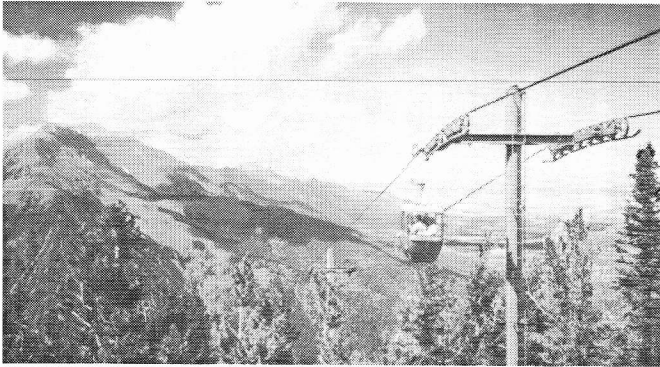


Wallowa Lake Rally Puts Cascaders on Top of the World

Looking west from the cable cars



August 17-20 found 46 GMC Cascader coaches sharing Oregon State Park system hospitality arranged by hosts John and Lauree Miller and George and Alice Frank. Nestled in the Wallowa river canyon at the head of Wallowa Lake, the area offered enough activities and outings to fill more than the four days and nights on our schedule.

The setting deserved considerable time to enjoy. Tall trees, sparkling water, too-tame deer, hiking trails and dramatic changes in the weather demanded attention. The Franks and Millers arranged for chilly nights and cloudy days during the first half of the rally so we could especially appreciate the sunshine they brought in for the second half of our stay! They also planned only

one officially scheduled expedition so Cascaders could pick and choose from numerous optional activities.

The planned expedition to the Valley Bronze Foundry and their affiliated sales gallery highlighted a remarkable industry for which the region has garnered international acclaim. Optional outings included: the cable car ride up nearly 4,000 feet to the top of Mt. Howard, dining at the Vali Hungarian Deli and Restaurant, park-sponsored hikes, and trips to town for shopping, golf, dining and "antiquing."

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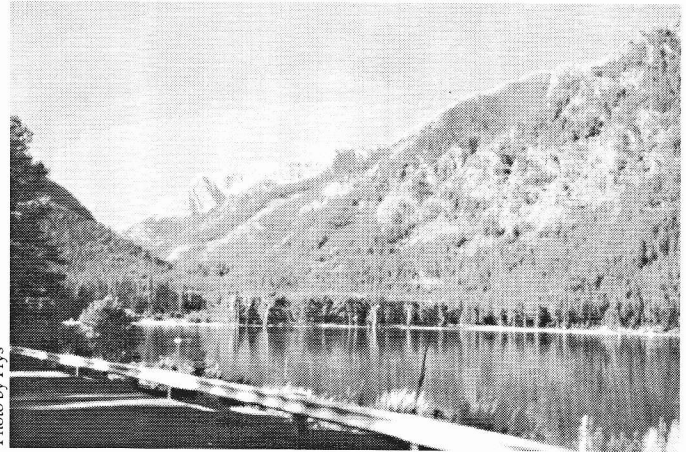


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Rally Schedule 1995

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
October 6-8	Mt. St. Helens, WA	Mt. St. Helens RV Park	Kershaws, Groths et al
December 1-3	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV Park	No-host rally

Additional rallies scheduled for 1996; see future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News*.

Mt. St. Helens Cascader Blow Out Coming Soon

Pack up and roll out to the Mt. St. Helens rally for an action-packed weekend hosted by a great team—Kershaws and Groths. Greeters are: Foots, Eberharts and Beckers. The park is at Exit 49, off I-5 near Castle Rock, WA—phone: 1-360-274-8522.

Don't forget your cameras, field glasses, cookies and breakfast fruit contributions. The late mailing of this issue of the News means that the registration deadline has passed; direct any last-minute questions to Chet and Karen Kershaw at: 503-690-9776.

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Your GMC Cascader Dues are Due!!!

Stuffed in this issue of the News you will find your personalized dues renewal form. We value each and every one of you and do not wish to lose your membership.

**Fill out the enclosed renewal form,
write your check and
SEND IT TO RUTH DIERS, NOW!**

...please?

NOTE TO NEW MEMBERS:

If you joined us since 7/1/95, your 1996 dues are prepaid!

A Special Thank You

Cascaders rolling in to the Wallowa rally found hosts greeting them with aromatic sacks of the region's famous Walla Walla sweet onions and vine ripened tomatoes! We thank John and Lauree Miller for the tomatoes and an old friend and former Cascader, Frank Hamada, for the onions. When John and Lauree asked Frank about purchasing a few onions for the rally, he arrived on their doorstep with two big sacks as a gift to the club! Thanks, all the way around. (Note: Frank needs to sell his GMC Eleganza... see "On the Road Again" below.)

