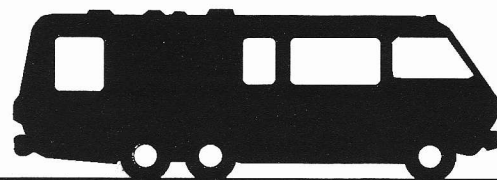


# GMC CASCADERS NEWS



June 1999

## "LOST (and found) IN THE 50's" at Sandpoint, ID

May 13-16, 1999

by Jack Cupples

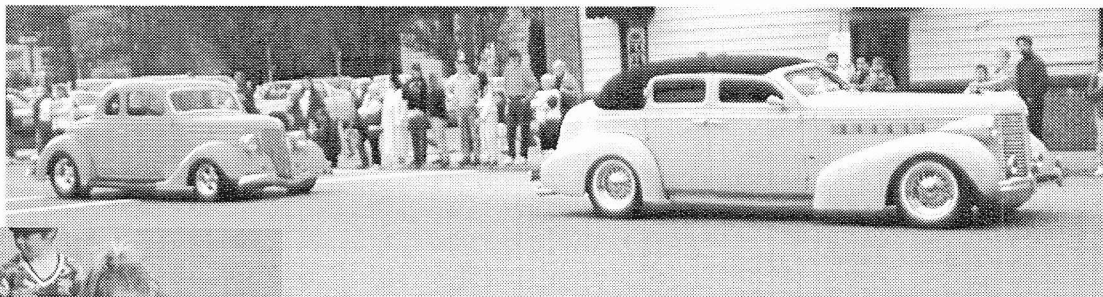


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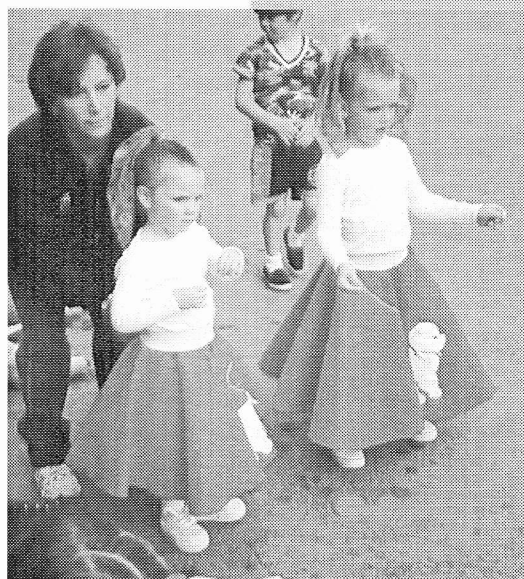


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Nostalgia, to varying extents, echoed through most of the Cascader group that attended the "Lost in the 50's" rally at Sandpoint, Idaho. It seems that we were all old enough to remember some of the trademarks of the 1950's. Whether it was the poodle skirts (*left*), the sock-hop dance or the old familiar cars of those days, we all found something that caused fond memories to come flooding back. Sandpoint itself seems to have an air of those simpler times; was a great place to have the rally.

*Volunteer hosts greet Cascaders as they roll into the park (below). Note "seventies" classic motorhome!*

WOW! Look below... The original GMC motorhome!!!



Photo by Cupples



Photo by Kragt

### NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
July 9-11	Athena, OR	Caledonia Scottish Festival	Knute and Leona Blodger

**MORE RALLIES... on back page**

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Some of us arrived at the Idaho Country Resort on Thursday in time to enjoy a gathering of the group in the resort's Gazebo for before-dinner refreshments and reaffirming old Cascader



Photo by Cook

*Early arrivals hashed over old times in Ken and Jeanne Wilsons' coach.*

friendships and also for meeting some of the new attendees. The windowed Gazebo on the shore of Lake Pend Oreille was a great place to gather then, and for most of our group activities. Since dinner was on our own that night, some Cascaders gravitated to the Trestle Creek Inn located within a short walking distance of the RV Park entrance. We soon filled most of the tables there to enjoy what turned out to be an economical menu of home-cooked fare. The serving portions were designed to feed a hungry logger! Those who had "ribs" must have had a pound of meat (no bones) on their large plates.

