

## FIDALGO BAY RALLY REDEFINES TERM "NO-HOST"

Cascaders gathered at the waterfront park on Fidalgo Bay August 18–20 for a "no-host rally." Ken and Jean Wilson, assisted by Jack and Doris Mast, turned a potentially uneventful rally into one of the most diverse and lively rallies in recent time. Careful, resourceful planning and lots of footwork went into the event.

We solicited group photos and comment from members and received the following write-up from Jack Cupples:

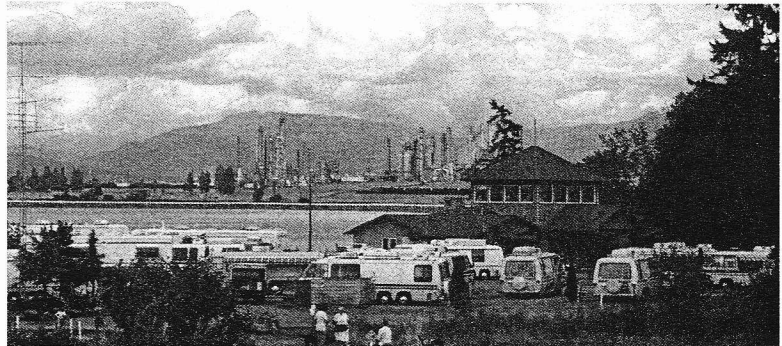


Photo by Hardin

It was really raining buckets as we traveled north on the Interstate, heading for the August GMC Cascaders rally in Anacortes. After fifty-some days without rain, the highway was white with froth from all the accumulated oil mixed with the standing water and visibility was acutely restricted. The Guises and Cupples, traveling together, doggedly plowed on north despite the slick roadways, albeit somewhat slower than the posted speed. Visibility was so bad that sometimes we lost sight of each other; however, thanks to the CB radio, we were able to confirm that we were still traveling together at least within radio range. The rain abated somewhat as we pulled into the Smokey Point Rest Stop where Denny Allen's premise that you are never alone in a GMC was confirmed. Three GMC's preceded us into the rest stop and were about to pull out as we arrived. We did get to say a brief "hello" to the Groths and Frydenlunds before they left, but missed the third coach as it departed.

As frequent Northwest travelers know, Anacortes lies within the "Sunbelt" of the island area of northwest Washington State and, of course, as we neared the rally venue, the weather cleared up and the rain ceased—as promised by the local

Chamber of Commerce. We crossed the Swinomish Channel to Fidalgo Island on a high bridge that gave us a sweeping view of Deception Pass and the San Juan islands beyond. Fidalgo Island is in the San Juan archipelago and our rally site. The Fidalgo Bay Resort, is situated on Fidalgo bay with seaside accommodations and a great saltwater view as well as a spectacular view of Mt. Baker's snowy peak. We envied those RVers with boats as they pulled into the resort with traps full of Dungeness crab.

Our "No-Host" hosts Ken and Jean Wilson and Jack and Doris Mast welcomed us at the gate and directed us to our parking sites which included complete hookups, The Fidalgo Bay Resort was to us an undiscovered treasure with its beautiful location, clean and landscaped grounds and top quality facilities including the large award winning clubhouse which was set aside for our use. Our hosts could not have picked a better place for our rally.

Some of the forty-odd GMC coaches arrived on Thursday. We did not make it till Friday noon and spent the afternoon in the favorite pastime of Cascaders—gabbing and catching up on all the news of our fellow members. Some of the early

### NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
Oct. 27–29	Tokeland, WA	Bayshore RV Park	Morris, Eberharts & Frydenlunds

*For information on more rallies, see back page.*

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arrivers were already exploring nearby Anacortes and La Conner. After dinner 'on our own', the group descended on the clubhouse and sat around the seaside patio for the ice cream social served by our hosts.

Saturday dawned a typical sunny day in the Sun Belt and we all enjoyed the view as we sat down for the continental breakfast at the clubhouse. The rest of the day was a free day to take the

shuttle into the nearby cities for shopping, work on the coaches, take a beach walk, visit or just take it easy.

