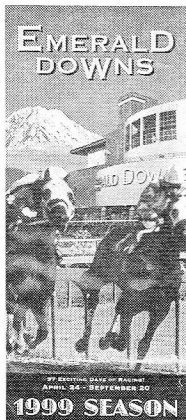


## Pounding Hooves, Flying Machines, Dancing Feet at Kent

Beautiful autumn days, great activities and gracious hosts distinguished our Kent rally held at the South Seattle KOA park September 10-12.

Energetic hosts greeted arriving coaches with fat packets complete with free snacks, tickets to events and local information.

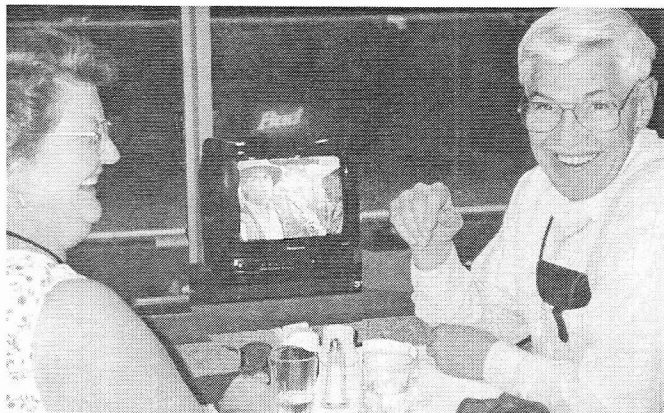


Friday evening fun took us to the Emerald Downs racetrack via charter bus for dinner while looking into the world of racing and



betting on the horses! For several of us, it was our first experience with "the sport of kings."

Many of the group ate at the Rainier restaurant where small video monitors at each table supplemented the clear view of the track. For most viewers the monitors meant a better look at photo



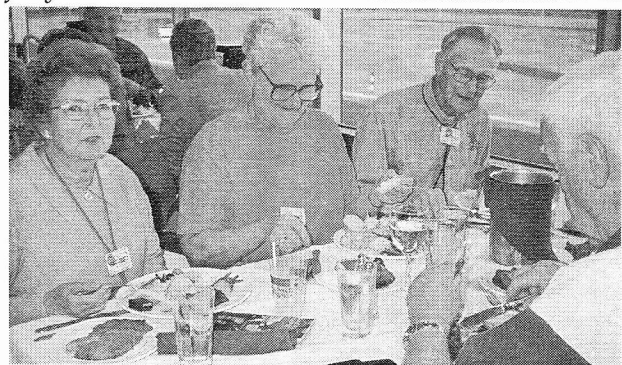
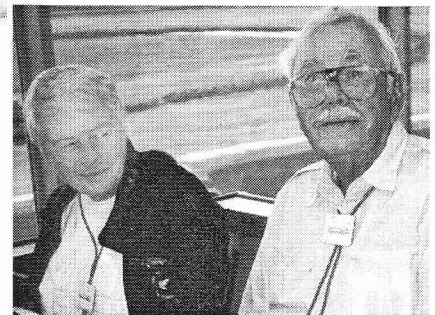
finishes and a simulcast of other races taking place on the west coast. Tom and Margie Thompson (*lower left*) proved to be the exception; they sneaked a peek at a TV western!

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*At the track dinner, some people enjoyed a good visit.*

*We especially enjoyed having Elsie Estridge back among us (below, left). Clarence Estridge had promoted the idea of a Seattle area rally for years.*



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### NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
Dec. 3-5	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV Park	

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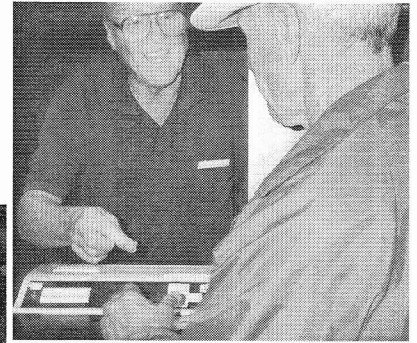
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THE WINNERS—Who really wins at the racetrack? The big winnings went to Carl Hove! Congratulations, Carl.

