

OUR GRANDPARENTS FINALLY TOOK US TO A RALLY

by Chanelle Murphy & Valerie Bachand
as told to Grandpa Jack Cupples

It was about time that our Grandma and Grandpa Cupples finally took us along on one of those GMC Cascader Motorhome rallies that we have been hearing about for so long. We are cousins, Chanelle and Valerie, 10 and 9 years old.

ing bags, clothes, toys and games in the GMC and it did not seem like an easy thing to do; Grandma was muttering a lot. Grandpa stayed out of the way and finally said it was time to go. With some prompting by Grandma, we decided to change off sitting in the front passenger seat and we rotated every half hour. Nobody rotated with Grandpa.

Just as we finished the first seat rotation, Grandpa stopped at a place called North Bend. We were surprised to see another GMC like Grandpa's drive into the parking lot. Grandpa said these were the Allens, Denny and Fran and that we were going to travel together that day. Shortly, another GMC joined us and we were introduced to Mr. Ovens. Right after that came the Baxters and

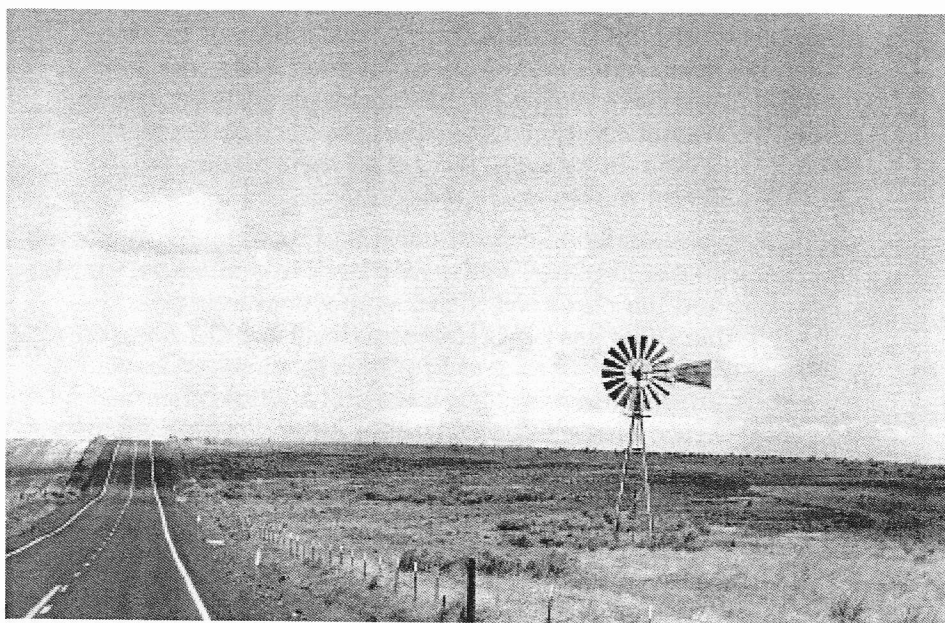


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Photo by Cupples

This rally started at a place called Boardman in the State of Oregon and we were very excited because we had never been out of the state of Washington. We think that our grandparents let us come along because this was to be an historical trip along part of the old Oregon Trail called the Barlow Cutoff. We got to stay out of school for two days, but we had to take homework along and do a report on our trip. Valerie was especially eager to go as she had been studying the Oregon Trail and has been reading a lot about it.

Our parents dropped us off Thursday morning and Grandma tried to find places for all our sleep-

Above: The open road beckons. High wheat country offers horizon-to-horizon views all day. Right: Valerie and Chanelle "babysit" Eberhart's lucky dogs.

NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
Jun. 17-23	Cranbrook, BC to Alberta	Rolling Rally	Denny and Fran Allen
Jun. 23-29	Alberta	Rolling Rally—Sequel	

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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so now there were four coaches all parked together. They all decided to travel to the rally together and off we went.

We were hungry long before lunchtime and Grandma gave us a snack. She didn't know that kids are like hummingbirds, they have to eat all the time and prefer sweet snacks. After a lot of seat switching we came to the Columbia River and Grandpa made a big thing about telling us exactly when we crossed into Oregon on the bridge. Oregon didn't look a whole lot different to us.

