

Cascaders Join Revels at FMCA Northwest Motorhome Assoc.

Moses Lake, WA, rolled out the red carpet for more than 800 motorhomes from June 6-9. Among the crowd were 59 Cascader coaches a couple of our "SOBs" and an occasional GMC coach whose owners had not joined the Cascaders... yet. It was the largest turnout ever recorded for our club! We nested our June rally into the larger FMCA NW rally.

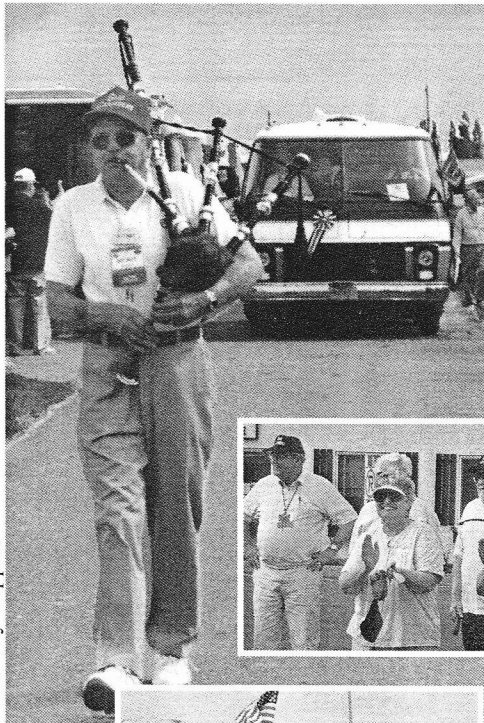
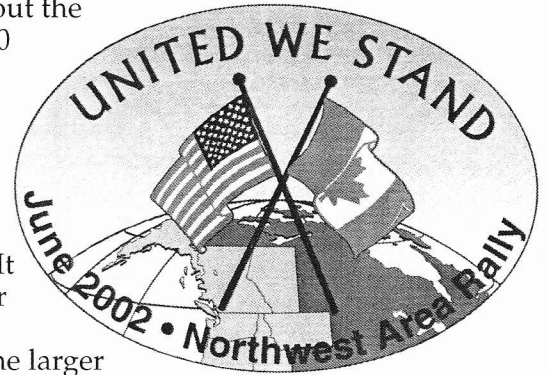


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Thanks to excellent planning and coordination between our rally leaders and those of the larger gathering, all GMC coaches parked in one shady area on the Grant County Fairgrounds, close to the main events.

Thursday's big event was the "United We Stand" parade. Rolling exhibits included

decorated golf carts, scooters, pickup trucks towing trailers, AND Walt and Jerry Kreb's Neuman Haas GMC coach with its glowing patriotic colors. AND, our own, talented George Wenzek led the parade, bagpipes skirling (upper left). What a great contribution!



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Colorful marching units came from all corners of our northwest area, sponsored by various motorhome clubs.

Left—Carquest entered a golf cart in disguise!



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NEXT RALLY

| DATES | LOCATION | SITE | HOSTS |
|------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| August 2-4 | Grayland, WA | Roamers Roost RV | Lammis and Snows |

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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Right—Scooter riders join the parade. Even their dog sports patriotic colors.



Photo by Ireland

Pets, family groups and matching costumes and colors added to the festivities.



Photo by Hardin

Cascader volunteers took charge of piloting the “people mover” tractor and trailer that shuttled rally goers back and forth from the far reaches of the grounds from 6 am till late in the evening throughout the

rally. Working in pairs, driver on the tractor and conductor in the rear of the trailer, our volunteers mastered navigation of the tractor through narrow lanes, coping with bad weather and radio communication between conductor and driver. Many of the teams were husband and wife combinations. As far as we know, no marriages succumbed to the stresses of the job.

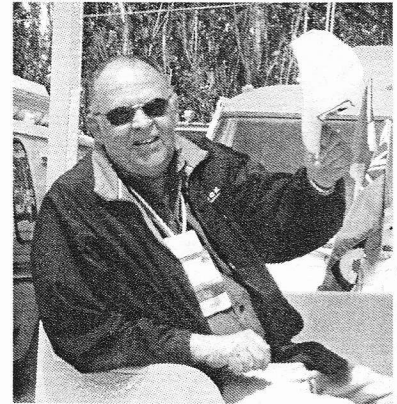


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So, aside from parade fame and

a lot of tram driving, what did Cascaders get out of this rally?



