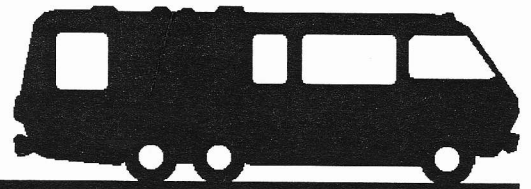


GMC CASCADERS NEWS



September 2003

“Wallace Has It All!”

Under the experienced guidance of Bob and Chris Dunlap, GMC Cascaders added another unique experience to a string of wonderful rallies.

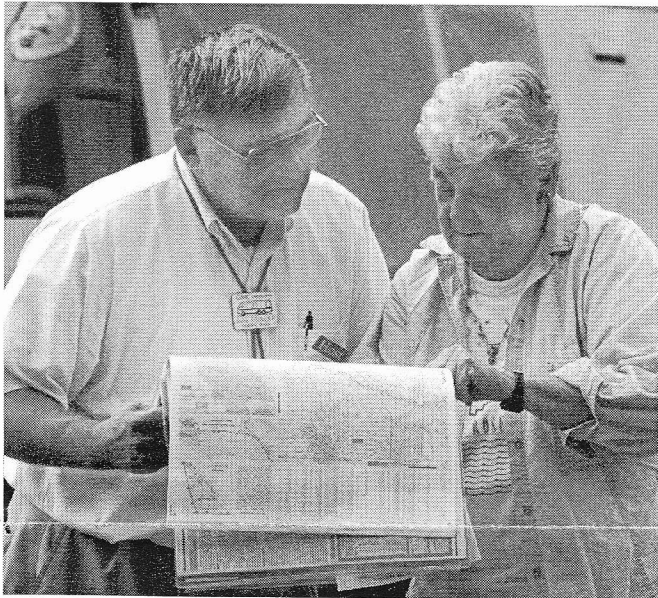
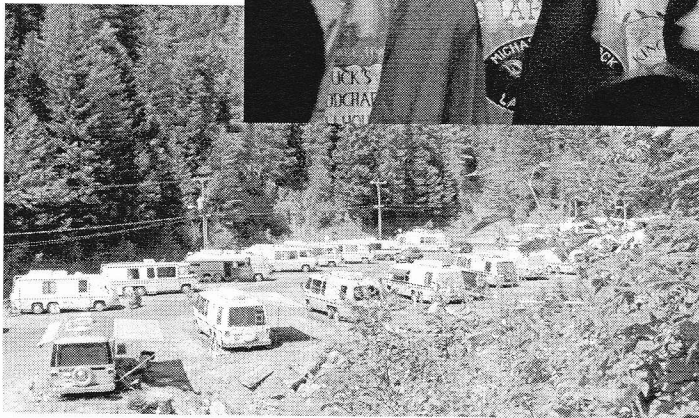


Photo by Swanson

Bob Dunlap & Mary Lou Foote locate a sidetrip site

And what a job the Dunlaps did! From “meller drammers” to mine tours, from great food to side trips and museums, from door prizes to shopping, Bill Guise sized it up pretty well in a recent email. “Wallace has it all.”

Wallace, Idaho, is a 119-year-old mining camp, built by various mine owners. The town burned down in 1889 and new ordinances required all downtown buildings to be made of bricks, stone or concrete. A second great fire came through in 1910 and proved the wisdom of the ordinance. Remote Wallace with



its colorful history of mining, it’s rugged mountain terrain and cozy town layout, brought surprises at every turn.

Friday evening, we gathered around picnic tables right in the RV park for BBQ hot dogs, burger patties and a great spread of potluck support dishes. (Photos page 2) Cascaders with tickets to the evening’s melodrama—*Perils on the GEORGIE OAKS*—walked just two blocks down the street to the Sixth Street Theater. Local talent trod the boards in a hyper-dramatic play followed by an enthusiastic revue in vaudeville style. Ribald fun included mention of certain Cascaders on stage... Bob Dunlap at work.



Vamp photos by Preston



Lower photos by Hardin

Above—The Sixth Street Theater cast put on a wild revue.

Left—Nestled in a narrow canyon at the edge of town, the Down By the Depot RV made possible a short walk to all events.

NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
October 3–5	Toppenish, WA	Yakima RV Park	Ragsdale, Price, Guise, & Baxter

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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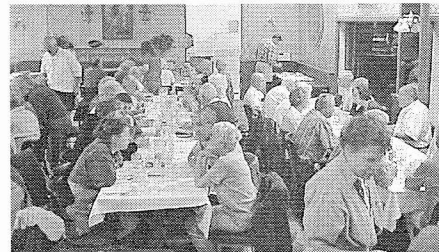
Next issue,
Terry & Gloria Morris will
be on duty as copy editors.

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Left and below—
Friday nights hot dog/
burger BBQ, complete
with potluck side
dishes filled up the
crowd fast.

Right—Down
By the Depot's
clever recycled
mine engine
serves as a BBQ
and crowd
pleaser.



Saturday's breakfast found
us hiking only a few more
blocks to the local Elks club
for a wizard breakfast spread.
From sweet rolls, pastry,
muffins, and a wide array of
fruit filled empty stomachs.

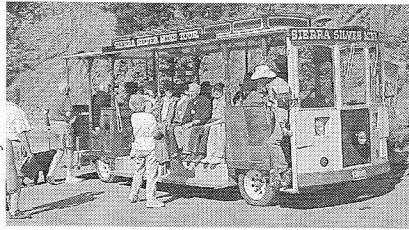
Staggering back to the RV
park, groups of Cascaders
queued up for the narrated,



Above and right—Store-bought
pastries and homemade "cinny"
buns, plus fruit and juices, filled
up all comers at Saturday's
breakfast.



Photo by Lennartson



Left—Helen Hove loads her tour group onto the trolley for the Sierra Silver Mine tour. Bob Dunlap watches, ready to answer questions.

Photo by Lennartson

Right and Below—Donning hard hats and climbing to the mine entrance starts the mine experience.

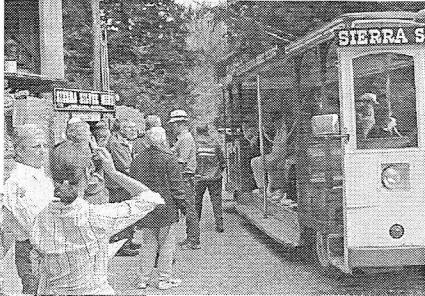


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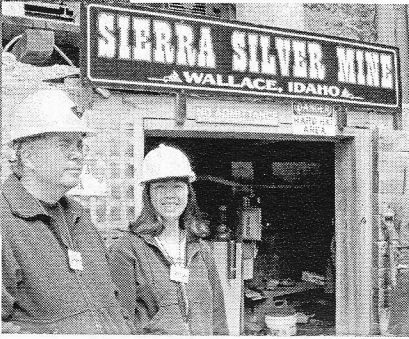
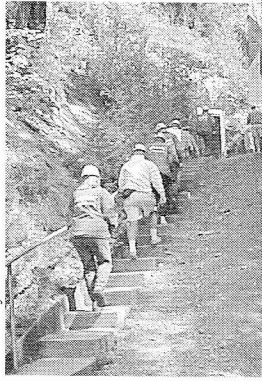


Photo by Hardin

Photo by Lennartson



TRAM SIDE TRIP—Kellogg becomes a little toy town when viewed from the top of the tram ride. So do 5 Cascader coaches in the parking lot. Below, Vi Preston and Elaine Kragt discuss the trip.

Photo by Preston

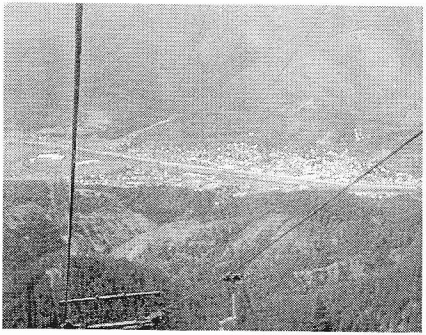


Photo by Preston

Condolences to Lawrie and Virginia Paradis whose coach engine 'blew up' on the way to the rally. They made it to the Spokane area and then 'went home on a hook!' Sad.

Right and below— Mine tour guide describes mine lore, pranks, and technology.

