



News

October 2010



Canadian Rolling Rally

We had a beautiful sunny day to start the GMC Canadian Rolling Rally along Highway 3 in British Columbia between September 11th and 20th. Hosts Dave and Linda Ireland welcomed us to the Chilliwack grounds owned by the Atchelitz Threshermen's Association, a group of volunteers who maintain a collection of historical equipment displayed in a pioneer town setting. Our two-day dry camping stay started with Saturday night's happy hour in the cozy woodstove-heated meeting room – there was lots of visiting and new club members Kim and Patricia Davison were introduced. We emerged to find our sunny weather had dissolved into rain, and rain it did! The meeting room sheltered most everyone the next day for more visiting and game-playing as more than an inch of rain pelted down. Between downpours, everyone got a tour of the antique equipment by ATA volunteer tour guides.



As it turned out, it was also the first day of the "men's rolling seminar" because nearly every coach experienced small repair needs. There were leaking power-steering hoses, blown exhaust manifold gaskets, plugged fuel filters, propane leaks, un-cooperative holding tanks, transmission line leaks, troubling compressors, and grounding problems -- keeping the men busy throughout the trip.



It was still raining on Monday so no one did any area sight-seeing. We headed for Manning Park, with a 4,400-foot mountain pass to maneuver. Some took the direct route, others moseyed through Harrison Hot Springs. Once over the crest of the mountains blue sky emerged and was celebrated by all. During the two-night stay here in the pristine high-altitude forest, we hiked around the lake (where Patti Smith earned her Girl Scout assistance and patience badges from Sharon Cummins, who was earning her survival badge), took a side trip to a lookout where you could see forever, enjoyed campfire happy-hours each evening and a potluck one night.

On Wednesday morning we drove to Hedley for a two-night stay along the Simalkameen River at a small, cute, intimate, cozy RV park just meant for GMC's. The gazebo was the perfect setting for each night's happy hour and potluck, with chairs pulled around the fire pit to end the evening.

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It was here that Linda Ireland took a tumble and emerged the next morning with a shiner and a limp – preventing her from joining the hardy-half of the group for the tour to the Mascot Gold Mine. There are not adequate

words to describe the trip to the mine. It was a 35-minute-ride of switchbacks up a narrow gravel road to the 5,600-foot level where everyone leaning toward the mountain-side of the road was what you swore held the bus in place – and with views that took your breath away at every turn. We spotted mountain sheep, black bear and mule deer during the ride. Once at the top, we walked down 589 steps to the mine entrance itself, getting the full history of the mountain-side operation from our tour guide. It was hard to comprehend the hardship the miners endured -- walking up and down the mountain each day to work, driving trucks too wide

for the road, backing onto ramps that were held up by stilts – the conditions were severe. Then we all met our own severe condition – the walk back up those 589 steps! Once the bus arrived back in Hedley, we met the rest of our group for a great lunch in the Indian Band Museum. The local archeologist showed a movie on local Indian history and gave us a demonstration on flint chipping. What a spectacular one-of-a-kind day!



Some of the group left early on Friday for our one-night stay at Osoyoos, going via Highway 3A to visit Okanagan Falls, while others took the direct route through scenic vineyards

and apple orchards. We camped right on Osoyoos Lake, with Dan and Judi Borlase of Kelowna, B.C. dropping by in their coach for an afternoon visit. Our trip to Nk'Mip Winery ended with most everyone heading to town for a great Italian dinner at Campo Marina Restaurant. Dwayne and Sharon Jacobson departed the next morning for home.

On Saturday we drove to our last Canadian stop, Grand Forks. Our side-by-side parking in the city's RV park brought us attention, and a local person videotaped the coaches and interviewed Dave Ireland; you will find the segment on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8a7IjJB5JY>.



We were close enough to downtown for walking, so everyone enjoyed the browsing, shopping and lunching the town provided. We had the last happy hour and potluck on Saturday, and if you stayed outside long enough, you could see the park fill with deer. On Sunday we had off-and-on rain, but it cleared up for the walk to the Borscht Bowl for our Doukhabor Russian dinner. We all enjoyed the buffet layout of ethnic food; the restaurant owners were delightful, opening the small restaurant on Sunday just for us and catering to Kim's celiac needs. It was a great evening.

