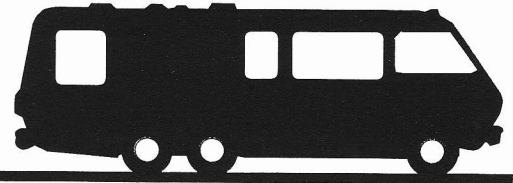


# GMC CASCADERS NEWS



October 1997

## October's Sisters Rally—according to Kershaw!

By Chet Kershaw

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our grand(?) experiment... drafting all members as rally reporters... has produced some real fun. Under the positive encouragement of Copy Editor Jack Cupples, Cascaders have rallied to the cause in many ways. The following is just one of several bursts of enthusiasm coming from members.

Around 9:15 am "sharp" on October third, the 5 coaches which had agreed to leave the Wilsonville rest area at 9 stormed onto I-5 South, headed for the Sisters rally. This group, led by the Frys with Kershaws, Jones, Webbers and Diers caravanning along behind, had predetermined to ascend to Sisters via the North Santiam pass with a stop for brunch at The Cedars in Detroit, Oregon. We then began the serious ascent up the Cascades to Sisters. A steady rain accompanied us most of the way. When a beautiful patch of blue appeared overhead, we knew that we had found the Promised Land. Sure enough, right under this patch of blue was our mountain view resort just as promised by the rally hosts: Bovees, Footes and Morris'.



A brilliant rainbow wreathed the Sisters rally as storms crowded around the area.

Photo by Cupples

They were out front to greet us! Thirty-two coaches were en route with the long rangers being BCers: the Cooks from West Vancouver and the Irelands from Williams Lake. Coaches arrived all that sunny afternoon. Stories were told (some true) and friendships renewed. To give credit to the coach that actually drove the farthest to get to the rally, we must mention Ken and Becky Ragsdale. They hold the honors, hands down! Leaving home

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Photo by Cupples

A couple of Cascader "flyboys" try their hands at flying without benefit of ailerons.

Dinner at the Coyote Creek Cafe brought high praise and happy diners! Good choice, Margaret.



Photo by Cupples

## NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
December 5-7	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV	Diers, Frys, Jones & Ragsdales

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the first week of September for the Walla Walla rally, they then caravanned down to the Western States rally at Bryce Canyon, UT, with other Cascaders. For three weeks following, they wandered around searching for the road back to Seattle. At last, they came upon about 30 other GMCs a lot like theirs at Sisters, OR!

Come supper time, we all gathered at the Coyote Creek Cafe... save one. Del and Vi Preston were still awash in the storm somewhere between Spokane and Sisters. We had all sat down to a truly great dinner when the Prestons arrived. Having heard the dinner bell, they didn't even *look* for the RV park. Safe and welcomed, they were just in time to eat. After which, most Cascaders adjourned to the bingo parlor where our hosts had spread out a table full of great gifts. Much to the chagrin of the bingo faithful, Karen Kershaw won the first game and a look of *deja vu* came across many faces. However, much to the delight of the bingo faithful this was Karen's *ONLY* win this evening. She shared her normally good luck with those who had befriended her and stuck by her at the table. She wished her good fortune on all of them and for the most part it worked; that table walked off with the lion's share of the loot for the rest of the evening!



Photo by Cupples

Saturday brought another nice GMC day—mostly sunny—and a trip to the headwaters of the Metolius

*At Saturday breakfast Cascaders loaded up for the rigors of the Metolius field trip... carbo-loading!*



Photo by Cupples

*Cascaders helped to make Mountain Shadows RV Park look prosperous by standing around in front waiting for the trip to the Metolius to begin.*

Near the Metolius headwaters, Cascaders enjoyed the opportunity to view Kokanee salmon. Landlocked, these salmonids flourish in the cold, fast flowing waters.



Photo by Ragsdales



Photo by Fry



Yes, the river (barely visible in the distance) flows, full throated, from the ground at the end of the path that Cascaders hurry to follow. The Metolius springs from an underground river whose source is probably the snow fields miles away in the Cascade range.

River. It's quite a sight to see that much water come from a hole in the ground. Suddenly, there it is, instant river, nestled in a truly pristine setting. Then, on to Camp Sherman, where we looked at the Kokanee in the crystal clear, rushing waters of the Metolius.



Photo by Cupples

Perhaps the fish could learn a thing or too about getting in line from GMC Cascaders.

The afternoon brought a question and answer seminar pertaining to the love affair with our GMCs. At the same time, those with an urge to acquire sales-tax-free things-to-dust made the trip down the road to Sisters which has more than a few emporiums and four (4) ice cream stores!

The evening brought lasagna and apple brown



Photo by Cupples

Tech seminar topics included: air conditioner maintenance and problems, types of electric converters, replacement of original converters, air compressors, engine fan belts and pulley problems,\* Gateway OASI air system kit, batteries, wheel balancing and types of different wheels among other items.