We must note that Bill Hardin, making very small bets on 8 of the 9 races run that night, took home winnings on 7 of them (right). And Jack Cupples, hard working host, won a few dollars (lower center). That seemed only fair since he was very helpful in introducing a few of the intricacies of the racing/betting world to some of us novices.

The team of host couples presenting this rally did an exemplary job. Jack and Cathy Cupples, Larry and Betty Gordon, Bill and Peggy Guise, and Ken and Becky Ragsdale deserve a special thanks for tackling the job of hosting a rally in such an urban area. Use of charter buses and thoughtful selection of varied attractions made the rally fun for all. The host photos below even lead one to believe that the hosts had some fun, too!



*Bill and Peggy Guise relax at the race track restaurant (left).*



*Larry, Matt and Betty Gordon catch some rays at the RV park. (above).*



Photo by Hardin



Photo by Guise

*Cathy Cupples and Peggy Guise give a hearty hand to Saturday night's dancers (above).*



*Becky and Ken Ragsdale pause between duties (left).*

Photo by Guise



Saturday morning breakfast at the park club house served as a forum for detailing the options available for the day ahead. Air Museum ticketholders would board the first bus. Downtown Seattle shoppers and sightseers took the second one.

At the air museum, located near the site of the Boeing corporation's early beginnings, we learned

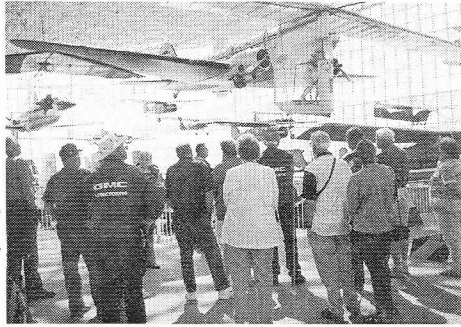


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details of many of the displays from docents Glenn Batsford and Jim Whalon.

*Our group admires the human-powered winner of a race across the English Channel. (above)*

A full-sized model of Otto Lilienthal piloting one of his gliders (right) hung from the lobby ceiling along with replicas of the Wright brothers' first successful

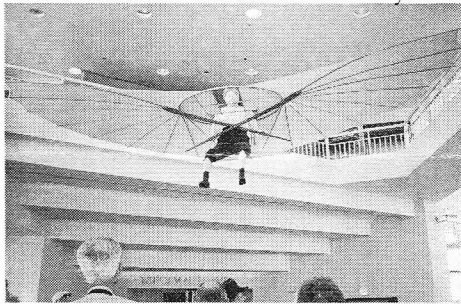


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plane and other early air craft. Lilienthal tested most of his experiments with gliders by taking off from a 56-foot hill in Berlin, Germany. He met his demise on August 9th, 1896, during one of his many flights. That should be sufficient trivia for this issue of the Cascader News, eh?

While the rally's "flighty" contingent wandered through the air

*Helen Hove (left) lined up to board the bus. 'Gonna go spend some of Carl's earnings from the racetrack?*



