

Cascaders Strike Gold... and Scarlet... at Belknap Hot Springs

Hosts Donald and Denta Persinger, Carl and Helen Hove, and Chuck and Roses Barrie assembled a winning combination of great food, elegant surroundings, river rafting adventure and local festival shopping. What hosting!

First time campers could not help but be stunned by the beauty of the Belknap Hot Springs resort grounds (*left, upper and lower*). Well tended gardens nestle in the deep forest with open glades and emerald lawns. Fountains and rock gardens punctuate the scene.

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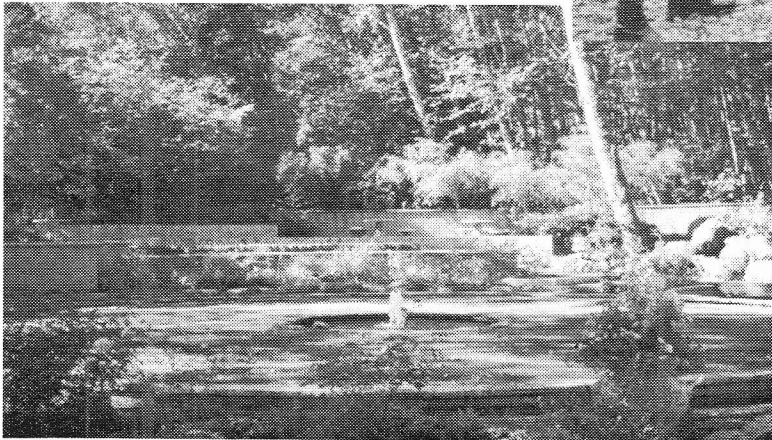


Winter is closing in on GMC Cascaders all over the Pacific Northwest. But those who attended the October rally at Oregon's Belknap Hot Springs on the McKenzie River are enjoying memories of a warm weekend of fun and adventure in a blaze of autumn color and cheerful sunshine.



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Friday evening found 85 Cascaders and guests gathered for a social hour and hot dog roast behind the lodge (*above*). The side board groaned with an array of salads and desserts. "Dawgs" roasted over glowing embers sought refuge in buns and hid under a wide variety of condiments. Hungry diners found them anyway. After dinner, out came the dominos and games began for the avid players in the group. Others carried on in true Cascader fashion with visiting and relaxing dips in the hot pools.

NEXT RALLY

DATES	LOCATION	SITE	Hosts
December 13-15	Anacortes, WA	Fidalgo Bay RV Park	Wilsons (Ken and Jean) & elves

For information on more rallies, see back page.

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Left—Some hardy diners braved the late afternoon chill at the outdoor tables.



Below and lower left—During the past year, GMC Cascaders have developed a serious addiction to Mexican Train dominoes.



A gourmet breakfast preceded Saturday's activities including the river raft trip. How convenient that our river guides also had culinary training (right). They prepared several kinds of breakfast meat, eggs, potatoes and all the fixin's.



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Our hosts announced that the river trip was postponed until right after lunch to give us the warmth of the day and the advantages of full sunshine. Those not committed to the river adventure shopped the fall craft festival just down the road, took the waters, or followed Denta Persinger in a spectacularly beautiful hike around Clear Lake, located 14 miles up highway 126 from Belknap Hot Springs. Other Cascaders just hung out and visited at the park.

Following "lunch on our own" the river rats gathered in front of the lodge to board the vans to the put-in spot down river from the lodge.



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Top—The raft expedition eagerly awaits the unknown.

Middle—Rafters scramble to don strange gear.

Right—Halloween comes early to the upper McKenzie. Who would recognize any of these strange beings?

Photo by Hardin



What complete outfitters! Once at the put-in spot, the three guides distributed blue wind pants, matching protective jackets, life preservers, and wet-suit "booties" to protect raft floors from street shoes. Fully toggged out, the group looked like plump blue penguins lined up on an ice flow. With paddles in hand, the bulging blue birds listened to a safety lecture and then divided into three crews. The three guides led their teams through underbrush to the waiting rafts. The adventure was under way.

In the first few minutes on the water, each guide "trained" his/her crew. The goal was to convert a bunch of old frosties into a smoothly operating crew, capable of maneuvering out of tight spots and propelling the raft fast enough in white water to enable the guide to maintain steering control. The rest of the time, "the crew" could sit back and enjoy the scenery while the guide at the rear of the raft did the steering. What an impressive theory; actual practice proved to be a bit different. Nevertheless, the upper McKenzie is a forgiving river, especially when the water level is as low as it was during this trip.

