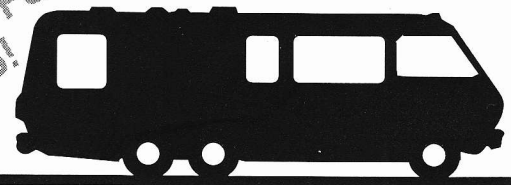


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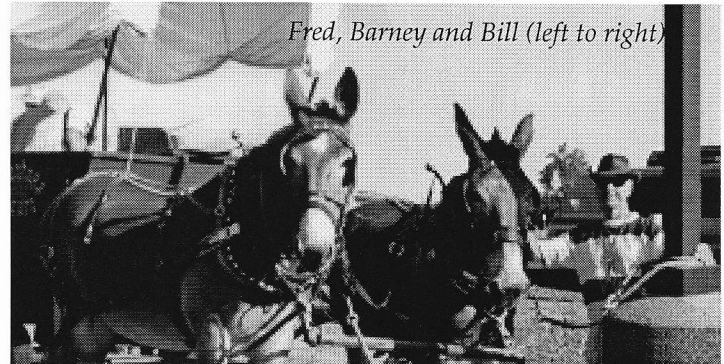
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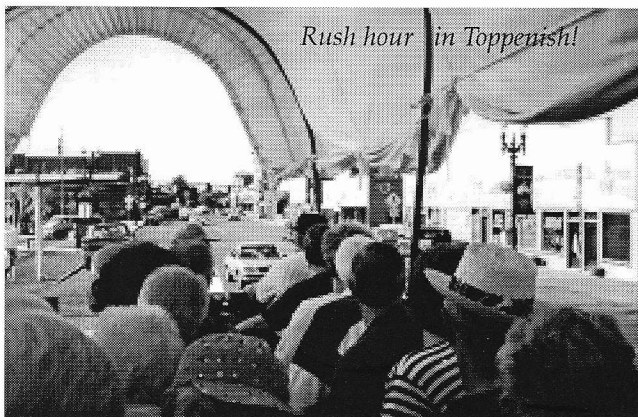
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## Wild West Wonders Highlight Toppenish Rally

Our October-in-September rally (9/22-25/94) at Toppenish, WA, carried overtones of the Old West from start to finish. We enjoyed excellent accommodations at the Yakima Nation RV park immediately adjacent to the Yakima Nation Cultural Center. Splendid facilities offered fine food, historical displays and beautiful views. We circled up 26 wagons for Thursday night's potluck of hearty hors d'oeuvres.



Fred, Barney and Bill (left to right)



Rush hour in Toppenish!

On Friday morning, our mural adventure began with the arrival of Mike Ring of Conestoga Tours. Clip-clopping into the park came Fred and Barney, two matched sorrel mules, pulling one of the largest people-hauling wagons ever. Forty-seven Cascaders piled aboard, lining the benches on both sides and filling the row of folding chairs that ran the full length of the very long wagon bed. Mike soon had Fred and Barney worked into a lather, moving at a full trot toward town. Arriving in Toppenish, Mike skillfully maneuvered the

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## Holiday Season to Draw Cascaders to Mild-Weather, Willamette Valley Rally Site

December's rally is to be within sight of I-5 in Woodburn, Oregon. Frys and Politiskes will host us with a variety of any-weather activities including a tour of a mobile home factory. We

will see a variety of construction techniques unique to the industry. Look for registration information soon. Plan on some festive foolishness and good fellowship.

### Rally Schedule 1994-95

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
December 2-4	Woodburn OR	Woodburn RV Park	Frys and Politiskes
February 17-20	Tokeland WA	Bay Shore RV Park	Scolmans, Diers
Mar/Apr 31-2	Newport OR	Pacific Shores RV Park	April Fool hosts

Additional rallies are scheduled throughout 1995; watch for details in future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News*.

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large rig through traffic to show us an impressive display of about three dozen murals covering every useable display surface on the downtown buildings. Mike Ring's running commentary was as colorful as the murals. A staunch supporter of the Toppenish Mural Society, he explained how the June Mural-in-a-Day celebration adds a new work of commissioned art to the collection annually.