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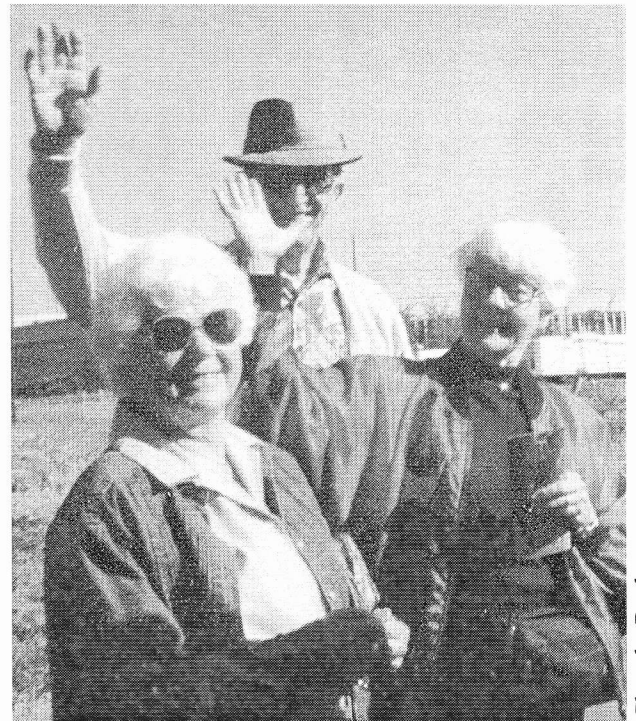


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museum and lunched in the museum cafeteria, the downtown shoppers and sightseers boarded their bus for the city center (above). Reports indicated that Cascaders covered venues ranging from Pike Street Market to museums, the Space Needle and all manner of shopping sites in between. Some even shared "dining adventures".



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The Reeds captured Ruth and Glenn Diers on film at a 'fine dining' establishment (above).

Triumphant shoppers returned to the RV park in mid-to-late afternoon loaded with trophies and sporting tired feet.

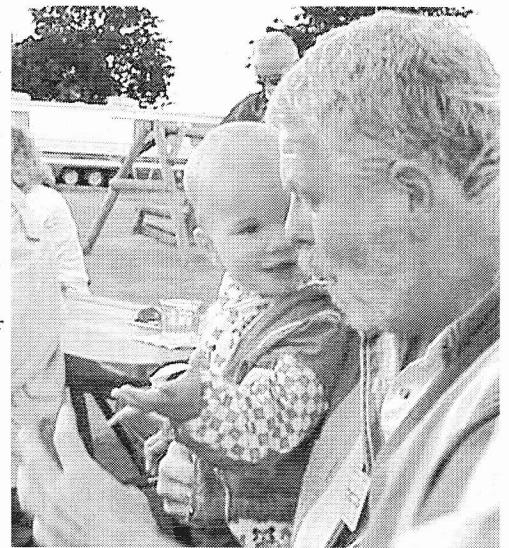
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With tales of air museums, downtown shopping and general Seattle adventures to share, Cascaders settled in to a relaxing fellowship hour before the promised barbecue dinner.



*When not telling stories, Tim Jones found time to get better acquainted (right) with the youngest Cascader at the rally— little Eric, grandson of John and Vera Lou Gruenewald*

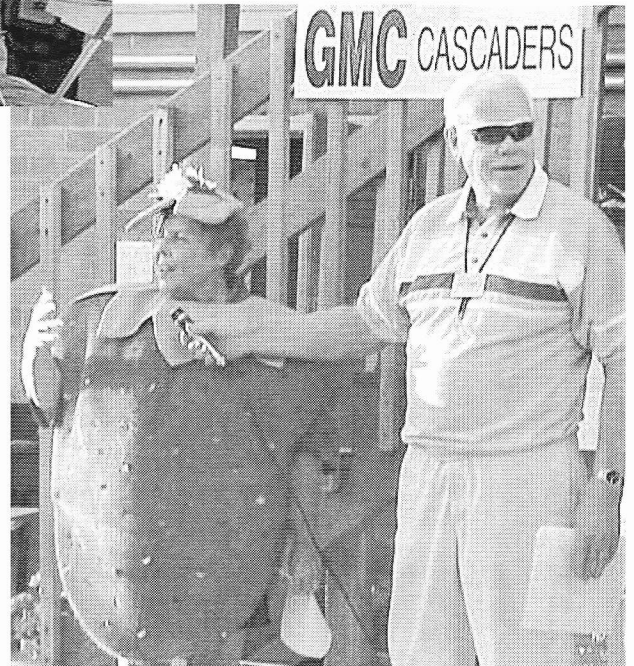


Finally, the great aroma of the Caveman Barbecue caterers was irresistible. Lining up in the late afternoon sunshine, we found ample quantities of delicious food. It didn't take long for all to trade in their ravenous appetites for a satisfied feeling of fullness.

