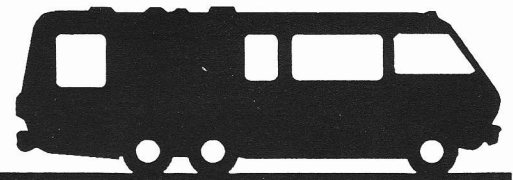


GMC CASCADERS NEWS



May 1994



Look out British Columbia...

CASCADERS TO FLOOD INTO BC!

Late-breaking news about our upcoming "road rally" through the glorious British Columbia mainland only increases the anticipation of those slated to make the trek. The Allens, Forsters and Ulmers report a large registration! The route they have planned will be varied and promises beautiful scenery with great weather... well, beautiful scenery anyway. Along with the careful planning go a few well-placed words of caution to U.S. travelers crossing into and out of Canada:

BORDER-CROSSING CAUTIONS...

- FIREARMS—absolutely forbidden; illegal; NO.
- PETS—must have a current health certificate from a veterinarian.
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES—one liter per adult passenger is permitted! NO MORE, and that includes beer and wine. At the Walla Walla rally, Don Forster pointed out that the duty-free shop, BC-side, is the last inexpensive place to purchase a supply for consumption in Canada; BC liquor prices are high.
- FRUITS AND POTATOES—no stone fruits, pears, apples, or potatoes may enter in unprocessed form. Fresh produce in these categories must be frozen or cooked before crossing the border.
- PETROL/GASOLINE—is expensive but not quite as bad as it first appears. Canadian gallons are larger.
- IDENTIFICATION—bring some. Serious I.D. may be required of you and your fellow passengers.

Attention! Cascadeurs...

Heureusement, il ne faut pas parler francais en route. Les gens du B.C. parleront anglais avec les Cascadeurs.

Rally Schedule 1994

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
May 29 – June 3 Forsters, Ulmers	British Columbia	Around mainland	On-the-Road rally Allens,
August 19-20	Mt. Vernon WA	—TBA—	Masts, Reeds, Swansons
Sept. 23-25	Toppenish WA	Yakima Nations	Gwynns and crew
December 2-4	Woodburn OR	—TBA—	Frys and crew

Additional rallies are scheduled throughout 1995; watch for details in

future issues of the GMC Cascadeurs News.



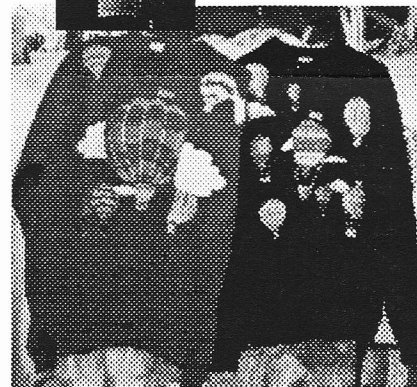
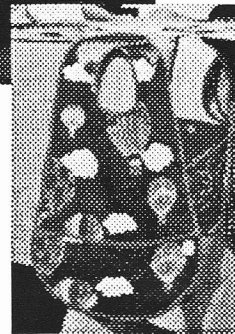
Concession booths offered a wide variety of crafts and calories. Balloons decorated everything from bibs to sandwich persons.

Balloon Stampede Rally Dazzles Cascaders

Was it the planning of our hosts? ...the splendor and majesty of great colorful hot-air balloons drifting through crisp morning skies? ...or the rich slices of history found in Walla Walla? In any case, the Balloon Stampede Rally rated as a grand success.

Our hosts—Millers (John and Laree), Franks (George and Alice) and Muxlows (Weil and Sharon)—shared the planning, execution and follow through like a champion team. Muxlows cooked up the idea for meeting at the Balloon Stampede and stuffed all of the rally packets. George Frank brought his extensive experience in managing Good Sam rallies and veterans' meetings to meal planning. And, Millers worked at everything (See photo of John the bull horn!) along with Franks. Unfortunately, Muxlows could not attend the rally due to illness. We all signed a card for Wiel.

Field trips took us from historic Whitman Mission through Fort Walla Walla to modern, high tech Key Technologies, Inc. (See article about Key Technologies written by Grace Politiski.) Larry Dodd, archivist for Whitman College for 25 years and sometime ranger at the Whitman Mission, presented an after-dinner slide lecture featuring many of the historic events that contributed to the modern city of Walla Walla. The city has much to offer visitors; many of us vowed to return. May is clearly a great month to be there... beautiful



