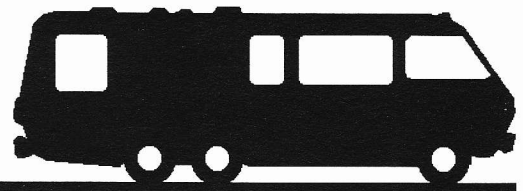


GMC CASCADERS NEWS



May 2002

A TULIP TRAIL TALE—by Jack Cupples

Would this be the year that we would finally arrive at the right time for the tulip fields to be in full bloom? This was the question we asked ourselves as we traveled to the Skagit Valley for the GMC Cascaders Tulip Festival Rally. At least

the weather was cooperating and forecast to be good for the weekend as we arrived at the Burlington KOA. When we pulled into the KOA Friday afternoon we were greeted by our rally hosts Virginia and Larry Paradis and host helpers, the



Right—Our rally host team pauses long enough for a formal photo 'op'!



Left—Roozengaarde nursery boasts an impressive replica of a Dutch windmill.

Photo by Paradis

Calhouns, the Gruenewalds, the Wilsons and Walt Ovens. Each of the 48 arriving coaches received a blooming tulip plant along with the rally schedules and area brochures. Also in the bag of goodies was a couple of specially produced chocolate bars in the shape of a GMC coach.

The afternoon was open for visiting and checking out the many arriving GMC coaches. Some members drifted off to the nearby Museum of Northwest Art, the Skagit County Historical Museum and local Casinos. Very few missed the happy hour before dinner, though. The meeting room was devoted to the Cascaders for the weekend and had been artfully decorated by the hosts with table cloths, quilted table runners in tulip patterns with a bouquet of tulips on each table. Our thanks to Virginia Paradis, Jean Wilson, Vera Gruenewald and Gaynor Calhoun who handmade the beautiful quilt runners (right). These runners were door prizes in Sunday's drawing.

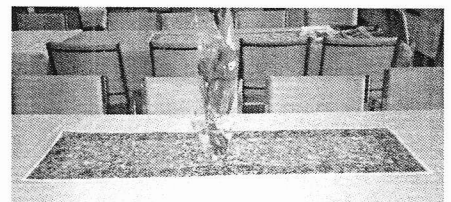


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NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
June 6-9	Moses Lake, WA	Grant County Fairgrounds	FMCA

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After happy hour the hosts set out a grand buffet of soups, bread rolls, salad and desserts. Following dinner the meeting room remained open for games, puzzles and visiting. I heard that the Mexican Train engineers were traveling again!

Saturday day broke with clear blue skies. Following our continental breakfast, we boarded the bus for the trip through the tulip fields. After traveling



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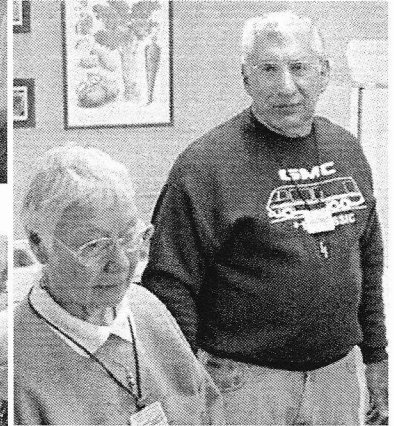


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Above—Hosts Lawrie and Virginia Paradis pause in the middle of serving. Thanks for a great rally.



Photo by Cupples



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Right—The delicious meal is topped off with a beautiful cake. Thanks, hosts!



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Left—Beautiful weather brought out happy dog-walkers. The dogs were pretty happy, too.

Right—The great flag planting was difficult to see from the ground level but very impressive from the viewing platform (bottom right).

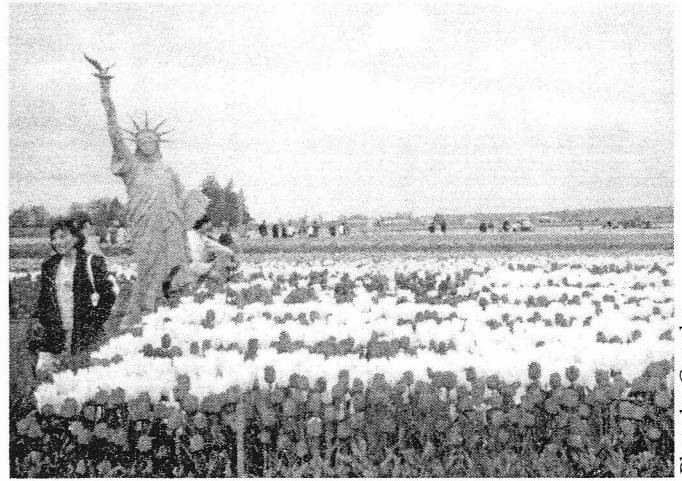


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through rural field after field of daffodils and tulips in full bloom as far as one could see, we knew this in fact was our year to finally arrive here at precisely the right time. Our first stop was at Tulip Town with a walk through the fields of breathtaking colors of tulips all around us.

