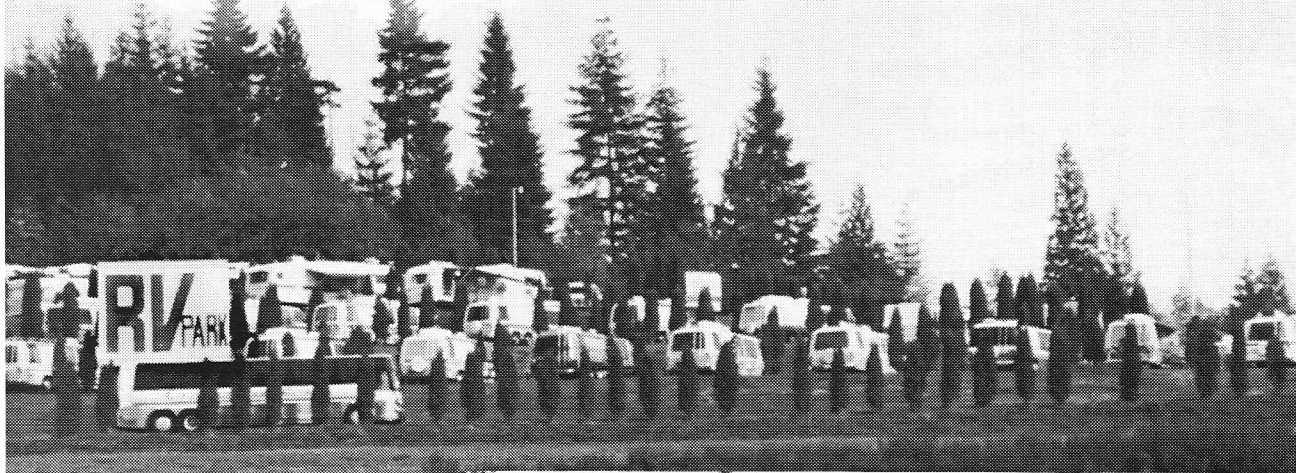


Fifty coaches stacked on a rainy hillside? Yup, it's the MOUNT SAINT HELENS RALLY...earth, fire and water!



Photos by Kershaws

High above the highway to the volcano, we hooked up amidst periodic showers for a weekend devoted to learning more about that earth-shaking phenomenon—Mt. St. Helens. Featured main event was a day trip in two chartered Prevost tour busses from Evergreen Stage. Intrepid professional drivers navigated the tortuous highway to the hanging valleys and windy ridges of the blowdown area. More impressive, they threaded their way safely through the tight turns and narrow roadways of the Mt. St. Helens RV park. (See upper photo.)



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Rally Schedule 1995-96

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	HOSTS
December 1-3	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV Park	Frys, Diers, Jones, & Ragsdales
February	Probably at State Fairgrounds, Salem, OR		DeLapps plus volunteers
April	—plans uncertain at publication—		
June 23-28	Vancouver to Quesnel, BC;	a rolling rally	Denny and Fran Allen

Additional rallies scheduled for 1996; see future issues of the *GMC Cascaders News*.

Photo by Hardins



AT THE PARK

Bingo, catered meals and good fellowship occupied our time at the Mt. St. Helens RV park. We filled the club house to overflowing and spilled out onto the deck for meals when the showers eased up (*left*). Winning bingo cards prompted a

variety of reactions from Jan Moore's glee (*left*) to Carol Baxter's total disbelief (*below*).

Photo by Hardins



Photo by Kershaws

Ray Groth served as bingo floor manager (*right*) while the adept team of Bill Foote (eating the microphone) and Dolph Eberhard cranked out numbers under the benign supervision of Mary Lou Foote (*right*).



Photo by Hardins

Excursions

Friday night's trip to the Mt. St. Helens theatre (*below*) entertained and educated about the volcano eruption—excellent film. Adjourning next door to the pizza parlor, Cascaders chowed down big time. Chet Kershaw reported it took 22 pitchers of pop to wash down 26

giant pizzas! Next morning, Captain Kershaw ushered all aboard busses for the trip up the mountain (*right*).

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ON THE MOUNTAIN...

Throughout our bus tour, evidence of the power and resilience of nature amazed us. From the gaping maw of the crater (*right*) to the miles of devastated land (*below*), we were constantly confronted with evidence of the force of the eruption.