\* Proper belts are 3/8", 7/16" with 38° bevel.



Photo by Ragsdales

Tim Jones leads a special seminar on chanterelle mushrooms. Ask Tim where he found these delicious treasures!

Betty as a precursor to a trip through Alaska with beautiful slides by John Crist and an added narration from Dave Ireland. The pictorial review of this picturesque adventure of two summers ago left those of us who were not able to go quite remorseful and ever-so-wanting to find a way to go with the Irelands on the 1998 TransCanada caravan now in the planning stages.

Sunday morning and our first business meeting with our new leaders. Oh, GMCers, next year is a full one. There will be hardly any time for work for those of us who still have to (sigh). All too soon we must say "Good-bye" until the Christmas rally at Cannon Beach, OR. Most of us left in different directions in search of a quicker way 'back to Seattle' than Ragsdales had found following the Western States rally at Bryce Canyon.

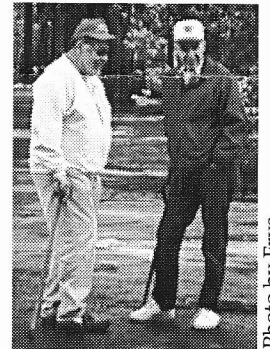


Photo by Fry

Hoping you all had a Happy Halloween,  
Chet (and Karen) Kershaw

Two of our walking wounded; Chet Kershaw and Tom Tompson compare notes.

A note also came in from Don and Luana Perry—The Sisters rally was the maiden trip for "Robison's W. Casmaran" (Cas) our new, 13-week-old German shepherd dog. She behaved like a trooper and basked in the attention Cascaders and some of their canine friends gave to her. The trip to the Bend area via Diamond Lake with stopover in Sunriver for lunch was sundrenched and beautiful. Dinner at the Pine Tavern in Bend and overnight at Crown Villa RV park all preceded the rally. After the long trip to Bryce, it was nice to do just a short one.



# MINUTES—10/5/97

## *Sisters Rally*

**President's Message**—President Terry Morris called the meeting to order following breakfast on Sunday, October 5th. He opened the meeting by thanking the rally committee: Alan and Margaret Bovee, Bill and Mary Lou Foote for a fun rally. (Morrises also shared in the hosting duties.) Welcomes went to new Cascaders, Dick and Phyllis Neumann and to Les and Bunny Wall along with Eldon and Joyce Evans attending their first rally. Terry also introduced Jim Mohr and Ellen Zielinski, GMC owners from Bend.

Attending the rally were:

George & Carol Baxter	Chet & Karen Kershaw
Alan & Margaret Bovee	Ken & Deon Madison
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Bud & Sharon Marler
with Tracy	John & Lauree Miller
Gene & Millie Cochran	Terry & Gloria Morris
Doug & Elaine Cook	Dick & Phyllis Neumann
John & Marge Crist	Don & Luana Perry
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Clarence & Grace Politiske
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Del & Vi Preston
Dolph & Barbara Eberhart	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Clarence & Elsie Estridge	Bill & Jessie Rowland
Eldon & Joyce Evans	Joe & Yvonne Sawtell
Bill & Mary Lou Foote	Tom & Margie Thompson
Bob & Elaine Fry	Robert & Vicki Webber
Carol & Helen Hove	George Wenzek &
Dave & Linda Ireland	Sallee Logan
Tim & Cass Jones	Les & Bunny Wold

**Secretary's Report**—As the newsletter had not been sent since the last rally, there were no minutes to be approved. The minutes from the Walla Walla and Sisters rallies will be presented for approval at the December meeting. Secretary Cass Jones reported five Cascaders had dropped their membership: Rodney Thompson, Hubert and Mary Ellen Watson, Jack and Sharon Wood, Bruce Stewart and Rosemary Smith.

**Treasurer's Report**—Treasurer Ruth Diers reported a club balance of \$2,062.97 with \$907.00 outstanding for future rallies. She reported a paid club membership of 165.

**First Vice President's Report**—President Morris reported in Denny Allen's absence. Thinking-of-you card sent to Karen Birch and thank-you cards to the Millers, Franks and Footes for the Walla Walla rally. Terry read a card from Jean Wilson addressed to the club, thanking all for their thoughts following her surgery.

**Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report**—Carl Hove read the dates for up coming rallies: Dec. 5-7, Cannon Beach-Christmas rally; February... possibility of Spirit Mountain; April 24-26, Tokeland; June, Denny Allen's rolling Canadian rally; August 7-9, Rogue River. October and December '98 are open. Updates came from Cass Jones for Cannon Beach, Don Perry on Rogue River and Carl Hove for Tokeland.

Dave Ireland shared a preliminary summary of his rally across Canada to the East coast planned for early next fall. He invited anyone interested in receiving ongoing information about the trip to write or email him.

Kershaw and Jones volunteered to help with the February rally.