Shortly we all stopped to get gas (and snacks) and then went on to the Driftwood RV Resort. We were a bit tired of riding, but perked up when we found there was a nice indoor pool and hot tub not far from where we parked. It didn't take us long to tear into our overnight bags to find our swim suits and head for the pool. Grandma went with us and Grandpa stayed to hook up the motorhome. We sure liked this place and found out that some really nice folks hosted this rally. Their names were Alan and Margaret Bovee, Bill and Pris Hardin and John and Lauree Miller. We sure want to thank them for such a fun trip. We know that they must have worked hard to make everything run so smoothly. We noticed that some other people sure seemed to pitch in and help, but we did not get all their names, we do know Mr. Baxter makes great pancakes!

Friday we woke up to a sunny day, had breakfast in the coach and then ran out to play. On the way back to our coach, we met Cheyenne and her owner Mr. Titus who were having a walk. Neither of us has a dog, but sure wish we did. Cheyenne was happy to play with us and Mr. Titus let us take Cheyenne for a walk around the park. Soon we met a lot of other GMC dogs and their owners let us take them for walks also. We became the official dog walkers for the rest of the rally. We also learned about pooper scoopers, glovebags and deposit cans. We



Photo by Hardin



did that but it was not as much fun as walking the dogs. One really active dog weighed 85 pounds and 65-pound Valerie took him for a walk. It was hard to stop sometimes.

In the same building as the swimming pool, there was a big room filled with tables and chairs and we had dinner there on Friday night. We both had chicken and there was so much that Grandma saved the pieces we did not eat. After that there was a meeting of all the folks, but about halfway through, we had to leave so we could run off some energy.

On sunny Saturday morning we finished breakfast and started traveling again. We took lots of backroads, crossed several deep gorges and big rivers. Our small group was led by the Joneses and Mrs. Jones read from our Travel Guide explaining all sorts of interesting things over the CB radio. On the radio Mrs. Jones also pointed out some wildlife as they passed, but they must have scared them away because we did not see any by the time our coach passed.



Photo by Ireland

Several stops along the way broke up the 167-mile trip. Many stopped for lunch at the bridge crossing the John Day river (Left). The river crossing used by early pioneers lies just north of this site.



Photo by Bovee

Eberharts volunteered to ride drag on the herd of GMCs (right). Here, they

stopped at the bottom of Six-Mile Canyon to monitor the progress of Bovees, Hoves and Prestons.

One fun place we stopped was called the Sherman County Museum. This is where we learned about the Barlow cutoff trail that we were about to travel on. They had lots of neat pioneer stuff. Valerie got to dress up in authentic pioneer clothes and we took a picture of her standing by the covered wagon. (Below—How do you like Valerie's pioneer shoes?).



Photo by Bovee

Left—In Heppner, we passed the historic, blue-stone Morrow County Courthouse. Site of the devastating flood of 1903, Heppner is the site of the Morrow County Museum but it was not opened when we passed through.

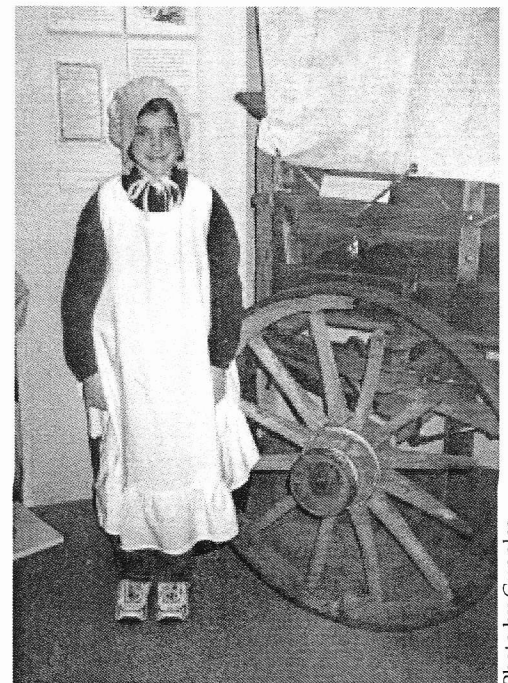


Photo by Cupples



We both were able to use cloth and crayons to make rubbings of real Indian petroglyphs. At one place on the trail Grandpa had to shift the motorhome into first gear as we wound down a four-mile hill into the gorge. They say the covered wagons used ropes wrapped around trees and rocks to let the wagons down this steep hill and that you can still see the rope marks.

