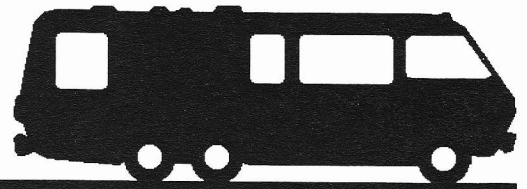


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VALENTINES AND HIGH TECH MIX IT UP AT THE KELSO RALLY!

by Jack Cupples

Photo by Cupples



I took my Valentine girl to a really nice Valentine dinner to celebrate. No, it was not at the Space Needle or any other big name restaurant. It was in Kelso at the GMC Cascaders' rally

during the Valentine weekend. I doubt that anyone enjoyed a better dinner than we did, surrounded by warm friends in the lavishly decorated Brookhollow RV Park club room (above and right).

Although several GMC coaches arrived in Kelso on Thursday, most of us joined the rally on Friday.

Photo by Cupples



The venue was a landscaped park with a quiet country atmosphere, paved roads, concrete pads

and with all of the amenities of a first class RV Park (above). The group meeting room was one of the best we've used.

Our hosts the Prices, Kyles, Groths, and Sawtells (below, left to right) are to be commended for finding such a great place and thanked for all their



Photo by Baxters

work in putting on a really nice rally which was well planned and extremely well done. Thanks, guys, it was a great weekend!

Friday night's social gathering was followed by a soup and salad presentation. The hosts found an exceptionally good local caterer to serve all of our community meals. The salad bar featured crisp, cold lettuce with a great assortment of condiments and dressings to pile on. The hot and hearty clam chowder was only surpassed by the thick taco soup served with crisp taco chips. Hot rolls complemented the meal and "seconds" were encouraged.

After supper, most attendees retired in groups to various coaches for after-dinner drinks, visiting and, in one case, doing mind-bending games involving Coin Challenges.

Saturday dawned a bit wet; however, that did not deter the Cascaders. At the community room a couple of cups of coffee, some fruit and a roll or two were sufficient to wake and warm us (right).



Photo by Cupples

Following the continental breakfast, Rod Price put on a Personal Computer seminar geared toward the on-the-road RVer.



Photo by Baxters

He demonstrated the use of existing high-tech hardware and software that

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NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	Hosts
Apr. 14-16	Leaburg, OR	Belnap Hot Springs	Persingers, Titus, Barries, Hoves

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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are now available to aid the mobile traveler (*right*). There was plenty of participation by our members using this technology.

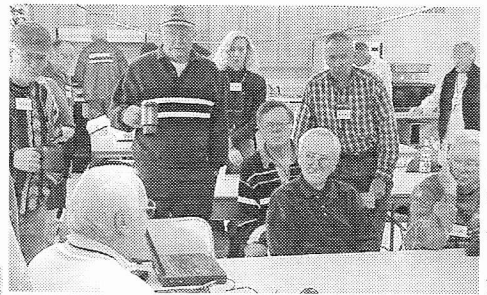


Photo by Guise

Ted Swanson demonstrates the Pocket Mail "toy" by Sharp (left). Ted and Jane pick up their email on the road with this hand-held technology.



Photo by Guise

Bill Macdonald tries his hand with the Sharp (below).

Later, Denny Allen held a field seminar (*what a field he picked!*) on the installation of a macerator on one of the coaches.



Photo by Cupples

Attendance at this event ebbed and flowed according to the intensity of the showers passing through. Denny persevered (*left*) in his yellow

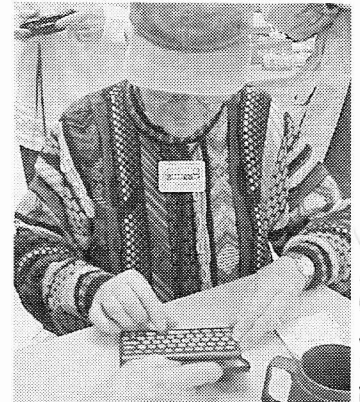


Photo by Guise

rainsuit and completed the job in record time.

The afternoon was an open time in which a lot of the Cascaders traveled a few miles south to Kalama, the Mecca of antique shops. I think there are eight antique shops in this little town.

Presentation of the Valentine Dinner (*below*) followed on the heels of the "attitude adjustment

In Kalama, "antiquers" grin as if they had gone to Mecca!

hour." Our hosts had decorated the group meeting room with red and pink, which included streamers across the



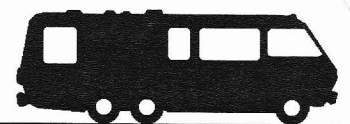
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*Blodgers
(photo
by Fry)*



*Sawtells
(photo by Fry)*



Kyles (photo by Fry)



Happy Anniversary, Carl and Helen Hove



Tiptons (photo by Cupples)



Groths (photo by Fry)

Valentine Festivities

As you can see by the photos, this was a big valentine weekend.

