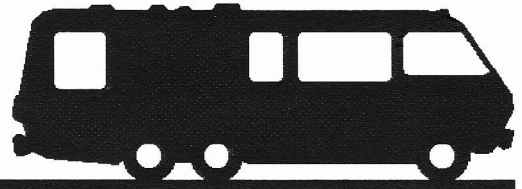


CASCADERS NEWS



March 2003

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW!

Story and photos by Bill Guise

Milepost 329 on Hoods Canal along Highway 101 in Western Washington is a real keeper, mark it on your maps!

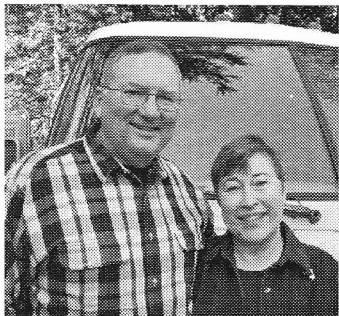
Early bird coaches began arriving on Thursday, February 20th, and by dusk, eight GMC's had slipped in to make this a four-day rally. The timing proved just dandy for the 28 coaches that came to enjoy the bright



skies and clear weather provided for our weekend. Rest-A-While RV Park (above), our rally venue, nestled among the trees at the beach front near Hoodspport, WA. As usual, new members and old friends mingled to exchange the latest GMC lore.

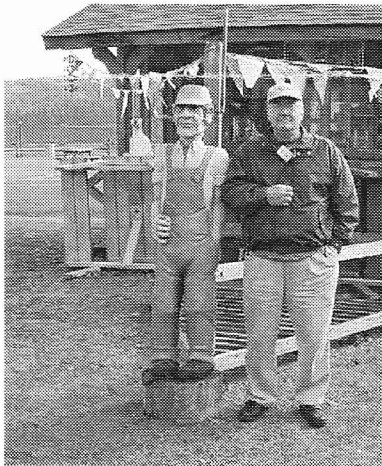
Saturday's open house (see page 3) gave everybody a chance to enjoy the many enhancements and never-before-seen new members' coaches.

Saturday morning's schedule included a cut-up session, enjoyed by many of the ladies, as they recycled last year's



holiday cards into next year's gift tags.

New members Jerry and Sharon Work (left) shared their recent GMC purchase, with its all leather interior. We were glad to see Andy Bell and Paula



Above—Will the REAL old salt please come to attention?



Above—Coaches line up in the winter sunshine at the Hoodspport rally.

Richmond who were so close to Hoodspport they just drove down the road from home. Ed and Louise Blaise brought two guests, Eva and Jordan Cruz. Ed was looking dapper and walking up a storm. Saturday we had a birthday celebration for Ed, and our hosts arranged a unique rice paper, edible, GMC cake. The gang devoured the whole coach, front to back and yours truly got the corner piece after much argument from club officers. The hall rang with birthday sounds and Ed looked genuinely pleased.

Our Rest-A-While resort hosts fired up the barbecue on Friday evening and the gang enjoyed tasty fresh-off-the-beach oyster hors d'oeuvres before dinner. The pot luck selection of everybody's favorite dishes was once again outstanding, fortifying everybody's needs for a long evening of Mexican train, and card games.

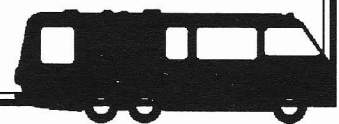
NEXT RALLY

DATES
April 18-20

LOCATION
Merlin, OR

SITE
Indian Mary Park

HOSTS
Ransom



For information on more rallies, see back page.

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Saturday morning breakfast offered big helpings of English muffins, toast and jelly, and a wide selection of fruit. After breakfast, members broke away to attend a tech session for "the boys" and a crafts workshop for "the

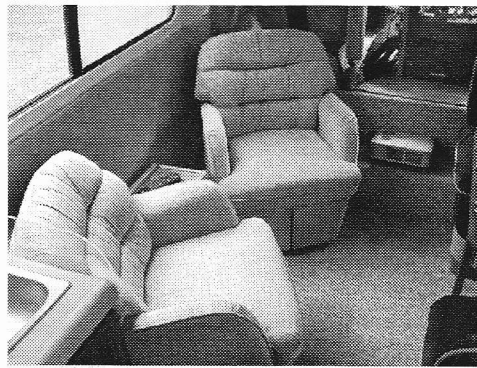


Above, left and below: Old Christmas cards become new gift tags as Cascader ladies recycle in high style.