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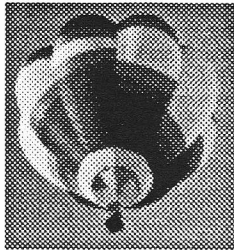
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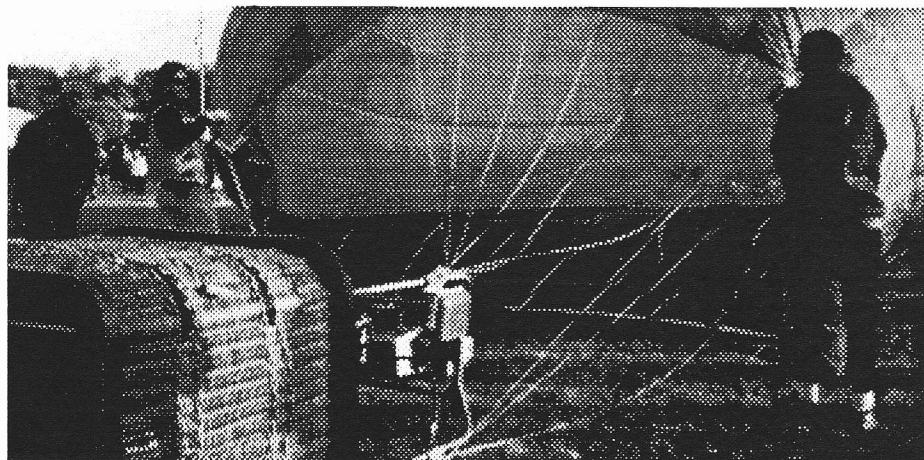
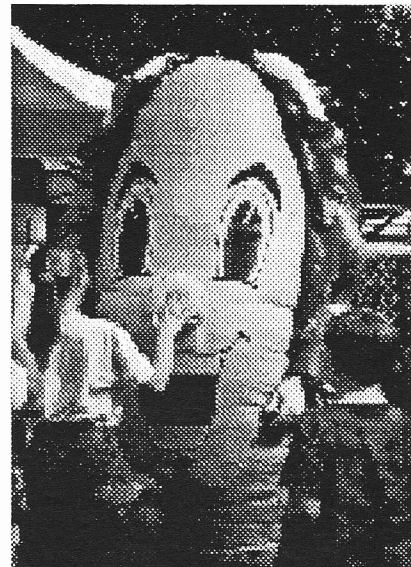


weather, lush green fields and an annual balloon gathering to attend.

And balloons were everywhere ...in the air, spread out on the grass, decorating the arts and crafts, souvenirs, and T-shirts. Even the Subway



gondola with enough people to hold it on the grass. Get some more folks to hang on to the outside. Now, fire off the



propane burners of all 16 balloons to illuminate their interiors like a giant, bouquet of colored light bulbs.

Thanks again to our team of hosts for a very memorable rally.

sandwich man's costume was a balloon! In spite of John Miller's planning, the wind carried the balloons east of their launch site each morning instead of west over our RV park. We walked, biked, rode busses or coaches to get to the launch park. Up close and vibrant, the balloons were even more exciting.

Saturday evening's "Night Glow" event climaxed the balloon ballyhoo. Recipe: take about 16 balloons. Lay them out close together in a large grassy park. Inflate them just to the point where they almost lift off. Fill each balloon's



Minutes—5/13/94

President Becky Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm at the Walla Walla Elks' Lodge. Greetings went to guests of various ages: Ekmans, Stankes and young Jessica Duble (Boyd's granddaughter).



John Miller marshals the troops; he's even more effective with a gong!

Minutes were approved as printed in the last newsletter.

Ruth Diers, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,713.07; \$800 of which is out for deposits to future rally hosts. We had 164 paid-up member coaches!

Vice President, Carol Baxter, thanked members for

their resounding response to the call for photos for the club scrap books... keep up the good work. Three get-well cards were sent since the last rally. Carol reported that Roland and Ruth Wilbur just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary!

Wagon Master, Glenn Diers, made a "smart" remark about his fellow (?) officers all wearing long pants and proceeded to detail our upcoming rallies—August 18–20 in Mt Vernon, Sept 23–25 at Toppenish and Dec 2–4 at Woodburn. Glenn needs hosts for our

Getting acquainted with one of the Walla Walla Elks.



Larry Dodd, archivist and dinner speaker.

Feb/April 1995 rally; he suggested an Oregon coast site.

FMCA

Representative, Lola Abrahams, reported on developments in preparation for the FMCA National Rally at Puyallup, WA, August 1–3. Cliff and Rosemary Smith will represent us at the 6/11/94 planning

meeting. Planners still need volunteers for both security and information booth committees—interested Cascaders should call King deBord. Several Cascaders indicated that they plan to attend.



Clinton is not the only president with heavy responsibilities.

The Nominating Committee is seeking a new alternate rep to FMCA as Joe Baker has become ineligible—you can't hold two national offices at once!

Becky Ragsdale reported on the Laughlin NV rally. Cascaders made up more than 10% of attendees. Roland and Ruth Wilbur were honored along with two others as founding members of FMCA International. We recruited 5 new members and had a great, good time throughout.