Under the Weather

Some Cascaders are towing an extra load these days.

- Ken Wilson underwent heart bypass surgery on September 15th. He is reportedly recovering well.
- Don Forster suffered a stroke. He is home from the hospital and working on the uphill grade that stroke recovery demands.
- Ed Blaise is also deserving of our continuing support as he slowly gains strength.

A card, letter, or phone call would be most welcome by these members and their families.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

WHEEL SALE—GMC 16.2" wheels: mounted and balanced.

Four—Michelin, E-rated, XCA. Two—Toyo, D-rated. \$500.00

Also, 1 rear settee (makes bed) and 1 bunk bed. Call 206-365-5765.

COACH FOR SALE—1973 GMC Eleganza, 26' and clean with about 80,000 miles. Asking \$18,000. Call Frank Hamada in Milton-Freewater at 1-509-529-0929

ERRATA

Andy Bell reports that on your membership roster, his phone number should read: 206-938-2355. The number was incorrectly written with a 983 prefix.



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Wallowa Outings

Most rally goers found their way into the renowned Hungarian Vali Deli and Restaurant. Vigorous hospitality included great ethnic food, cozy decor, and a waitress who "worked the crowd" like a professional entertainer. We were cajoled, teased and scolded into a delightful time.

The cable car trip to the top of Mt. Howard was thrilling. The 1.8 mi. ride rewarded Cascaders with inspiring vistas and close-up details of life in an 8100-foot-high Alpine environment. A hike around the mountain top revealed the Wallowa range to the west and south, the Hells Canyon of the Snake River to the east, and rolling golden wheat fields to the north.

Park-sponsored activities enticed several of our group on a nature hike of several miles. The ranger gleefully boasted about the wide age range of campers who have complete the distance in the past. When he learned Glenn Diers' age, Glenn became the new statistic on the old-age end of the story. Congratulations, Glenn.

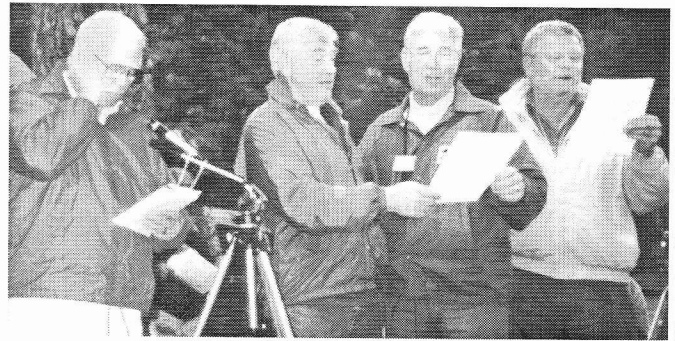


Photo by Fry and Owens

Above: Old timey radio kept only the performers warm.



Right: Cascaders, looking like crows on a fence; Fry is out of line even when our backs are turned!



Left: He triéd, with limited success, to get the rest of us into line for a meeting.

Park-based Action

In spite of the remote location of the park, our hosts arranged for the arrival of some delicious food. Breakfasts were all prefaced by a Miller/Frank expedition into town for pastry. We enjoyed a catered hamburger feed and a chicken dinner.

Meetings posed a challenge due to the evening chill. The nostalgic radio drama presented by the "Old Coach Players" left us shivering and groaning from the heavy-duty puns. Delivered with wild abandon, sound effects and great stage presence, it's a wonder we didn't get warm from laughter.

Our business meeting marked the last one conducted by the 1994-95 officers. Elections replaced about half of them with "new blood" and shifted some of the remaining "old guard" into new responsibilities. On October 1, the new crew takes over.

It was a grand rally... special thanks go to Lauree Miller, who did a lot of pre-rally planning but was unable to attend the rally, and to Jim Scolman for pitching in and helping with parking and other on-site jobs.



Photo by Owens



Left: Walt (Dr. Doolittle) Krebs chats with a new patient



Photo by Bovees

Photo by Kerstaws



Early RVers pause beside their spare wheel. Where's the coach?

Valley Bronze Foundry Casts a New Light on Eastern Oregon as Fine Arts Center

The Valley Bronze Foundry is the largest of three fine arts bronze foundries in the Enterprise area. Well informed guides squired three groups of Cascaders through the plant. From clay or wax original to final casting, the ancient art requires attention to detail and a thorough knowledge of the technology. Judging by the famous artists served by Valley Bronze, the work produced there is world renowned. Highlight for most of us was the opportunity to view a giant work in progress. In the monuments building, we saw the assembly phase of the second and final edition of a giant sculpture commemorating the breaking down of the Berlin wall. The first cast is already in place at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin. The pieces we saw in process will be exhibited first at the Olympic Games by its owner, ex-President George Bush—Thanks, George. Then it will move to its permanent site in front of the Bush Presidential Library in Texas. The sculpture is overwhelmingly dramatic—five mares



Guide explains the ins and outs of gates, stems, and sprues. The wax core she holds is burned out in the lost-wax process to create a cavity into which molten bronze will flow.

