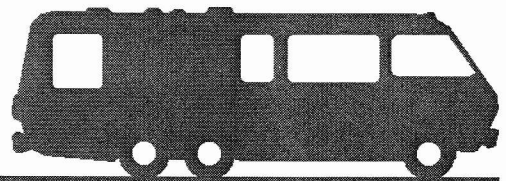


GMC CASCADERS NEWS



September 2004

Coeur d'Alene Brings Wild West Entertainment, Cruise, and Food, Food, Food!



Photo by Preston

Two left & below—
Dramatic parking
of GMCs sets the
tone for a grand
rally.

Friday, Aug. 6th, found the Cascaders circling up the wagons at the Rocking B Ranch in Post Falls, ID. Careful pre-planning enabled the parking crew to put our coaches in a grand circle without a bunch of adjusting and reparking... quite an achievement!



Photo by Calhoun



Photo by Hensley

After circling the wagons we headed for an evening of fun and great food. Rocking B Ranch provides a dinner theater in a large old barn. Our BBQ dinner consisted of chicken, steak or both, corn on the cob, apple sauce, green beans, and corn bread. When we had consumed all our victuals, a talented group of entertainers took over the program. Foot stomping music preceded stories of a cowboy's day. Rusty delivered a the strangely familiar story of "Rinderella" (Cinderella). Our sides ached and tears ran down our faces from laughing so hard. What a delightful happy evening. After the show we headed back to our circled wagons for a well earned rest, or so we thought.

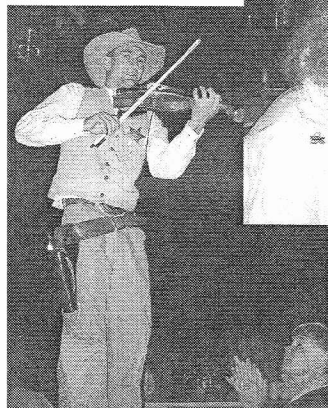


Photo by Hensley



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Left and far
left— Too-slim
fiddler and wild
western vamp
brighten up the
evening's
entertainment.
Terry Morris is
just too, too
charming!

But the entertainment was not over... during the night, we awoke to loud crashes of thunder and very heavy rain that lasted about half an hour.

Saturday morning we returned to the big barn for a delicious cowboy breakfast of steak, eggs, hash browns, and biscuits. Knowing that we would need some activity following such a huge breakfast, our clever hosts planned for all coaches to move on to Coeur d'Alene's Blackwell

NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
September 24-26	Clarkston, ID	Granite Lake RV	Kragt & Preston

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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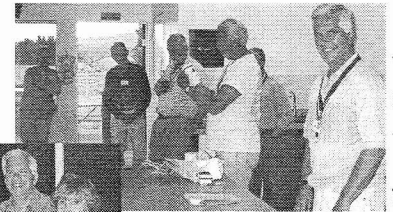
Island RV Park in Coeur d'Alene. While on the way some visited antique shops, the Outlet Mall, or downtown Coeur d'Alene. Shortly after we had checked in at the Blackwell Island



Photos by Calhoun

RV Park it was time for a swap meet and open house. Several members had items for sale. For Rick and Linda Orza this was the maiden voyage for their coach. Rick has spent the last five years working on the coach. He was happy to show us the customized front and rear, new handmade stainless-steel cabinets, custom designed dash, and striking paint job... a beautiful coach. We all enjoyed the open house; seeing what others have created sparks new ideas to incorporate into our coaches someday.

A 5 p.m. happy hour at the club house prepared us for a 6 p.m. delicious, catered dinner of BBQ ribs or prime rib. Following dinner, Cass Jones, who had just returned from the Alaska trip, talked about some of the numerous adventures of that trip. What a fabulous experience!



Photos by Hensley

Above and left— There is plenty of time for just hanging out.



