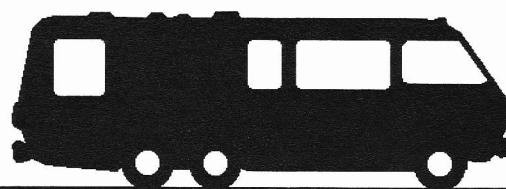


# GMC CASCADERS NEWS



March 2001

## Jack Titus and Cheyenne View Burlington Rally—by Jack Titus

Thursday, Mildred, Cheyenne and I arrived about 1:00 p.m.... 1st coach in camp. With about an inch of snow on the ground we weren't sure just how many hardy Cascaders would show up. The KOA owns about 100 acres across the Samish river from the campgrounds. This contains a mix of pasture and woods, with hiking trails... a perfectly safe place to turn a dog loose for a good romp. A little bridge connects the area to the main park.

About 4:00 p.m., Baxters, Walt Ovens, Eldon and Joyce Evans, and our host Chris Tipton arrived. We chipped in to help Chris bring the "goodies" into the clubhouse. But, in spite of all our wheedling efforts, she wouldn't spring for so much as one lemon sweet roll for us to split.

There's a large ash tree upstream on the edge of our campgrounds, A flock of starlings occupied the top branches chattering profoundly. Just then George and Carol dropped by to point out an eagle perched half way up in the same tree. No wonder the starlings were upset. There goes the neighborhood!

Friday brought a relatively warm, bright and sunny morning; and we hoped that those wavering yesterday would arrive in the afternoon.

As Cheyenne and I crossed the river for a morning run, "our" bald eagle left his roost and flew downriver at head height passing only 50 feet from us. What a thrill! His white "bald" head and white rump patch flashed in the morning light. While there, another "daddy" came across to the pasture with his two little girls and their golden retriever. The three-year-old wanted to take the golden for a walk. When given the leash, the golden followed her dutifully for 30 feet, then stopped and looked back quizzically. The tot began calling and jerking the dog's collar; the golden quietly picked up it's foot and stepped on the leash, not to be bothered further.

Friday night's potluck dinner went over very well with our full house of 20 coaches. Eric and Chris Tipton had discovered a beautifully crafted domino set with which a lot of us fell in love. Eight of us—with a couple coaches in attendance—played a no-holds-barred game of "Mexican Train" after dinner. Having the keys to the rec room, the "wars" went on way beyond closing hours. Nobody came to blows, but an occasional "censored" was blurted out. I can personally attest that Joyce Evans has the sharpest elbows I've ever come in contact with!



Photo by Evans

*There's nothing like food to bring Cascaders together. Judging by the photos received for this issue of The GMC Cascader NEWS, the kitchen crew/hosts set out a grand combination of food and fellowship for the rally.*



Photo by Jones



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## NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
May 4-6	Boardman, OR	Driftwood RV to Tygh Valley	Hardin, Bovee and Miller

*For information on more rallies, see back page.*

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Saturday's technical seminar dealt with three important areas.

- Brent Covey (*below*) of Vancouver, BC, gave an extremely knowledgeable discussion of the GMC carburetor's attributes and advantages. The one big "lookout" is for our new oxygenated fuel. ALL RUBBER will deteriorate much more quickly with this new fuel than with the old fuel. It also attacks metal. Expect your carburetor to require a rebuild perhaps every 5 or so years. (Different areas have more infused oxygen in the gas, so rates of damage will vary)



Photo by Baxter

Also, in storing your vehicle for a period of two to three months, it will be best to minimize the amount of fuel in the tanks. Alcohol in the tanks evaporates resulting in a greater accumulation of water than what might occur from conventional fuel condensation. ALSO: Don't let just anyone work on your carburetor!



Photo by Evans

- Denny Allen (*right*) gave the second discussion on the GMC suspension and airbags. Most important hint: change the airbags while still inflated if at all possible. It is extremely difficult to reposition the 3 feet of rubber "balloon" into 1 foot of inflated airspace required to be functional.



Photo by Jones

- Also discussed was the very inexpensive and simple rebuilding kit for our compressors which pump up the suspension system. These "no brainers" cost about \$50.00 and completely renew the compressors which can otherwise be replaced with a new unit that costs approximately \$200.00.



Photo by Evans



Hard working hosts line up for a quick snapshot before plunging back into their duties. Thanks, gang, for a fine rally.

Our "No More Blues" Valentines dinner was a masterpiece, expertly presented by Eric and Chris and their daughter, with help from chefs John, and Walt, who lacked only chefs' hats to be mistaken as the "real thing."

Following dinner we had several rounds of Bingo (right), which again was followed by a clutch of domino addicts who somehow still retained the key to the rec room.



