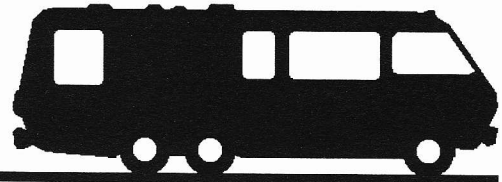


# GMC CASCADERS NEWS



July 2000

## Cascaders Join Midsommarfest Celebrations in Poulsbo

Was it the weather, the casual fairgrounds setting, or the plain old Cascader gab fests that made the Poulsbo rally especially entertaining? Could the colorful costumes, music and dance of Scandinavia have created the magic? Maybe it was the great planning by our hosts that turned the trick. If you were there, you will have your own answers to the question. If you weren't, trust us... it was fun!

In sparkling sunshine, we rolled into the Kitsap County Fairgrounds large parking lot on Friday afternoon. Joining the early arrivees for happy hour and a super potluck, we found many familiar faces and newcomers Bob and Lou Ann Golphenee on hand. The relatively new meeting room (*below*) im-

pressed us, offering lots of room for pot-luck dishes, a full kitchen and plenty of space for visiting.

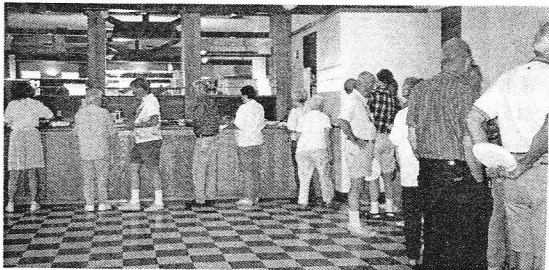


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Photo by Mast

Happy hour visitors pause for Pris's camera.



Photo by Mast

Lead hosts Virginia and LawrieParadis explained the many entertainment choices to be made during the weekend.

As the evening progressed, a few more coaches arrived. Soon the GMCs lined



Photo by Paradis

the rim of the large parking lot greatly improving it's appearance (*above*). Cascaders spent the evening "on their own" which, for many, meant kicking back and visiting. One very popular activity involved throwing a stick, bone or Frisbee for Mick, the Paradis' border collie (*below, right*). He was a delighted and enthusiastic participant. After tearing off frantically to retrieve the flying object, he made eye contact with his next throwing victim and deposited his treasure at their feet. Who could say "No" to such a sincere request?



Photo by Hardin

By contrast, Eerkes dog Bogie (*above, center*) focused on chewing up whatever bones or sticks came his way. Mick found such behavior completely bewildering. Many other Cascader canines (and a few felines!) in residence paraded around the area entertaining us all.

Continental breakfast back in the meeting room started Saturday morning off well. Plans were soon afoot for trips to the underwater naval museum, the Silverdale mall, and Poulsbo's shops and harbor.

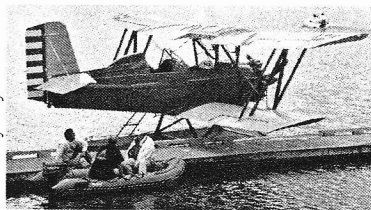


Photo by Fry

(Left) Elaine Fry captured this neat little float plane moored in the Poulsbo harbor along with an impressive fleet of commercial and pleasure boats.

### NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
Aug. 18-19	Anacortes, WA	Fidalgo Bay Resort	(No-Host) Ken Wilsons & Masts

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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By evening, as we gathered for happy hour and the catered dinner, we listened to enthusiastic reports and tales from the various expeditions.

Dinner was excellent (left)! The caterers worked feverishly to keep our plates and drinks well supplied... we feasted.

