynn@amerion.com

Morris Rally Report Event Calendar as of 2/5/05

| Dates | Location | Site | Hosts |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Feb 18/20 | Olympia, WA. | Land Yacht Harbor | No Host |
| April 29/May 1 | Canaby, OR | Riverside RV Park | Dan & Mable MacKinnon |
| June 5-11 | Creston B.C. (Canadian Rolling Rally) | | Denny & Fran Allen |
| August 5, 6 | Grayland, WA | | Toivo & Sandra Lamm |
| October | Open, location/hosts needed | | Your Name Here |
| Dec. 2,3,4 | Anacortes, WA | | Ken & Jean Wilson |