Our next stop was at Roozengaarde which features a 3-acre display garden with an authentic Dutch windmill (see page 1). Again fields of color surrounded us. At both stops we found gift shops, food, espresso, picnic facilities and restrooms (thank you!).

After max'ing out our sensory input for color, we piled aboard the bus again and headed

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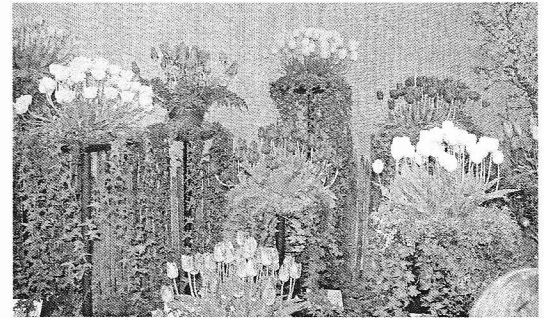


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Tulip Town provides a raised viewing platform overlooking the acres of flowers showing some 60 different colors of tulips and also a great view of an American flag created with 8,000 tulips in red, white and blue.

They also feature the only indoor flower and garden show at the Tulip Festival (center right).

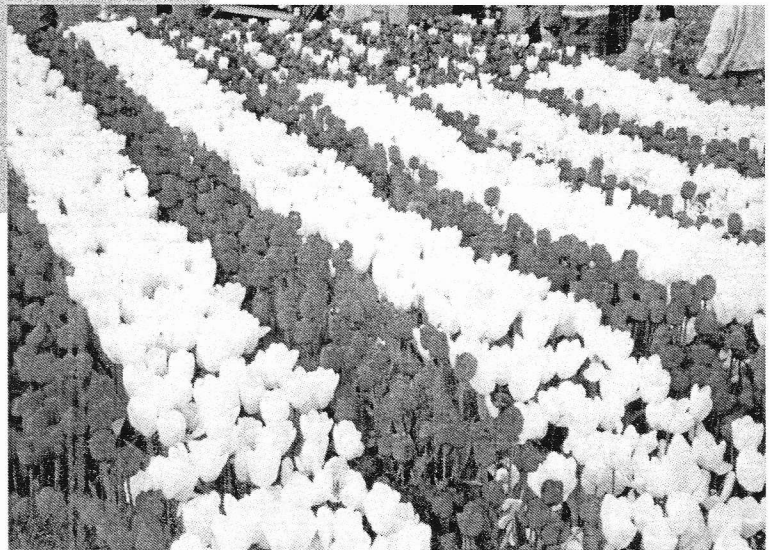


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Left—Even Virginia, hard working hostess, found time to relax and enjoy the daffodils.

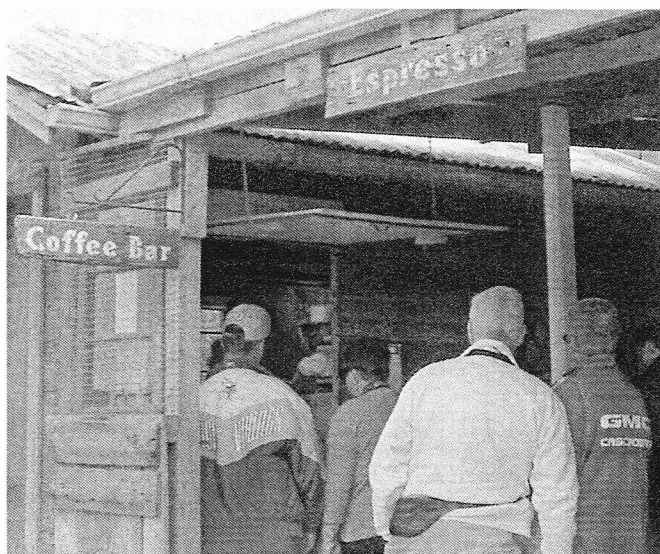


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for the quaint little city of La Connor. La Connor lies on the Swinomish Channel and offers dockside

dining, many award winning eating establishments, no end of gift stores and art galleries. We had two hours to explore, lunch and seek out a few precious remembrances to take home.