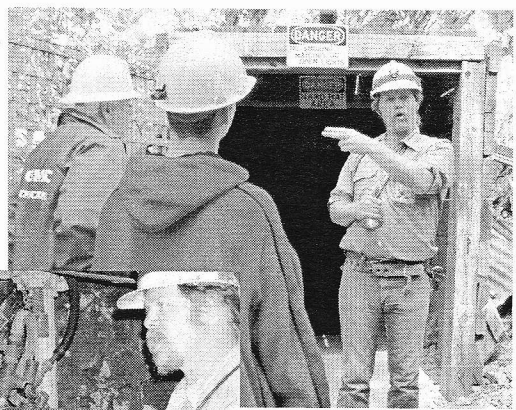


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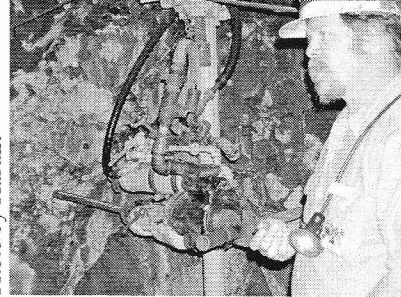


Photo by Hardin

trackless-trolley ride to the Sierra Silver Mine Company's mini-mine tour. Orga-

nized into small groups, another trolley load departed every half hour. The trolley narrator described some of Wallace's town history. The tour guide at the mine certainly knew his job—above. Twenty-one years in the mines and a great gift for teaching/entertaining prepared this local fellow to interest us all in the fast fading industry that put Wallace and surrounding communities on the map. By turns, silver (plus lead and zinc) brought settlement to the area, polluted it terribly, laid the groundwork for yesterday's support businesses and for the subsequent closing of all but two mines. Many of the support businesses followed suit; the last brothel closed in 1988! Today's tourist industry depends on the treacherous history of the area as it's main attraction.

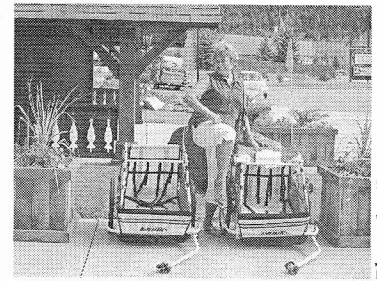
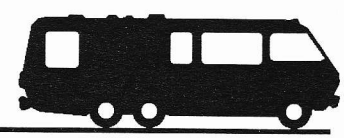


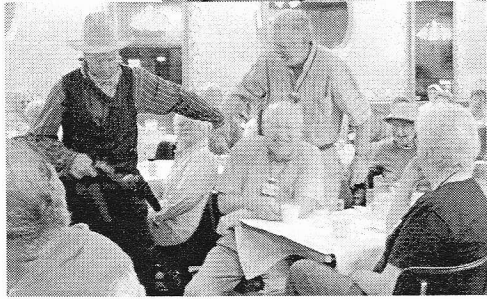
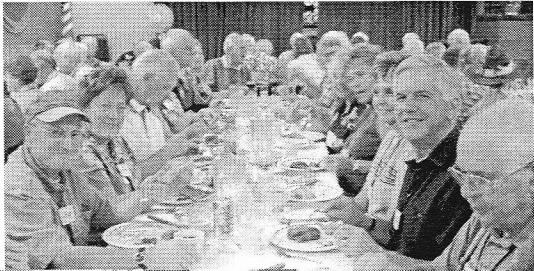
Photo by Preston

Above—Bordello stories inspire Vi Preston to bare 'a little bit of leg' for the camera.

As Saturday afternoon beckoned Cascaders found plenty to do. Museums offered more history covering railroads, mining, a bordello and a look into many other historic structures. An arts and crafts show occupied tents surrounding the picturesque railroad station museum. One group of Cascaders drove their coaches to nearby Kellogg for the Silver Mountain gondola ride to the top of the peak.



By 5 in the afternoon, Cascaders began gathering at the Elks Club for socializing at the no-host bar. Below, the buffet dinner at 6 p.m. offered a grand spread with choice of chicken Cordon Bleu or top sirloin plus all the "fixin's" followed by dessert.



Left upper left— Arrest of Tim Jones starts him frantically negotiating for his freedom. Cascaders were ambivalent!