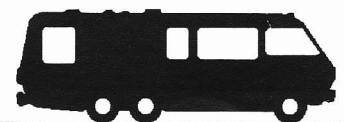


girls." As near as this writer could tell, there was no cross-over!

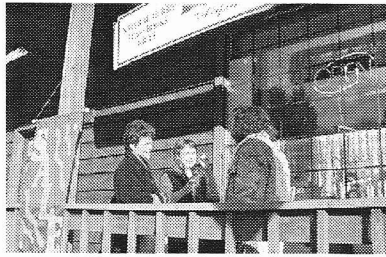
Saturday was another clear, bright, dry day—just right for the open house and a little coach



visiting. It was a chance to see all the upgrades that members have been busy working on over the winter (left and pages 4 & 5). Coaches came from as far away as Caldwell, Idaho, in the east—the Hibleys, and to the south—new members the Works, and from the north—the Allens. We all got to see new hardwood floors, dashboards, upholstery, Alcoa wheels, unique kitchen arrangements, leather lounges, innovative lighting and a bunch of other neat upgrades. 'Makes one want to catalog all these changes. A GMC is the gift that keeps on giving.... or is it taking!?'



The afternoon found people walking into nearby Hoodspport to visit the gift shops (*right*) and visiting the Hoodspport Winery. A big bonus was the invitation to meet on the beach and collect our own oysters. Many took advantage of the opportunity. Rest A-While RV Resort has its own private oyster and clam beds. For a very small fee we were able to do our own oyster picking.



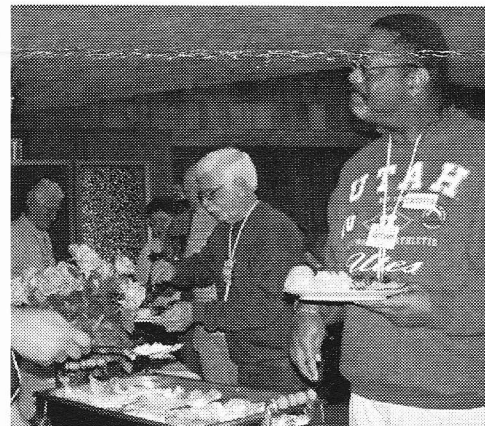
and plenty of them going to the lucky players (*below*) along with many FMCA prizes. The center table earned the title of Big Winners—the luck of the draw found that just about everybody at the table walked away with big prizes.



Our adventure continued with a wonderful Saturday buffet dinner catered by the Robin Hood Restaurant & Pub in Union, WA. Our two servers were very friendly, professional, and knowledgeable about how the chicken, salmon, vegetables,



Sunday morning breakfast was another solid meal of French toast, seared ham, fruits and lots of second helpings, along with coffee and juice, presented by our rally host chefs!



The business meeting was underway promptly at 9:30 (*below*). One big rumor regarding our rally location for this December was confirmed. We will



mashed potatoes and salads were prepared. Besides Ed's GMC birthday cake, we celebrated Presidents' Day with another delicious, fattening, heavily iced, carrot cake. After dinner, we settled into an evening of bingo with big time pots of \$40 and \$50,



Jackie Freemire. We extend our thanks to each and all of them.

travel to an international site, hosted by Doug and Elaine Cook, in West Vancouver, BC! The site is near the Park Royal Shopping Center and the Lions Gate Bridge.