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Above—Pushing off into the unknown, raft number one begins the adventure.

Right—The first view of the "downhill" river from the rafts brings dazzling reflection from the white water ahead.

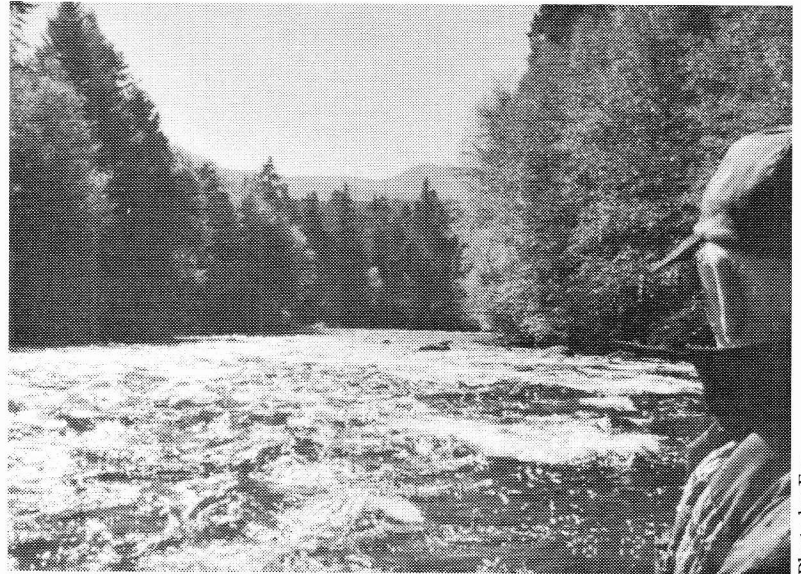
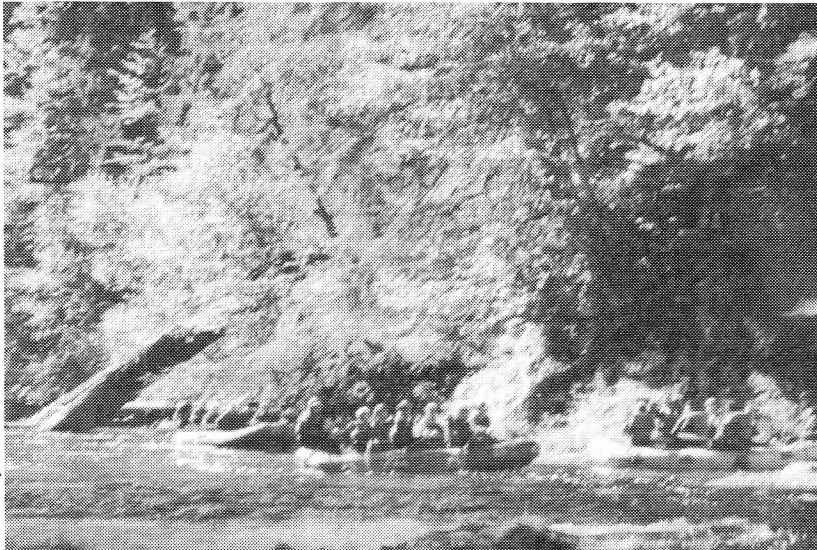


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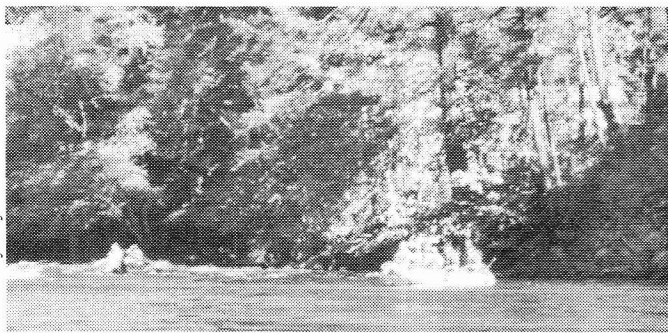


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The largest threats were the likelihood of hanging up on submerged rocks (and a derelict, overturned drift boat) or bumping into another of the three rafts in the flotilla (*left*). The skillful guides knew the river and found the best channels. Warm sun and fall colors bathed the afternoon in an aura of fun and adventure. Each stretch of white water promised to soak all passengers (crew members?). The pair in the prow soon realized that the price of their wonderful view seats was a frequent dousing. Self-bailing rafts did not prevent feet from becoming thoroughly soaked in the fancy booties but wet feet only made the adventure more daring.