On Monday we said our goodbyes to those not traveling on, thanked Dave and Linda for all their hard work, went into town to use up the balance of our Canadian cash, and headed for the U.S. It was a small border-crossing site and everyone breezed through without a hitch.

The participant's critique sheets showed that everyone enjoyed the leisurely pace of the rally, the camaraderie of the group, the wonderful events and sights en route, the nightly happy hours and potlucks, and the diversity of the campgrounds. Let's do more rolling rallies!

Those attending the Rolling Rally:

Terry & Joanne Boyd	Dwayne & Sharon Jacobson	Gordon & Lucie Seykora
Kim & Patricia Davison	Paul & Jackie Jones	Ron & Patti Smith
Keith & Joyce Ebbert	Terry & Gloria Morris	Ken Walker & Susan Bell
Carol Gray	Lawrie & Virginia Paradis	Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins
Dave & Linda Ireland		

Submitted by Sharon Cummins

CONNECTOR RALLY



The connector rally, arranged by Dick and Isola Olson, began at Two Rivers RV Resort. Some eastern Washington members had started over the weekend of September 18th, with the Canadian rolling rally group driving in about noon on September 20th, and the Gibsons and Freemires arriving later that afternoon. The Canadian group crowded the laundry room for some much-needed use of the washers and dryers. The skies clouded over and a thunder and lightning storm sent everyone scurrying for their motorhomes. The rain was short-lived and it had cleared in time for our catered dinner in the covered picnic area.



On the second day everyone either hiked around the Two Rivers property, played on the river beach, biked the area or continued visiting. We had so much catered food leftover from the previous night that we gathered up picnic tables and had a potluck at an empty campsite.

On Wednesday we drove to Ephrata, some taking the direct southern route through Davenport, some venturing north through the rolling harvested wheat fields to Grand Coulee Dam and Dry Falls. The Grand Coulee group was treated to the ear-splitting low pass of a fighter jet popping out from behind a hill and whizzing past. The Ephrata stay was low-key; we sat around for happy hour but no one had any enthusiasm for a potluck. The evening was filled with some TV watching, reading or game-playing in coaches.

Everyone left on Thursday for Prosser, WA – some going through the tri-cities and some through the Hanford nuclear site to Benton City.

Those attending the rally:

Terry & Joanne Boyd	Don & Mary Gibson	Mike Nooney & June Timmons
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun	Paul & Jackie Jones	Dick & Isola Olson
Paul & Kendall Eminger	Terry & Gloria Morris	Ken Walker & Susan Bell
Ted & Jackie Freemire	Dick & Jackie Mumby	Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins

Submitted by Sharon Cummins

PROSSER RALLY

The much-anticipated Balloon Festival rally started on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at Wine Country RV Park in Prosser, WA, hosted by Barbie and DJ Eberhart with backup assistance by Ron and Patti Smith. The RV park was full to overflowing with the popular festival, but our GMC's were parked somewhat together, some sites holding two coaches. Thursday's weather was wet and drizzly, with promises from the park personnel of beautiful weather for balloon lift-off. Happy hour in the clubhouse at 5 p.m. was followed by a great potluck. Visiting lasted into the evening.

A few hearty souls trekked the short distance to the airfield at 6 a.m. on Friday to see the balloons up close, but the rest of us stayed huddled close to the coffeepot and muffins to watch from the clubhouse. The balloons rose one-by-one from behind our coaches, making a delightful sight in the beautiful morning sky. The rest of the day was spent in various activities: visiting the downtown street fair of vender booths, checking out the produce at the Farmers Market, crowding into the small local quilt shop, tasting local wines at various wineries, accompanying DJ Eberhart to the railroad museum in Toppenish, lunching in local restaurants. Friday's catered dinner in the clubhouse was followed by various game-playing and more visiting.



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Saturday morning was a repeat, watching the rising of the balloons from either the airfield or RV park. Then some Cascaders continued



their downtown pursuits but the day lent itself to hanging the doodads purchased the day before or just sitting around in small groups to enjoy the sunshine. The evening's catered meal was served from the laundry room and eaten at outside picnic tables. The highlight of Saturday was the Night Glow Show at the high school stadium. The pre-glow show began at 6 p.m. followed by the balloons being lit after dusk. The balloon pilots first inflated the balloons and followed with bursts of light in beat to music. It was spectacular!