And then, the wild program began. First, our dinner guests from the Oasis Bordello Museum got into the act. Gentleman Jack, brandishing side arm and sheriff's badge saw fit to arrest President Tim Jones on an array of charges. While he held Tim hostage, Madame Lily (of the same questionable institution!) collected contributions toward Tim's ransom fund. Upon discovering that Cascaders were equally happy to pay the bordello team to keep Tim, Madame Lily immedi-

ately began a second collection for that purpose. Total collections fell short of enough to fund rebuilding Iraq but they *did* make a sizeable contribution to a local charity. Next came awards, door prizes and birthday/anniversary celebrations. Dunlaps certainly did their homework. There were GREAT door prizes and gorgeous red roses for birthday/anniversary holders from the month of August as well as for the host of volunteers who helped keep the rally on track.

By 8 p.m., Saturday's 'meller drammer' audience was seated at the theater for a production of *D.K. Molar the Devious Dentist or There's Gold in Them Thar Teeth!* Once more, Cascaders with birthdays and anniversaries in August became part of the show!

Sunday breakfast at the Elks club eclipsed Saturday morning's spread.

More homemade "cinny" buns and sweet rolls, and fruit were joined by huckleberry pancakes, meat, potato and egg dishes! Anyone who dared to claim they left hungry just was not on task. The club gave a hearty thanks to the Elks Club kitchen staff.

Our annual business meeting followed including elections. The full report appears in the minutes on page 6.

Photos pages 4 and 5 by Hardin



Another thoughtful arrangement made by our hosts was the extended RV park departure time on Sunday. Cascaders had until 3 p.m. for one more chat in the RV park or any other "fid-dling around" before leaving.



Above—All togged out in western gear, revelers return from Saturday night's melodrama.



Above, Cascaders relax in the cool shade of the porch at the Down By The Depot RV park.



Above—The Carl Hove Tilley hat caper leaves bystanders gasping and giggling. The scene: temperature—high 90's... the stream a vile green with algae. Carl wades in, dips his battered Tilley hat in the water, wrings it out, and plops it on his head to keep cool. Last we saw, he was still alive and kicking

Bob Dunlap's career in event planning meant he was a remarkable host and organizer... with a lot of help from Christine and, of course, the usual willing Cascader volunteers who pitched in to make it all happen smoothly. Thanks, everyone. You made Wallace, ID, worth traveling for!

Care and Concern

Bob Fry has now passed two months in hospital care. At publication, he was finally out of the ICU. Cards and letters to Bob and Elaine would be much appreciated.

MINUTES—8/17/03

Down by the Depot RV Park, Wallace, ID

President's Message—President Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in the dining room of the Wallace Elks Club, Wallace, ID on Sunday, August 17, 2003. Tim thanked rally hosts Bob & Christine Dunlap for a wonderful & fun rally along with helpers: Freemires, Hensleys, Prestons, Thornhills, Hoves, Footes, Baxters, Prices and Hardins.

Tim welcomed guests: Larry Gordon's grandson Matthew, Walt and Jerry Krebs' grandson Kyle, and Wayne and Sylvia Crosser from Hope, ID.

Rally attendees:

Buck & Roses Barrie	Ernie Hastie
George & Carol Baxter	Joe & Jeanie Hensley
Chuck & Lynn Blandford	Ken & Pat Heuvel
Alan & Margaret Bovee	Jean Hoffman
Terry & Joanne Boyd	Carl & Helen Hove
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Bill & Betty Hubler
Wayne & Sylvia Crosser	Dave & Linda Ireland
Jim Davis	Tim & Cass Jones
Bob & Christine Dunlap	Walt & Jerry Krebs & Kyle
Keith & Joyce Ebbert	Toivo & Sandra Lammi
DJ & Barbie Eberhart	Fred & Ruth Leitch
Jerry & Pam Eerkes	John & Ginny Lennartson
Norm & Joan Engman	Terry & Gloria Morris
Eldon & Joyce Evans	Walt Ovens
Bill & Mary Lou Foote	Mike & Nancy Pellegrino
Ted & Jackie Freemire	Del & Vi Preston
Gary & Gloria Gibbs	Rod & Maurrie Price
Larry Gordon & Matthew	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
John & Vera Gruenewald	Ted & Jane Swanson
Bill & Peggy Guise	Wayne & Sherry Thornhill
Bob & Sylvia Gummersall	Milt Wade
Carl & Jean Gwynn	Ken & Jean Wilson
Bill & Pris Hardin	Les & Bunny Wold

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 16, 2003, business meeting as published in the July, 2003, newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by Bill Hardin (M) and seconded by Vi Preston (S), motion passed (P).