Photo by Preston

Sunday, Continental breakfast was served in the clubhouse. When we finished breakfast the men had a technical session with DJ Eberhart demonstrating how to disassemble, clean, repack and reassemble rear wheel bearings. He mentioned hints on what problems to look for while working on the bearings. The copilots had a gathering at Cass and Tim Jones' coach for a demonstration on shades Cass had made for blocking out the sunlight.



Photo by Hensley

Left and below— DJ Eberhart shows Cascaders how to deliver TLC to rear wheel bearings.



Photo by Hensley



When the men's and ladies' sessions were over, the rest of the afternoon was open for activities on our own. Some members took the shuttle to the casino, others went to town to shop, eat, and listen to a concert in the park. One group of Cascaders toured the glass blowing studio and gift shop/coffee bar where Jane Swanson's

daughter Marki creates lovely art glass pieces (below).

Photos by Swanson



Above — Marki explains the workings of the glass studio to Jean Wilson.

Right — Molten glass responds to Marki's practice hand.



We boarded shuttle coaches (right) at 6:30 p.m. for the ride to the dock and a two-hour dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene. It was a beautiful



Photo by Hensley

evening for a leisurely tour of the lake, with an excellent buffet dinner. Upon returning to the dock, we boarded our shuttle coaches for the return trip to the RV Park.

Monday morning the club business meeting was held, following a Continental breakfast. After the meeting adjourned, we all said our good bye's, and "see you in Clarkston" in September.

Big THANK YOU to Joe and Jeanie Hensley, Wayne and Sherry Thornhill, and Del and Vi Preston for all the hard work putting this great rally together.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

It's About Time

For over ten years this editor has been publishing the *GMC Cascaders News*. During these years, many exciting and interesting stories have flowed through our newsletter.

Also, we have seen numerous changes to the club and the newsletter. When we began, club membership was about the same size as our current membership but attendance at rallies was considerably smaller... in spite of lower fuel prices. Also, we have witnessed the addition of many new members as well as the sorrowful departure of many old friends. Our membership rosters were hand-typed in those days and production of mailing labels was

a pain in the neck. There was no club website and no email to link us together between meetings.

In those days, there were no positions of Newsletter Editor or Newsletter Copy Editor. The club Secretary handled both of those jobs as well as the many other secretarial tasks. There was no editorial policy guiding what went into the newsletter nor did members contribute photos and stories very often. Furthermore, xerographic technology was in its infancy—photographic reproduction was primitive and expensive. All this has changed much to the benefit of the GMC Cascaders.

But, ten years plus is enough. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the club. Bill and I look forward to many more years of rolling down the road with our beloved motor-home club. It is time for someone else to explore the fun and creativity of putting out our newsletter. We stand ready to help in any way possible.

Accessing GMC "Sister" Clubs?
 Use email and the web as follows:

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



"Wagons Ho!!!!"

Circle your wagons... what great fun to see 30 GMC in a circle! What a show!!! Good food and great entertainment. It was all-you-could-eat dinner AND breakfast. 'Wonderful idea, Jeanne and Joe. Then, it was off to Lake Coeur d'Alene and a fun weekend on the lake. What a wonderful place to be with family and friends. Thank you, Joe and Jeanne, Wayne and Sherry and Del and Vi. It was a great rally.



For those who didn't get to Redmond's FMCA convention, there were 3908 family motorhomes, over 1000 dealer coaches, and vendors galore. And did we all use our plastic! Cascaders boasted 24 GMCs in attendance and we were all parked together (except for Baxters and Swansons). Our coaches were a big hit... we stirred up lots of questions and interest and even some prospective new Cascaders. It was outstanding.

Next rally?? Clarkston, WA, looks to be a very good one. Hope you are coming. Then, a number

of us are heading south to Albuquerque, NM, for GMC Western States. 'Will report back on this.

