

Mt. Vernon Rally Promises Travel by Coach, Bus and Boat

Pack your best bib 'n tucker in your sea chest and head for north Washington in August! Your reservation assures that the Elks' Club of Mt. Vernon has a place for your rig. Bring "nice/casual" clothes for dinner at the club... that means no sweatshirts, T-shirts or shorts for heaven's sake. Check-in starts at noon on Friday, the 19th. If you've signed up for the Saturday bus/boat/picnic trip, you're in for a treat. Half the group will take a morning jet-boat trip and an afternoon bus trip. The other half will go bus first and boat second.

We'll churn through the rushing waters of Deception Pass, loop around Fidalgo Island, picnic

on the beach and board the bus to climb 1,300-foot Mount Erie for a panoramic look at the Cascade peaks and the San Juan Islands. Dinner at the Elks Club will complete a FULL Saturday. The Sunday chapter meeting promises to move us closer to election of officers with the nominating committee swinging into action. We can all head home at noon on the 21st.

This late summer fun comes to us courtesy of hosts: Jack and Doris Mast, Ed and Mary Reed and Ted and Jane Swanson. **Register by JULY 15th;** group size for the boat/bus excursion is limited. Any questions? Call Jane and Ted Swanson at 206-491-1807.

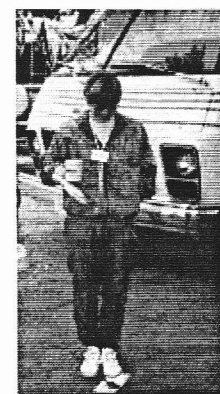
BC Rally—Over the Top Was a Winner

The great On-The-Road Rally of 1994 is over. A grand time was had by all—thirty-nine GMCs and one SOB* unit. Rally hosts, Denny and Fran Allen, took us through their favorite vacation lands with great enthusiasm and know-how. Co-hosts, the Ulmers, Forsters and Cooks ran support for the Allens, to produce an exciting and memorable five days on the road. Contributing to the dazzling success was some of the most marvelous scenery on the continent and virtually perfect weather. Each day our outing was guided by a Denny Allen computer printout describing point of origin, evening gathering spot, a host of optional stops in-between along with helpful details about time/distance, road conditions and local history.

* SOB = Some Other Brand

We gathered at the KOA campground about 5 miles north of Oliver, BC. Breathtaking rock walls towered above the camp on the valley floor. Park rules segregated coaches with four-legged passengers. Flea-flickers had to hike to chat with the remaining Cascaders. It was worth it for those arriving in time to see a fish fall from the sky... yes, a six-inch fish dropped out of nowhere at Dion Madison's feet.

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Deon Madison and flying fish!

Rally Schedule 1994

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
August 19-20	Mt. Vernon WA	Mt. Vernon Elks Club	Mast, Reed, Swanson
Sept. 23-25	Toppenish WA	Yakima Nations	Carl Gwynn 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 Cascaders News*.

Moving north on Tuesday morning many Cascaders spotted the ten or fifteen mountain sheep grazing beside the highway. For those seeking more wild life, the Okanagan Wild Animal Park presented a wide variety of species and a few unexpected surprises. Some of our traveling pets took a wide-eyed trip to the zoo.

"Antiquers" and "boutiquers" found plenty to poke through in both Okanagan Falls and the larger town of Penticton. At Okanagan Falls, Cascaders explored antique shops, a dried fruit factory and wineries. The antique shops yielded the usual fun and nostalgia, the dried fruit shop offered up delicious "seconds" and those attending the wine tasting reported that it must have been

great but some couldn't remember for sure. In Penticton, one GMCer picked up a large metal shim in his tire. Helpful local tire dealers came up with the right tire to put him back on the road.

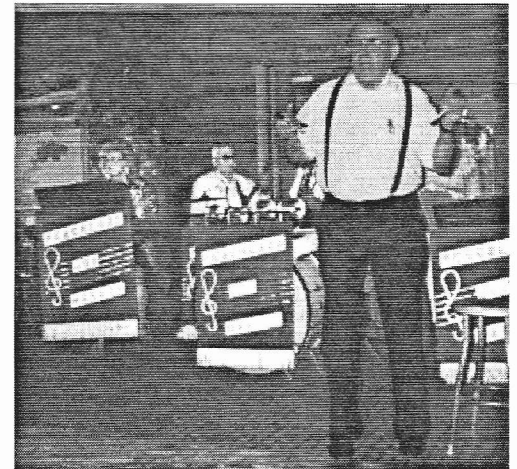


By 5 p.m., we all rolled into The Peachland RV park. Coach-pooling to the country club (left), we devoured an elegant buffet followed by wickedly rich Nanaimo bars and entertainment by The Peachland Joy Makers. They played oldie goldies with obvious enjoyment; the dance



floor was crowded with Cascaders before mid-point in the second number.