That afternoon we arrived at Tygh Valley and the Wasco County Fairgrounds where we stayed Saturday night. We walked some more dogs so that they and we could exercise after our long ride. Some people on horses rode over and invited us to go to the nearby grandstand and watch as a group of them rode horses doing square dances. We sure haven't seen anything like that before! We got to pet the horses and talk to the riders. After this, our hosts treated us to a box lunch dinner where we made our own sandwiches and stuffed our box with lots of goodies.

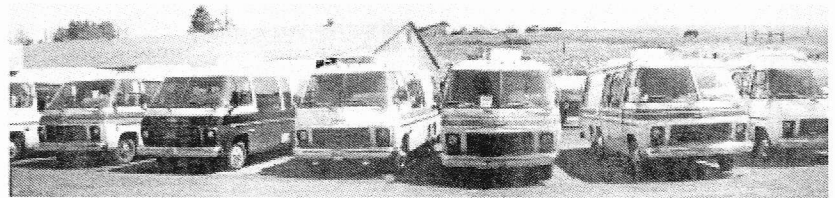
Sunday morning we had a whopper of a breakfast of fruit, ham and Mr. Baxter's yummy sourdough pancakes. After that we said goodbye to all the nice Cascader people and all our doggie friends and left for the long ride home.

We really enjoyed our first GMC Rally and can't wait for our grandparents to invite us again. We would like to be Cascaders and tried to con Grandpa into leaving the GMC to us instead of our parents. Not sure that went over real well, but our time will come! By the way, we did get our homework done and here is our report.

Thanks, Jack, for bringing the perspective of two lovely, lively granddaughters to telling the story of our rally.



Photos this page by Hardin



Arriving at Moro, county seat of Sherman County, we were invited to park our coaches in the parking lot of the local granary. (Above)

Across the street, the volunteer staff welcomed us to their award-winning museum. Each visitor seemed to find something of special interest in the extensive collection. There were items from pre-European contact through an extensive collection of war veterans memorabilia.

Displays interpreting central Oregon agriculture and the role of wheat in human history followed the section devoted to the pioneer experience. We read quotes from many immigrants who followed the Barlow Cutoff. The rest of our journey to Tygh Valley followed Sam Barlow's trail.

Below—Four miles of steep, winding downhill road brought us to the last river to cross for our day's journey. Sherar's Bridge spans the Deschutes River at the bottom of the gorge.



The Dew Drop Inn, a small meeting room and kitchen on the Wasco County Fairgrounds, served as our dining area for Saturday supper and Sunday breakfast. Cascaders became downright cozy with each other as they squeezed around the available tables for both meals.



Photo by Hardin

Above and left—Saturday night's box supper kept Cascaders busy choosing just the right combination of salads and condiments to pile into their boxes. Next, it was Make-Your-Own-Sandwich time using the components selected at the sandwich fixin's table.



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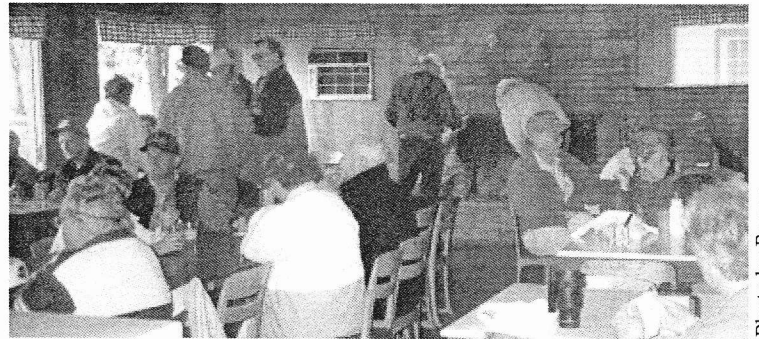


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Sunday breakfast featured George Baxter (far right) at the commercial-style grill in the Dew Drop Inn kitchen. George served up sourdough hotcakes to all comers. Wielding his favorite spatula, protected by his Scottish apron with "Baxters" emblazoned across the top, he looked the part of a profesisonal chef.

