

GMC CASCADERS

June 24, 1988

Dear Cascaders,

Our GMC Cascaders were well represented at the recent Emerald Empire Festival in Eugene, Oregon where a large number of FMCA members gathered to enjoy each other and all the exhibits dear to the heart of RV enthusiasts. We climbed in and out of acres of gleaming new coaches, pondered the merits of various refrigerators, tow bars, and awnings, then gathered for social hours and dinners followed by nightly entertainment all arranged for by the hard working FMCA Rally Committee. As usual, it was fun getting together with Cascaders able to attend but we missed seeing everyone else. Will look forward to a grand assembly in August.

As most of our club officers were unable to attend June's get-together, the regular meeting was cancelled. Our president, Bob Fry, would like to remind you that election of officers will be held at the August rally. He reports the nominating committee appointed in April has found members willing to stand for election but he emphasizes that anyone wishing to make a nomination from the floor or stand for a desired office is encouraged to speak up at that time.

The Hosts and Hostesses for August have arranged for a wonderful rally at the Mt. Hood RV Village near Welches, Oregon. The schedule of events and registration particulars are enclosed with this newsletter. They have reserved forty spaces and are hoping a large turnout will be on hand to participate in the fun and fellowship before, during, and even after the specific rally dates. Joe Baker asks that your reservation reach him no later than August 1st, please.

Enclosed is a recent update of the club roster with eighty-eight members. New members added since the last roster was prepared are Bill and Elizabeth Brooks from Gladstone, Oregon, Don and Pat Doerrie from Beaverton, Oregon, Walter and Jerry Krebs of Grants Pass, Oregon, Wolfgang and Barbara Mundt of Rockaway Beach, Oregon, Bill and Nina Ritchie from Sidney, BC, Canada, Ted and Mildred Stanke of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Bruce and Joyce Stewart from Snohomish, Washington, Roy and Lillian Tutt of Kirkland, Washington, Ian and Lorna Vantreight from Victoria, BC, Canada, and returning member Chuch Wiper from Sun River, Oregon. Also new to the Cascader ranks is Jack Tice, Sr., 1500 Airport Cutoff Road, Port Townsend, Washington 98368, (206) 385-6139, whose application arrived after the rosters were printed so please add his name to the list. Welcome all! We're glad you decided to join us and hope we'll see you at many future rallies.

Enjoy safe summer travels. We'll see you in August.

Phyllis Pryde

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Mt. Hood RV Village is a getaway that's really away. On 214 forested acres in the green Oregon Cascades, we've created the ultimate mountain RV resort. 550 uncrowded, scenic spaces. A lively trout stream on our southwest border. Hiking trails, golf, bicycling, and skiing close by. Glorious alpine vistas almost everywhere you look. And enough conveniences and activities in the park to civilize you when you're ready. It's a different concept for RV destinations: It's mountain living... for a change.

Mountain living exclusively for RVers.

Mt. Hood RV Village is a multi-use, full-service RV resort nestled on 214 acres at the foot of Oregon's snowcapped Mt. Hood. Careful planning and landscaping have yielded 550 vehicle spaces in nine use-designated areas. 289 have full hook-ups; 69 have electricity; 192 are dry sites. Spend a few nights with us. Or, stay for a season.

All the comforts of home. Plus some.