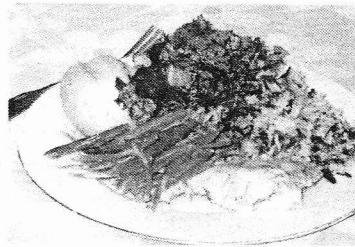
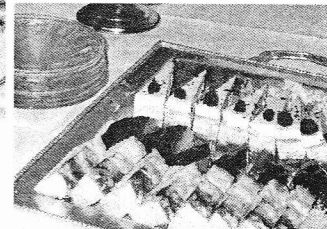


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*Fantastic desserts tempted even those who had eaten too much already.*

Soon, our very special after-dinner treat began to arrive. The Nordiska Dancers, featured entertainers at Sunday's Skandia Midsommarfest, gathered around the sun-washed entrance to our hall. Their live music warmed up and they were ready to perform. Lawrie and Virginia Paradis introduced our special guest/performers and we soon learned of the connection that made the honor of their presence possible... one of the couples in the group was Lawrie's sister and brother-in-law (right)!



Photo by Hardin

Soon the dancing began. In spite of gray hairs and "senior status" the pace was lively. During one pause to let the musicians and dancers catch their breath, individual dancers stepped forward to describe and explain their costumes.

Representing different regions and nations, it became clear that the traditional dress had served as a proud statement of one's origins and home turf.

Live music, hand-embroidered costumes and the swirl and rhythm of the dances made the evening's performance go all too fast.

Thanks again, Nordiska Dancers.



Photo by Paradis



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Soon, we launched into our business meeting. In the absence of President Denny Allen, Vice-President Tim Jones presided over another lively meeting.

The most serious business to be conducted involved preparations for next rally's annual election of officers. We nominated the nominating committee (a confusing procedure at best) and elected them. They will bring in a slate on which the club will vote at August's no-host rally. The new officers will take over at the October rally. (For details read the minutes on page 6.)



Photo by Fry

Following the business meeting, we took the group photo and set off toward Poulsbo for the featured event of the rally: the Skandia Midsommarfest. Celebrating its 51st anniversary, this long established festival brings Scandinavians, their relatives and many interested parties from throughout the region to share "old country" traditions. The most remarkable being the feat of raising a 55-foot-tall pole festooned with greens and flowers from a horizontal to a vertical position without ropes, rigging or motors!

Preliminary to the great raising of the greens, we strolled around Frank Raab Park and visited the many booths. Some peddled delicious foods, others sold Scandinavian clothing and crafts while a few demonstrated traditional skills from story telling to music making. On the main stage, a succession of dancers and musical groups kept that part of the park jumping. There, we saw "our

Photo by Mast



(Left)—Ed and Louise Blaise enjoy the color and swirl of the Nordoska Folk Dancers up close and personal.



Photo by Hardin

own" Skandia Folk Dancers (above) from the night before. They really were GOOD!

The highlighted ceremony of the festival began with a wonderful entry parade of many Scandinavian clubs and musicians in traditional attire and

Photo by Jones



(Left) For the rest of the evening, Cascaders visited, walked pets (cats, too) and took in the demolition derby

going on across the street in the fairgrounds arena. Some people actually went over to the arena to see the action. The rest of us heard the loudspeaker system loud and clear till the event was over around 10 p.m.

Sunday morning... and it was time for breakfast in the parking lot! Clear skies and more doggie entertainment made for a lively breakfast.

Photo by Paradis



(Left) Awnings from the Jones' and Paradis' coaches made a fine, fair-weather shelter.



the delivery of a long garland of greens carried in by marchers. It draped on graceful loops from shoulder to shoulder of the marchers. Others carried baskets and buckets of additional greenery to be added to the pole along with the garland.

Photo by Paradis

*(Right) Following closely behind the procession of garland bearers came these serious girls bearing the great green wreaths that would adorn the top and cross bars on the tall midsommarfest pole.*



Photo by Paradis



*Many musical groups (left and below) represented Scandinavian groups from throughout the area.*

*(Below, right) Even the mistress of Ceremonies seemed a bit unnerved by two Vikings who appeared in the parade out of nowhere?!*



Photo by Fry

*(Right) This flaxen haired family exemplified the wonderful group and intergenerational participation of Scandinavian heritage in the Midsommerfest. The "littlest angel" played and marched with great seriousness!*



Photo by Hardin



Photo by Hardin

When all the musical groups with their colorful banners had taken their places, the decoration of the pole began. While a narrator and visiting dignitaries spoke, costumed volunteers festooned the pole in celebration of the coming of summer.