Wednesday invited side trips to Kelowna for shopping in the Okanagan's largest city. "The Connector" offered the next BIG event. This spectacular, four-lane super highway spans the mile-high range between Okanagan and Thompson river systems. The Connector humbled both GMC coaches and their owners but we all made it in good shape.



Spokesman for the Peachland Joymakers (above) playing the bones.

We went from 80°F sunshine on the Okanagan side to snow line at the top to overcast skies at the



Merritt campfire (left)—It WAS cold but I didn't remember Chet Kershaw, in shorts, hopping right into the fire! Here it is on film. He looks worried; so does Karen. Why are the other Cascaders laughing?

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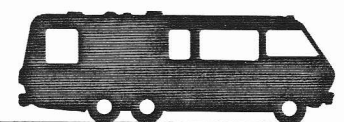
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Claybanks RV park in Merritt (*Photo bottom page 2*). Five coaches "dry" camped but everybody got a bit wet in the evening's sporadic drizzle. Throughout, the wind blew cold and moist. We wondered if our magically glorious weather was coming to an end. With morning came blue skies punctuated by clouds which gradually burned off through the course of the day.

Leaving Merritt, an optional fish hatchery tour surprised travelers. Those venturing up the gravel road to the hatchery found that severe financial cutbacks had emptied most fish tanks, reduced staff to a skeleton crew and slashed the size of operations to a minimum. A copper mine side trip offered an amazing look into modern mining technology. Most operations were computer controlled. Giant haulers with 12'-high wheels moved 170 tons of ore at a time.

Descending the Thompson river valley, we paused by the river for lunch and river rafter watching. Thirty-



Thompson River lunch break

River canyon. Breath-taking mountains kept us busy gawking and driving.

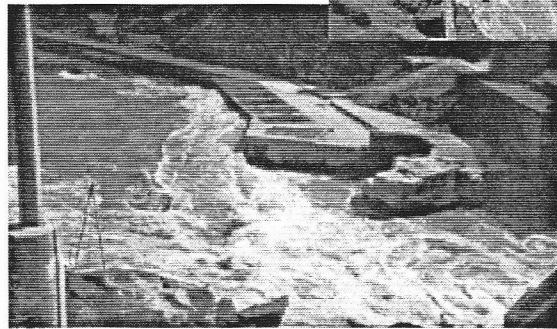
Fred and Martha of Canyon Alpine RV resort welcomed us for the night. Martha sang Patsy-Kline-style around the giant campfire ring and gave out audio tapes of her own music, including a promotional narrative about the park and nearby recreational options.



Canyon Alpine campfire

plus coaches squeezed onto the riverside park. From the highway above, they looked like beached whales by the waterfront. We soon joined Hwy 1, turning south down the Fraser

Thursday took us south to Hope, west to Agassiz and northwest to Harrison Hot Springs. Along the way, the Fraser gorge offered awesome viewpoints, dizzying cable car rides at Hells Gate, history at old Alexandra Bridge, Spuzzum and Yale and hope at Hope ...hope that Hope or Agassiz would yield the right groceries for the



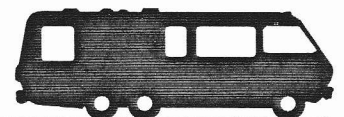
Hells Gate cable car (above), rapids and fish weir (left).

evening potluck dishes we were to bring to our final dinner in the Sasquatch Springs RV Resort rec hall. Our business meeting preceded awarding of certificates to all survivors and those who had distinguished themselves. Immediately following, Walt Krebs, Alex Birch and Luana Perry gave an impressive and urgently needed demonstration in poodle stitching. Mix one aging, nearly blind Weimeraner, one bite-sized poodle who doesn't understand the visually challenged and you have a recipe for dog surgery on the picnic table. Many thanks to our highly qualified veterinarian, anesthesiologist and RN for their timely service. At last report, all dogs and people were doing well.



Frugal, children-of-the-Depression go mobile to avoid wasting the last of the coffee!

If you have not joined the club for a rolling rally, plan to cut loose for the next one. Gainfully employed Cascaders who gave up a week of vacation for the trip had no regrets—including yours truly.



Minutes—June 2, 1994

Sasquatch RV Park, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

President Becky Ragsdale opened the meeting at 8:10 pm. She extended sincere "Thank You's" to lead hosts, Fran and Denny Allen, and staunch support hosts: Ulmers, etc.