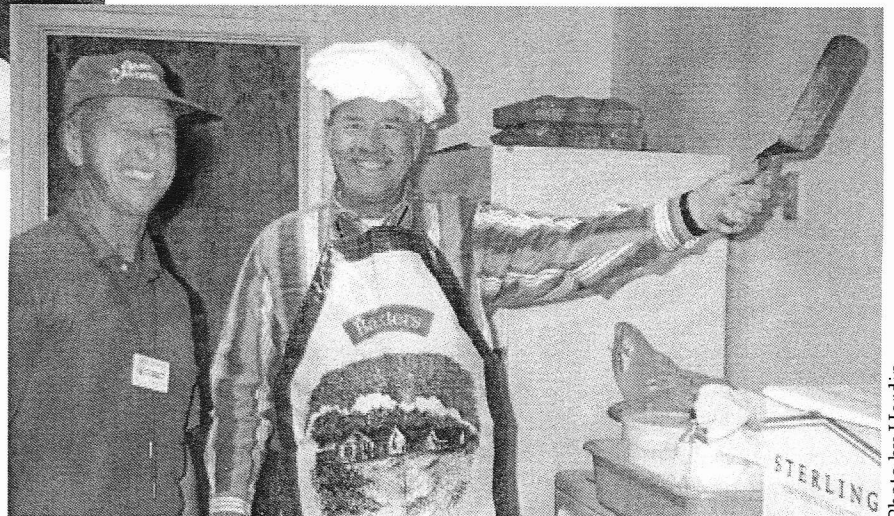


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A Note from your May Hosts...

What a wonderful organization we belong to! Our experiences in putting on the rally bring into focus, once more, the warm, supportive spirit that IS the GMC Cascaders. We are quite overwhelmed by the many sincere and unbidden notes from people who went on our "funny" rally.

We must take this opportunity to thank every one of you who went along. In some small way, each person contributed to the fun and the success of traipsing through Oregon's high wheat country. We especially appreciated those who stepped forward when there was an obvious need. From the dish washers and "cleaner uppers" at Boardman to the folks who pitched in at the tiny kitchen at Tygh Valley, everyone seemed to keep an eye out for some task that would make the event go smoothly. Special thanks go out to DJ and Barbie Eberhart for bringing up the rear on the highway and collecting the signs that we sprinkled across the landscape. Tituses, Baxters and Jones found their way around the kitchen at Tygh Valley and made meal serving there pure fun.

Mini-Rally in Southern California

Early spring found some of our snowbird members gathering in the Indio/La Quinta area during the Western States rally held at Emerald Desert RV. *(Right and below)*

Photos by Snow



Snowbirds Reeds, Masts, Turners and Cunninghams led the hosting team from Rancho Casa Blanca. Baxters coordinated attendance on the Western States end of things. Twenty-one of our members feasted on a catered Mexican dinner and managed to find something to talk about.

Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers on the internet and changes to existing email addresses. Please adjust your current roster to reflect the changes listed below.

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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Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs?

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MINUTES 5/4/01

Driftwood RV Park, Boardman, OR

President's Message—President Denny Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Driftwood RV Park, Boardman, OR, on Friday, May 4, 2001. Denny began by thanking our rally hosts: Pris and Bill Hardin, Alan and Margaret Bovee and John and Lauree Miller. Thank you's went to helpers George and Carol Baxter and Jack and Mildred Titus. Recognition was then made of the day being Jacks' 64th birthday; the club sang *Happy Birthday*. Denny welcomed new members Fred and Ruth Leitch and Wil and Dori Claus. Guests attending: Jack and Cathy Cupples' granddaughters, Chanelle Murphy and Valerie Bachand.