At last, all was ready for the great pole raising event. An experienced leader called for volunteers... at least 40 of them. Willing, able-bodied men and a few women stepped forward and gathered along the length of the pole. At the direction of the leader, teams of volunteers "manned" 4 pairs of forked, "lifting" poles (*right*). Designed to hoist the main pole with



Photo by Paradis



their forked ends, succeeding pairs of lifting poles were shorter in length. Opposing teams took up positions at strategic spots along the 55-foot pole with the shortest lifting pair toward the base and the longest near the tip. At a sign from the mistress of ceremonies, a great shout from the crowd spurred the lifting teams into action. With a scissors-type action, each pair of lifting poles was pushed together to raise the greens pole. Then the leader hustled from team to team, repositioning them closer to the butt of the greens pole while the other lifters held the main pole fast. The mistress of ceremonies led the crowd in shouting for a series of these lifts and gradually the great pole rose into the air. A stiff crosswind added to the suspense as the pole quivered and the sturdy greens fluttered. When finally the

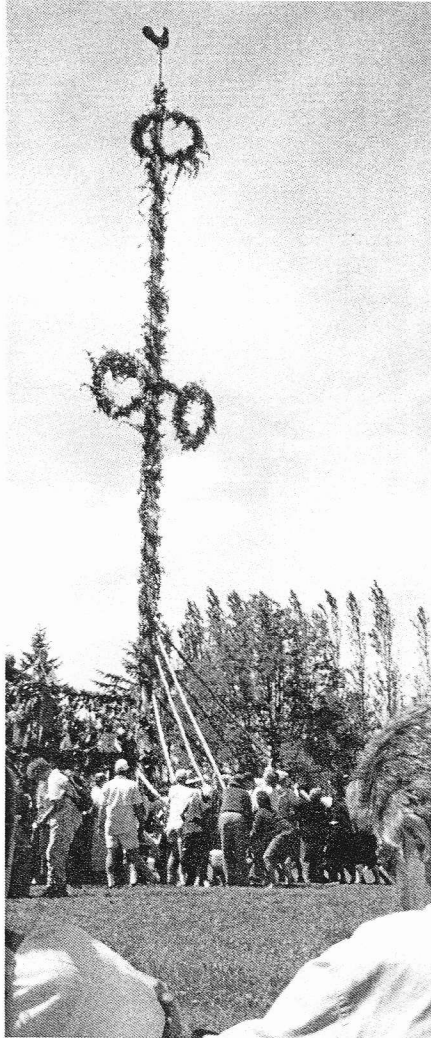


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butt of the Sommarfest pole slipped smoothly into the hole prepared for it, the leader tightened the bolts securing it in place and the crowd cheered. What an impressive and ancient tradition!

The recession of the bands and costumed groups marked the end of a fine day in the sunshine. Those of us who had come via the chartered bus trooped back to find our bus and driver for the 15 minute drive back to the Kitsap Co. Fairgrounds.

There, we marveled at the raising of another heavy object to a position high above the ground!!! (See side bar at the right.)

"Good-byes" were in order for many coaches and their passengers. Others of us remained for yet one more night, enjoying Cascaders and their pets.



Photo by Hardin

Hosts Lawrie and Virginia Paradis pause with Gruenwalds.

What a fine rally we it was! The club is indebted to the hosts who put such a richly varied experience together for us. Thanks, again, to Lead Hosts Lawrie and Virginia Paradis and their assistants John and Vera Gruenwald, Larry and Gaynor Calhoun, Walt Ovens, and George and Carol Baxter. A job well done. Larry and Gaynor, we missed you!