Friday evening's banquet at the Yakima Nation Cultural Center lodge/restaurant topped off our Western-theme day in grand style. Fine food served by attentive, Yakima nation waitresses, was

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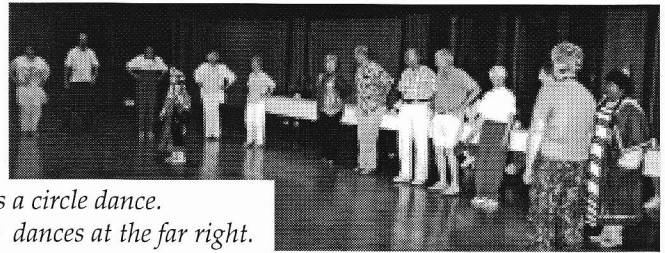
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Young Kathryn Miller steps out to show Cascaders a circle dance. Her Aunt Leanne dances at the far right.

followed by a demonstration of traditional and contemporary native American dancing. Naomi Miller, daughter Kathryn, and sister Leanne Umtuch, explained the function of several dances and demonstrated each one. They completed their program with an invitation to Cascaders to join them in learning a circle dance ...what talent we displayed!

Saturday featured Carl and Jean Gwynn's carefully planned and smoothly executed class for women coach drivers. A course laid out in the parking lot of a Toppenish elementary school presented challenges for backing up, giving and following hand signals, and parking coaches between two traffic cones for practice in left-right placement. Drivers worked in pairs, taking turns as driver and guide.



Centering Mast's coach at the driving seminar.

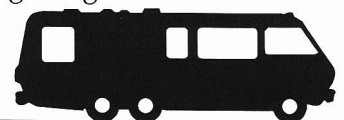
About 17 of us took part. We all learned a few new tricks; no casualties, all winners... thanks Carl and Jean for great planning and a lot of hard work in the hot sun. Meanwhile, back at the ranch (RV park), the men held their own technical seminar. Syd Oostenbrug, first timer, summed up his technical seminar experience at our final business meeting. He said he left the seminar dumbfounded at all the things that could go wrong for a GMC coach owner. He thought he should rush home, sell his coach, use the money to buy a horse, and shoot the horse! Hang in there Syd. You'll soon be numb to the possibilities for disaster just like the rest of us.

Saturday night's schedule read 'dinner-on-your-own.' A big crowd of Cascaders rendezvoused at Cattlemen's restaurant in town for fun and western fare. The food was delicious and the interior mural offered yet another example of Toppenish art. No doubt the serving staff are still recovering from our short-notice overload on their hospitality.



Mural inside Cattlemen's Restaurant

Sunday morning's BYO fruit and delicious pastries preceded another of President Ragsdale's short and sweet business meetings. Most of us were on the road home by eleven a.m. "Thanks, pardners!" to Gwynns and Watsons for a great good time.



# Minutes

Toppenish Rally business meeting—9/25/94

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 am by Becky Ragsdale, president. She thanked the Gywnns and Watsons for their hosting, planning, and hospitality. She introduced guests Liz and Vic Van Valen and Diane, Luke and Chriscinda(sp?) Conrady. The president also welcomed Syd and Jane Oostenbrug, Cascaders attending their first rally. Wendell and Joyce Lint, registered only for Friday night, were not present to be welcomed; we hope to see them again at a future rally.

Attending were:

George & Carol Baxter	Syd & Jane Oostenbrug
Terry & Joanne Boyd	Clarence & Grace Politiske
Luke & Diane Conrady	Del & Vi Preston
Glen & Ruth Diers	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Clarence & Elsie Estridge	Jim & Sheryl Scolman
Gordon & Carol Frydenlund	Ted & Jane Swanson
Ray & Beverly Groth	Jack & Alice Tice
Carl & Jean Gwynn	Vic & Liz Van Valen
Bill & Pris Hardin	Hubert & Mary Ellen Watson
Carl & Helen Hove	Carl & Pearl Westphal
Ken & Deon Madison	Daryl & Mary Wilson
Jack & Doris Mast	Ken & Jean Wilson
John & Lauree Miller	Wendell & Joyce Lint

Secretary's Report—Minutes were approved as corrected—moved (M), seconded (S) and passed (P) by Baxter, G., and Mast, J. Corrections included addition of Glen Diers, 2nd Vice President to the reported election slate;

Treasurer's Report— Ruth Diers announced that we have 173 paid members. Current treasury balance was \$2,947. 88; \$921 invested in jackets and advances toward rallies.