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Photo by Bovee



*Left—  
Breakfast chat.*

*Right—Are Jean Wilson and Doris Mast demonstrating professional food-server skills or are they suggesting that Cascader breakfasts should be white glove affairs? Great job, ladies!*



Photo by Hardin

## Cascader Website Nearing Launch Time!

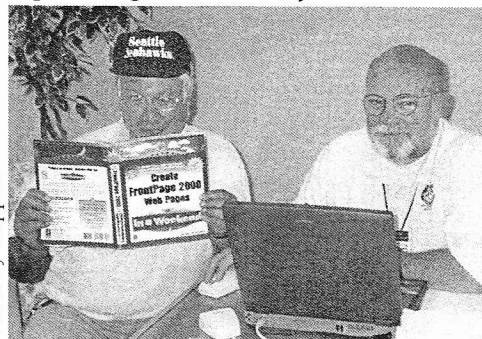
Clever technical work by Bill Guise (below, left) and Eric Tipton (right of Guise) yielded a skeleton website with all the

bells and whistles and more outlined at a previous rally by more committee members including Rod Price, George Baxter and Pris Hardin. Watch for breaking news about how to access the site.

*J. Cupple's caption: Setting up the website by the book.*

*"I'll read; you punch keys!"*

Photo by Cupples



This supplement memorializes Karen Birch, Cascader for many years. Karen died in August after a remarkable battle with cancer. Portions of the family's Oregonian write-up follow:

**KAREN LYNNE MAYSILLES BIRCH**

Karen passed away peacefully at her home on August 3rd, 2000.



For more than 20 years Karen was a survivor of metastatic breast cancer; over ten of those years with stage IV advanced metastatic disease; and over two and a half of those years as a paraplegic.

Karen was born March 29, 1939, in Oregon, Illinois. She was the older sister of Larry and Marilyn, and the daughter of Lynn Arthur Maysilles and Mary Helen Reimer Maysilles.

A flute player since the 5th grade, it was in band in college that Karen met her husband Al, with whom she had five sons.

Always a leader and an organizer, even in high school where she was president of her sophomore and junior classes, Karen relocated her family 14 times in 20 years.

A college student wherever she moved, Karen attended University of Michigan, University of Cincinnati, Wake Forest University, Linn-Benton Community College, and Oregon State University... always trying for that elusive degree.

An "RVer," Karen thoroughly enjoyed traveling to new places in the family's GMC motorhome. She loved to hike, first in North Carolina, with a group of friends who nicknamed her "Bluet" after the flower, and then in Oregon with her outdoor-loving family.

She is survived by her husband Al, with whom she spent 41 incredible years, her sons, Jim, Steve, Mike, Tom and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation/Puget Sound Affiliate at PO Box 89500, Seattle, WA 98145

Photo by Cupples



Left—Peggy Guise and bristle-headed friend, share a friendly moment with recent retiree Bill.

Saturday evening was the men's cookout night. The club provided baked beans, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. Thanks to our chefs Tim Jones and Walt Ovens who did an outstanding job of sweating over the barbecue and serving nearly ninety guests. I seem to remember a bit of Yukon Jack flowing around some of the coaches that night, but I might be wrong.

Sunday was another great weather day at the rally and started with the continental breakfast at the clubhouse. Our business meeting followed breakfast (please see minutes of the meeting on the next page). Our new treasurer Helen Hove will begin serving on October first.

How can we possibly thank outgoing treasurer Ruth Diers for her many years of loyal and accurate service? Let's work on that.

After the business meeting, the group started to pack up and by noon most coaches were on the sunny and dry road home.

Again, thanks to our hosts Wilsons and Masts, our chefs Tim and Walt and all the rest of you who made this such a successful rally.