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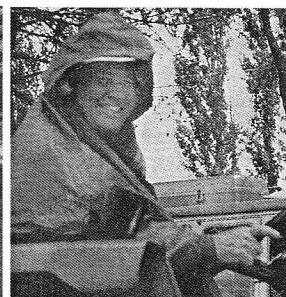


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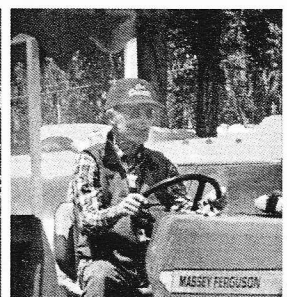


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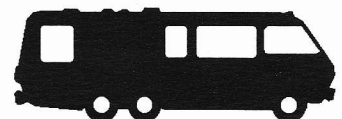


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Above—The Krebs' colorful coach returns to the GMC motorhome enclave following the parade.

Left—What could be more fun than a time out from the planned activities to swap "lies" with other Cascaders.



Above and right—Most of the GMC Cascaders contingent of the Red Hat ladies poses in the midst of the fun.

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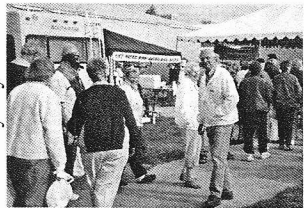
Cascaders never seemed to lack for something to do. The FMCA Northwest rally planners, led by rally masters Mick and Judy Hansen, did themselves and their community proud by producing a rally with great meals, lots of entertainment, interesting seminars, and a host of commercial exhibits. The team tackled the inevitable glitches that accompany such a large undertaking and went on to assure that a good time was had by all.

Entertainers held forth every day in one venue or another. Thursday's Sentimental Journey band, Friday's music and humor by Matt Jenkins and Saturday's great comedy entertainment by Herb Dixon provided something for everyone. In addition, there were door prize drawings every day along with special activities like cards or games, trap shooting, campfires, horseshoes, exercise groups, and meetings of the Nimble Fingers Club who gathered to work on their knitting, crochet, and stitchery.

Saturday noon found a group of Cascader ladies joining women from many other clubs at the no-host Red Hat Society Luncheon held at a restaurant in Moses Lake. Required dress for the affair was a red hat, accompanied by as much red and purple as possible in the remainder of one's outfit. Such ridiculous dress! Post-luncheon muttering about the price and quantity of food suggests that FMCA Northwest women are more concerned with their economics than their dignity!

Commercial exhibits and seminars set a shop-till-you-drop pace for attendees. There was no question that something-for-everyone was the guiding principle for planners. There were sales and seminars covering RV maintenance systems and mechanical needs. Craft and homemaking topics figured large. Seminars and meetings attended to club business and interests, too. Pris Hardin gave a seminar on improving club newsletters on Saturday. If any one was bored, it was their own fault.

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Left—Commercial exhibits along the fairgrounds main walkway drew Politikes in opposite directions. Below—Vendors' coaches packed fairgrounds walkways.

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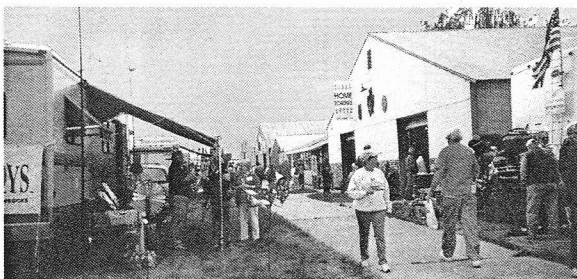
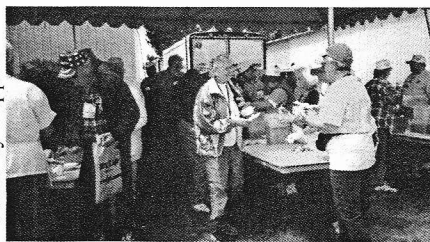


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Above and right—comfortable seating was the only problem at meals.



Photo by Cupples



filed through the service tent and found seating in one of the large fairground meeting halls. Ken Wilson, our FMCA Northwest rep. put in hard duty helping with the servicing for several meals.

All Cascaders in attendance owe a big debt to Wilsons and Calhouns who worked so hard to make this the largest GMC Cascader rally on record and a good time for all. We left the rally with good feelings about our relationship to FMCA Northwest and a super sense of what a special club we belong to. Thanks for all the great work.