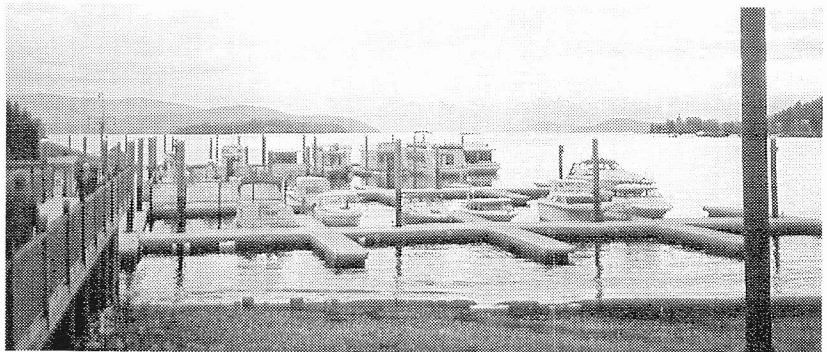


Photo by Ovens!

Friday dawned with threatening weather (*above*), but with no appreciable rain (or snow). On the hills right behind the resort, the clouds almost masked the snow which blanketed them some 500 feet above where we were camped. Spring seemed to have not yet come to the Idaho panhandle. Hot coffee and the continental breakfast in the Gazebo that morning seemed to help take away the chill. The weather started clearing as the hosts were signing up coach drivers for the variously timed trips into Sandpoint. Shopping in the many quaint shops and specialty malls of Sandpoint attracted some, while others just wished to stay in camp to visit and engage in GMC talk. Golf was available nearby, and I suspect some of the group took advantage of that, especially since the weather was getting better all the time.

By late afternoon, the weather cleared up for us to enjoy the coach ride into town for a short shopping jaunt and a walk

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# Minutes—May 16, 1999

*Sandpoint, ID*

President Terry Morris called the GMC Cascader meeting to order at 9:34 AM. He thanked rally hosts, Harvey and Elaine Kragt, John and Virginia Lennartson and Del and Vi Preston for a most enjoyable rally. The President welcomed first rally attendees Richard and Beverly Dana, Ken and Pat Heuvel, and Bud and Marlene Meineken, as well as guests Chris and Glenna Fox, Craig and Jan Nicol, and Terry and Joanne Boyds' granddaughter Justine and her guest Spanish exchange student Julia Estrada.

Rally attendees were:	Carl & Helen Hove
Denny & Fran Allen	Harvey & Elaine Kragt
Rolf Anderson	Walt & Jerry Krebs
George & Carol Baxter	John & Virginia Lennartson
Terry & Joanne Boyd	Jack & Doris Mast
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Bud & Marlene Meineken
Doug & Elaine Cook	Terry & Gloria Morris
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Craig & Jan Nicol
Richard & Beverly Dana	Walt Ovens
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Laurie & Virginia Paradis
DJ & Barbie Eberhardt	Don & Luana Perry
Norm & Joan Engman	Del & Vi Preston
Eldon & Joyce Evans	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Larry & Noralee Fairbanks	WL & Jessie Rowland
Doug & Yvonne Falck	John & Hazel Sanders
Chris & Glenna Fox	Bill & Joan Satterfield
Gordon & Carol	Joe & Yvonne Sawtell
Frydenlund	Bob & Liz Smith
Larry & Betty Gordon	Ted & Jane Swanson
Frank & Carol Gray	Jack & Mildred Titus
Ray & Bev Groth	Milt & Carmen Wade
John & Vera Gruenwald	George & Sallee Wenzek
Tom & Susan Guizzetti	Daryl & Mary Wilson
Ernie & Nellie Hastie	Ken & Jean Wilson
Ken & Pat Heuvel	Les & Bunny Wold

President asked for additions or corrections to the minutes as published in the newsletter. There were none and the minutes were accepted as published, on a motion by George Baxter, seconded by Jack Mast.