Thanks to our volunteer photographers for capturing some of our happy couples for the newsletter.



Blaises (photo by Fry)



Prices (photo by Fry)



Cupples (photo by Cupples?)



Jones (photo by Cupples)



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ceiling and Valentine hearts covering the walls. The tables were covered with pink tablecloths and matching napkins, white candles and a sprinkle of



Photo by Guise

Valentine sequins as well as Valentine favors. They created a great party atmosphere! The room glowed with Valentine



Photo by Baxters

Glenn Diers wins the big jackpot (above)

...but few are prouder of a full Bingo card than Bill and Mary Lou Foote (right).



Photo by Cupples

spirit. After our sumptuous buffet dinner featuring chicken and roast beef entrees with lots of side dishes, our caterer cleared the tables and bingo took over the evening.

Sunday began with another continental breakfast followed by the business meeting, Denny Allen presiding. The minutes are printed on page 6 of this newsletter.



Photo by Guise

For those of us that did not have to leave early, Bob Fry presented an interesting and informative technical seminar giving us a lot of tips on the care and feeding of a GMC that you do not find in the service manuals.

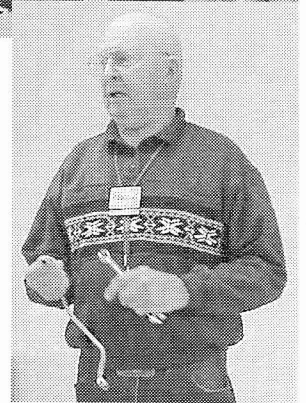


Photo by Guise

Although February in the Northwest does not seem like a good camping time, our gracious hosts provided us with a warm and well-planned rally. Thank you, hosts.

High Tech Communications

from Pris Hardin among the snowbirds

Sounds like the conversations at the rally among internet/email users were interesting and varied. Let's keep that dialogue open and open-ended. The flood of email technology for those of us who are either full-time RVers or at least frequent vagabonds is traveling at high speed. It was very helpful to have the sort of presentations at the last rally of two different sets of hardware and software. Keep the info coming as new systems are hitting the market every month. For instance, let's ask Tom and Margie Thompson to report on their new hookup when they return from their Mexican journey this spring.

On the Road Again

1976 Ex-Palm Beach—silver & gray; 34,000 miles on Winterfeld engine; 4,000 miles on new front bearings, brakes and bushings. Michelins. Digi-panel instruments. Redone interior. Roof and dash air, 3-way fridge, microwave, CB, AM/FM/CD player, Flexsteel front seats, ZipDee awnings, FanTastic fans, screen door. Color photos available. \$24,000. Phone 707-465-1753, email washmuths@aol.com. Harold Washmuth, 271 Church Tree Rd., Crescent City, CA 95531



"CASCADERS SOUTH" ARE ON THE GO!

There have been four gatherings of Cascaders wintering in southern California... and more in the offing! It is amazing how these snowbirds flock together when they fly south.

First, Daryl and Mary Wilson invited all available Cascaders to enjoy their new home in the Heritage Palms community of northwestern Indio. It is a lovely golf-oriented development with very nice homes. Note their new address in your membership roster.

In January, Reeds and Masts hosted an afternoon of good eats and fellowship at the Rancho Casa Blanca RV community northeast of Indio (*below*). The immediate excuse was the arrival of Perrys and Lennartsons from the north. Don and Luana shared a loose-leaf notebook with us



Photo by Snows

detailing the unique features of their newly acquired SOB. It is a vehicle with a history as complex as that of the GMC.

Super Bowl weekend found another party formed at the new home of Dean and Carol Richardson, just down the street from Wilson's place in the Heritage Palms community.

Early February brought a crowd of Cascaders to Riverside County's Lake Cahuilla campground, 8 miles south of Indio, for a potluck in the desert. The barbecue was fired up to cook a wide variety of diners' meat to accompany the potluck dishes brought by 9 Cascader couples. The entertainment of the day was a ragtag round of "Swing and Giggle" golf. Ask any of the snowbirds about this *different* version of the game.

Cunninghams plan to host a day-before-St. Patrick's Day afternoon of miniature golf and good food at Rancho Casa Blanca on the 16th of this month. It's a busy season down south.

Register for Our Next Rally... on the McKenzie

Soak away your winter blues and enjoy the natural hot mineral water at **BELNAP HOT SPRINGS**, April 14-16. The noisy McKenzie River separates you from a pristine forest. Walking over a sturdy footbridge you can spend hours on the easy trails stopping frequently to read the small signs identifying the many flowers and shrubs that enhance the natural beauty of this area.