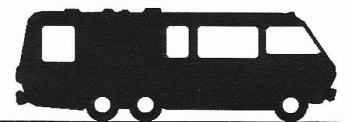
A bustle and stir around the back of the RV park office near where we were eating soon developed into the evening's entertainment. Ken Ragsdale introduced a remarkable



*Known for both skill and capacity as trencher-persons, Cascaders laid waste the beautiful catered dinner in jig time (above AND below).*



*All photos this page by Guise*





dance group from the Renton Senior Citizens' Center (above and below). These women were keeping healthy and entertaining in the process.



First up came Doris Jones in a sassy strawberry costume that could not fail to make an audience sit up and take notice! (previous page, lower right). Soon, she was calling forth from the "wings" an array of bespangled dancers in brilliant colors. We were treated to Egyptian dancing, Charleston, tap and soft shoe. The punctuation to all that rhythm and jazz was a set of elegantly rendered hula numbers by Mae Ziers (right) that brought the spirit of the Hawaiian Islands into our midst. Ken Ragsdale proudly pointed out that Dorothy Slater, a member of our club was one of the stars of the show (below). Thank you, Dorothy and *The Dancing Grandmas*. Neil Slater and son lead us in song as an added bonus.



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Sunday morning, our brunch, business meeting and annual elections happened at the Golden Steer. A parade of GMCs and a few cars wound across Kent to the restaurant. We made quite a show lined up in the furniture store parking lot next to the restaurant (below).

The food was delicious. The meeting was fun! The election promised strong leadership for the coming year.

Another delightful rally and another business year for the GMC Cascaders came to a close.

Many thanks to our host team for a job well done. NOW, more volunteers need to step forward to lead rallies for next year!!!!



### Sincerest Thank You

What can we say... The club action in promoting us to the ranks of life members touched us and surprised us beyond measure. Our many happy hours in the company of Cascaders add a rich dimension to our lives. Thank you for the honor.

Bill and Pris Hardin



# MINUTES

September 12, 1999 Kent, WA

**President's Message**—President Terry Morris called the meeting to order at 9:55 am in a meeting room of the Golden Steer Restaurant, Kent, WA on Sunday, September 12, 1999. Terry opened the meeting by thanking our rally hosts, Jack and Cathy Cupples, Ken and Becky Ragsdale, Larry and Betty Gordon, Neil and Nancy Sutherland and Bill and Peggy Guise. Terry then welcomed new members Richard and Pat Adair and Bob and Jacque Callis. Earl and Marley Becker, members living in Lake Havasu City, AZ were welcomed along with a longtime member, Larry Brown and his friend Dorothy who we don't see very often. A special welcome was given to Elsie Estridge who was attending the rally. Since there was no business meeting at the last rally, Terry thanked hosts Knute and Leona Blodger and Loren and Rebecca Fleet for the Athena rally in July. He then welcomed new members from that rally, Steve & Sandy Kyle and Bob & Donna Hamilton. Applause was given for both rallies and members. Forty-three coaches were represented at the rally.

Attendees were:

Dick & Pat Adair	Bill & Pris Hardin
Denny & Fran Allen	Carl & Helen Hove
Buck & Roses Barrie	Tim & Cass Jones
George & Carol Baxter	John & Martha Kamp
Earl & Marley Becker	Harvey & Elaine Kragt
Ed & Louise Blaise	Steve & Sandy Kyle
Alan & Margaret Bovee	Jack & Doris Mast
Larry Brown & Dedie	Terry & Gloria Morris
Bob, Jacque & Evan Callis	Walt Ovens & Jan Lunn
Jack & Cathy Cupples	Don & Luana Perry
Glenn & Ruth Diers	Del & Vi Preston
DJ and Barbie Eberhart	Ken & Becky Ragsdale
Elsie Estridge	Ed & Mary Reed
Doug & Yvonne Falck	Bill & Jessie Rowland
Bob & Elaine Fry	Robert & Elizabeth Smith
Gordon & Carol	Gene & Dixie Snow
Frydenlund	Neil & Nancy Sutherland
Larry, Betty & Matt Gordon	Ted & Jane Swanson
John, Vera and Eric	Tom & Margie Thompson
Gruenewald	Jack & Mildred Titus
Bill & Peggy Guise	George & Sallee Wenzek
Carl & Jean Gwynn	Ken & Jean Wilson
Bob and Donna Hamilton	

**Secretary's Report**—Secretary, Cass Jones, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the May (Sandpoint) rally as published in the June newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as pub-

lished made by George Baxter (M), seconded by Jack Mast (S), motion passed (P). Cass then thanked Carol Baxter for taking the minutes at the May rally in her absence.

**Treasurer's Report**—Club Treasurer Ruth Diers, reported a club balance of \$4,353.71. Current paid membership is 174 and 3 life members. \$350 is outstanding for jackets.

**First Vice President's Report**—Vice President, Denny Allen reported having sent get well cards to Bill Hardin, Tim Jones, Doris Mast and Nellie Hastie. Sympathy card was sent to Jake Spelt on the passing of his wife Dini. Thank you cards were sent to the hosts of the Sandpoint and Athena rallies.

**Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report**—Wagonmaster Walt Ovens called upon Carol Baxter to give a report on the upcoming Christmas Rally, Dec. 3, 4 & 5 at Cannon Beach, OR. This year the gift exchange will be one-coach gift instead of a man's and woman's along with the ornament exchange. Soup, salad and play on Friday night and the Fire-side Restaurant for the Saturday party. Ken Ragsdale mentioned that Doggers Restaurant in Cannon Beach does a two-for-one price for seniors on Thursday nights if you wanted to arrive early.

Walt then addressed the group about the 2000 year calendar he had in his hand that he would give to the next Wagonmaster and he felt bad that there were NO RALLIES scheduled for the year 2000. He asked for everyone's help—it's time to have new people host rallies. Cass Jones then said a rally guide is now part of every new member packet and if you do not have a copy please contact her. Rallies are usually scheduled February, April, June, August, October and December.

**OLD BUSINESS**—President Morris reported at the Sandpoint rally the nominating committee was appointed to provide the slate of officers for the upcoming year. The committee: Ken Ragsdale, Barbie Eberhart and Larry Calhoun. Terry then asked Ken for their report.

The slate of officers nominated:

President—Denny Allen  
First Vice—President, Tim Jones  
Second Vice President-Wagonmaster—  
DJ Eberhart  
Secretary—Cass Jones  
Treasurer—Ruth Diers  
FMCA Representative—Ken Wilson  
FMCA Alternate—Ray Groth



George Baxter moved the nominations be closed and the secretary cast one vote for the slate as presented. Secretary Jones made said motion , Glenn Diers seconded. Motioned passed.

**Western States**—Our Western States representative Don Perry reported on the upcoming rallies: October 5–10, 1999, Balloon Rally, Albuquerque, NM. Don asked if any Cascaders were going, 7 coaches. Spring rally—April 24–29, 2000 Ukiah, CA. Don then spoke about Western States and that membership was \$20.

**GMC International**—George Baxter, GMC International Area Vice President reported on upcoming rallies: Fall rally 1999 Forest City, IA Sept. 26–Oct. 2. Spring 2000, Rayne, LA the end of March. Fall rally 2000, Mt. Hood, OR. There will be 300 spaces. George said he worked hard on getting the rally in Oregon and wants to have at least 100 Cascader coaches there. Spring 2001—West Coast. Fall 2002—Wyoming. George then spoke about International and their very informative Newsletter—good for technical information. Dues: \$20. Secretary Jones said she had applications for both Western States & International if anyone needed one.