Treasurer's Report—Ruth Diers, treasurer, reported a current paid membership of 164 coaches. Rally deposits, jackets and flags represent \$1,271 encumbered funds. The checking account balance is \$2,769.21

Vice-President's Report—Carol Baxter sent "Thank You" cards to the hosts of the Walla Walla rally. No get-well cards were needed! Carol needs pictures of the Walla Walla and British Columbia rallies for the club scrapbook.

Wagon Master's Report—Glen Diers, Wagon Master, announced that we still have GMC Cascader flags for sale at \$20/ea.

Glenn's up-coming rally report covered:

- August 19–21, 1994 — Mt. Vernon, WA, Elks Club—Masts, Reeds and Swansons hosting
- September, 1994 —Yakima Indian Nations RV Park in Toppenish, WA—Carl and Jean Gwynn, hosts
- December, 1994—Woodburn RV Park—Bob and Elaine Fry hosting
- February, 1995—Willapah Harbor, WA
- April, 1995— Newport, OR
- June, 1995— Coeur d'Alene, ID
- August, 1995—Wallawa Lake, OR

Glen will share more information as plans emerge.

Secretary's Report—Pris Hardin announced that she plans to request writing assistance from members to cover events for the newsletter.

FMCA Representative's Report—Lola Abrahams cast our vote for Walter Musik of the Bus Nuts to serve as NW Area Vice President. In related business, our nominating committee presented Cliff Smith's name as nominee to replace Joe Baker as alternate to FMCA. It was moved, seconded and passed (MSP) to accept Cliff Smith as our new alternate representative.

New Business—

- MSP to compensate Denny and Fran Allen for the expense incurred following their winning of a "Free" FMCA jacket at the December rally. Customs fees had mounted to produce about a \$60 bill for the

"free" jacket! The club agreed to pay similar costs, if necessary, to Elaine Cook, winner of the latest FMCA jacket gift certificate at Camping World.

- Greg Smith announced that the Fall Western States rally will be October 5–9 at Kingsburg, CA, hosted by Tony Wier and wife.
- MSP that the nominating committee for the coming elections will be Doris Mast, Don Perry and Bob Fry.
- A typographic error in the bylaws has come to light—p 2, Article V, Section 3 (under arrears)— calls for changing the "Three (3)" to "Three (2)." All members should correct their copies of the bylaws accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE 1975 Eleganza II GMC Motorhome—

Rebuilt engine, transmission, front and rear suspension, brakes, etc. Well maintained and serviced. New tires, batteries, fresh water tank, hot water heater, furnace, ceramic toilet, etc. New upholstery, floor coverings, other interior upgrades. Attractive custom paint. Pictures available. Asking \$29,500.00 U.S. funds.

Tow Car Available, too—1989 Ford Escort LX. Front-wheel drive, four-door sedan, equipped with: Axle-lock and Stowmaster tow bar. New tires and battery. 30,000 miles plus 12,000 towed miles. Asking \$5,000.00 U.S. funds.

Inquire: Don Forster—#22-1101 Cameron Ave, Kelowna BC Canada V1Y 8V6. Call 604-763-6176 We plan to attend the Mt. Vernon rally; you could view the coach there.

FOR SALE 1978 Royale GMC Motorhome—403 CID,

rear bath, twin beds, Michelin XPS tires.

Call Weil Muxlow at 509-525-2670 or John Miller at 503-938-5981

Listing of GMC-related items is free to all Cascaders. All listings will appear in one issue only unless you arrange otherwise.