**Treasurer's report**—Ruth Diers gave the treasurer's report. There are 170 members and 3 life members. The balance in the treasury is \$4758.27.

**Vice President Denny Allen** reported that he did not send any cards since the last meeting. He needs photos for the albums from the last three rallies and asked that members send him any that they had taken.

**Wagon Master** Walt Ovens reported that there will be a rally at the Wild Horse Casino near Athena, OR. on July 8,9,10, and 11 and that the notice of the rally would be out soon. There is a possible September rally the weekend after Labor Day in Everett, WA. Larry Gordon is investigating this possibility. The Christmas Rally will be at Cannon Beach OR. on December 3,4, and 5.

**The GMC Western States** report was given by Carol Baxter, Washington representative. The Casa di Fruta Rally was very successful. The next Rally will be the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta on October 5 to October 10 at the Fairgrounds. There are 250 sites reserved and this should be a remarkable rally, with food, entertainment, and sight-seeing as well as balloon watching.

**The GMC International Report**—George Baxter announced that International has planned a rally at Mt. Hood, OR. Sept.17-24, 2000; a rally in southern CA in the Spring of 2001; and a Fall rally in Wyoming, 2002. He asked for at least 100 Cascaders to attend Mt. Hood!

**FMCA Director** Ken Wilson gave the FMCA report, which mentioned a charge for the phone message system, currently in place.

## OLD BUSINESS

Birthday congratulations were sung to Walt Krebs and George Baxter.

Club jackets and hats are available from the treasurer.

The President has been unable to contact Andy Bell for a report on the Cascader web site.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ken Wilson reported that he has three videos from Carl Westphal that he would like to present as a seminar at a future rally.

The President presented the proposed Nominating Committee of Ken Ragsdale, Barbie Eberhart and Larry Calhoun. There were no nominations from the floor. Ken Wilson moved acceptance of the slate and the motion was seconded by Del Preston, and passed. Elections will be at the September rally and the new officers will take over on October 1.

Jack Cupples needs photos for the newsletter by the end of May.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Ruth Diers, seconded by Joanne Boyd and passed.

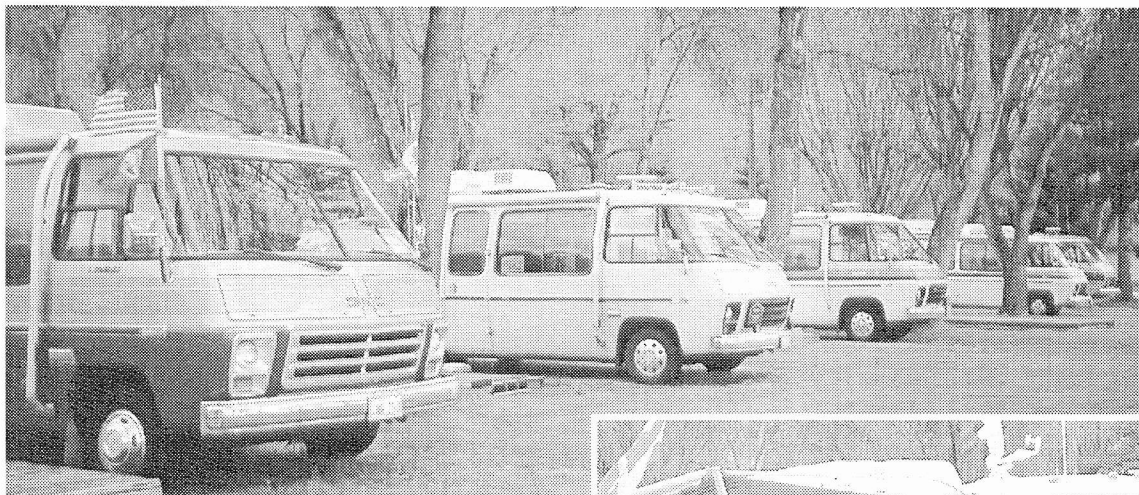
Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Baxter  
Acting Secretary.*



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Photo by Ovens



(left) A lovely RV park... who'd have thought the water pressure would fail? Certainly not the owners!