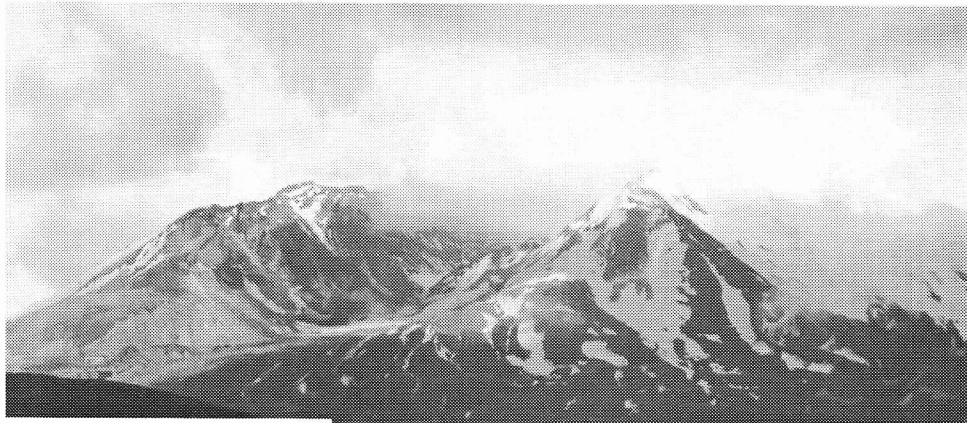


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Our bus driver/tour guides offered on-the-road information about areas as we passed through. We streamed off busses to see the buried A-frame (*lower right*). This vacation cottage, finished just before the eruption,

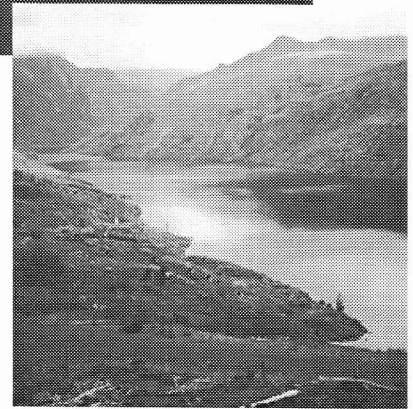


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now sits five feet deep in ash. Just as wondrous as volcanic destruction, were the abundant testimonials to nature's recuperative powers. Two interpretive centers presented excellent background on the eruption and the subsequent recovery of thousands of acres of land. An eruption-formed lake (*upper right*) supports a food chain topped by native fish who found their way into the lake on their own. The timber-industry-supported center (*bottom middle*) emphasized the impact on timber and the industry's response. The government-sponsored visitors' center, our ultimate destination, used interactive media, models and local guides to explain, vividly, the entire natural drama.

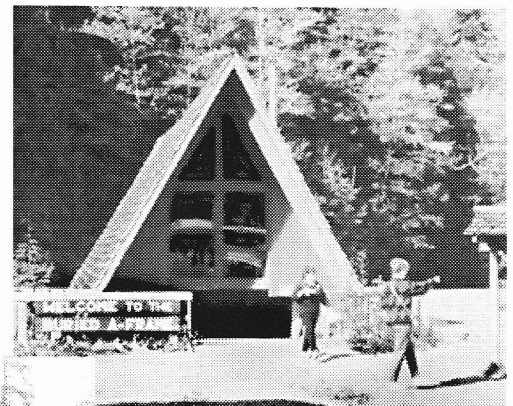


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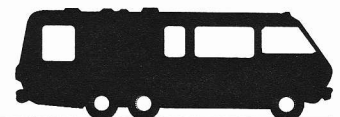


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Once more, Cascaders have a dedicated and hardworking host/greeter team to thank for a grand time, and a worthwhile event. It is also heartwarming that the crew insists they had fun doing the job. Who's volunteering for the February or April rallies, eh?



MINUTES—10/8/95, Mt. St. Helens, WA

Incoming President, Carol Baxter, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. She extended a big "Thank You" to retiring President, Becky Ragsdale.