New roster distributed to those attending the rally and others will be mailed. Please let Cass know if there are any corrections or additions needed.

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club balance of \$7,073.48. Current membership is 171.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President George Baxter reported sending thank-you notes to the hosts of our last rally: Eldon & Joyce



Evans and Bob & Elaine Fry. Get-well cards went to Bill Rowland, Bob Fry, and Jerry Work. Sympathy cards to Cathy Cupples on the loss of Jack and Glenn Plymate on the loss of Erral.

Joyce Evans passed on a message from Elaine Fry giving a big 'thank you' to all for the cards and get-well wishes. Tim Jones then reported on his visits to Bob before the rally.

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

Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report—Wagonmaster Larry Calhoun reported on the following upcoming rallies:

2003

October 3-5—Toppenish, WA. Yakima Nations RV Park, Ragsdale, Price, Guise, & Baxter

December 5-7—Burnaby, BC (suburb of Vancouver). Caraboo RV Park, Cook & Smith

2004

February—Thousand Trails, Pellegrino

June—Coast, Price

August—Hensley & Thornhill

December—Cass Jones will look into Cannon Beach or other coast spot

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Western States

Fall 2003: September 15-20— Lake Osoyoos, BC

Spring 2004: March 14-19— Emerald Desert, Palm Desert, CA

Fall 2004: October 5-10— Balloon Festival, Albuquerque, NM

GMC International

Fall 2003: October 12-17—Goshen, IN

Spring 2004: March 21-27—Silverton RV Park, Las Vegas, NV

Fall 2004: October 3-9—Marion, NC.

Eastern States—no report given.

FMCA—No report

Merchandise—Terry Morris has hats (\$15), club jackets (\$28), decals (\$5) and flags (\$20) for sale. Jessie Rowland has club sweatshirts \$22 if you pick up at a rally & \$26 if shipped. Denny Allen has rubber stamps (\$5); you supply the ink pad. Contact Glen Diers for belt buckles.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website: Bill Guise reported there are 18 coaches for sale on the Cascader site.

Nominating committee: Carl Hove reported the committee had the following nominations for officers for the coming year:

FMCA National Director: Ken Wilson

Alternate FMCA National Director: Walt Ovens

Treasurer: Helen Hove

Secretary: Cass Jones

Wagonmaster: Larry Calhoun

Vice-President: Bill Guise

For President the committee presented the names of Tim Jones and George Baxter.

Tim then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No nominations. Motion was then made to close nominations, Bill Hardin (M) Walt Ovens (S), motion passed. Tim then asked for a motion to accept the unopposed nominations, Joyce Evans (M) John Gruenewald (S), motion passed. Ballots for President were then distributed. Dave Ireland & Tony Lammi were asked to count the ballots. Ballots counted, Tim Jones elected President.

GMC Cascaders 20th Anniversary: Tim reported the club will pay for the Friday night dinner at the Toppenish rally as the event approved by the membership in celebration of the club's 20th anniversary.

Newsletter: Deadline for copy: Sept. 2, 2003.

Pris reminded everyone of the club photo to be taken after the meeting. She also reported that Bill Guise had volunteered to help with the newsletter until a 'permanent' co-editor could be found.

NEW BUSINESS—No new business.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Vi Preston / Joyce Evans

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Jones, Secretary



Photo by Hardin

The Wallace business meeting shows how much our officers enjoy their work.



IN MEMORIAM

Erral Lea Plymate

Born September 18, 1928 at Missoula, MT
Died July 4, 2003 in Portland, OR

Erral's love of RVing took root 56 years ago when she and Glenn began married life in the coziness of a small Navy trailer used for base housing. It was followed by the first home of their own, a 28' house trailer they customized and lived in for five years while going to college. Togetherness was established early on, and the lure of RVing was always present, culminating in the purchase of a GMC and its renovation several years ago.