Photo by Fry



Hours of happy drifting (*left*) and gawking at the lovely homes lining parts of the river came to an end. Magically, the vans awaited the wet but happy rafters at the takeout point. Soon the mad scramble to locate each person's shoes began. While the guides fished the rafts out of the river and loaded them on the waiting trailers, the three "crews" shed their gear, stowed it in the trailers and laughed at the sight of emerging soaked pants, dripping socks, and generally disheveled fellow rafters.

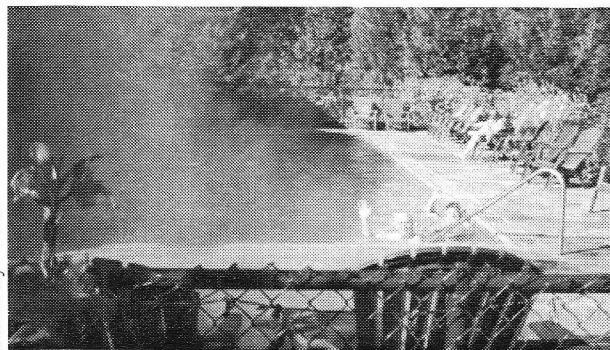
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Returning to the park, Cascaders swapped tales of the day's activities... hikers, shoppers, rafters and pool soakers (*left*) all had a great day of it.

Next came a grand catered banquet. What a meal! Plates laden with delicious

Photo by Evans



food kept diners occupied (*above*); many paraded back to the buffet for more. Thanks, hosts for more fine planning. At dinner, Denta called for reports on the day's activities from the various factions. Diversity and satisfaction seemed to be the themes of the day.

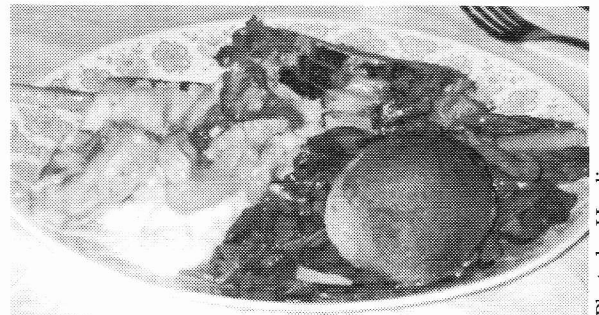
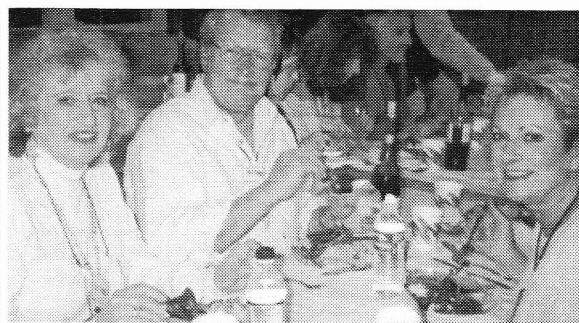
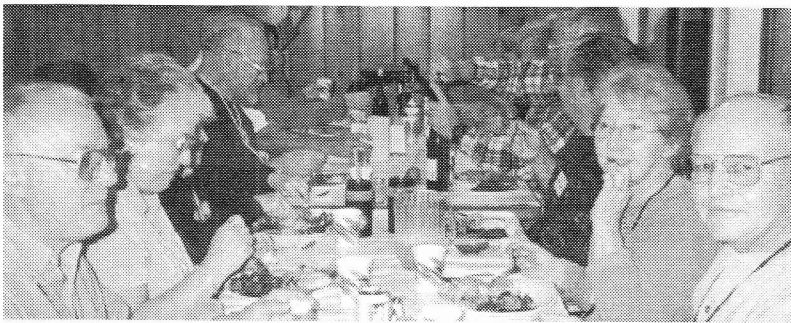


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Following dinner, the dominoes reappeared. Some Cascaders adjourned to the hot water treatment and others faded off to visit in coaches.

Sunday morning breakfast transitioned smoothly into the business meeting (*below*) to be followed by our usual group photograph before all coaches began their journeys home.



As the club gathered in front of the lodge for the group photo, Roses Barrie's fall tarnished the happy rally ending. (*story on page eight.*) The latest report is that Barries are heading south to their winter digs in Borrego Springs to finish healing in the sunshine.



Thanks again to all of the hosts (*right*) for another memorable rally at one of the most distinctive RV parks in the Pacific Northwest.