This will be a "rally to remember," according to Don and Denta Persinger, team leaders for this gathering! Additional volunteers, Tituses, Barries and Hoves, will pitch in to make this a fun rally.

Belnap is located 60 miles east of Eugene on Highway 126. Space is limited to 36 coaches and not all sites have sewer hook-ups. Make your reservations right away. Email <dentap@teleport.com> or phone 541-896 3306 or fax 541 896 9046. Site assignments will be made as reservations are received. More details to follow.

Digital Photos Are Here!

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is fun to see a mix of both traditional and digital photographs in the *Cascader News* and we want to encourage continued participation on both fronts. You probably can't tell the difference between formats in the finished publication!



A word or two to our digital camera owners might smooth the path on the production end. The ".jpeg" format travels best over the internet. Your photo files come in at about 80 dots per inch (dpi). Best xerographic reproduction requires about 300 dpi. That means that all images must be reduced in size to about 26% of what arrived to boost resolution to the desired 300 dpi. So, please send your photos "full size." That way, after reduction they will be large enough to see in the finished newsletter. Some of the images in this issue are printed at only 200 dpi and you may be able to notice the rougher quality.



MINUTES 2/13/00 Kelso, WA

President's Message—President Denny Allen called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. in the meeting room of the Brookhollow RV Park, Kelso, WA on February 13, 2000. Denny opened the meeting by thanking our rally hosts: Rod and Maurrie Price, Joe and Yvonne Sawtell, Steve and Sandy Kyle and Ray and Bev Groth. Denny continued by introducing new members: Bill and Evelyn Macdonald from Beaverton, OR, and Eric and Christie Tipton from Mukilteo, WA along with first time rally attendees: Harold and Joanne Washmuth from Crescent City, CA.

Rally attendees were:

Denny & Fran Allen	Tim & Cass Jones
George & Carol Baxter	Steve & Sandy Kyle
Ed & Louise Blaise	Steve & Deb Lester
Knute & Leona Blodger	Bill & Evelyn Macdonald
Terry & Joanne Boyd	Terry & Gloria Morris
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Walt Owens
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Tod & Maurrie Price
DJ & Barbie Eberhart	Bill & Joan Satterfield
Bill & Mary Lou Foote	Joe & Yvonne Sawtell
Bob & Elaine Fry	Robert & Joan Stout
Gordon & Carol Frydenlund	Ted & Jane Swanson
Ray & Beverly Groth	Eric & Cristie Tipton
Bill & Peggy Guise	Jack & Mildred Titus
Carl & Helen Hove	Harold & Joanne Washmuth
Dave & Linda Ireland	

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 5, 1999 business meeting as published in the January newsletter. Carol Baxter requested under the GMC International section the listing of the Spring 2000 rally to be corrected to Rayne, LA instead of Iowa as shown. George Baxter (M) made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Jack Titus (S) seconded, motion passed (P).

Treasurer's Report—Club Treasurer Ruth Diers, reported a club balance of \$6,641.29. Current membership is 161. We have \$440 outstanding for jackets.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President Tim Jones reported sending cards to Don Forester, Wil Townes and Bud Sunderland. Tim then read a thank you note from Dot Forester and reported a card will be sent to Elaine Cook.

Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report—Wagonmaster DJ Eberhart opened his report by saying he felt better about giving this report than the last time he reported. April 14–16, Belknap Hot Springs, Leaburg, OR (east of Eugene) Hosts: Persingers, Hoves, Barries and Tituses. He then read

an email from Virginia Paradis who had volunteered to host a rally June 23–25 in Poulsbo, WA, for the Art in the Park Scandinavian Festival and was wondering if this would be something the club would be interested in—group approved. August and October are still open. A last resort would be having our Cascader rally during GMC International Rally at Mt. Hood in September. December 1–3, we meet again at Cannon Beach. DJ then reported Denny Allen volunteered to host a Canadian rally in June 2001 with the help of the Irelands (details for their volunteering not firm at time of this discussion) and Leona Blodger volunteered a Boise, ID, rally for October 2001. The group considered an October 2000 date instead.

OLD BUSINESS—The cut-off date for information for the newsletter is February 29.

Denny asked for a report from the **email/newsletter/website committee**. George Baxter reported the committee (Baxter, Bill Guise and Jack Cupples) were going ahead with the website development on an experimental basis. They will be talking to club member Vance Smith about getting his help.

The club has jackets (\$28), flags (\$20), hats (\$15) and belt buckles (\$18) for sale.

Western States—Carol Baxter, the Washington representative, reported: Spring rally April 24–29, 2000, Ukiah, CA; fall rally September 10–15, Newport, WA, at Diamond Lake. Carol also noted DJ Eberhart is the Oregon representative and gave the website address for Western States (listed in each newsletter). In addition, Carol asked that if you have any suggestions or comments about the organization, please let either of them know so they may pass it on.