Story by Jack Cupples



Photo by Cupples

## The Diesel GMC in our Midst



Photo by Hardin

Smiling Bill Hubler (above) shows off his craftsmanly job of transplanting a diesel engine into his coach. Years of mechanical experience on everything from cars to airplanes provided the know-how; a sense of adventure prompted the project. It's another story (below) when Bill Hardin encourages Bill Hubler to make a how-I-did-it

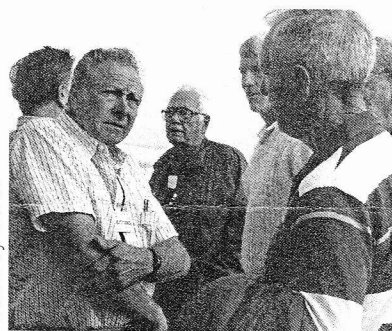


Photo by Bovee

presentation to GMC International or Western States. (Left) Margaret Bovee captured Bill's reaction to the pain resulting from such arm twisting.

Wanna see our talented chefs show off their respective barbecuing styles? Just flip the corner of this page up and down quickly between pages 3 and 5 to catch Tim Jones (p. 3) and Walt Ovens (p. 5) at work.!

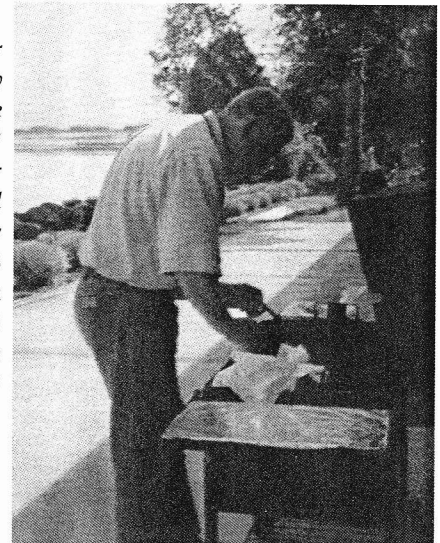


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# MINUTES—8/20/00

Fidalgo Bay RV Resort

**President's Message**—President Denny Allen called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. in the meeting room at Fidalgo Bay RV Resort, Anacortes, WA, on Sunday, August 20, 2000. Denny began by thanking our rally hosts: Ken and Jean Wilson and Jack and Doris Mast. Thank you's also went to Ed and Mary Reed for helping serve during the ice cream social and to Walt Ovens and Tim Jones for barbecue cooking. Denny welcomed new members: Phil and Wendy Singleton; first-time rally attendees: Dan and Carol Winchester and guests: John and Carol Pickard, Tom and Carol McBee and SI and Nancy Johnson' daughter and son-in-law .

Attending were:

Denny & Fran Allen  
Buck & Roses Barrie  
Alan & Margaret Bovee  
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun  
Jack & Cathy Cupples  
Glenn and Ruth Diers  
Bob & Chris Dunlap  
DJ & Barbie Eberhart  
Eldon & Joyce Evans  
Gordon & Carol Frydenlund  
Bob & LouAnn Golphenee  
Ray & Bev Groth  
John & Vera Gruenewald  
Bill & Peggy Guise  
Bill & Pris Hardin  
Ernie & Nellie Hastie  
Carl & Helen Hove  
Bill & Betty Hubler  
Dave & Linda Ireland  
SI & Nancy Johnson  
& family  
Tim & Cass Jones

Jack & Doris Mast  
Tom & Lela McBee  
Ken & Terry Minshall  
Terry & Gloria Morris  
Walt Ovens  
Jon & Carol Picard  
Rod & Maurrie Price  
Ed & Mary Reed  
Bill & Jessie Rowland  
Phil & Wendy Singleton  
Neil & Dorothy Slater  
Robert & Elizabeth Smith  
Gene & Dixie Snow  
Ted & Jane Swanson  
Tom & Margie Thompson  
Eric & Christine Tipton  
Jack & Mildred Titus  
Buck & Phyllis Walter  
George & Sally Wenzek  
Carl & Pearl Westphal  
Ken & Jean Wilson  
Daniel & Carol Winchester

**Secretary's Report**—Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 25, 2000 business meeting as published in the July 2000, newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by Glenn Diers (M), seconded by Bill Hardin (S), motion passed (P).

Cass reminded everyone that renewal notices will be going out soon and they are due by October 1st.

**Treasurer's Report**—Treasurer Ruth Diers reported a club of \$5,974.21. Current membership is 172. We have \$440 outstanding for jackets. There are also GMC belt buckles and hats available, along with club jackets.