To complement its rustic setting,

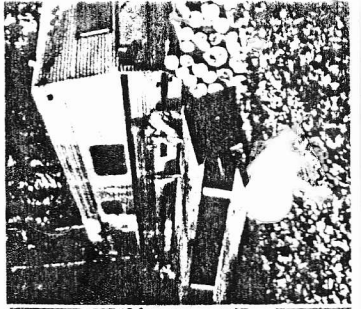
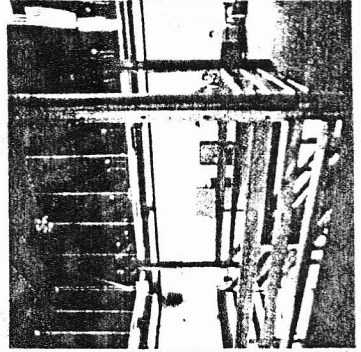
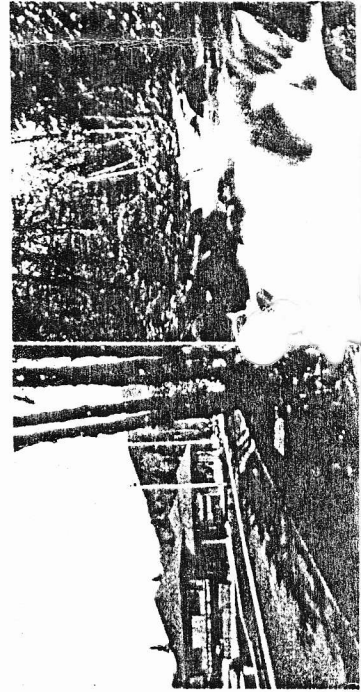
Mt. Hood RV Village offers a modern complex of recreational facilities and other amenities: ♦ Nearly a mile of Salmon River frontage. ♦ Gate-controlled park access. ♦ Adjacent to 350-acre Wildwood Recreational Park, offering individual and group facilities. ♦ Indoor pool and whirlpool (July '88). ♦ Exercise room. ♦ Lounge and library. ♦ Multi-purpose rec room with kitchen, for square dancing, meetings. ♦ Horseshoes. ♦ Laundry and showers. ♦ Convenience store. ♦ RV fueling facilities. ♦ Bicycling. ♦ Playground facilities. ♦ Acres of natural, wooded common areas.

Outdoor fun in every direction.

Its location in the famed Mt. Hood Loop area of the Pacific Northwest puts Mt. Hood RV Village close to a world of healthy, exhilarating activities: ♦ Salmon, steelhead and trout fishing. ♦ Mountain trail and wildflower hikes. ♦ Downhill and nordic skiing. ♦ Canoeing and whitewater rafting. ♦ Nature photography. ♦ Golf. ♦ Tennis. ♦ Antiquing. ♦ Easy drives to Timberline Lodge, Central Oregon, Hood River Valley, Bonneville Dam, Portland, the Columbia River Gorge, Mt. St. Helens, Oregon wine country, and the Oregon coast.

All-season living.

If you winter in the desert, Mt. Hood RV Village is a great, green summer change of pace. Or, if you like, stay with us longer and experience four full Northwest seasons: golden autumn, white Christmas, brilliantly blossomed spring, and shady, lazy summer.



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Minutes of the General Meeting - La Conner, Washington, April 9, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM by Bob Fry, President. He welcomed new members and guests Andy Bell, Burl & Jo Eastman, Henry & Lois Pfennig, and Eldon & Vera Meekohf. Twenty-nine coaches were at the rally.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer John Miller reported a balance to date of \$2,418.30 which includes interest for January and February of \$20.72. The club has 79 paid members at this date.

Wagon Master Tom Diers led a discussion regarding future rally locations. It was moved by Myra Mitzel and seconded by Elaine Fry that we attend the FMCA Rally in Eugene, Oregon, June 9th thru 12th, 1988. The motion carried. Chuch Maslowski will handle parking details, Karen Birch will arrange a central site for Cascader get-togethers, and Mike Brady and crew will put together a balloon/dart game for Game Night. Jerry Pryde moved and Ray Perron seconded a motion that \$100.00 be advanced to buy materials and prizes for the game. The motion carried. This rally will take the place of our regular June rally. (See attached Newsletter for more information and registration form.

After further discussion, Myra Mitzel moved and Elaine Cook seconded a motion that the August Rally be held at Mt. Hood in August and on the Long Beach Peninsula for the Cranberry Festival in October. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Bob asked for guidance regarding the purchase of the club decals and awning already voted upon. After much discussion, Jerry Pryde moved and John Meyer seconded a motion that we scale down the decal purchases to 200. The motion carried.

After discussion regarding the utility trailer, John Crist recommended we abandon modifying the trailer for now but take it up again if needed at a later date. The consensus was that would be the proper course of action.