GMC International—George Baxter, GMC International Area Vice President, reported the Spring 2000 rally will be March 19–25 in Rayne, LA, and the fall rally will be September 17–23 at Mt. Hood, OR. He expects 100 Cascader coaches in attendance. Future rallies: Las Vegas 2001.

FMCA—Ray Groth had no report, however, he will bring three membership books for new members to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS—Denny reported he had a copy of the Saguaro Jet Setters newsletter if anyone would like to read it.

Discussion was held on giving our rally schedule to other GMC organizations and placing it in the *GMC Marketplace Magazine*. Carol Baxter moved we give



public notification of upcoming Cascader rallies to other GMC clubs, GMC Marketplace and on our website. Glenn Diers (S) seconded, motion passed (P). Note: Cascader rally hosts handle reservations on a space-available basis assuring our members first priority.

The group sang *Happy Birthday* to Ted Swanson who was celebrating his 78th birthday.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Leona Blodger/Terry Morris.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cassandra Jones, Secretary.

Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers to the internet and changes to existing addresses. Refer to your most recent membership roster for addresses current as of its publication date.

CHANGES!

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PRESTON vipfalls@uswest.net

NEW ADDRESSES

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

More and more often, your hard working secretary finds that email changes and new entries fall by the wayside; frustrated members ask, "WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR LISTING?"

If you would like to add yourself to the list or make a change in your existing listing, send your information to BOTH:

Pris Hardin, Editor prisbill@proaxis.com

AND to:

Cass Jones, Secretary timjones@hevanet.com

Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs

Cascaders seeking information or communication with Western States or GMC Motorhomes International may 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

GMC M Internat. email gmcmi@newnorth.net

From your wagonmaster...

Circle Up Those Wagons

One of the goals that I set when I accepted the duties of Wagonmaster was to urge more of our membership to attend these rallies that are put on every other month. Each rally sees a familiar core group plus a few first time attendees. A large number of our members are paying dues and not enjoying one of the major benefits of membership. Rallies are a great way to meet folks with similar interests, with similar problems and just possibly a solution to those problems.

I encourage anyone who has not been to a rally to attend a rally this year. Once you start, you won't want to stop. I would like to challenge the regulars that will be at the April rally in Leaburg to contact someone that we don't normally see at our rallies—check your membership roster for a fellow Cascader near you. Tell them how much fun they are missing and get them to attend. Thanks, DJ.

New Final Drive Boosts Driving Fun for Eberharts

by DJ Eberhart

This is for anyone contemplating installing a new final drive on their GMC. I installed the 3:42 drive from Cinnabar. Prior to installation I ran some "before" tests on a hill outside of Sheridan that was steep enough that I would not exceed the speed limit (not by too much anyway) by the end of the test run but not so steep that I couldn't accelerate. I started at 20 mph and with full acceleration and traveled up the hill for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. I made three runs with the following average results:

Max. speed = 62 mph. Max. RPM 2500.

Cruising at 60 mph on flat ground had the engine running at 2200–2300 RPM.

After I installed the final drive I did the same test with the following average results.

Max. speed = 66 mph. Max. RPM 2800.

Cruising yields 2400–2500 RPM.

I have added a couple of inches of vacuum both cruising and compression. I love how it feels when getting out on the freeway and breezing up those pesky little hills on I-5.

Any questions? Feel free to call or contact me via email.



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RALLY SCHEDULE 2000

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
International			
Mar. 19 - 25	Rayne, LA	Rayne RV Park	GMCMCI
Cascaders			
Apr. 14 - 16	Leaburg, OR	Belnap Hot Springs	Persingers, Titus, Barries, Hoves
Western States			
Apr. 24 - 29	Ukiah, CA	Redwood Empire Fairgrounds	Roy Platz, Roundup Master, Miki Singleton, Registration
Cascaders			
Jun. 23 - 25	Poulsbo, WA	Eagles Club	Paradis and ??
Western States			
Sep. 10 - 15	Newport, WA	Little Diamond Lake	Bill Harvey
International			
Sep. 17 - 23	Welches, OR	Mt. Hood Village	GMCMCI
Cascaders			
Oct. 27 - 29	Tokeland, WA	Bayshore RV Park	Morris, Eberharts & Frydenlunds
Cascaders			
Dec. 01 - 03	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV	Baxters, Diers, Jones & Ragsdales, Frys,
Cascaders			
Jun. 2001	BC (and Alberta?)	Rolling Rally <i>Details later</i>	Allens and Irelands

We need rally hosts for August. Call DJ Eberhart and volunteer! ...Fellow hosts will appear!