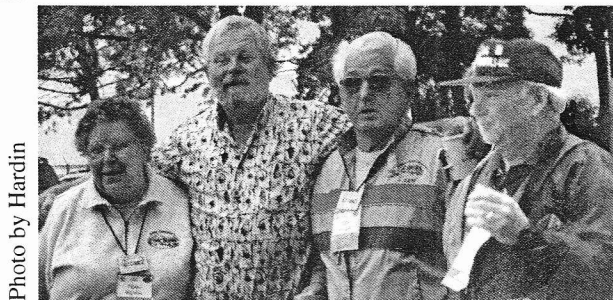


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Our closing business meeting began with a somber moment for all. Once more George Wenzek put his bagpipes into service. There were many moist eyes (*right*) as George stood off to the side under the trees and played Amazing Grace in a memorial to Mildred Titus who died just a short time before the rally.

Our GMC Cascader business meeting then took on its customary tone. Thank you's and introductions of visitors and first-timers preceded all of the serious and ridiculous business.

What a sight our beautiful coaches made as we left the park and rolled past all of those big SOBs. It sure is hard to be humble...

Glowing Embers from the Wagon Master

They said it couldn't be done; well, we did it! What a turn out! Fifty-nine GMC Cascader coaches on site and what a group! We were the only ones to enter a coach in the parade... isn't that great? I want to really thank the volunteers; you people showed FMCA Western States what the Cascaders are all about. To the tram crews and food servers, you did us proud. THANK YOU! And, a special thank you to George Wenzek for Sunday's memorial to Mildred Titus. The pipes were a moving tribute to a brave lady.

To the two that didn't make it to the rally: Art Kern, (trans.) and Dave Snow (?). We sure wish you could have been there. (Art's trans. is fixed.) The next rally is Grayland, WA.; hope to see every one there. Still no takers for Feb., April, or Oct. of 2003. Don't make me point fingers, it's not nice

Your Wagon Master, Larry

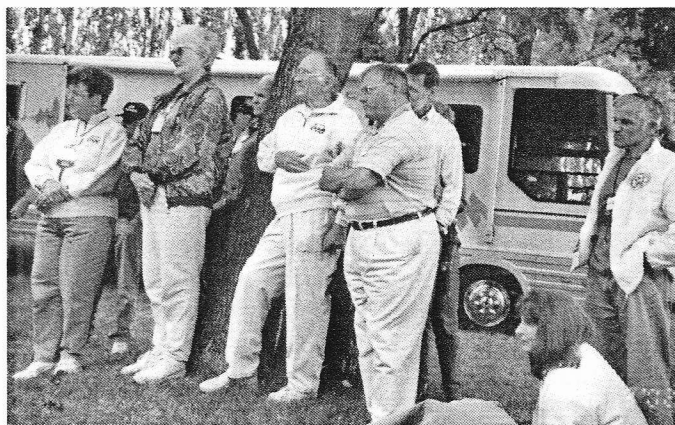


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MINUTES 4/21/02

Burlington KOA, Burlington, WA

President's Message—President Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m. in the community room of the Burlington KOA, Burlington, WA, on Sunday, April 21, 2002. Tim thanked our hosts, Lawrie and Virginia Paradis, John and Vera Gruenewald, Ken and Jean Wilson, Larry and Gaynor Calhoun, and Walt Ovens.

Tim welcomed new members, Dave & Sue Snow (no relation to Gene Snow) and guests: Heinz and Louise Wittenbecher, Mike and June Nooney, and Jim Swanson and Frank Czarny.

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 10, 2002 business meeting as published in the March 2002 newsletter. Corrections needed were the June 2002 rally hosts are Joyce & Eldon Evans and our August rally is in "Grayland, WA" not Greyland. Motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Larry Calhoun (M) and seconded (S), motion passed (P).

Treasurer's Report—Cass Jones gave the Treasurer's report for traveling Treasurer Helen Hove reporting a club balance of \$6,921.65. Current membership is 161.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President George Baxter reported sending a thank-you to Price's for the February rally, get-well cards went to Gene Snow after hip surgery and Joyce Evans for cataract surgery. A sympathy card went to Roland Wilbur on Ruth's passing.

George reminded everyone to be sure and let him know of any club member needing a get-well wish or message of condolence.

Second Vice President (Wagon Master) Report—Larry Calhoun, Wagon Master, reported on the upcoming rallies:

2002—June 6–9: FMCA NW Rally, Moses Lake, WA.
Hosts: FMCA Larry Calhoun and Ken Wilson gave a short report on the events that will happen during the rally.

August: 2–4: Annual Meeting—Robins Roost, Grayland, WA. Hosts: Lammis and Snows. Toivo reported they are arranging for bus runs on Sat. to the Chain Saw Carving meet.

October 11–13: Belknap Hot Springs, Belknap Springs, OR. Hosts: Barries, Hoves and Jack Titus

December 13–15: Fidalgo Bay RV Park, Anacortes, WA.
Hosts: Wilsons. Ken reported that all activities will be happening at the RV Park, no moving around to make it easier on everyone.