MINUTES—Wallowa Lake, 8/18/95

President Becky Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. Sincere 'Thank You's' were extended to hosts John and Lauree Miller and George and Alice Frank. President Ragsdale welcomed guests: Dave and Georgia Wellock and Marynn, granddaughter of Bill and Denise Hemphill. She also recognized Jane Stromquist, daughter of Gordon and Lora Childs. First-time attendees at a rally included: Bill and Denise Hemphill, Dan and Mable MacKinnan, Tenold and Karin Peterson, and Bill and LaDean Steward. President Ragsdale also extended best wishes to two pairs of newlyweds: Betty and Marvin Johnson and Gerry and Ann Pryde.

Members attending the rally were:

Henry & Lola Abrahams	Dan & Mable MacKinnon
George & Carol Baxter	Ken & Deon Madison
Alan & Margaret Bovee	Jack & Doris Mast
Terry & Joanne Boyd	Gerald & Betty Mautz
Robert & Katherine Bremner	John Miller
Gordon & Lora Childs	Terry & Gloria Morris
Karl Cunningham	Walt & Liz Ovens
David & Patricia DeLapp	Hollis & Priscilla Oxley
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Tenold & Karen Peterson
Clarence & Elsie Estridge	Del & Vi Preston

Loren & Rebecca Fleet
 Bill & Mary Lou Foote
 George & Alice Frank
 Bob & Elaine Fry
 Bill & Priscilla Hardin
 Bill & Denise Hemphill
 Carl & Helen Hove
 E. Marvin & Betty Johnson
 Tim & Cass Jones
 Joe & Cathy Keebler
 Chet & Karen Kershaw
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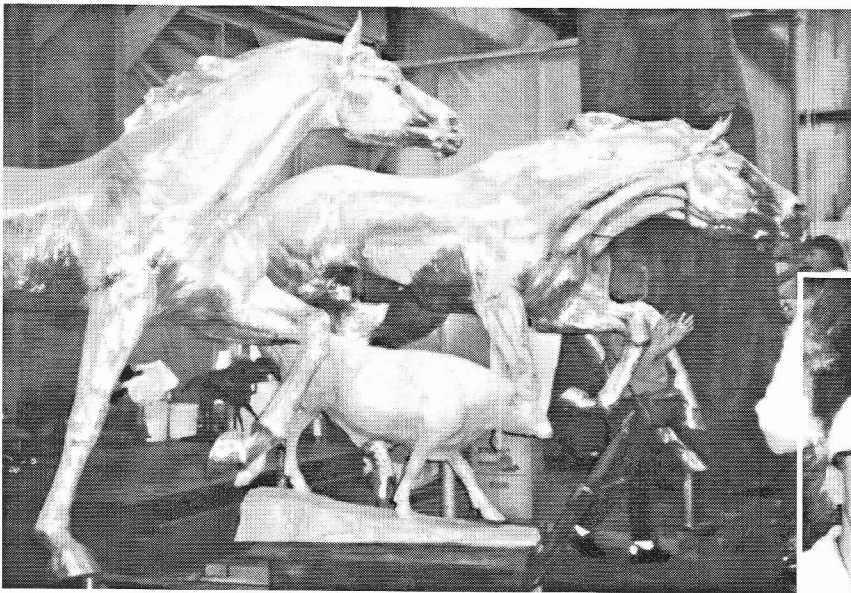
Ken & Becky Ragsdale
 John & Jan Moore Raugust
 Ed & Mary Reed
 W.L. & Jessie Rowland
 Joe & Yvonne Sawtell
 Jim & Sheryl Scolman
 Bill & LaDean Steward
 Bud & Joy Sunderland
 Ted & Jane Swanson
 Tom & Margie Thompson
 Milt & Carmen Wade
 Daryl & Mary Wilson
 Dave & Georgia Wellock

Reading of the Minutes—Corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting included: recognition of Gerry Pryde's guest, Ann; it was Bob Fry, not Luana Perry, who presented the report about Lyle Boom's injury; and correction of the spelling of the technical seminar presenter's name—Jablonski. The minutes of the 6/16/95 meeting were approved as corrected—moved (M) by J. Mast, seconded (S) by T. Swanson, and passed (P).