Attending were:

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| Allen, Denny & Fran | Hove, Carl & Helen |
| Bandur, John | Ireland, Dave & Linda |
| Baxter, George & Carol | Jones, Tim & Cass |
| Blaise, Ed & Louise & guests: | Leitch, Fred & Ruth |
| Eva Cruz, Rick & Jordan | Miller, John & Laurie |
| Bovee, Alan & Margaret | Morris, Terry & Gloria |
| Cook, Doug & Elaine | Ovens, Walt |
| Crist, John & Marge | Paradis, Laurie & Virginia |
| Cupples, Jack & Cathy | Preston, Del & Vi |
| with Chanelle & Valerie | Ransom, Gene & Carol |
| Eberhart, DJ & Barbie | Rowland, W.L. & Jessie |
| Evans, Eldon & Joyce | Snow, Gene & Dixie |
| Fleet, Loren & Rebecca | Swanson, Ted & Jane |
| Foote, Bill & Mary Lou | Titus, Jack & Mildred |
| Groth, Ray & Beverly | Wilson, Ken |
| Gruenewald, John & Vera Lou | Wold, Les & Bunny |
| Hardin, Bill & Pris | |

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 10, 2001 business meeting as published in the March, 2001, newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by George Baxter (M), seconded by Ken Wilson (S), motion passed (P).

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club treasury total of \$6,688.00. Current membership is 167. We have \$800 outstanding for rally fees and \$660 for jackets and hats.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President Tim Jones reported sending a sympathy card to Sherry Manis on Dave's passing and to Terry Morris on the loss of his mother. A report was then given on Bob Fry. The drainage tubes are out and he has lost weight but the good news is he is regaining his strength.

Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report—Wagonmaster DJ Eberhart reported on the following upcoming

rallies: June 17–23: Canadian Rally—Allen's. Denny reported on the trip from Cranbrook, BC to Edmonton, AB. He has 40 coaches signed up and has room for 42. June 23–29: Canadian Sequel—Alberta. August 24–26: Annual Meeting at Winchester Bay, OR—Kershaw's September 20–23: Lake Chelan, WA—Rowlands and Wenzeks. November 30–December 2: Cannon Beach, OR—Baxters, Diers, Frys, Jones and Ragsdales. 2002—July: Arlington Air Show—Swansons, October: Maryhill Museum—Smiths.

OLD BUSINESS—No report on the web site.

Denny Allen reported the club flags were being shipped to Alberta, where they have no sales tax.

Terry Morris has hats, club jackets and decals for sale.

Jessie Rowland has club sweatshirts.

Western States—Denny Allen gave the report. Fall/September 17-23: Mariposa, CA.

GMC International—GMC International Area Vice President Carol Baxter reported on the upcoming rally: Fall/September 23–29: Niagra Falls—Grand Isle, NY Spring/March 2002: Albama Fairgrounds, Fall 2002: Wyoming Spring, 2003: East Texas.

FMCA—Ken Wilson, FMCA National Director, reported on the upcoming International convention in Alberta, CA, beginning June 23rd. He reminded us all to check our Family Motor Home magazine for the information on Evac. Also that he had an article in the magazine on a 3rd brake light. Don't forget FMCA National convention, August 14–16, Redmond, OR. The convention will be held at the new fairgrounds.

NEW BUSINESS—nothing to report.

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m. (M/S/P) Ken Wilson /John Gruenewald

Respectfully submitted, Cassandra Jones, Secretary.

Facing a Weight Problem?

These weight specifications come from the GMC 1978 *Transmode Operating Manual X-7880A*.

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) is the coach's maximum permissible loaded weight.

Allowable front lateral weight variation 250 lbs.

Allowable rear lateral weight variation 600 lbs.

	23' model	26' model
Front GVWR	4,500 lbs	4,500 lbs
Rear GVWR	7,500 lbs	8,000 lbs
Maximum Total Weight	11,200 lbs	12,500 lbs



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AND IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING, all of us who hosted the last rally highly recommend volunteering to serve as hosts for a rally. It is a great adventure and a rewarding way to pass on a "Thank you" to a great group of people. You don't have to do anything wildly different; just arrange a way for Cascaders to get together and talk and EAT. As a country philosopher once said, "It don't take much to entertain some folks!"

RALLY SCHEDULE 2001

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
Cascaders Jun. 17-23	Cranbrook, BC to Alberta	Rolling Rally	Allen
FMCA Jun. 23-26	Edmonton, Alberta	Rally	
Cascaders August 24-26	Winchester Bay, OR	TBA	Kershaw
GMC International Sept 20-23	Grand Isle, NY	TBA	Rally Masters
Cascaders October ?	Lake Chelan, WA	TBA	Rowlands and and Wenzeks
Cascaders Nov 30-Dec 2	Cannon Beach, OR ??	Cannon Beach RV Resort	

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