2003—June: Silverton, OR. The Oregon Gardens
Hosts: Evans

OLD BUSINESS—

Club Website: Bill Guise reported as of 4/10 website had 3,265 hits and by 4/18 it had 3,430 hits—people are looking and using the site. Let Bill know of things to add or change.

Terry Morris has red hats (\$15), club jackets (\$28), decals (\$5) and flags (\$20) for sale.

Denny Allen has GMC stamps (you supply the ink pad) \$5 and belt buckles for \$20.

Jessie Rowland has club sweatshirts \$22 if you pick up at a rally and \$26 if mailed.

Western States: Spring 2002: May 29–June 3, Camp Yavapines, Prescott, AZ. Fall 2002: Sept. 6–11, Cody, WY. Fall 2003 chance of a Penticton/Kelowna area

GMC International: Spring 2002: March 22–28, 2002: Mobile, Alabama Fairgrounds (Carol Baxter reported 190 coaches with 31 vendors attended.)
Fall 2002: Sept. 15–21, Nashville, TN

FMCA—Ken Wilson, National Director, gave a further report on the June FMCA rally. Recommended those attending be sure and attend the seminars on membership benefits. Ken tried to present the 'plaque' from FMCA on the club's participation at the National rally in Redmond to Margaret Bovee who very diplomatically gave it back to the club to keep.

NEW BUSINESS—Tim Jones reported the club had been contacted by FMCA to give a donation of two, \$25 gift certificates to be used as door prizes for the NW rally. Tim explained this was something the club had done in the past. Motion was made by Paul Roland (M) to provide the certificates, seconded by Bob Dunlap (S). Motion passed. (MP)

Virginia Paradis reported the club has the mold for the foil-wrapped GMC-logo candy bars in everyone's goodie bags.

Larry Calhoun reported the trailer was here and had been painted; please, stop by and see.

Deadline for newsletter: May 10. Send all articles to Jack Cupples.

Group picture after the meeting.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Mike Pellegrino / Nancy Pellegrino

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jones, Secretary.



MINUTES 6/09/02

Moses Lake Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, WA

Before we officially started our Cascader meeting,

President Tim Jones told the gathering of the recent passing of Mildred Titus and asked George Wenzek to play his bagpipes while we had a moment of silence for each of us in our own ways to remember Mildred.

President's Message—President Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. among the trees near our coaches on the Moses Lake Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, WA, on Sunday, June 9, 2002. Tim thanked our hosts, FMCA, Larry & Gaynor Calhoun and Ken & Jean Wilson. What a great rally !!!

Tim welcomed guests Wayne & Sharon Thornhill, Merel & Bertha Jones (Tim's folks in an SOB), Terry & Diane Skinner, Ted & Alice DeBauw, and Alberta, Canada, GMCers Bernie & Kathy Bartko, Gary Krenz and (?) Fairbanks.

Rally attendees:

Denny & Fran Allen
John & Gisela Bandur
Bernie & Kathy Bartko
George & Carol Baxter
Al & Diane Birch
Terry & Joanne Boyd
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun
Wilbur & Dori Claus
Jack & Cathy Cupples
Ted & Alice DeBauw
Bob & Chris Dunlap
DJ & Barbie Eberhart
Norm & Joan Engman
Ted & Joan Freemire
Bob & Elaine Fry
Bill & Mary Lou Foote
Gary & Gloria Gibbs
Frank & Carol Gray
John & Vera Gruenewald
Bill & Peggy Guise
Carl & Jean Gwynn
Bill & Pris Hardin
Ernie & Nellie Hastie
Joe & Jean Hensley
Ken & Pat Heuvel
Carl & Helen Hove
Dave & Linda Ireland
Tim & Cass Jones
Merel & Bertha Jones
Harvey & Elaine Kragt
Walt & Jerry Krebs

Gary Krenz
Al & Janet Kruebbe
Tony & Sandra Lammi
John & Ginny Lennartson
Dan & Mable MacKinnon
Jack & Doris Mast
Milt & Marlene Meineken
Terry & Gloria Morris
Mike & June Nooney
Walt Ovens
Mike & Nancy Pellegrino
Clarence & Grace Politiske
Del & Vi Preston
Rod & Maurrie Price
Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Gene & Carol Ransom
Ed & Mary Reed
Dean & Carol Richardson
Bill & Jessie Rowland
Terry & Diane Skinner
Robert & Liz Smith
Gene & Dixie Snow
Ted & Jane Swanson
Tom & Margie Thompson
Jack Titus
George & Sallee Wenzek
Ken & Jean Wilson
Heinz & Louise
Whittenbecher
Les & Bunny Wold

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones explained the minutes were not included in the last newsletter and asked if they should be read. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion: John Gruenewald (M), Seconded (S) Larry Calhoun, Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club balance of \$5,903.29. Current membership is 167.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President George Baxter reported sending thank-you's to our May rally hosts. A sympathy card went to Jack Titus on Mildred's passing.