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On the Road Again

RARE: 1978 GMC Royale Classic, 455 engine—custom rebuilt—24,000 mi. Over \$75,000 in custom interior, exterior, mechanical upgrades, 7 shades of blue, Thorley headers, 3" exhaust, 6K Onan gen., convection/micro., color TV, cable, rear dbl bed, side

bath w/shower, mood lights, new headliner, all records since new; garaged since new. Extras too numerous to list. Call for details & color brochure. Absolute showpiece. \$41,950. Karl Cunningham, 541-463-0637, Eugene, OR



MINUTES 10/13/02

Belknap Hot Springs, Belknap Springs, OR

President's Message—President Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in the meeting room of the Belknap Hot Springs Lodge, Belknap Springs, OR, on Sunday, October 13, 2002. Tim thanked our hosts, Buck and Roses Barrie, Don and Denta Persinger and Carl and Helen Hove putting on the rally—great job!!

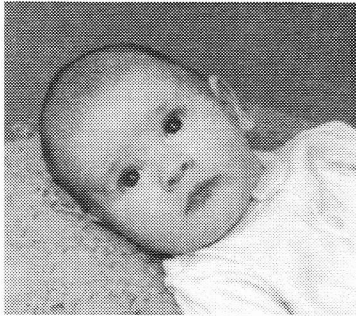


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Tim welcomed new member: Walker Madison, son of Ken & Holly. Guests attending: Brian & Lenora Sigsworth, Ted & Jackie Freemire, Marion Calmon, and Sherry Miller.

Little Walker Madison attended the rally, participated in many activities and delighted everyone. Thanks for sharing, Ken and Holly

Rally attendees:

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| Denny & Fran Allen | Jerry & Carolina Henley |
| Buck & Roses Barrie | Carl & Helen Hove |
| George & Carol Baxter | Bill & Betty Hubler |
| Alex & Diane Birch | Tim & Cass Jones |
| Alan & Margaret Bovee | Al & Janet Kruebbe |
| Terry & Joanne Boyd | Bob & Arlene Lawrence |
| Larry & Gaynor Calhoun | Fred & Ruth Leitch |
| Karl & Millie Cunningham | John & Virginia Lennartson |
| Jim Davis & guest | Dan & Mable MacKinnon |
| Marion Calmon | Ken, Holly and |
| Bob & Chris Dunlap | Walker Madison |
| Larry Ekberg & Sherry Miller | Terry & Gloria Morris |
| Eldon & Joyce Evans | Walt Ovens |
| Doug Falk & guests Brian & Lenora Sigsworth | Michael & Nancy Pellegrino |
| Ted & Jackie Freemire | Don & Denta Persinger |
| Bob & Elaine Fry | Glenn & Erral Plymate |
| Gordon & Carol Frydenlund | Rod & Maurrie Price |
| Ray & Bev Groth | Ken & Becky Ragsdale |
| John & Vera Gruenewald | Gene & Carol Ransom |
| Bill & Peggy Guise | Neil & Nancy Sutherland |
| Bill & Pris Hardin | Ted & Jane Swanson |
| | Ken & Jean Wilson |

Secretary's Report—Secretary Cass Jones asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 4, 2002, meeting as published in the September, 2002, newsletter. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. Motion: Walt Ovens (M) Motion passed.

Cass reported renewal notices had been sent out: 139 renewed, 38 not received to date.

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club balance of \$7,425.02. Current membership is 176. Five hundred dollars are out in rally fees.

First Vice President's Report—Vice President George Baxter reported sending get-well wishes to: Jack Titus for quadruple bypass surgery and to Jessie Rowland on neck surgery. Thank-yous to Lammis and Bandurs for August rally. Sympathy cards to: Doug Falk on daughter Nancy's passing, David Hein on the loss of his brother and Doris Mast on Jacks' passing. Will send a card to DJ Eberhart having knee surgery.