(below) Engmans brought BOTH of their GMCs. Their smaller coach (see white arrow) labels their site.

Photo by Ovens



(Left) Ginny Lennartson helps the Morris "antiquers" search out the very best shopping.

Photo by Cupples

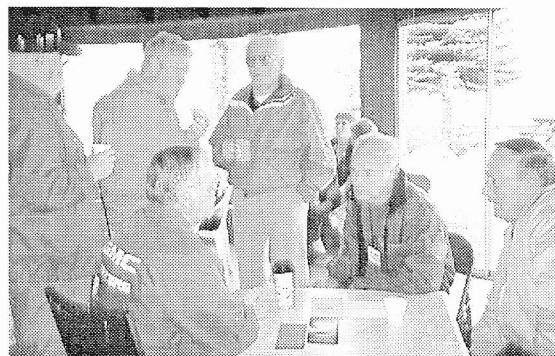
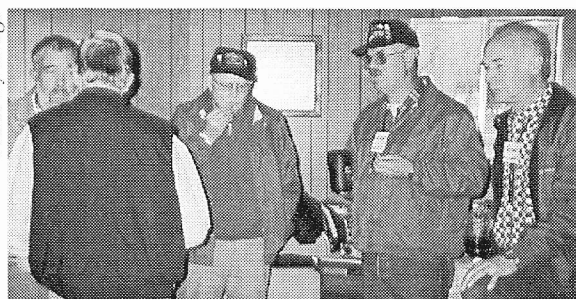


through town ending at the Beach House Restaurant overlooking the lake. Early Cascader arrivals practically took over the bar before we all were scheduled to go upstairs for the South American Buffet. After the enjoyable dinner, most walked over the bridge to First Avenue to watch the car parade in town. For a good hour, restored cars of yesteryear proudly paraded by (See page 1) and tugged nostalgically at our hearts at seeing again some of the classic cars we once knew so well.

Many times around us, I could hear someone saying "I used to have one of those," and I have to admit to saying it myself.

After the parade, nostalgia struck again for all those attending the town's "Lost in the 50's dance" which featured music from the name bands of the 50's and 60's era. Many of the townspeople were dressed in clothes of the era, including some really neat poodle skirts, bobby socks, pedal-pushers, Capri pants or clam diggers. It was said the music was loud, rock-and-rollin', the crowd was great and the dancing wild. Local groups did impersonations of big names of the times, including three Marilyn Monroes.

Photo by Kragt



Morning sunshine in the gazebo... top quality attitude adjustment.

Photo by Cupples

A continental breakfast in the gazebo started our Saturday. The weather was more friendly which encouraged groups to go into Sandpoint for the car



show. Others went shopping. The Cold Water Creek Mall which appears to be an old fashioned covered bridge over the river proved to be a must-see for most of the shoppers.

The nearby Hidden Lakes golf course lured some Cascaders, too. The weather improved all day so that our catered Dutch Oven Dinner at the park was pretty much held outdoors near the gazebo overlooking the lake.



Photo by Cook

## Dutch Oven Dinner Images and Appetites



Photo—ovens by Ovens!

*Dutch Oven dinner photos—Cascaders show differing styles of waiting for their food. The fragrance of Dutch oven cooking wafting into the breeze, makes it hard to present a cheery facade but some do it rather well.*



Photo by Yukon Jack Cupples

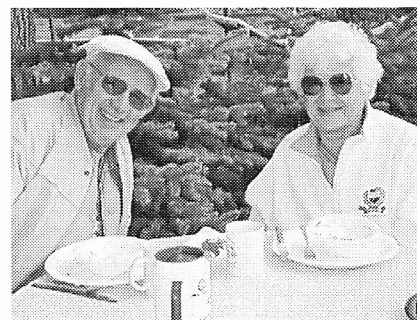


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*Of course, once the food arrives, digging in comes naturally.*