New Business:

Volunteers were asked to serve on a five member nominating committee for August's election of officers. Those agreeing to act in that capacity were Greg Smith, Russ Stephens, Nancy Maslowski, Joe Baker, and Lillian Henry.

Greg Smith recently discovered a significant disparity in coach licensing fees and suggested that Washington residents check their statements to make certain the amount does not exceed \$100.00. He also suggested that anyone having their original GMC draperies cleaned should thoroughly discuss possible damage before proceeding.

Convention Reports:

Joe Baker reported on the GMC International Convention in Las Vegas which drew 241 member coaches. Fourteen Cascaders coaches were among that number. Seminars included an overview of the early days of GMC design and production presented by Alex Birch, Sr.; steering and handling was discussed by Chuck Stoddard; Charles Echols covered engine performance reporting good results on fuel injection systems added to many coaches; Fritz Blamma's subject covered cooling as well as front alignment and total coach suspension alignment which was demonstrated on a coach at the seminar.

Myra Mitzel shared some of the subjects discussed at women's seminars which stressed the need for learning how to drive the coach and being able to guide the coach to a safe stop if the driver were suddenly taken ill. (Don't turn off the ignition.)

The necessity for frequent stops to walk in order to maintain proper circulation in the lower extremities was also stressed.

Elaine Fry reported on several craft seminars as well as the importance of having an adequate fire extinguisher for emergencies. Halon extinguishers were considered a wise choice.

Jerry Pryde reported on the Western States GMC Convention in Chula Vista, Ca., which drew 121 GMCs. Many interesting and useful seminars were presented during this convention which was organized by the Pacific Cruisers Chapter of FMCA. Technical seminars covered towing, motorhome maintenance, LP Gas systems, engine removal and replacement, shock absorbers, and fire extinguishers. Wes Caughlan organized and presented many of these seminars along with industry experts and representatives.

John Miller and Al Birch shared their impressions of FMCA's National Del Mar Winter Convention where approximately 4,500 FMCA member coaches were gathered. They found the displays interesting and the entertainment enjoyable but the seminars not very helpful. Their feeling was that it was mainly a commercial operation.

John Crist explained the signal system now in use on Mt. Hood whereby a lost or injured hiker can be located up to twenty miles away. Its implementation of this signal device was due in part to the untiring efforts of Margery Crist's son Scott Pearson. We congratulate and thank him and his associates.

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Pryde

Phyllis Pryde, Secretary

A revised membership list will be out soon but until then, please add the following names to your roster:

Bill & Elizabeth Brooks, 16670 Tudor Drive, Gladstone, OR 97287
Roy & Lillian Tutt, 12804 - 132nd NE, Kirkland, WA 98035
Wolfgang & Barbara Mundt, 8255 Cedar St., Rockaway Beach, OR 97136
Ian & Lorna Vantreight, 1612 Barksdale Dr., Victoria, BC Canada V8N-4Z8
Bill & Nina Ritchie, 11349 Redbud Place, Sidney, BC Canada V8L 3X9
Ted & Mildred Stanke, 424 Hillside Ave., Klamath Falls, OR 97601
Walter & Jerry Krebs, 939 NE 8th St., Grants Pass, OR 97526

A note from Jerry Pryde concerning the recent formation of the GMC Western States Chapter of FMCA follows:

"This organization was formed with the purpose of preserving the GMC Motorhome and to further the mutual association, membership enjoyment, and common interest of GMC Motorhome owners, their families, and guests. The plan is to sponsor two rallies a year, publish an interesting and informative newsletter, and bring together GMC owners in the eleven Western states at rally locations accessible to most members. The recent rally in Chula Vista was well organized and included a full agenda of seminars for men and women plus some excellent evening entertainment. Each GMC owner should receive the first copy of the Newsletter along with membership information in the near future. Dues were set at \$10.00 per year with an initial \$10.00 organizational fee the first year. Seventy-one members enrolled at the Chula Vista Rally."