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2003

June: Silverton, OR The Oregon Gardens
Hosts: Evans

August 15-17: Wallace, Idaho Hosts: Dunlaps

Elaine Fry read an old rally notice as an example of how simple and uncomplicated a rally can be.

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Fall 2003: Canada—perhaps in Penticton/Kelowna area

Spring 2004: Emerald Desert, Palm Desert, CA.

Fall 2004: Oct 5-10 Balloon Festival, Albuquerque, NM.

GMC International: Fall 2002: Sept. 15-21, Nashville, TN.

Spring 2003: March 30-6 days Tucson, AZ.

FMCA—National Director Ken Wilson gave a report on how well the FMCA rally had gone and we all agreed. Next NW rally Albany, OR, the first part of June 2003.

NEW BUSINESS—Tim Jones reported the following members had agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee: Bill



Guise, Carol Gray and Carl Hove. As there were no changes from the floor, Ken Wilson (M) made a motion to accept the committee as presented. Seconded Bob Dunlap (S), motion passed.

Deadline for newsletter: June 19th. Send all articles to Jack Cupples.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Jack Mast/Harvey Kragt

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jones, Secretary.

Helping Hands at Work

Last month, while cruising west out of Phoenix, AZ, Margaret and Alan Bovee's GMC suffered a broken radiator hose followed shortly by engine failure! After all of the distressing business of towing the coach back into sweltering Phoenix, finding temporary lodging, arranging for the transport of the coach back to Powell Butte, and making the trip home ahead of the coach, they report that the towing company performed admirably. They would like to pass on an enthusiastic recommendation for:

Interstate Towing and Transport
800-528-5445

The company is Phoenix-based but serves the entire U.S.A. It rode north on a 53 ft. flat bed trailer. Tractor and trailer totalled over 80 ft. in length. There wasn't a scratch on it. The company driver handled loading and unloading with professional care and expertise.

NOTE: Following surgery for cataracts, Alan was not permitted to lift, so his engine installation was to be stalled indefinitely. Irelands and Morris came to the rescue and managed the heavy work in just a few days' time. Alan "supervised" from a folding chair and will complete the "fine tuning" now that he is well on the road to recovery. That sort of helping hand is what GMC Cascaders are all about. Thanks, itinerant mechanics.

Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs?

Use email and the web as follows:

Western States website www.gmcws.org
Western States email :tweir@pacbell.net
GMC M Internat. website www.gmcmi.com
GMC M Internat. email gmcmi@newnorth.net

In Memoriam

Mildred Evelyn Titus

October 3, 1941 – May 25, 2002

On May 30th, friends of Mildred Titus gathered at the First Methodist Church in Portland to celebrate her life. There were eleven Cascaders, many of her former associates from her years of service to the county, friends from many other associations, and family. Following the service, the congregation moved outdoors to witness the release of white doves.

This note just received from Doris Mast:

To all our friends,
I must tell you, Jack is no longer in pain. Jack fought a good battle, but God is stronger than even he. They met at 10:30 am on Monday, July 15, 2002. Please help us both with prayers.

Love,
Doris

A memorial service was held on July 20th in LaConner, WA. We will report further in the next issue of the News.

Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers on the internet and changes to existing email addresses.

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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AND to:

Cass Jones, Secretary timjones@hevanet.com



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Technical Tips Department!

George and Carol Baxter hosted an unscheduled technical (?) seminar at the Grant County fairground's dump station! The following account comes from an anonymous observer who signed himself "A Reliable Source."

In the midst of the rally, a pair of GMCers were busy constructing a pyramid. Trouble was, the pyramid was in their dump tank. While at the dump station, contending with their dilemma, many sympathetic GMCers appeared to watch and to help. One produced a "water wand" which was hoped would magically wash away the mountain.

In the midst of the "seminar," Mary Lou Foote appeared with her family's tried and true cure... a large sack of prunes!

All must have worked out well in the end, as both George and Carol were seen later, happily enjoying the rally.

We have all been warned about the dangers of pyramid schemes. Ask George about how to get to the bottom of them.



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RALLY SCHEDULE 2002

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Call Larry Calhoun to volunteer for rallies in 2003! ...fellow hosts will appear!