Photo by Jones

Sunday dawned crystal clear and 28° F. Frost blanketed the grass. As Cheyenne and I crossed the river towards the fields, two ducks rose and flapped their way upriver. This inspired Cheyenne to check out the river first thing. Thank goodness she stopped at belly depth. After a brief run in the meadow, we returned to the coach.

Following our fruit and sweet rolls breakfast, we held the business meeting, packed up and broke camp for a beautiful day's drive home.

Photo by Jones



Left and below—Hard working kitchen crew took care of hungry Cascaders throughout the rally.

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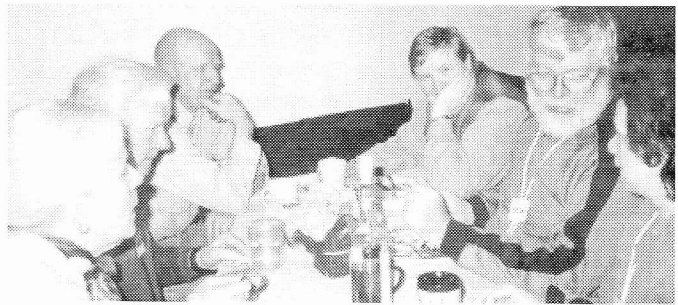


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EDITOR'S NOTE: Special thanks to volunteer reporters covering this rally—Jack Titus, lead writer with Joyce Evans helping; and photos by Allens, Baxters, and Evans and Tiptons.



# MINUTES 2/10/01

Burlington KOA, Burlington, WA

**President's Message**—President Denny Allen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the meeting room at the Burlington KOA RV Park, Burlington, WA on Sunday, February 10, 2001. Denny began by thanking our rally hosts: Eric & Christine Tipton. Thank you's went to helpers Larry and Gaynor Calhoun, Lawrie and Virginia Paradis and Walt Ovens. Denny also thanked the park chef for a wonderful morning pancake breakfast. Denny welcomed new members Toivo and Sandra Lammi to their first rally. Guests attending: Dianne, guest of Alex Birch, and Penee D'Amico. Discussion followed with Penee as she is a single woman who owns and drives her own coach.

**Secretary's Report**—Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 3, 2000, business meeting as published in the January 2001 newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by George Baxter (M), seconded by Terry Morris (S), motion passed (P).

Cass reported the new roster was handed out to those attending the rally and the remainder would be mailed the following week. Out of 160 members, 104 have email.

**Treasurer's Report**—Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club treasury of \$6,824.00. Current membership is 160. We have \$800 outstanding for rally fees.

**First Vice President's Report**—Vice President Tim Jones reported sending a sympathy card to Pearl Westphal on Carl's passing. Get-well cards (all following surgery) were sent to Joe Sawtell, Don Perry, Ed Blaise, Barbie Eberhart and Bob Fry.

**Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report**—Larry Calhoun and Denny Allen gave the Wagonmaster report in DJ Eberhart's absence. They reported on the following 2001 upcoming rallies: May 4-6—Hardins' Rolling rally from Boardman, OR, to Tygh Valley, OR. June 17-23—Allens' Canadian rally from Cranbrook, BC, to Edmonton, AB. June 23-29—Canadian Sequel in Alberta. August 24-26—Kershaws' Winchester Bay, OR, rally and annual Meeting. September 20-23—Rowlands' and Wenzeks' Lake Chelan, WA, rally. November 30-December 2—Cannon Beach, OR, Holiday rally with Baxters, Diers, Frys, Jones and Ragsdales. July, 2002—Arlington Air Show.

## Old Business—

- Bill Guise reported the club has a web address and the committee is currently putting all the information on the site. An email will be forthcoming with the site address.

- Denny Allen reported the club flags had been ordered, 4 colors instead of 6 because of a price break.
- Newsletter deadline: February 24. Jack Titus will be gathering the information in Jack Cupple's absence. Jack read a note from Pris regarding the newsletter's photos.
- Denny reported he had obtained a good price for the printing of 100 club decals. Motion made to have 100 printed was made by Cass Jones (M), seconded Terry Morris (S). Motion passed (MP). Someone asked when to expect delivery—Denny then instantly produced the completed decals. Everyone laughed. (Denny fessed up; he had them printed, then realized no motion had been made from the club. He checked all the minutes in the newsletters—nothing. His apology was accepted.)

**Western States**—Denny Allen gave the report. Spring rally, March 18-23—Palm Desert, CA.

**GMC International**—Carol Baxter, GMC International Area Vice President, reminded all of the Spring/April 1-7 in Las Vegas, NV. Upcoming: Fall/September 23-29—Niagara Falls, Grand Isle, NY.

**FMCA**—Ken Wilson, FMCA National Director, reported on the upcoming Summer Convention, August 14-16—Redmond, OR. The convention will be held at the new fairgrounds.