John and Lauree Miller asked members for an indication of interest in buying T-shirts designed by Muxlows. Contact Millers for plans and prices.

Report of 1st Vice President—Carol Baxter has formally thanked the hosts of our last rally. She reported that she still lacked information on the injury allegedly suffered by Joe Baker. Any members knowing of Cascaders who are ill or in need of a friendly message should contact Carol. • As Historian, Carol reported that she continues to receive wonderful pictures for the club scrapbooks. She will bring the scrapbooks to the December rally where we anticipate having enough room to spread them out.

Report of Wagon Master (2nd Vice President)—Glen Diers updated us on the rally schedule. December's rally (12/2-4/94) will be at the Woodburn RV Park off I-5 at Woodburn, OR, with Frys and Politiskes as hosts. We will tour a manufactured-home construction plant! February 17-20, 1994 will find us at

Tokeland, WA over the Presidents' Weekend. Scolmans and Freydenlunds will perform the hosting duties. April's rally will run March 31-April 2 at Pacific Shores RV Park just north of Newport. Mystery hosts report that everything is under control for this event. John and Lauree Miller will host an August rally at Wallowa State Campground at Wallowa Lake in northeastern Oregon. Reservations must be made, complete with deposit, by the first of the new year. Expect reservation materials from John and Lauree to arrive soon.

Old Business—

President Ragsdale noted that efforts to construct the written history of the Cascaders continue. Locating the old minutes is proving to be quite a challenge. The executive board welcomes the cooperation of any members who can locate old newsletters or other sources of past minutes. Myra Mitzel has provided a list of past rally sites and times. Lauree Miller volunteered that she has copies of many old newsletters and will copy them for the records.

New Business—No new business emerged.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45—(MSP—Hardin, B; Mast, J).

## On the Road Again...

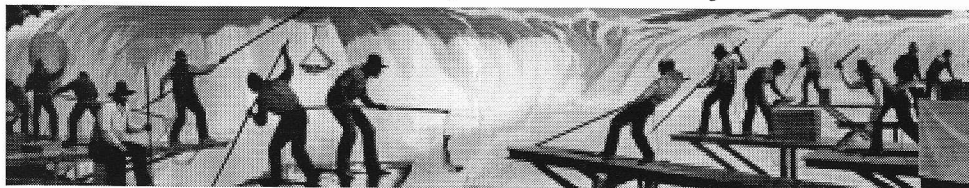
- **Remember to send in your dues!** While the past due date is January 1, 1995, the best way to assure continuation of membership and uninterrupted *GMC Cascader News* delivery is to PAY UP NOW.
- **Wallowa Lake rally reservations** for next August. John and Lauree will apply for reservations for Cascaders who have requested sites before January 1st. Oregon Parks Department will have the Wallowa Lake Park booked solid within days of opening their January registration period.
- **For copies of the ladies driving clinic handouts** that Carl Gwynn shared at Toppenish, contact him at: 605 Fir St, Coulee Dam, WA 99116. But, be patient, Carl and Jean are on an extended tour for several months!
- **Speaking of "On the road,"** if this issue of *GMC Cascader News* lacks info that you recently submitted for publication, it's cause your Secretary and Vice Secretary are wandering aimlessly through the Southwest in our GMC. We have not opened our Corvallis mail for about two weeks; ' hope we're not letting anyone down. Pris' International Visual Literacy conference in Tempe interfered with newsletter production until just now. This newsletter is taking shape under the cottonwood trees along Oak Creek near Sedona, AZ. We're having fun now!



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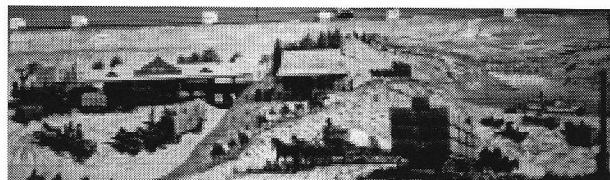
## Toppenish Murals Capture History



*Celilo Falls Indian fisheries (above) inundated since the mid 1950s but not forgotten.*



*Rodeo poster mural (above) with the artist as part of the art.*



*Cow camp, (left) a task still repeated annually; early commerce (above) depicts marketing in historic Toppenish; the hop raising and harvest mural (right) memorializes vital contributions made by native Americans; eager Cascaders (lower left) capture on film the outhouse occupant in Paradise Row mural.*