The catered breakfast on Sunday was followed by a business meeting of officer elections and installation of those officers. Welcome to Ron Smith, new president. Mary Gibson assumed temporary position as vice president until a permanent candidate can be elected, and Jackie Jones will continue as secretary, Mary Gurtler as treasurer, and Sharon Cummins as wagon master.

A huge thanks to Barbie and DJ for the rally planned around such a fun event, and an equally huge thanks to Ron and Patti for being on-site from their home just 25-miles away to help Barbie at the last minute with the rough spots! The foursome were also on hand to give people rides to-and-from the various events in town.

Those attending the rally:

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| Terry & Joanne Boyd | Don & Mary Gibson | Michael & Nancy Pellegrino |
| Tom & Sally Donovan | John & Vera Gruenewald | Will & Janis Powers |
| Keith & Joyce Ebbert | Bill & Betty Hubler | Gordon & Lucie Seykora |
| DJ & Barbie Eberhart | Verl & Marge Jarmin | Ron & Patti Smith |
| Gene & Diana Ewankiw | Russ & Patti Johnson | Warren Steinman |
| Jeff Fraisure & Mary Gurtler | Paul & Jackie Jones | Frank & Diane Taber |
| Damon Freeman | Tim & Cass Jones | Ken Walker & Susan Bell |
| Ted & Jackie Freemire | Fred & Ruth Leitch | Noble Warrant & Sharon Cummins |
| Ernie & Linda Garcia | Terry & Gloria Morris | Wayne & Sandy Wright |
| Lawrie & Virginia Paradis | | |

Submitted by Sharon Cummins

GMC CASCADERS RALLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: PROSSER, WASHINGTON

September 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President, Mary Gibson.

Hosts / Helpers: We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to our rally hosts, D.J. & Barbie Eberhart and Ron & Patti Smith. Also thank you to Linda Garcia for putting together the welcome packets and to Jackie Jones, Virginia Paradis and Vera Gruenewald for donating their quilting items to the rally. And a thank you to D.J. Eberhart for organizing the trip to the train museum and everyone that provided transportation to the various activities. Everyone enjoyed the daily sighting of the hot air balloons over the RV Park, the Prosser Balloon Festival street faire, the Farmers Market, visits to the local wineries and various local activities. It was a great rally with fun activities and good camaraderie among our GMC family. There were approximately 27 coaches and 55 people in attendance.

Ron gave a report on the Canadian Rolling rally that just finished up its travels here at the Prosser Balloon Rally. There were 12 - 14 coaches that traveled along the way. Ron spoke of our adventures to Chilliwack, the mine tour in Hedley, our visit to Osoyoos and our Russian meal in Grand Forks, BC. The rally was extended into Two Rivers RV Park, Lake Roosevelt and Ephrata, WA. A special appreciation and thanks to Dave Ireland for organizing the rolling rally. And we would like to also thank Dick Olson, who organized the Washington leg of the rally. Everyone that traveled on the rolling rally certainly enjoyed themselves.

We would like to welcome new members Kim and Patricia Davison that attended the rolling rally.

New Members/First Rally: Mary welcomed new members present, Tom and Sally Donovan and Damon Freeman. Also were visitors with inquiring minds, Chris & Elaine Christiansen. We welcome them all.

Secretary Report: Jackie Jones requested approval of the previous minutes from the Sequim, WA. Rally, July 2010, as published. The minutes were approved: 1st motion – Barbie Eberhart, 2nd motion – Terry Boyd. We presently have 138 memberships. Jackie reminded everyone that membership dues notices were mailed out. Please send in your dues if you have not already done so.

Treasurer Report: Mary Gurtler reported that we have \$6354.30 in the treasury account, with \$1825.00 out in deposits. These figures are as of 9/20/2010. Mary passed out to the membership an annual budget that she completed. She fielded questions concerning the budget. One item that came into question was postage and supply costs. We need to strongly urge all members that have access to email to make sure that you notify us that you prefer your club correspondence sent to you in this manner. The only items that the club does mail via postage to all members are a roster (one of the two sent out a year to the members) and the annual membership renewal notices. Sending out newsletters, rally notices and rosters can be very expensive to members that have access to email but choose to have it sent postal. An audit was also done on Saturday, September 25, 2010, by Don Gibson and Frank Taber, the audit committee. Frank Taber gave the audit report. Frank complimented Mary on a job well done and the treasury books look in great shape. A motion was passed to accept the audit as presented, 1st motion – Tim Jones, 2nd motion – Lawrie Paradis. Membership approval was given. The budget will be located under the “members only” section of our website.