New members, Rod and Terry Vosgien were welcomed to the Cascaders. Hearty "Thank You's" were extended to our rally hosts and co-hosts: Chet and Karen Kershaw, Ray and Bev Groth, Bill and Mary Lou Foot, Earl and Marley Becker, and Dolph and Barbara Eberhart. It was noted that early registrations were very important. Chet had to turn away 26 would-be-attendee coaches as he had filled the 50 coach limit in just four days!!

President Baxter then welcomed our rally guests: Barbara Allen and Becky Kreag; Pete and Jo Allen, parents of Denny and Fran Allen; Dee Dee Swan, guest of Karl Cunningham; Merynn, granddaughter of Bill and Denise Hemphill; Allison, granddaughter of Darryl and Mary Wilson; Leo Harp, guest of Thelma Kearns; and Ron, son of Warren and Lorraine Hultman. Also welcomed back were Pete Cogburn, Will Townes, S.I. and Nancy Johnson, Charles and Mabel Williams, and Warren and Lorraine Hultman.

Rally attendees included:

Becky Kreag and Barbara Allen	S.I. and Nancy Johnson
Denny and Fran Allen	Les Harp and Thelma Kearns
Pete and Jo Allen	Chet and Karen Kershaw
George and Carol Baxter	Walt and Jerry Krebs
Earl and Marley Becker	John and Virginia Lennartson
Andy Bell and Paul Richmond	Ken and Deon Madison
Alex Birch	Jack and Doris Mast
Alan and Margaret Bovee	John Miller
Terry and JoAnne Boyd	Terry and Gloria Morris
Pete Cogburn	Walt and Liz Ovens
Karl Cunningham and Dee Dee Sawn	Don and Luana Perry
Howard and Jeanne Day	Del and Vi Preston
Glenn and Ruth Diers	Ken and Becky Ragsdale
Dolph and Barbara Eberhart	Jan Moore and John Raugust
Clarence and Elsie Estridge	Joe and Yvonne Sawtell
Ray and Mary Lou Foote	Jim and Sheryl Scolman
Bob and Elaine Fry	Cliff and Rosemary Smith
Gordon and Carol Frydenlund	Bud and Joy Sunderland
Dave and Sharon Gadowski	Ted and Jane Swanson
Leon and Martha Goebel	Tom and Margie Thompson
Ray and Bev Groth	Will Townes
Bill and Priscilla Hardin	Rod and Terry Vosgien
Bill and Denise Hemphill	Chuck and Mabel Williams
Carl and Helen Hove	Daryl and Mary Wilson
Warren and Lorraine Hultman	
Marv and Betty Johnson	

Secretary's report—Minutes—Corrections to the minutes of the 8/18/95 meeting, as published in the GMC Cascaders News included: changing Bob Kershaw to Chet Kershaw. Minutes were approved as corrected: moved (M) by E. Fry, seconded (S) and passed (P).



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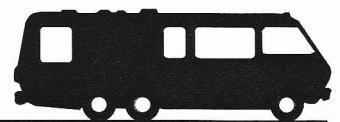
Dedicated host/greeter team produced a great rally... from left to right: Dolph Eberhart, Chet and Karen Kershaw, Barbara Eberhart, Mary Lou Foote, Bev and Ray Groth, Bill Foote and Marley and Earl Becker. We do not know the names of the spider, the two buck deer and the pheasant in the back row. They didn't help much anyway.

New secretary, Liz Ovens, recognized the work of outgoing secretary, Pris Hardin. Pris has agreed to continue publishing the GMC Cascaders News. Liz requested that members volunteering photos for the newsletter please forward them directly to Pris.

Treasurer's Report— Ruth Diers announced that membership has grown to 178 member coaches. The treasury currently holds \$2,721.41. Treasurer's report was accepted (MSP).

First Vice President's Report— Terry Morris announced that cards containing our best wishes went to Don Forster who is recuperating from a stroke and to Ken Wilson following recent heart surgery. Terry read a note from Ken, thanking the club for TLC and reporting that he is, indeed, up and moving, albeit slowly. Cards of best wishes were also going to Becky Fleet, who has a broken leg, and to Laura Childs following her knee surgery.

Second Vice President (Wagonmaster), Glenn Diers, announced that the "no-host," December rally at the Cannon Beach RV Resort now has hosts: Bob and Elaine Fry, Glenn and Ruth Diers, Tim and Cass Jones, and Ken and Becky Ragsdale. The rally dates are December 1-3. Register early as there is only room for 40 coaches.