## Old Business

**Western States representative Don Perry** recapped the recent rally in Bryce Canyon, Utah. Cascaders numbered 22 coaches out of 88... what a showing! George Baxter, our GMC International Area Vice President, reported on the spring roundup scheduled for Las Vegas, March 20-26 at Sam's Town. Fall roundup to be announced... maybe Nashville, TN. Possibility of the Northwest hosting a GMC International rally in 2002.

**Jack Cupples, our Newsletter Copy Editor**, requested all articles and photos be sent to him. He gave a deadline of October 15. Jack explained 'we are all reporters' and it is 'our' newsletter, so send in articles to share with the membership.

## New Business

Tom Thompson reported former Cascader, Joe Kebbler of Grants Pass, has a 403 engine, in good shape, he will give away. The engine is in Medford and if anyone is interested, please call Joe at: (541) 471-0509.

Tim Jones thanked Bill and Mary Lou Foote for being volunteers on so many of the clubs' recent rallies. He also encouraged other club members to volunteer and stated, 'It's fun to be part of a rally.' President Morris thanked Carol Baxter for her years of service as Club President.

Chet Kershaw invited club members to join him with their used auto/GMC parts, in his stall at the May Portland Swap Meet. He said there will be 10,000 stalls and its a good time to buy and sell.

**Adjournment (MSP)** Bob Fry/Chet Kershaw. Meeting adjourned at 10:09am.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cass Jones, Secretary*



## Canada Planning Continues—

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to 17 and follows the north shore of Lake Superior offering many photo opportunities. The town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, marks the east end of the lake. It is just across the river from a city of the same name in Michigan. Highway 17 continues east along the north shore of Lake Huron. For an interesting detour, we might turn right onto Highway 6 for Manitoulin Island and take the ferry across Georgian Bay. Following the east shore of the lake to Sarnia would put us very close to Sandusky, Michigan. Ontario offers an amazing array of additional things to do and see. Look for more details in further reports.

At the moment we have a trail blazing team on the road locating and confirming other details for our eclectic interests. Their reports are tantalizing and promise guided tours into the "other Canada" in Quebec province.

Beyond Quebec lie Canada's Maritime provinces. We will definitely see Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Newfoundland is a maybe. The expensive ferry tolls may be prohibitive for some... we may make it optional.

We plan, now, that the trip will windup in southern Nova Scotia. A group of committed folk plan on touring the American east coast all the way to Florida. They expect to head west from there, arriving in Arizona/Southern California in time for Christmas. Those who want to attend the '98 Cascaders' Christmas rally have many options for return. We have planned nothing for the return. Timing should make the return trip commence about the end of October. Weather can be a problem with travelling this time of year but poor travel conditions usually do not last more than a day or two.

This is an outline of the planning and discussions that have been done so far. An ongoing effort during the winter will firm up our collection of ideas. If you wish to be added to our mailing list drop us a line and we'll keep in touch by mail

## About Email Addresses...

*EDITOR'S NOTE*—Our roster of email address grows with each issue. The time is coming to include the complete list in the club membership roster, printing only updates and changes in the intervening issues of the *News*.

## On the Road Again

FOR SALE—We must sell our 1973 GMC. Completely rebuilt interior. New exterior paint. Motor overhauled. \$15,000 spent on restoration. Interested? Call Earl W. Ma Curdy at: 509-328-4385

GLENBROOK for Sale—Side Bath, 65,000 mi. Immaculate coach with extensive work done, interior and mechanical. Microwave oven, roof pod and other extras. Asking \$26,500, OBO. Phone Earl and Marjory McPeak at: 360-466-2059 or 760-329-2505

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EDITORS' NOTE: Thanks  
for great support in putting our first  
newsletter together "long distance."  
Jack Cupples and Pris Hardin

## Canada '98 Planning Continues, eh? ...by Dave Ireland

Many Cascaders have been asking about our proposed sequel to the Alaska '96 adventure. The planning to date is to gather in south central BC, perhaps Kamloops, about August 15. This is a week after the Rogue River rally. The first day would take us north to Jasper for an overnight. The next travel day would follow highway 93 south through the glacier country to the Banff area for a couple of nights (and days). Highway 1 and highway 840 will take us to Drumheller, Alberta.

This is dinosaur country and Drumheller boasts a world-class museum dedicated to their display and study. From here, plains country lies ahead. We will travel through or near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Regina, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. From Winnipeg, highway 1 will take us east just north of Lake of the Woods into Ontario and on to Thunder Bay on Lake Superior. In Ontario the TransCanada Highway changes from 1

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### Rally Schedule 1997-98

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
December 5-7	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV	Diers, Frys, Jones & Ragsdales
April 24-26, '98	Tokeland, WA	Bayshore RV	Hoves & Frydenlunds
July (TBA), '98	British Columbia	ROLLING RALLY	Allens
Mid-August, '98	Rogue River, OR	Valley of the Rogue St. Park	Perrys, Teeuws, Madisons, Krebs

Watch future issues of the GMC Cascaders News for possible changes to the above schedule.