P.S. Virginia Paradis reports that Mickey's foot pads healed up fast after all the wild pounding he gave them chasing the Frisbee on the parking-lot blacktop. Tim, did you send him a get well card?

## GREAT FUEL ECONOMY, eh?

Neil and Nancy Sutherland's misfortune became "high" entertainment for Cascaders! Was it transmission?

Final drive?

Whatever the problem, a bright red trailer arrived to haul the wounded GMC away. The trailer's rear axles traveled forward along the trailer bed creating a ramp. Next a winch dragged Sutherland's coach into place and the trailer wheels migrated back to the rear for hauling.



Photo by Fry



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Photo by Mast

Sorry, Sutherlands, but, thanks for the show!



# MINUTES—6/25/00

Kitsap County Fairgrounds

President's Message—Vice-President Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. in the open-air gathering at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA, on Sunday, June 25, 2000. Tim began (*below*)



Photo by Hardin

by thanking our rally hosts: Lawrie & Virginia Paradis, Walt Ovens, John & Vera Gruenwald and George & Carol Baxter. Tim welcomed the newest members of the Cascaders, Bob & Lou Ann Golphenee (pronounced "golf-knee")

Attending the rally were:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dick & Pat Adair        | Jack & Doris Mast         |
| George & Carol Baxter   | Dan & Mable MacKinnon     |
| Ed & Louise Blaise      | Ken & Terry Minshall      |
| John & Marge Crist      | Terry & Gloria Morris     |
| D.J. & Barbie Eberhart  | Walt Ovens                |
| Jerry & Pam Eerkes      | Lawrie & Virginia Paradis |
| Eldon & Joyce Evans     | Rod & Maurrie Price       |
| Bob & Elaine Fry        | Ed & Mary Reed            |
| Bob & Lou Ann Golphenee | Dean & Carol Richardson   |
| John & Vera Gruenwald   | Neil & Dorothy Slater     |
| Bill & Pris Hardin      | Neil & Nancy Sutherland   |
| Carl & Helen Hove       | Jack & Mildred Titus      |
| Tim & Cass Jones        | Ken & Jean Wilson         |
| John & Ginny Lennartson |                           |

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 16, 2000 business meeting as published in the May 2000, newsletter. George Baxter moved (M) to approve the minutes as published; seconded by Bob Fry (S); motion passed (P).

Treasurer's Report—Secretary Cass Jones reported for club Treasurer Ruth Diers a treasury balance of \$5,913.80. Current membership is 170. We have \$450 outstanding for jackets.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President Tim Jones reported sending thank you's to the hosts of the Belknap Hot Springs rally. Mildred Titus then noted they had not received a thank you; Tim assured her one was sent and Mildred then (secretary is a little

fuzzy here) said something to the effect of trying to save the club postage money and it was then Tim pulled 32¢ from his pocket and gave it to her. Amongst laughs, Mildred pointed out that it was only 32¢ and not 33¢. (Somehow it all got resolved). Tim continued with the his report: a card was sent to Ted Swanson who had shoulder surgery: a note was read to the club from Elaine Cook and an article from Lauree Miller on the passing of club member Alice Frank .

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

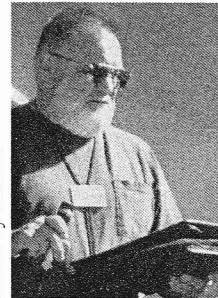


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August (dates TBA)—Wilsons & Masts somewhere in the Anacortes, WA area. October 27-29—Bay Shore RV Park, Tokeland, WA. December 1- 3—Annual Christmas Party, RV Park at Cannon Beach, OR. April 2001—Hardins exploring the Heppner-Tygh Valley, OR, area. June 2001—rolling Canadian Rally. Lennartson's are exploring Coeur d'Alene, ID, for possible future rally. February, August & October 2001 still open.

OLD BUSINESS—Vice President Jones asked Pris Hardin if there was a report from the Newsletter E-mail/Cascader Website committee. Pris reported the committee has three (3) goals for the site: to echo the goals of the organization —promote the use and enjoyment of the GMC motorhome; to communicate with and support Cascader members and other GMC organizations; and to increase membership.