Treasurer's Report—Ruth Diers announced that our current membership is 172 coaches and the treasury



Photo by Fry



Left: George Bush's stallion and one of his mares race past a smaller-than-life steer, commissioned by another Texan for his family's Christmas. Center: Ken Madison makes the acquaintance of one of the mares. Lower right: If these animals were alive we all would have given them more room.

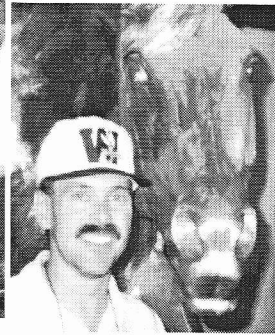


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and a stallion leap through a break in the partially demolished Berlin wall. On the wall bright patinas, developed at the foundry, depict freedom graffiti copied from the actual wall.

To all Cascaders who missed the Wallowa rally, we highly recommend going out of your way to visit the Valley Bronze Foundry.

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holds \$2,714.73. Treasurer's report was accepted (MSP) B. Mautz, B. Fry.

1st Vice President's Report—Carol Baxter's two-part report included word of the death of Ed Olson and surgery for Gerry Seitz. She has sent correspondence expressing club concern and sympathy to the appropriate parties. Part two (Historian duties) noted that she is shopping for plastic photo sheet protectors to revitalize the scrap books. Kershaws are making available their past rally photos for members to take at this rally.

Wagonmaster's (2nd Vice President) Report—Glenn Diers announced the current rally schedule: October '95, at Mt. St. Helens with host team of Kershaws and Groths, and greeters—Foots, Eberharts and Beckers; June '96, a rolling rally in British Columbia; and October '96, at central Oregon, perhaps Tygh Valley.

Bob Fry proposed a no-host rally at Cannon Beach for the first weekend in December unless a volunteer host comes forth—(MSP) B. Fry, L. Ovens.

Glenn turned the meeting over to Bob Kershaw for a detailed report on the upcoming Mt St Helens rally.

Old Business—President Ragsdale announced that the search for old minutes and letters dating back to 1983 has succeeded. Archiving of these historical documents will proceed.

New Business—Clarence Estridge called attention to the Elegant Cruisers' Rose Bowl Rally and the Foretravel-sponsored rally at Las Vegas, both of which we are welcome to attend—a good time and a great deal in both cases. Contact Elegant Cruisers and Foretravel through information in the FMCA journal and directory. Election of officers followed. The hard-working nominating committee of Doris Mast, Terry Morris, Elaine Fry and Don Perry thanked the current officers for their work and presented the following slate: President—Carol Baxter, 1st Vice President—Terry Morris, 2nd Vice President—Glenn Diers, Secretary—Liz Ovens, Treasurer—Ruth Diers, FMCA (National) Representative—Ken Wilson, Alternate FMCA Representative—Ray Groth. No nominations were made from the floor. The slate was accepted—(MS) B. Fry, L. Fleet—and passed unanimously.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 10:15—(MSP) J. Mast and B. Fry



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Renew Dues NOW!

Kershaws Kritters—photos by Kershaws

Many members sent photographs recording our very photogenic Wallow rally. Thanks to one and all. Chet and Karen Kershaw made a graphic effort to put the fauna of the park in "the little black box." They caught everything but the bear. Well, the park rangers couldn't manage to do *that*.



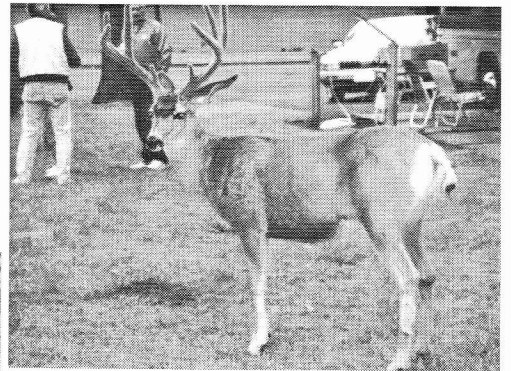
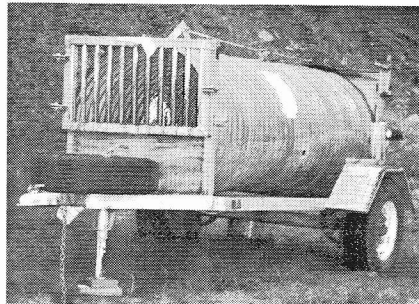
Top: Ground squirrels packed in the peanuts on top of Mt. Howard.
Left: Vi Preston loads one squirrel up for winter.



Right: Frenetic chipmunks shyly competed with ground squirrels and camp robber jays for handouts.



Below: The sturdy bear trap, baited only at night, caught only our attention.



Above: The bucks stopped anywhere they liked!
Below: The does were much more timid.