Photo by Kragt



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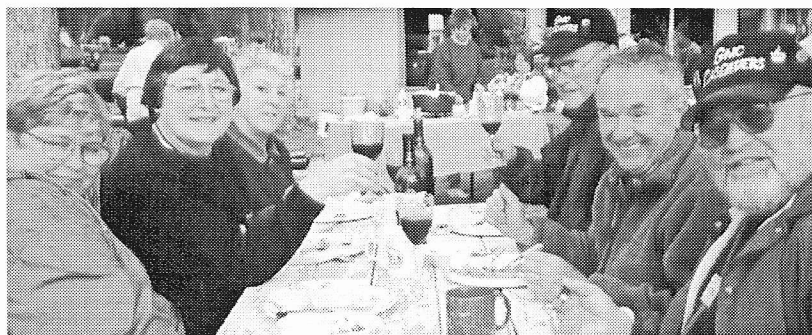


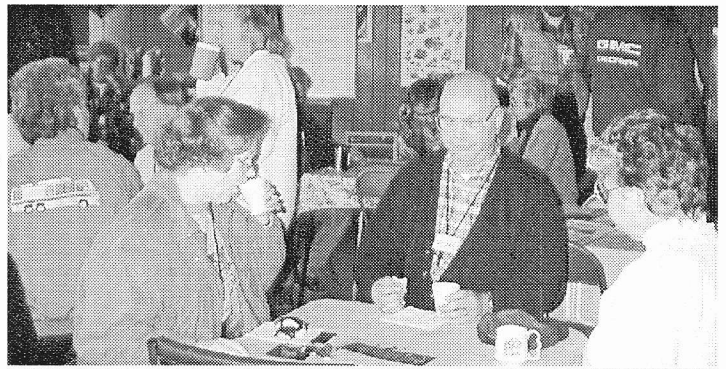
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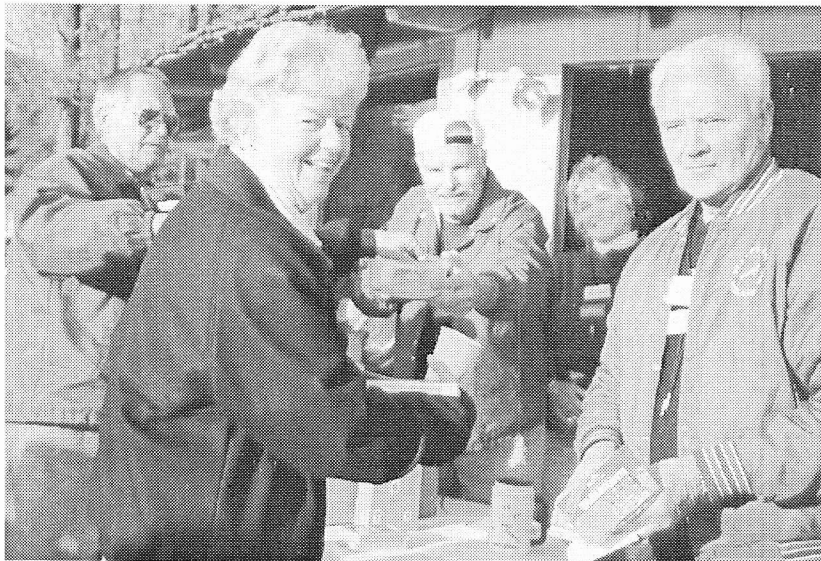
Sunday was a typical winding down day with our continental breakfast followed by the Cascaders' business meeting.

Our thanks for a highly successful rally to our hosts Lennartsons, Prestons and Kragts and also to Norm Engman and Milt Wade for their on-site help. A lot of work obviously went into putting on this rally and it showed in its success. Sorry the NICE bus transportation fell through, John, but you pulled the rabbit out of the hat with the alternate coach transportation plan (ACTP?).

As a postscript, I believe the RV park management paid the Cascaders some kind of complement about being easygoing and non-complainers. Most of us noticed low water pressure Thursday at our hookups. Friday the pressure was even lower. Saturday there was no water. Late morning, someone evidently notified the park people who hadn't a clue as to our ongoing problem. They immediately went to work on the broken 3" main into our area. They wondered why we hadn't given them a hard time about the situation before. The water was back in late afternoon and a lot of aromatic Cascaders beat a steady path to the showers.