Western States—Carol Baxter, the Washington representative, reported: fall rally September 10-15—Newport, WA, at Little Diamond Lake. Spring 2001—maybe April—somewhere in California.

GMC International—George Baxter, GMC International Area Vice President, reported on the fall rally September 17-23 at Mt. Hood, OR. Anyone wanting to help with registration please get in touch with George. Future rallies: Spring 2001—Las Vegas, NV. Fall 2001—Niagra Falls.

FMCA—Representative, Ken Wilson reported FMCA is redoing their by-laws. This is their election year.

NEW BUSINESS—Vice-President Tim Jones presented the proposed nominating committee of Larry Calhoun, Cathy Cupples and Bill Guise. There were no nominations from the floor. Walt Ovens moved acceptance of the slate (M), seconded by Terry Morris (S). John Gruenwald asked for passage by unani



mous consent. One opposed vote. Elections will be held at the August rally; new officers will take over on October 1.

Tim then presented the idea of the club treasury paying for a picnic-type meal for the next rally. Discussion followed. Motion presented by Jack Mast for the dollar figure to not exceed \$750 or \$10 per coach. Ken Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

Group photo will be right after meeting.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Jack Mast / Carol Baxter

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cassandra Jones, Secretary.*

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## Cascader Email Directory

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

### CHANGES!

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### NEW ADDRESSES

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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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GMC M Internat. website ..... www.gmcmi.com

GMC M Internat. email ..... gmcmi@newnorth.net

### IN MEMORIAM

Wilfred W. Townes

The day after our Poulsbo rally, Cascader Wil Townes passed away at age 86. Many Cascaders fondly remember Wil and his lovely white dog.

His life was celebrated at the Gladstone, OR, Senior Center on Thursday, July 6th. The Gladstone Oak Grove Kiwanians and other friends paid tributes to Wil as part of the service. Bob and Elaine Fry and Bud and Joy Sunderlund attended the service, informally representing the GMC Cascaders.

### IN MEMORIAM

Alice P. Ringer Frank

Born in Gresham, OR and raised in Estacada, OR area, Alice grew up on a farm and loved animals. She put herself through beautician school while working at Stadelman Fruit, Inc. She was city recorder and a municipal judge in Weston and later worked at the Washington State Penitentiary.

Alice married George on Sept 25 1982. She enjoyed the spring horse races, bowling and golf. She served her community well: in Rotary and Shriner projects, the Rose Society and the Fort Walla Walla garden.

She placed highest value on her family, home and friendships. Survivors include her husband, George; two sons, Ross and Reed Ringer; daughter, Lisa Sword; stepson, Larry Frank and her father, J.D. Pedersen.

### ROSTER UPDATE

Please make the following corrections to your July 17, 2000 rosters.

Deceased: Alice Frank and Wil Townes

New member: David Pedersen, 402 S 222nd St, Des Moines, WA 98198. Thank you.



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### RALLY SCHEDULE 2000

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
<b>Cascaders</b>			
Aug. 18-19	Anacortes, WA	Fidalgo Bay Resort	(No-Host) Ken Wilsons & Mast
<b>Western States</b>			
Sep. 10-15	Newport, WA	Little Diamond Lake	Bill Harvey
<b>International</b>			
Sep. 17-23	Welches, OR	Mt. Hood Village	GMCM
<b>Cascaders</b>			
Oct. 27-29	Tokeland, WA	Bayshore RV Park	Morris, Eberharts & Frydenlunds
<b>Cascaders</b>			
Dec. 01-03	Cannon Bch, OR	Cannon Beach RV	Baxters, Diers, Jones & Ragsdales, Frys,
<b>Cascaders</b>			
Jun. 2001	BC (and Alberta?)	Rolling Rally <i>Details later</i>	Allens and Irelands

*Call DJ Eberhart and volunteer to host a future rally! ...fellow hosts will appear!*