**First Vice President's Report**—Vice President Tim Jones reported sending thank you's to the hosts of the Poulsbo rally. Sympathy cards went to Wil Townes' family, Millie Cochran and Alex Birch, Jr. Get-well cards went to Grace Politiske and Mildred Titus. Mildred was also sent a second thank-you card.

**Second Vice President's (Wagonmaster) Report**—Wagonmaster DJ Eberhart reported the following upcoming rallies: October 27–29: Bayshore RV Park, Tokeland, WA.; December 1–3: Annual Christmas Party, RV Park at Cannon Beach, OR. DJ reported these were the only rallies scheduled. June 2001: rolling Canadian Rally—Denny Allen. February, April, August, October and December 2001 are still open.

DJ continued by reporting he was continuing to work on the rally guide, however, no one has given him any input. Denny Allen then read the following: "That Old Nobody story. This is a story about four people, named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Somebody got angry about this, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. It happens."



### OLD BUSINESS—

**Nominating Committee**—Larry Calhoun presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for the coming year:

- President—Denny Allen
- First Vice President—Tim Jones
- Second Vice President—DJ Eberhart
- Treasurer—Helen Hove
- Secretary—Cass Jones

Glenn Diers moved the nominations be closed and the secretary cast a ballot for the slate as presented. Jack Mast (S) Motion passed.



Bill Guise reported on the Website/E-mail committee's progress. Website will have a general access area for the general public. There will be a 'members only' area with access through a password. This area could have the membership directory, minutes and other information for club members only. The website will have links to other sites such as The Black List. This is a list showing people in different areas willing to help fellow GMCers if they have trouble or need assistance while on the road.

**Western States**—DJ Eberhart, reminded everyone of the fall rally—September 10–15 Newport, WA, at Little Diamond Lake. Spring 2001 rally—maybe April—somewhere in California.

**GMC International**—Denny Allen reported for George Baxter, GMC International Area Vice President. He reminded all of the fall rally September 17–23 at Mt. Hood, OR. On behalf of George, Denny thanked all those club members who have volunteered to help with the rally. Future rallies: Spring 2001—Las Vegas, NV. Fall 2001—Niagra Falls.

**FMCA**—Representative Ken Wilson had no report. Mentioned the FMCA 2001 rally in Edmonton, Canada. Eric Tipton gave a report on an FMCA rally they attended in the past.

**NEW BUSINESS**—

Pris Hardin reported the club was out of club window decals. Discussion then followed. Motion was made by Jack Mast (M) Terry Morris (S) and passed (P) that we acquire a new supply of decals.

Pris asked that when club members send in pictures for the newsletter that a note be put on the back telling what the picture is about. Newsletter copy deadline: August 31. Send photos and articles to Jack Cupples.

Ken Wilson gave a personal thank you to his committee for rally help.

Jessie Rowland reported club sweatshirts are still available.

An article on club member Walt Krebs was shown from a Oregon local paper.

Vice-President Tim Jones made a strong appeal to the membership to step forward and volunteer to host a rally.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Jack Mast / Jack Cupples

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cassandra Jones, Secretary.*

## 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!

Guise, Bill and Peggy ..... bguise1@uswest.net  
Kershaw, Chet and Karen  
..... chetkaren@harborside.com

### **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:*

*Pris Hardin, Editor ..... prisbill@proaxis.com  
AND to:*

*Cass Jones, Secretary ..... timjones@hevanet.com*

### **OTHER ROSTER CHANGES!**

Knute and Leona Blodger are going full time in their GMC! Their phone and email remain the same but, please change their address to:  
P.O. Box 8675, Boise, ID 83707

Here's the tricky one: change Wood's address to:  
Ted and Mary Wood Phone: 250-477-7769  
3843 Jillian Place,  
Victoria, BC V8P 5J8Canada

AND change Daryl and Mary Wilson's address to:  
44037 Royal Troon Dr  
Indio, CA 92201 Phone: 760-772-7618

*Walt Ovens  
hard at work  
over the hot  
barbecue.  
It looks like  
Jack caught  
him out of  
uniform...  
where's that  
great apron?*

Photo by Cupples