Ragsdale recognized four members attending their first rally: Jack and Cathy Cupples—Kent, WA; John and Virginia Lennartson—Coeur d'Alene, ID; Carl and Helen Hove—Seahurst, WA; and Everett and Grace Miller—Bend, OR.



Good food, good times, good heavens, it's a bunch of Cascaders!

Don Forster, Co-host of our upcoming, rolling rally in BC, extended a warm welcome and filled in border-crossing details as noted on page one of this newsletter.

John Miller reported 45 coaches in attendance at the Walla Walla rally.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

P. Hardin, Secretary.



Key Technologies, Inc. Tour

Story by Grace Politiski

In three shifts, the Cascaders toured Key Technologies, Inc., a company that manufactures food processing equipment and material handling systems for improving quality and productivity in the food preservation industry. Key Tech is the leader in their field, though there are several competitors.

It was started as a family business over fifty years ago in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, before moving to Walla Walla three and a half years ago. It is now a public corporation and has approximately 250 employees who operate in two shifts.

Our tour, led by a manufacturing engineer, started with the offices and the engineering and design departments. He explained that Key builds thirty to forty standard machines used in the industry but probably 50% or more are custom-designed for the buyer. Even some of their so-called standard machines are often modified to satisfy a particular buyer's needs.

The machinery is first computer engineered and designed, then a prototype is built and lab-tested and last the piece is taken to the buyer for on-site testing before producing the final item.

Because of the odd shapes and sizes of the machinery built there, they make all their own cartons and crates for shipping.

In the machine shop, we saw construction steps from start to finish beginning with sheets of stainless steel and other metals, cutting and bending to size, assembly, welding, sandblasting and finish wiring and addition of other parts.

Their electronic department is so high-tech that cameras they design to be used on some pieces of machinery are assembled on a floating table surface.

Key Technologies, Inc. seems to be very employee aware and provides their people with pleasant surroundings: an in-plant cafeteria, locker rooms, an exercise room, a full-time on-site nurse and probably one of the cleanest manufacturing plants I've ever seen.

Their motto displayed in every department is, "Satisfaction is KEY to our customers." This certainly applies to their guests as well.

Special thanks to Grace for preparing this comprehensive report on short notice; I'll be looking for more free-lance contributors to the newsletter in the future—PH

BULL SESSION Technical Seminar Proves Useful

No formally announced seminar topic prompted an informal gathering at Walla Walla to discuss a number of areas pertinent to keeping our venerable rigs on the road. Subjects addressed included: catalytic heaters, furnace repair and maintenance, inverter questions, leveling systems and motor oil additives.

LARGE ATTENDANCE SPARKS ENTHUSIASM

The Four Seasons RV Park was capable of handling the large turnout at the Walla Walla rally. As membership climbs, officers speculate on what a nice problem it would be to have to worry about finding rally sites large enough to handle our assemblies. Keep up the participation, Cascaders, we'll happily cope.

Attending, in spite of one blown water pump and one or two bad tires in the group, were:

Henry and Lola Abrahams	Dave and Linda Ireland
George and Carol Baxter	Walt and Gerry Krebs
Andy Bell	John and Virginia Lennartson
John and Louise Blaise	Jack and Doris Mast
Terry and Joanne Boyd	Ev and Grace Miller
Eugene and Mildred Cochran	John and Lauree Miller
Doug and Elaine Cook	Terry and Gloria Morris
John and Marge Crist	Larry and Virginia Paradis
Karl Cunningham	George and Charlotte Paul
Jack and Catherine Cupples	Don and Luana Perry
Glen and Ruth Diers	Clarence and Grace Politiske
Don and Dorothy Forster	Gerry Pryde
George and Alice Frank	Ken and Becky Ragsdale
Bob and Elaine Fry	Ed and Mary Reed
Gordon and Carol Frydenlund	Dean and Carol Richardson
Dave and Sharon Gadomski	Paul and Sandra Richardson
Herb and Doreen Graham	Jim and Sheryl Scolman
Ray and Beverly Groth	Ted and Mildred Stanke
Carl and Jean Gwynn	Bud and Joy Sunderland
Bill and Pris Hardin	Tom and Margie Thompson
Ernest and Nellie Hastie	Norm and Betty Turner
Carl and Helen Hove	Charles and Mabel Williams
	Daryl and Mary Wilson



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Smokey Looms High Above the Crowds Before Rising Higher

CLASSIFIED ADS

Andy Bell is offering an attractive array of GMC jewelry—ear rings, pendants, tie tacks, designed on his computer and cast from the data on computer disk! Contact him for prices and optional design variations. Call 1-206-983-2355

*Listing of GMC-related items is free to all Cascaders. All listings will appear in one issue only unless you arrange otherwise. Send information to Pris Hardin
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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 Membership Directory or the masthead of this newsletter.