*Above three photos—breakfast gatherings CAN be fun!*



*If you didn't know what was going on, the folks at the left might cause you to wonder if Cirque de Soleil had arrived in Idaho. Naw, it's just a bunch of eager Cascaders, waiting to hear who gets the next door prize (above).*



All photos on this page by Kragt



## Rally High-jinks

Extensive photo coverage of any Cascader rally is bound to reveal some foolishness. Whether we write it off to the the fact that some people just never grow up or give the high-jinks credit for making rallies so much fun, nobody seems interested in calling for more discipline!

Photo by Cook

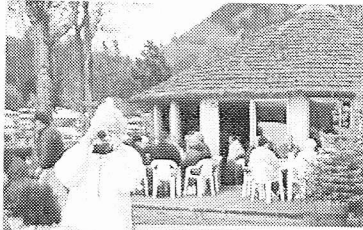


Photo by Cupples

*Volunteer zeal to get complete photo coverage of a rally sometimes*

*produces a bit of overkill. Jack Cupples (above) snaps Elaine Cook (upper left) focusing on Jack Cupples who is capturing a shot of that great Dutch oven dinner!*

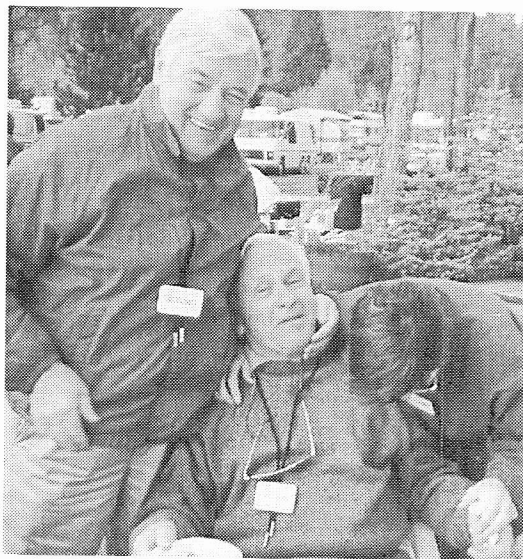
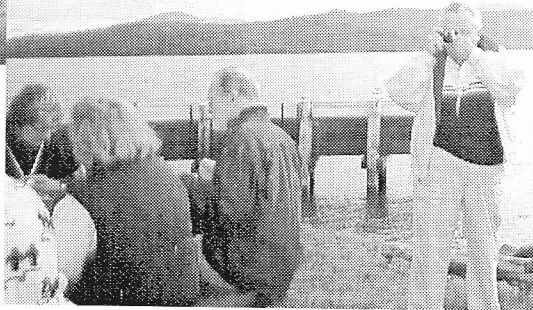


Photo by Cupples

*Diners manage to escape a food fight but Doug Cook nearly forfeits his dessert. The strategy seems to be... Mary Wilson will "distract" Doug while Daryl grabs the goodies. Shame on you two!*

## We will miss you, Diny

With deepest sadness, we must report the death on June 3rd of Diny Spelt. She was an enthusiastic and valuable member of the club. Her bout with pancreatic cancer was mercifully short. Our sympathy goes out to Jake and family. Next issue will bring a more complete memorial story.

## Cascader Email Directory

*Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers to the internet and changes to existing addresses. Refer to your most recent membership roster for addresses current as of its publication date.*

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## Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs

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### Kibitzing Keeps Cascaders Cruising

Never let it be said that hanging out with fellow Cascaders is not a vital part of every rally. This

issue brought the best and widest contribution ever of photos for the newsletter. Guess what activity earned lots of exposure!?!



Photo by Kragh



Photo by Ovens

### Rally Schedule 1999

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
July 9-11	Athena, OR	Caledonia Scottish Festival	Blodgers and crew
Dec. 3-5	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV Park	

Watch future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News* for changes and additions to the above schedule. Make one of those changes YOURSELF... volunteer to host or serve as assistant. It's fun! Call Walt Ovens to sign up.