Her family was her most important focus but aviation played a major role, too. She traveled far and wide with her husband in their planes, and lived in several places around the world, finally touching down at the Independence (OR) Airpark where she made her home.

She was a very accomplished seamstress and kept her family clothed in special shirts, each with its unique theme. A recent creation was the pair of RV shirts worn for the first time on June 14, at the Silverton Rally. Her dream was to travel the country in her RV and it was just beginning, first with trips to Nevada, California, Arizona, and Washington, and most recently with a trip to British Columbia the week after Silverton.

Services were held July 10, in Portland and, in lieu of flowers, it was suggested that gifts could be made to the: AOPA Air Safety Foundation

421 Aviation Way,
Frederick, MD 21701
(800) 955 9115

Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs?

Use email and the web as follows:

Eastern States website www.gmceast.com
Western States website www.gmcws.org
Western States email :tweir@pacbell.net
International website www.gmcmi.com
International email gmcmh@concentric.net

IN MEMORIAM

Maurice L. (Bud) Sunderland

Born February 16, 1919 in Chicago, IL
Died August 21, 2003 in Portland, OR

Cascader Tom Thompson officiated at services celebrating the life of Bud Sunderland in Portland on August 25th.

A devoted family man and longtime GMC Cascader, Bud's quiet sense of humor and deep loyalty to friends brought a large crowd to the services. Tom and one of Bud's grandsons recounted many stories of his generosity and support. Bud served in the U.S. Navy and worked for many years as a master plumber. Bud and Joy traveled widely in their GMC, including that famous caravan through Alaska in the summer of 1996 with other Cascader coaches.

Send cards and letters to:

Joy Sunderland
10040 NW Cornell Rd.
Portland, OR 97229

Address Changes

Of course, the minute the new roster came out, some changes turned up. Update your copy with the following data:

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Samson .. 103 Rogue Lane, Rogue River, OR 97537

Cascader Email Directory

Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers on the internet and changes to existing email addresses. Please note, we can publish only one email address per household.

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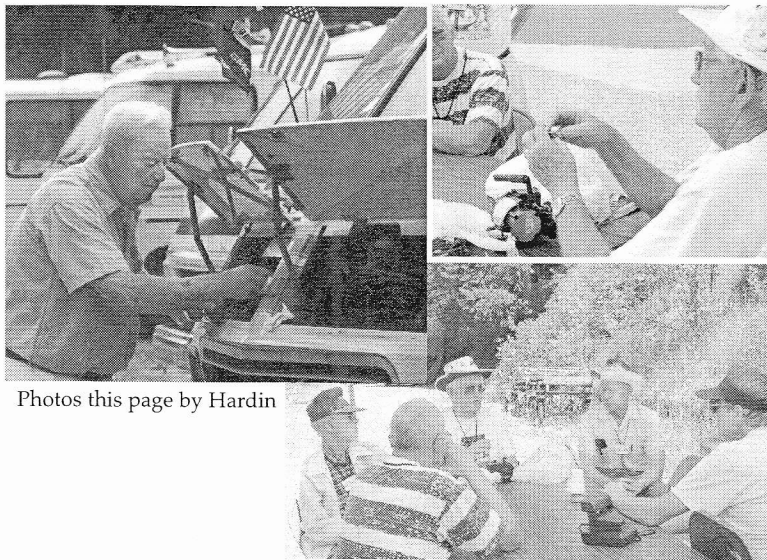
If you would like to add yourself to the list or make a change in your current listing, SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO BOTH:

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Tech Seminars—formal and informal

From Ken Wilson's organized and useful seminar on rebuilding and adjusting cruise controls to "get out and crawl under" events that always go with rallies, Cascaders traded experiences and information on keeping GMC coaches on the road.



RALLY SCHEDULE 2003-04

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
October 3-5, '03	Toppenish, WA	Yakima RV Park	Ragsdale, Price, Guise, & Baxter
December 5-7, '03	N. Vancouver, BC	Capilano RV Park	Cook
2004—Hosts: February /Pellegrino; June/Price; August/Hensley & Thornhill; Hosts needed for April, Oct., & Dec.			

Call Larry Calhoun to volunteer for April, Oct., & Dec rallies in 2004! ...fellow hosts will appear!

