

## GMC CASCADER MARYHILL WASHINGTON RALLY OCTOBER 2007

The rally was hosted by Keith & Joyce Ebbert at the beautiful location Maryhill State Park on the Columbia River.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 26 Cascader coaches arrived for a fun filled week end of games, tours, and campfires. After all were checked in and set up, we gathered in a large Pavilion for social hour, then the Cascaders famous Pot Luck dinner. When we were full of the delicious food, we set up chairs around a giant fire pit, talked GMC, family told stories and made smores.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, we awoke to a bright sun shiny day. Breakfast was cereal, English muffins, bagels, fresh fruit and lots of visiting. The men had a Q&A session, while the ladies had a craft session. After lunch on our own we carpooled to the 'Stonehenge World War I Memorial', built by Sam Hill. We then went to the Maryhill Museum also built by Sam Hill, filled with many interesting displays and Art and culture. Then to the Maryhill Winery where we were able to taste about eight different wines. The view of the Columbia River Valley from the Winery patio was spectacular. Many Cascaders went back to their coaches with a wine bottle or two in hand.

We met in the Pavilion for social hour, then were served a delicious BBQ dinner or Tri-Tip wrapped in bacon and Salmon, salad, veg. and dessert. After prying ourselves from the table, we were back at the fire pit for more stories, smores, etc.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> We awoke to another beautiful shiny day. Breakfast of cereal, bagels, muffins, fruit. The men had another Q&A session and the ladies a craft session. After lunch we loaded a big yellow school bus for a walking tour of The Dalles, to see murals, historic church and shopping. We loaded the bus again and headed for the Discovery Museum and Interpretive Center. We learned interesting facts about Lewis and Clark's expedition, also about how the canyons, valleys and rock formations were formed by the Missoula Floods thousands of years ago. We loaded the bus once again and headed for dinner at Cousins Restaurant. Dinner was Chicken Cordon Blue or Baron of Beef, salad, veg. and dessert of Apple Cobbler (Yum). Business meeting was held right after dinner. Back on the bus for the return to our coaches. After arriving back at camp some went back to the fire pit for more visitation, a beautiful night, every star in the sky was doing it's best to out shine the next one.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Another bright sunny day. Another hardy Breakfast. After breakfast a group picture was taken. Then time to say out good by's, and looking forward to meeting again in December.

What a fabulous Rally, thank you Keith and Joyce.