First Vice President Report: (Historian) Ron Smith stated get well wishes were extended to Linda Ireland (injury) and Mary Gurtler (surgery). Also our condolences were extended to the family of Eldin Evans, a former Cascader member, who passed away a couple of months ago.

Second Vice President Report: (Wagon Master) Sharon Cummins discussed the Christmas rally that will be in Wilsonville, Oregon, in December. We will have a 50's theme and an Elvis impersonator that Sharon has been able to obtain for our entertainment. So be thinking about the 50's theme and what attire you can find fitting for the festivities. Sharon said she will be asking us to give her our high school photos as one part of the fun activities. Please send them to Sharon via email or postal mail as soon as you can. Sharon has been giving members rally critiques after each rally. Please complete and return them to her. Your input will help in evaluating future rallies and member's attendance. Please check the website for further updates and information on upcoming rallies.

Western States: D.J. Eberhart reported on the upcoming Western States rally in Las Vegas. It is scheduled for October 17-22, 2010. If you are still interested, please contact Mike and Judy Cherry. The Western State spring rally in 2011 will be held in King City, CA. The fall rally, in 2011, will be held in St. George, Utah. D.J. reported that the last Western State rally in Auburn, CA, was the best rally he has attended. There were many tech seminars for the men and activities for the women. He highly encouraged us to support Western States by attending future rallies.

GMC International: No representative present. Please check the GMC International website for further information.

FMCA: Neil Radford, Northwest area FMCA representative, was present to speak to us about FMCA. He talked about GMC's at rallies and that they will be assigned to park together. He encouraged our attendance at the next FMCA northwest rally in 2011, in Albany Oregon. In 2013, FMCA will celebrate their 50th anniversary. He requested we think about a theme for this anniversary rally and activities.

Old Business: The time is here for our annual officer elections. The position open is for 1st Vice President, Historian. Mary Gibson has agreed to temporarily hold this position until it is filled. Terry Morris held the nominations and election for officers and positions for the club. A motion was made by Tim Jones and 2nd motion by Terry Boyd to accept the following officers and positions:

President:	Ron Smith
1 st Vice President, Historian:	Mary Gibson (temporary until filled)
Secretary:	Jackie Jones
Treasurer:	Mary Gurtler
2 nd Vice President, Wagon Master:	Sharon Cummins
Webmaster:	Tony Wright

D.J. Eberhart -- Western State representative
George Baxter -- GMC International representative
Jerry Work - FMCA representative

The membership approved the nominations for officers and club positions. Thank you, Mary Gibson, for your tenure as our President this last year. And congratulations are in order for our in-coming president, Ron Smith.

Congratulations to all of our new and past officers on a job well done.

New Business: No new business brought up.

Mary Gibson adjourned the meeting at 0945.

1st motion: Tim Jones
2nd motion: Paul Jones

Minutes submitted by: Jaclyn Jones ~ Secretary

Business Meeting Attendees:

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NEW PRESIDENT AT GMC INTERNATIONAL

Carol Baxter has been elected the first woman president of GMC International! Woohoo, Carol!!

Get Well Soon

Mary Hupy

On July 6th Mary was taken to the hospital with shortness of breath. She had to have surgery for heart problems. A complication was a stroke. After 71 days in the various hospitals, she is now home regaining her endurance and has nearly recovered from the effects of the stroke.