Second Vice President (Wagonmaster) Report—Larry Calhoun Wagonmaster, reported on the upcoming rallies:

- 2002—December 13-15: Fidalgo Bay RV Park, Anacortes, WA. Hosts: Wilsons, Calhouns, Ovens, Cupples, Paradis, and Gruenewalds. Ken reported notices have gone out—there is room for 50 coaches.
- 2003—February 21-23: Rest-A-While RV Park, Hoodspport, WA. Hosts: Swanson, Czamy, Freemire, Morris. April: Rogue River, OR. area Hosts: Ransoms. June 13-15: Silver Spur RV Park, Silverton, OR. The Oregon Gardens. Hosts: Evans. August 15-17: ANNUAL MEETING—Wallace, ID. Hosts: Dunlaps. October 3-5: Toppenish, WA.. Hosts: Ragsdale, Price, Guise, Cupples & Baxters. December: Need location & hosts

On-Going Business:

- Western States—Spring, 2003: Apr. 28—May 3, Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA. Fall, 2003: Canada—Osoyoos, BC. September. Spring 2004: Emerald Desert, Palm Desert, CA. Fall, 2004: Oct 5-10, Balloon Festival, Albuquerque, NM
- GMC International: Spring 2003: March 31—6 days, Tucson, AZ.
- FMCA—Director Ken Wilson reported next NW rally, June, 2003, in Albany, OR. FMCA is also working on a telephone network service.

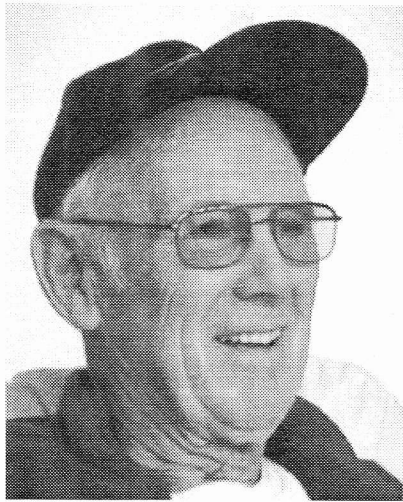
Merchandise—Terry Morris has: hats—red (\$15), club jackets (\$28), decals (\$5) and flags (\$20) Denny Allen has: GMC stamps (\$5) (you supply the ink pad) and belt buckles (\$20). Jessie Rowland has club sweatshirts \$22 if you pick up at a rally and \$26 if mailed. Bill Guise has "cascaders.org" hats (\$16).

Old Business—Website - no report.

New Business—Alan Bovee thanked the Irelands and the Morris's for all their help in putting a new engine in his coach.



IN MEMORIAM



Jack Mast
 husband of Doris
 March 3, 1926—July 15, 2002

IN MEMORIAM



Nancy Falk
 daughter of Doug and Yvonne Falk
 November 7, 1954—September 9, 2002
 Nancy attended our last Canadian rolling
 rally with her dad.

John Gruenewald asked if there was an explanation that could be given on the recent internet goings on regarding GMC International and their last rally. Carol Baxter replied that she had 3 x 5 cards at her coach on which members could submit questions to International. She offered to be available after the meeting to anyone wanting further discussion.

Deadline for newsletter copy: October 31st.

Adjournment (M/S/P) Buck Roses/Ken Ragsdale Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
 Cassandra Jones, Secretary.

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Tricky Bench Dumps Roses

Who would have guessed that the beautiful log bench in front of the lodge at Belknap Hot Springs (*like the one on the right*) was not stable? After a full weekend of helping to make the rally a success, hard working host Roses Barrie stepped up on the bench seat to add a third level of smiling faces to the group photo. Seconds later, the bench rolled on its supports. Roses landed on the pavement behind the bench with a very painful, broken elbow. We hope that the management has now stabilized their benches.

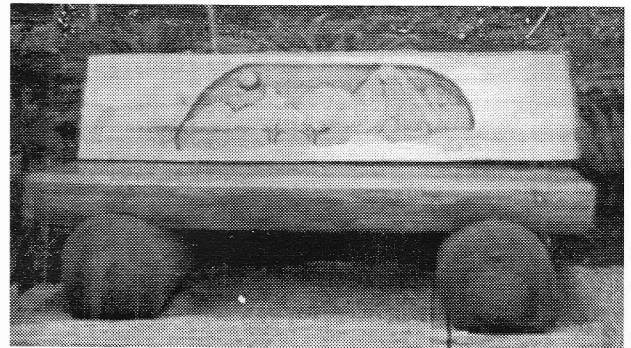


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RALLY SCHEDULE 2002-03

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April —TBA	Rogue River, OR	TBA	Ransom
June 13-15	Silverton, OR	The Oregon Gardens	Evans
August 15-17	Wallace, ID	Down by the Depot RV Park	Dunlap
October 3-5	Toppenish, WA	Yakima Nation RV Resort	Ragsdale, Price, Guise, Cupples, Baxter
December ??, 2003	TBA	TBA	Uncle Larry needs you!

Call Larry Calhoun to volunteer for rallies in 2003! ...fellow hosts will appear!