Upcoming rallies:

April '96 may find us near Salem, Oregon.

June '96—Denny Allen reported plans for a June Canadian rolling rally; Vancouver to Prince George (500) no dates set yet. Those who are interested could continue on up to and through Alaska, returning via the marine system. Dave Ireland will consult on this aspect of the trip. (Ed. Note: See notice on page 6.)

August '96—The brand new Starky's Store and RV Park, near LaGrande, Oregon, is a possibility. It might be a five-day affair.

FMCA Representative Report— President Baxter announced that Ken Wilson is our new representative and Ray Groth is the alternate. No current report was available.

Old Business—Glenn Diers announced that the club has Cascader flags available from Ruth (\$20 ea.) and 50 of the new red or navy corduroy GMC caps (\$15 ea.). Jackets are still available at \$28 ea.

New Business—Carol Baxter reported on the GMC International rally at Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota and the GMC Western States rally at Estes Park, Colorado. Highlights of the report were a story of Karl and Helen Hove's encounter with "Oh my God" hill and the snow they all woke up to one morning at Estes Park. It was announced that the '96 GMC Western States rally may be at Desert Hot Springs in California. GMC International '96 will be in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Adjournment— Meeting closed at 9:40 am. MSP, B. Fry and A. Bell.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Owens, Secretary

ECHOES OF PAST EVENTS...

Jim and Sheryl Scolman sent their new address along with wide-screen images of our Wallowa business meeting.

Jim, for whom a few weeks of full-timing felt more like homelessness, happily reports their new address:

419 Washington, Baker City, Oregon 97814



Photo by Scolmans

On the Road Again

FOR SALE: 1973 Olds Toronado—2-door. Runs! Asking \$700.00. Call Ken Wilson for details at: 360-293-0283

FOR SALE: Professionally rebuilt Olds 455 engine—\$2,000.00 Call John Miller, Milton-Freewater, Oregon at: 1-541-938-5981

From Ken and Jean...

Just before our Mt. St. Helens rally, the GMC News received this gracious note:

We would like to thank everyone for their concerns for Ken with his recent surgery. Thanks for all the cards, phone calls and good wishes. We were disappointed to miss the Mt. St. Helens rally, but are glad to report Ken's doing well.

Ken and Jean Wilson

FMCA-NW Area VP's Notes...

Wayne Muessig urges Cascaders to pull the registration form for the Puyallup Northwest Area rally out of their FMCA Magazine and SIGN IN, PLEASE. The rally runs from May 24-27 at the Western Washington State Fairgrounds. Registration information is available through Sandi Steinfeld at 503-654-1704—evenings.

Wayne also notes the following dates and events: FMCA Winter Convention in Perry, Georgia, is March 26-28 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. FMCA Summer Convention will be at Billings, Montana's Metra Park from July 18-20.



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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES???

The only exempt members are those who joined since June 1995 or who hold special membership status.

NEWS for summer planners...

Denny and Fran Allen enthusiastically announce a GMC Cascader rolling rally through beautiful British Columbia. Fortunately for us, Hosting Mania has caught up with them again! They plan on starting June 23rd somewhere in or near Vancouver and rolling into Quesnel (up north) by June 28th. Once more we will travel about 150 miles per day with plenty of time for short side excursions. Denny says to plan on *some* dry camping as summer facilities are often strained. From Quesnel, there are lots of options for the return trip home. Look forward to a delightful and moving experience.

AND, for those interested in the optional "Complete Alaska Tour," Dave and Linda Ireland will lead on from Quesnel up the road to Alaska! Dave says this leg of the expedition will last up to 25 more days. SO, if you are ready for some far away "northern exposure" start planning. If your plans include a water-borne trip back to more southern latitudes, contact Dave for information NOW. Ferry space must be reserved early.

Start your coach preparations and order all those great travel brochures right away for a winter of dreaming in anticipation of summer adventures.



Load'em up for Cannon Beach

Your should be registered and packing your coach for our next rally, December 1-3 at the Cannon Beach RV resort.

Our hosts, Bob and Elaine Fry, Glenn and Ruth Diers, Tim and Cass Jones and Ken and Becky Ragsdale have pitched in to turn a no-host rally into a pre-holiday fest. Call Elaine for more info.