Once again we were hosted by a grand group of Cascaders at this February rally: Terry & Gloria Morris, Jim Swanson, Frank Czarny, and Ted and

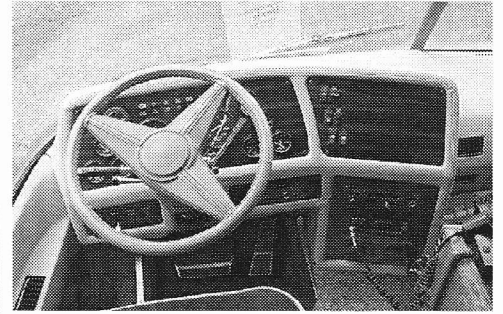
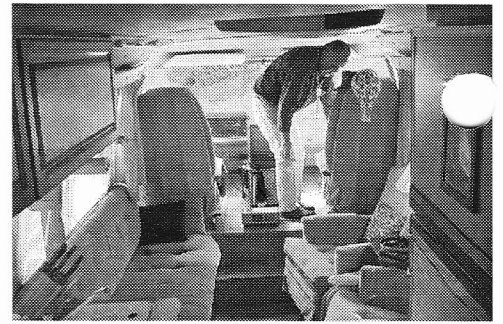


Touring the Motorhome Open House

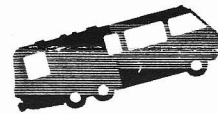
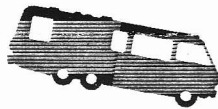
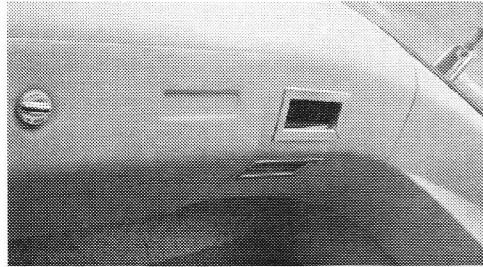
Thanks to Bill Guise's digital camera and photographic "eye" for the images at right and below. If you missed the rally so did your editor who has no idea which photos go with which coach owners—sorry. Ask around, eh?

Dash boards (below, both pages)

Interiors (right)



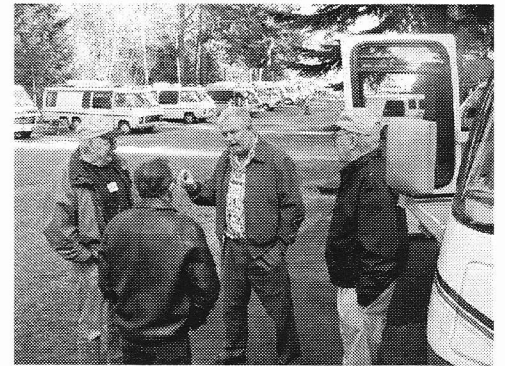
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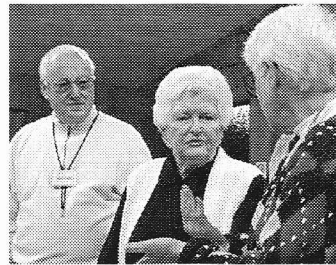
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Some innovations were not in the coaches but outside.



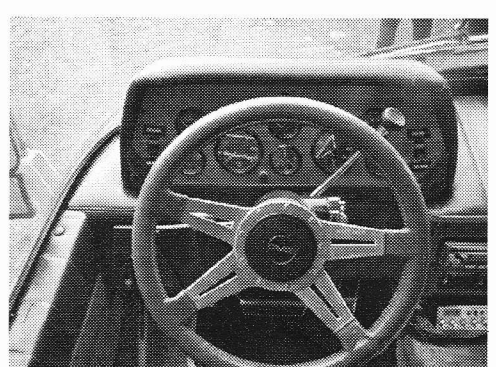
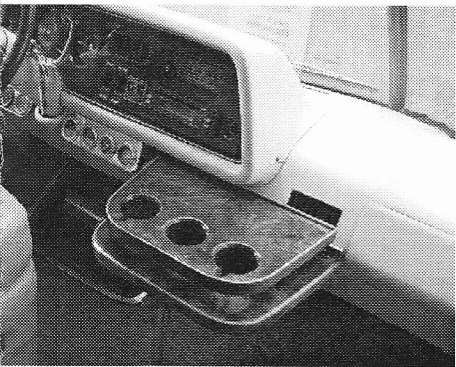
Our brave little club trailer continues to serve... flying its first aid flag at rallies.