Ken also reported on the Medi-Vac service that is part of each person's membership. The service will take you to the hospital and will take care of getting your coach home. Check it out.

**NEW BUSINESS**—Denny Allen reported Terry and Gloria Morris had volunteered to handle the selling of the club jackets and hats. Belt buckles still through Glenn Diers. John Gruenewald reported the foundry in Anacortes was closing and to let Glenn know.

Group photo will be right after meeting.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Fran Allen / John Gruenewald  
Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jones, Secretary.

### Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs?

Use email and the web as follows:

Western States website ..... [www.gmcws.org](http://www.gmcws.org)  
Western States email ..... [tweir@pacbell.net](mailto:tweir@pacbell.net)  
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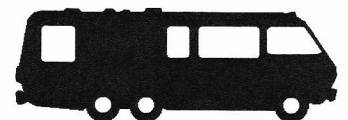
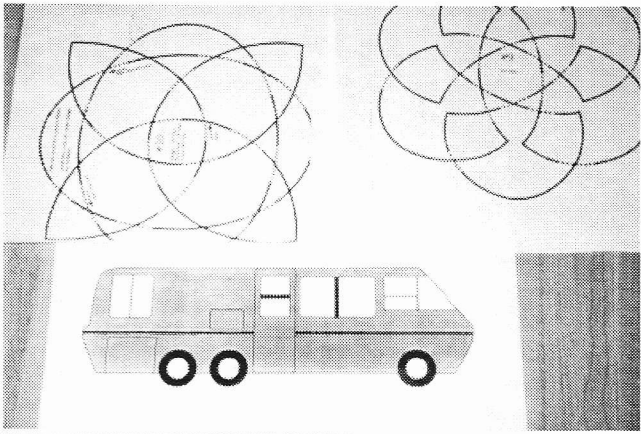


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# Craft Workshop Report

by Joyce Evans

Rally hostess Christie Tipton had set up a great craft workshop for the ladies on Saturday morning. With her sewing machine in place and irons hot on their boards, she was ready to teach us how to make great designs with fusible bias tape. We could choose from several designs—including a GMC (left)! With her easy transfer method, everyone completed their designs. The only casualty occurred when Peggy

Guise burned her finger on a hot iron.

Thanks, Christie, for a fun and informative workshop.

*Christy showed us the process (left), answered questions (below) and kept everyone on track.*

Photo by Tipton



*Below—If the old saying that busy hands are happy hands holds true, this was a very happy group. Cass' work party prepared the latest club rosters for mailing in jig time.*



## Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers on the internet and changes to existing email addresses. Please adjust your current roster to reflect the changes listed below.

### CHANGES!

Fry, Bob and Elaine ..... beavercreekbne@juno.com  
Cunningham, Karl & Millie  
..... kmcunningham@webtv.net

### NEW ADDRESS!

Wilson, Daryl & Mary ... mardar8@compuserve.com

**PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!!**

*If you would like to add yourself to the list or make a change in your existing listing, SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO BOTH:*

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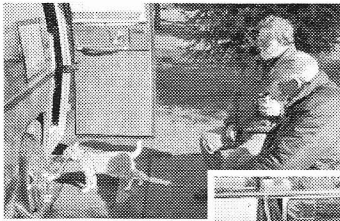
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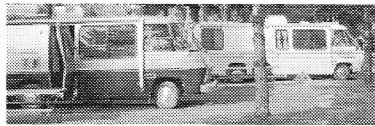


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## RALLY SCHEDULE 2001

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
<b>Western States</b>			
March 18-23	Palm Desert, CA	Emerald Desert Resort	Rally Masters
<b>GMC International</b>			
April 1-7	Las Vegas, NV	The Oasis RV Park	Rally Masters
<b>Cascaders</b>			
May 4-6	Boardman, OR	Boardman to Tygh Valley	Hardin, Bovee, Miller
<b>Cascaders</b>			
Jun. 17-23	Cranbrook, BC to Alberta	Rolling Rally	Allen
<b>Cascaders</b>			
Jun. 23-29	Alberta	Rolling Rally—Sequel	Allen
<b>FMCA</b>			
Jun. 24-?	Edmonton, Alberta	Rally	
<b>Cascaders</b>			
August 24-26	Winchester Bay, OR	TBA	Kershaw
<b>GMC International</b>			
Sept 23-29	Grand Isle, NY	TBA	Rally Masters
<b>Cascaders</b>			
<del>October</del> <sup>Sept. 30-</sup>	Lake Chelan, WA	TBA	TBA
<b>Cascaders</b>			
Nov 30-Dec 2	Cannon Beach, OR ??	Cannon Beach RV Resort	

*Host a rally!!! Call DJ Eberhart and volunteer! ...fellow hosts will appear!*