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BC Rally Participant List

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 Denny & Fran Allen, Cowichan Bay, BC
 George & Carol Baxter, Dockton, WA
 Alexander & Karen Birch Jr., Portland, OR
 Alan & Margaret Bovee, Powell Butte, OR
 Robert & Patricia Braden, Ocean Shores, WA
 Robert & Katherine Bremner, Boise, ID
 Douglas & Elaine Cook, W. Vancouver, BC
 John & Marge Crist, Beaverton, OR
 David & Patricia DeLapp, Salem, OR
 Glenn & Ruth Diers, Seattle, WA
 Don & Dorothy Forster, Kelowna, BC
 Bob & Elaine Fry, Beaver Creek, OR
 Ray & Beverly Groth, Vancouver, WA
 Carl & Jean Gwynn, Coulee Dam, WA
 Bill & Priscilla Hardin, Corvallis, OR
 Ernest & Nellie Hastie, Snohomish, WA
 Carl & Helen Hove, Seahurst, WA
 Dave & Linda Ireland, Williams Lake, BC
 Chet & Karen Kershaw, Aloha, OR
 Walter & Jerry Krebs, Grants Pass, OR
 Ken & Deon Madison, Myrtle Creek, OR
 Jack & Doris Mast, Bow, WA
 George & Charlotte Paul, Kirkland, WA
 Don & Luana Perry, Medford, OR
 Clarence & Grace Politiske, Salem, OR
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 Ken & Becky Ragsdale, Kent, WA
 Ed & Mary Reed, Poulsbo, WA
 Jim & Sheryl Scolman, Wauna, WA
 Clifford & Rosemary Smith, Kent, WA
 Gregory & Sherry Smith, Kirkland, WA
 Bud & Joy Sunderland, Portland, OR
 Ted & Jane Swanson, Olympia, WA
 Kryn & Patti Teeuw, Healdsburg, CA
 Ed & Hedy Ulmer, Surrey, BC Canada
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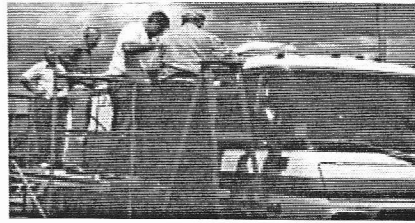
On the Road Again...

- **ROLLING RALLY attendance list.** If you were part of the over-the-hill gang in BC last month, you should find, included with this issue of the Cascader News, your copy of the participant address list. Sorry, your secretary forgot to hand them out at Harrison Hot Springs.

Technical Notes and Liability!

Some of the "courtesy newsletters" we receive from other clubs bear a liability disclaimer about their technical notes. 'Seems wise so we're starting the practice. To insure low risk reporting for this issue, you'll note that our technical reports are all visual... see below!

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TOP-SIDE
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COACH-SIDE
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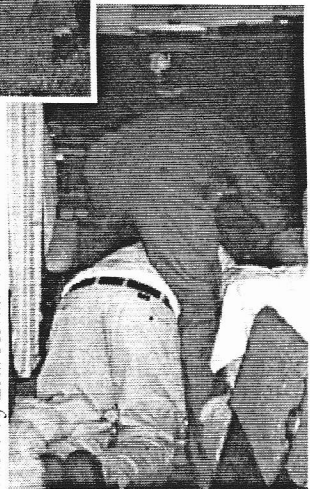


UNDER-SIDE TECH

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After Images of Night Glow!

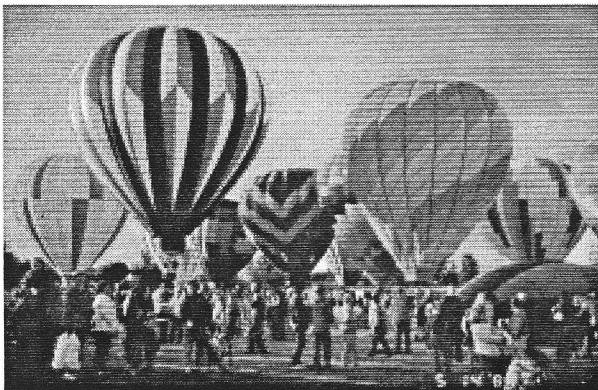


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A bit of unfinished coverage is in order... the Walla Walla hot-air balloon rally concluded with a spectacular night lighting of balloons as owners worked to hold them earthbound.

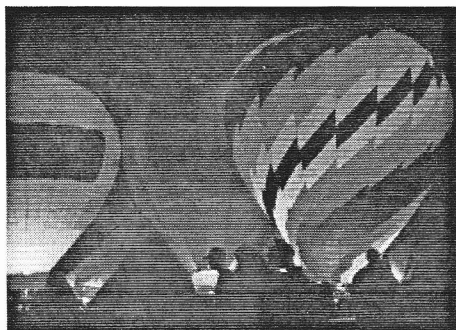


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Photos from Marv Turner and Andy Bell arrived too late to make our hurriedly prepared June newsletter. These images, along with



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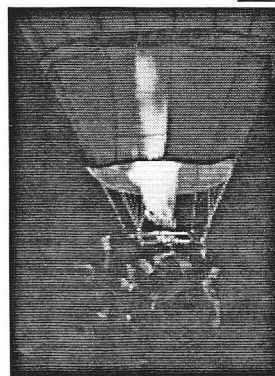


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a heaping dose of imagination, may help Cascaders who missed the event to envision just how impressive it was—colorful “air bags” glowing like giant light bulbs.

Thanks, Marv and Andy for the photo assist.