Did any one ever see so many experts as we have in the GMC Cascaders? It is hard to get an edge in wordwise.

When all our experts and their listeners do their kibitzing, a beautiful setting adds a touch of class to the experience.



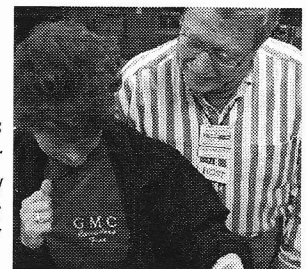


Images of Our Hoodspout Rally—...thanks, Bill !



If there is one thing Cascaders are more delighted with than their coaches, it is their pets, right?

Okay, Terry, just what is going on here? The answer is that Fran has a fancy new shirt embroidered with: "GMC Cascaders, Fran"



Not many group photographs from February rallies show this kind of lovely sunshine.



Editor's note: Many thanks to Bill Guise for the entire complement of photos in this issue. Without Bill's efforts, this issue of the newsletter would have been one long river of gray text (WRITTEN by Bill, incidentally). Next time you see him give him a hearty thank you. AND, bring your cameras to rallies so we can enjoy input from more members and take the pressure off Bill.

MINUTES 2/23/03

Rest-A-While RV Park, Hoodspport, WA

President's Message—President Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in the community room of the Rest-A-While RV Park, Hoodspport, WA, on Sunday, February 23, 2003. Tim thanked rally hosts Terry and Gloria Morris, Ted and Jackie Freemire, Jim Swanson and Frank Czarny, and Paula Richmond and Andy Bell for a great rally.

Tim welcomed Jerry and Sharon Work of Kerby, OR, who were guests on Friday and then became new members attending their first rally on Sunday.

Rally attendees:

Denny & Fran Allen	Terry & Gloria Morris
George & Carol Baxter	Walt Ovens
Andy Bell & Paula Richmond	Mike & Nancy Pellegrino
Ed & Louise Blaise	Rod & Maurrie Price
Eldon & Joyce Evans	Gene & Carol Ransom
Ted & Jackie Freemire	Bill & Jessie Rowland
Bob & Elaine Fry	Gene & Dixie Snow
John & Vera Gruenewald	Jim Swanson & Frank Czarny
Bill & Peggy Guise	Ted & Jane Swanson
Bill & Betty Hubler	Jack Titus
Tim & Cass Jones	George & Sallee Wenzek
Ken & Isabel Lambert	Ken & Jean Wilson
Tony & Sandy Lammi	Jerry & Sharon Work
Dan & Mable MacKinnon	

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 15, 2002, business meeting as published in the January, 2003, newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by Walt Ovens (M) and seconded by Jack Titus (S), motion passed (P).

Cass also reported sending out a 2nd renewal notice to 26 members who had not as yet renewed as of January, 2003. The new roster had been handed out to those members in attendance at the rally and the rest mailed. Please notify secretary if there are any changes or additions to the roster.

Treasurer's Report—Secretary Jones gave the Treasurer's report in Helen's absence (traveling) of a club balance of \$8,699.16. Current membership is 156 coaches.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President George Baxter reported sending thank-you notes to the hosts of our last rally, get-well card to Pam Eerkes and sympathy cards to the families of Roland Wilbur and Tom Guizzetti on their passing. A 'broken limb' card will be sent to Perrys' (for their house).

George reminded everyone to be sure and let him know of any club member needing a get well wish or message of condolence.

Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report—President and Secretary reported on the upcoming 2003 rallies:

April 18–20—Merlin, OR, Indian Mary Park, Hosts Ransoms

June 13–15—Silverton, OR, Silver Spur RV Park, Hosts Evans

August 15-17—ANNUAL MEETING—Wallace, ID, Down-by-the-Depot RV Park, Hosts Dunlaps

October 3-5—Toppenish, WA, TBA, Hosts: Ragsdales, Prices, Guises, Cupples' & Baxters

December 5-7—N. Vancouver, BC, Capilano RV Park, Hosts Cooks

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Western States—Spring, 2003: April 28–May 3,



Above—GMC Cascader executives "come to order."