Now for 2005, where are you, hosts????? I still do not have any for Feb, April, Aug, or Oct. Are we not going to have any rallies????? Please call or email me. I need your help. We don't go anywhere without you. It's easy: find a place, tell us when and where. Don't think you have to make big plans; just get us together.



Photos by Calhoun

Come on, Oregonians, we need some rallies in your part of the woods. I know there are some outstanding places you want to show us. I can't do it alone; we need you NOW!

Larry

The Trip from Hell... but the company was great.

By Bob Smith

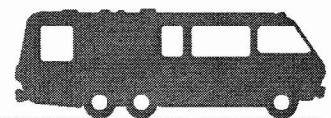
Several days before our departure for the Redmond FMCA rally, I decided to block off the heat riser system on Jimmette, our beloved GMC. I got it apart but, uh... not back together. Towed to Richard, our mechanic, racer friend in Richmond, and he put it back together. Next morning, we started south. The beast would not accelerate and had no power. Back to Richard. The carb was disturbed and full of gunk. Sorted that out and pressed on. Next morning... low oil pressure. Limped to a Jiffy Lube and changed oil as I had put in some synthetic and thought it might be too thin... no change. Then, to a garage and borrowed a hard-line mechanical gauge. It proved to be the coach gauge... I had 40 lbs at low cruise RPM. Pressed on to the rally. Later, while installing a manual choke in Redmond, I managed to drill a hole in the brake booster system. (Some things are hard to be proud of.)

Limped into Redmond, Friday, on Ken Wilson's electric emergency vacuum pump and ordered one for next-day delivery. We camped behind Les Schwab's tire and brake shop. Great people!

The pump did not come until Monday and then was the wrong one. Finally got the correct one on Tuesday noon. (Thank heavens for the two holding tanks—the only good thing about Coachmen interiors.) So we drove right through to BC with the fuel gauge failing along the way.

The engine started to run very roughly a few times in the mountains which got our attention. We were a bit jumpy by that time. Looking back, it happened after a long power-off descent in cool, rainy weather so I put it down to carb ice. Just pulling into Tsawwassen, the low pressure warning light for oil came on at idle which is on a different sender than the gauge. Now what! It is sitting in the driveway and I have to get it turned around for the trip to Penticton next week.

Update—It turned out that the low warning light was a loose wire. I put in the Digi Gauge system and now have 3 different ways to measure oil pressure. For those who have blocked off the heat riser, beware of carb ice. The big question is, why do I still love my GMC?



MINUTES—8/9/04

Blackwell Island RV Park Coeur d'Alene, ID

President's Message—President Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. in the community room of the Blackwell Island RV Park, Coeur d'Alene, ID, on Monday, August 9, 2004. Tim thanked our hosts, Joe and Jeanie Hensley, Wayne and Sherry Thornhill and Del and Vi Preston for a great rally. Everyone had fun and the weather cooperated.

Tim welcomed guests: Rick and Carol Orza from Cranbrook, BC; Fraser and Dorothy Field and grandson Zack from Mission, BC, and Wayne and Glenna Starink from Maple Ridge, BC.

Rally attendees:

Denny & Fran Allen	Fred & Ruth Leitch
Dwaine & Lucille Barclay	John & Ginny Lennartson
Ron & Carol Barkley	Joe & Rose McMichael
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Terry & Gloria Morris
Jim Davis & guest	Craig, Nicole & Jan Scharnweber
Bob & Chris Dunlap	Walt Ovens
DJ & Barbie Eberhart	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis
Jerry & Pam Eerkes	Del & Vi Preston
Gene & Diana Ewankiw	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Frank & Carol Gray	Gene & Carol Ransom
Joe & Jeanie Hensley	Neil & Nancy Sutherland
Carl & Helen Hove	Ted & Jane Swanson
Bill & Betty Hubler	Wayne & Sherry Thornhill
Tim & Cass Jones	Ken & Jean Wilson
Harvey & Elaine Kragt	

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 18, 2004, business meeting as published in the May, 2004, newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by John Lennartson (M) and seconded by Fred Leitch (S), motion passed (P).