Since the bus was late in arriving back at the KOA due to the extremely heavy festival traffic, an abbreviated happy hour prefaced a nicely catered dinner Saturday evening. The buffet supper included prime rib and mediterranean breast of chicken with all the various side dishes, salad and even dessert

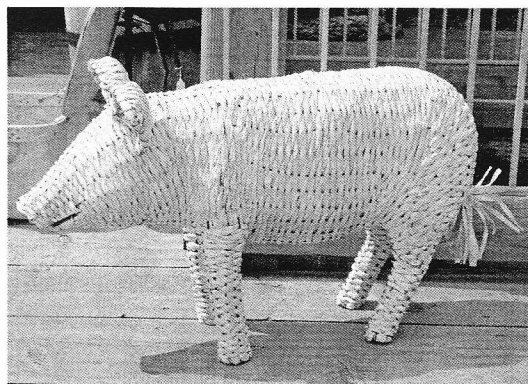


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Above—Dave Ireland is so relieved when Linda decides to capture this wicker pig on camera instead of buying it to tote across the border for her sister's pig collection!

Below—Fence sitters soaking up that wonderful sunshine.

of "Oregon Bumbleberry Cobbler" with whipped cream.

As if we had not eaten enough the last couple of days, our hosts arranged for a huge pancake and sausage breakfast



Photo by Cupples



Photo by Fry



President Tim Jones holds forth during the business meeting... our final function in the meeting room.



Photo by Guise

Sunday morning. Breakfast was followed by our business meeting and group picture. Checkout time was noon and after our good-byes were said, the Cascaders scattered in all directions to travel home again. Seems as they left, I heard a hearty HI-HO-WE-GO and see y'all in Moses Lake.

"HI-HO-WE-GO...the happy song of our host Lawrie and his faithful friend join in a duet as they head home!

'Looks like we have some untapped talent from which to draw for our next talent night.



Photo by Cupples

Wagonmaster's Call

Woo!!!!!!!!!! What a rally, and so many Cascaders came... 47-48 coaches. 'Great to see so many old and new faces. The sun shone, the food was delicious, tulips in bloom and great company.

Well, the next one is Moses Lake and what a turnout, I received 57 registrations: 55 GMCs and only two others. At this time there are nearly 800 FMCA members registered for this one, what a crowd! Moses Lake won't know what hit it. I would like to urge everyone to arrive early if possible on the 4th or 5th. If you can, this will make the parking easier. If you can travel with others and come in as a group it will help in parking. So meet up with friends and arrive together if you can.

Another date for 2003 is filled—August in Wallace, ID. Thanks to Bob & Chris Dunlop for agreeing to host this one. Still open for 2003, are Feb., April and Oct. Get your licks in early! Don't be left out. Thanks for your support.
Larry

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CLUB TRAILER LOOKS GREAT!



Photo by Guise

In our last issue, you saw the interior of our new club trailer... in process. At left is the finished work complete with serving table.

Thanks, Larry!

On the Road Again

For Sale—1975 GMC Palm Beach. Rebuilt 455 and trans. Upgrades: 3:42 final dr.; rear disc br.; furnace; 3-way refrig; convertor; ALCOA wheels; macerator; remote, heated mirrors; Zip Dee awnings; more. \$21,500. It's "Hard to Be Humble" in this coach!
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Tulips, tulips and more tulips —a first-timer's notes... from his website!

by Heintz Wittenbecher

These folks know how to put on a spread. After visiting the tulips, an excellent buffet topped off the day. Don't know if the draw was fixed, but Louise was very happy to receive one of the many door prizes. Of course I was having so much fun.... I forgot about paying attention to the engine batteries. I usually run my power supply at its lower setting and since we were using lights etc. in the living area there wasn't enough voltage to close the combiners so no charging to the engine batteries.

Thankfully the Cascaders are prepared and my period of neglect gave Wagonmaster Larry a chance to try out their new self-contained battery booster. It works very well. Thank you, Larry. We're looking forward to Moses Lake.



Photo by Wittenbecher

RALLY SCHEDULE 2002

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June 6-9-FMCA	Moses Lake, WA	Grant County Fairgrounds	FMCA
August 2-4	Greyland, WA	Roamers Roost RV	Lammis and Snows
October 11-13	McKenzie Bridge, OR	Belknap Hot Springs Resort	Barries, Hoves & Titus'
December 13-15	Anacortes, WA	Fidalgo Bay RV Park	Wilson's (Ken and Jean) & elves

Call Larry Calhoun to volunteer for rallies in 2003! ...fellow hosts will appear!