**FMCA** Representative Ken Wilson was not available for a report.

**NEW BUSINESS**—Pris Hardin spoke to the club about the cost of producing the Newsletter and suggested the club should look at different options besides just printing, i.e. a Cascader website. Forty-five % of the current membership have email addresses. We might have pictures on a web newsletter and then print fewer hard copies for mailing. A committee was formed to review the newsletter costs and distribution. The committee: George Baxter, Pris Hardin, Denny Allen, Jack Cupples and Bill Guise. It was noted the committee has representation from both sides as the President-Elect Denny Allen, does not have email. The committee will also look into the costs of a server for a GMC Cascaders web site. Carol Baxter volunteered to attend the web class that was being presented at International in Iowa.

The cut off date for getting information and articles to Jack Cupples for the next newsletter, is September 30, 1999.

President Morris then asked for Bill and Pris Hardin to step forward. Terry went on to say the Executive Committee would like to make a motion the Hardin's be voted in as lifetime members for their hard work and continuing contribution to the club. Through a unanimous "yes" vote, the motion passed.

President Morris ended the meeting by thanking the

club for their vote of confidence and support of him during his two years as President.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Carol Baxter (M) Denny Allen (S) motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jones, Secretary.

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## On the Road Again

**FOR SALE**—1978 PALM BEACH with only 47,000 original miles. Coach has been garaged "all of its life." Xlent Michelin tires, Carefree awning plus many extras. Asking \$27,000. Dick Neumann 916-773-1188, fax 916-773-5475 or email: neumann@inreach.com

1976 BIRCHAVEN—23' coach, 65,000+ original miles, 455 engine with nearly new Michelins and a re-upholstered interior with rear bath—\$17,500 OBO. Contact Chuck and Arlene Mindemann at: 360-956-9766 Email: caminde@compuserve.com

GMC wheel stuff—16.5 Bud wheels with Michelin tires—\$20 ea. Also, GMC hub caps—\$10 ea. Call Tom Thompson: 503-297-2893

## Cascader Email Directory

*Our GMC Cascader News Email Directory reports email addresses of newcomers to the internet and changes to existing addresses. Refer to your most recent membership roster for addresses current as of its publication date.*

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*If you would like to add yourself to the list or make a change in your existing listing, send your information to:*

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Cascaders seeking information or communication with Western States or GMC Motorhomes International may use email and the web as follows:

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## **GMCers from Far and Wide Gather at Engmans' in Alberta, CA**

*by Frank and Carol Gray—an email note to the Cascaders*

Thought you would be interested to hear that we had a great Alberta rally at Joan and Norm Engman's place in south-central Alberta Sept 17-19.

In attendance were members of the GMC International, Western States, Cascader and Alberta groups: Elaine & Harvey Kragt, Ginny & John Lennartson, Hazel & John Sanders, Carmen & Milt Wade came up from the US of A to join Edna & Bert Braden, Joan & Norm Engman, Joyce & Gary Fairbanks, Carol & Frank Gray, Pauline & Gary Krenz, Heddy & Vic McCallum, Edith & Jim McLeod, Loretta & John Rusnell, and Joyce & Jim Young.

On Saturday we went to visit fellow-GMCers Fenn & Bill Purves-Smith who own and operate an old woolen mill nearby. They laid on an interesting tour and demonstration of their vintage mill equip-

ment which made the GMCs look young! John Lennartson entertained us all with his new digital camera and computer which allowed for instant photo-processing and a review of ongoing events.

There was the usual repair work, discussion, and hilarity which seem to prevail at all GMC gatherings. Engmans were their usual extremely hospitable selves. From the Alberta gathering, Engmans, Fairbanks and Wades headed to Iowa then Albuquerque where they were to be joined by Lennartsons. The rest of us were just envious of their upcoming adventures.

A good time was had by all—as is usual at a GMC outing! Hope all went well in Iowa and Albuquerque.