If you need to contact Cass on Cascader business please use the email address:

gmccascaders@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club balance of \$6,703.86. Current membership is 166 paid members.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President Bill Guise was not present—no report.

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

2004—Sept 24-26, Clarkston, ID. Granite Lake RV, Kragts/Prestons
2004—Dec 3-5, Cannon Beach, OR. Volunteers?
2005—February, Chehalis (maybe)

2005—June, Denny Allen rolling rally
2005—December, Anacortes, WA. Fidalgo Bay RV
2006—August, Wallowa Lake, OR

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Website—No report.

Western States—

Spring 2005: April 4-9 Canyon Vista RV Resort, Gold Canyon, AZ.

GMC International—Fall 2004: Oct 3-8 Marion, ND

FMCA—National Director Ken Wilson reminded everyone about the upcoming FMCA Redmond rally. He also reported that the August FMCA magazine lists of our benefits as FMCA members. Be sure to read the fine print at the bottom.

Merchandise—Terry Morris has hats (\$15), club jackets (\$28) decals (\$5) and flags (\$20) for sale. Terry is also going to look into a new style for the jacket and hats. Jessie Rowland has club sweatshirts \$22 if you pick up at a rally and \$26 if shipped. Also, she now has front-zippered sweatshirt jackets. \$23 if you pick up at a rally otherwise shipping added. Denny Allen has GMC rubber stamps \$5.

Newsletter: No copy deadline date was set.

OLD BUSINESS

President Jones reported election of officers would take place at the September 2004, rally. New officers will then take over as of October 1, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Jones reported Pris Hardin has resigned as editor of the newsletter as of October, 2004. She feels with traveling October through April and problems she has encountered with Kinko's in California, it would be better to have an editor who attends more of the rallies. Discussion followed. Denny Allen will talk with Bisakowski's. Larry Calhoun will contact Bob Gummersall and Heinz Wittenbecher as possible editors.

Jane Swanson thanked the rally hosts for the new hanging key chain—women don't always have pockets.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Del Preston/Carl Hove Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jones, Secretary



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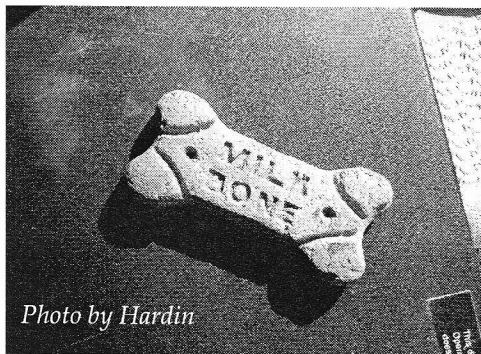


Photo by Hardin

Got Your Dog Bone? ...don't leave home without one!

On a visit to a gas station in Madras, Oregon, the station attendant presented George and Carol with a dog biscuit of exceptional value! What for, you ask? This technical information will enable you to fill your GMC fuel tank without spills caused by pumping too fast. How? Find the right rate of flow for the fuel nozzle handle in use and shove the dog bone in place to prop the handle at just the desired rate of flow. Some nozzles work best with the bone on edge, some with it placed end for end and others with it held sideways. Try it. It simplifies the operation and is good for a chuckle anytime.

RALLY SCHEDULE 2004

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
Cascader Rallies			
September 24-26	Clarkston, ID	Granite Lake RV	Kragt & Preston
December 3-5	Canon Beach, OR	Canon Beach RV	Volunteers needed!
GMC International			
October 3-8	Marion, NC		
Western States rally			
October 5-10	Albuquerque, NM	Balloon Festival	GMC Western States

Call Wagonmaster Larry Calhoun (360-679-3724) to volunteer for 2005 rallies ... fellow hosts will appear!