Left—Lively Cascader business meetings keep everyone alert and on their toes... well, most of the time!

2003—Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA.

Fall, 2003: September 14–19, 2003—Lake Osoyoos, BC.

Spring, 2004—Emerald Desert, Palm Desert, CA.

Fall, 2004: October 5–10—Balloon Festival, Albuquerque, NM.

GMC International—Spring, 2003: March 30–April 5, 2003—Beaudry RV Park, Tucson, AZ.

Fall, 2003: October 12-17—Goshen, IN.

Eastern States—Summer, 2003: June 3–6, 2003—Bowling Green, KY



FMCA—National Director Ken Wilson reported on House Bill #1142. The bill would impose an excise tax of five-tenths of a cent on recreational vehicles to be used for state parks. The bill is currently in the House of Representatives' House Fisheries, Ecology & Parks Committee in WA. Discussion followed on this bill and companion Senate bill #5775 (eight-



Above—National Director Ken Wilson and wife Jean.

tenths of a cent). Motion was made by Ken Wilson (M) and seconded by Ted Freemire (S) that a letter be sent from the Cascaders, under the President's name, opposing the bills to the members of the House and Senate. Motion passed. Concurrently club members were asked to send e-mails or letters to their specific Representatives and Senators. A copy will be put on the Cascaders website.

FMCA NW—Rally will be held in Albany, OR, the first weekend in June 2003.

Merchandise—Terry Morris has hats (\$15), club jackets (\$28), decals (\$5) and flags (\$20) for sale. Jessie Rowland has club sweatshirts (\$22 if you pick up at a rally, \$26 if shipped). Denny Allen has rubber stamps (\$5)—you supply the ink pad. Contact Glen Diers for belt buckles.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website—Bill Guise reported there will be a link to the Secretary for membership inquiries. All going well.

NEW BUSINESS—no new items.

Deadline for newsletter: March 14, 2003.

Group picture after the meeting.

Adjournment (M/S/P) George Wenzek/Terry Morris

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Jones, Secretary.

Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers on the internet and changes to existing email addresses. Please note, we can publish only one email address per household.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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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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Cass Jones, Secretary timjones@hevanet.com

Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs?

Use email and the web as follows:

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Western States email..... :tweir@pacbell.net

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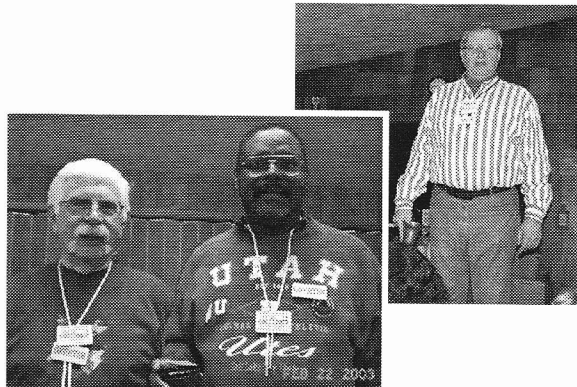
International email gmcmh@concentric.net

Thanks, Hosts...

One more successful rally leaves us with another set of hard working hosts to thank

- Terry and Gloria Morris
- Ted and Jackie Freemire
- Jim Swanson and Frank Czarny
- Paula Richmond and Andy Bell.

Below are Jim, Frank and Terry.



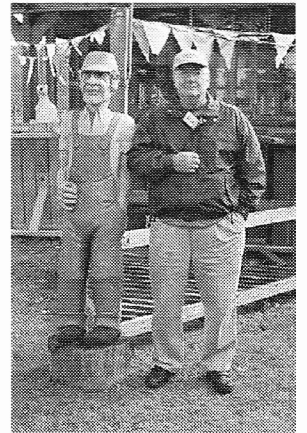
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The Love Affair with Chain-saw Carvings Continues



Peggy Guise and Fran Allen find more chain-saw work to enjoy while at Hoodspport. It brings back memories of last year's Chain-Saw Carving rally.



RALLY SCHEDULE 2003

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Call Larry Calhoun to volunteer for rallies in 2004! ...fellow hosts will appear!