For the full story visit

<http://www.gmc-cascaders.com/NewsLetters/MaryHupyOct2010.pdf>

Gloria Morris

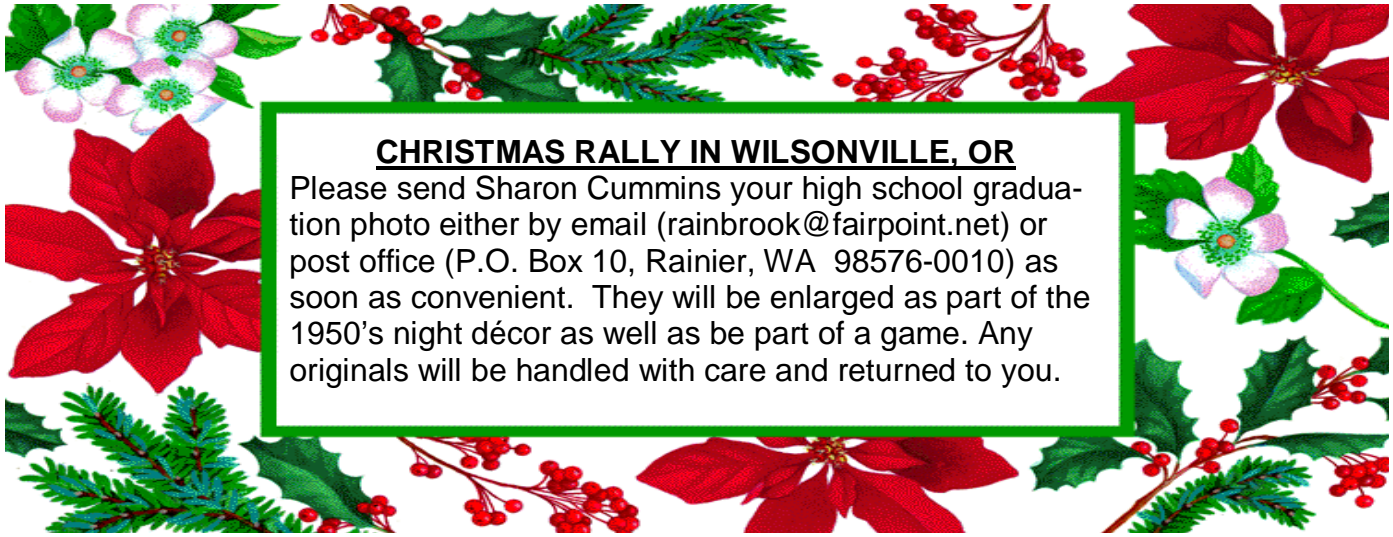
On October 4th Gloria took a fall on her concrete patio and broke her hip. She is now home again, buzzing around in a wheelchair, not in any hip pain nor on any pain medication. Will she be at the Christmas rally in Wilsonville?? You bet!! Santa and his sidekick will be there with bells on!

For the full story visit

<http://www.gmc-cascaders.com/NewsLetters/GloriaMorrisOct2010.pdf>

Bob Clarke

Bob Clarke is recovering from a heart attack which was further complicated by a drug reaction. After 30 days in the hospital, with a few months recovery and physical therapy, he will be better than new!!



CHRISTMAS RALLY IN WILSONVILLE, OR

Please send Sharon Cummins your high school graduation photo either by email (rainbrook@fairpoint.net) or post office (P.O. Box 10, Rainier, WA 98576-0010) as soon as convenient. They will be enlarged as part of the 1950's night décor as well as be part of a game. Any originals will be handled with care and returned to you.

Rally Event Calendar

Date (s)	Location	Rally Master
December 3-5 2010	Pheasant Ridge RV Park Wilsonville, Or	The Executive Board
February 10-13 2011	Valentines Sweetheart Rally Westport, WA.	Tony & Sandra Lammi
April 2011	Mayfield Lake Lewis County, WA	Rod & Maurrie Price Bill & Peggy Guise
May 19-22 2011	Dry Camping at Morris' acre- age between Twisp and Oka- nogan WA	Terry & Gloria Morris
June 23-26 2011	Wine Tour Tri-Cities WA area	Ron and Patricia Smith
July 29-31, 2011	Salem Steam-Up Salem Or.	Jim and Mary Hupy
September / October 2011	Rolling Rally Central Oregon	Will & Janis Powers
December 2011	Christmas Rally TBD	The Executive Board
Summer 2012	White Rock, BC Canada	Dwayne & Sharon Jacobson

Photos

Many thanks to the folks that sent in their rally photos, Dwayne Jacobson, Sharon Cummins, Ted Freemire, Don Gibson. Did you know more photos from the rallies are available on the website? If you have rally photos you would like to share send them to webmaster@gmc-cascaders.com , and they will be made available on the website. http://www.gmc-cascaders.com/rally_photos.htm

GMC Motorhomes and Parts for sale can be found on the GMC Cascaders website: http://www.gmc-cascaders.com/for_sale.htm

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