



Clarkston Rally – Hell’s Canyon



Five Star Facility,
Wonderful Weather,
Good Friends
Enjoying Hell!

Rolling into Clarkston, Washington, many crawling down the big hill from Spokane, we entered a delightful five star site called Granite Lake RV Resort. It became home for our four day rally. We were met by our host Harvy Kragt and wagon master Larry Calhoun. Every site was first class and we were all located on a gentle hill most facing Granite Lake. The sun really spends the winter here in Clarkston, as all of our days were warm and bright! We were all ready for our trip to Hell’s Canyon!

Thursday evening we got to see old friends at the happy hour, especially Sallee Wenzek, Bill and Jesse Rowland, Del Preston, (our Host), and Gary Gibbs, all who have met the challenges of recent medical issues. In the evening, everybody got a special treat produced by Del and Vi Preston, sharing Denny Allen’s “2002 Canadian rolling rally.” A spectacular dual carousel fade in presentation with real background music was a showstopper!

Friday was the first Hell’s Canyon trip on the Snake Dancer Excursion boats. Our two boats loaded up and took off with speed and gusto for the trip up the canyon. This 5 hour, 100 mile trip was splendid, and our operator, has been doing these trips for the past 13 years and really knew the river, and it’s history. We stopped for lunch half way and the captain broke out a meal of chicken, beans and vegetables. The trip was fast, warm and one gained an appreciation for the wonders of nature, and what has happened in less than 200 years! This is a must area to visit, and be impressed with the past and the future.

Friday evening found us being entertained by Gary Lentz and his “Lewis and Clark Medicine Man Show”. He was dressed in costume and actually performed an operation and “drew blood” from the arm of George Wenzek. Porky’s Pit Barbecue fired up the barbecue pit for our dinner, and that topped off another wonderful day in Clarkston.

Saturday found another two boats heading up the canyon, in all, about 60 Cascaders did the trip and enjoyed every minute. On both Friday and Saturday, the men met to solve the problems of the GMC world, and new ideas were apparent. The ladies were busy with Greta Stueckle who did a demonstration of wheat weaving. It was a popular session, with many busy fingers forming creations.

Saturday evening was another food event with the Happy Day Catering service featuring steak, chicken, mash potatoes and vegetables, with enough for seconds!

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New Editors Note!

It's about time... Pris Hardin where are you! You all know Priscilla, she has been at the helm of editing and publishing our Cascader News for the past ten years. Well, it was about time that her legacy to our Cascaders came to an end and we give the opportunity to others to pick up the ball and attempt to provide a newsletter with some quality. It's hard to summarize what Pris (and Bill) have done on our behalf. We have a newsletter that is the envy of many clubs, and it is recognized as a "class act" by others in the business. Pris has many qualities, you can always know that her network of connections always gave her the "news fit to print". We will miss your bylines Pris, but we know you and Bill will not be too far away in your breadbox.

President's Note

A new year is on its way and in an era of high gas prices, our GMC members will give even more thought to heading out down the road to attend a Cascader rally. When Peggy and I joined the Cascaders, it was because we would be members of a group with a common interest, the GMC. What we have discovered, is a Northwest whose natural beauty has been our opportunity to see what is in our own backyard. When our members set up rallies on the Hood's Canal, or the ocean, or the high timbers, we are the lucky ones who not only get to travel with people we enjoy, but can do it in our GMC. What other group do you know that has the opportunity to strike out on cross country rallies, Canadian rallies, or 3 month Alaska rallies, all in the comfort of friends. It's great being a member of the Cascaders, and I bet our rally attendance doesn't change much because of gas!



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Minutes 9/26/04

Granite Lake RV Park, Clarkston, WA
President's Message - President, Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in the community room of the Granite Lake RV Park, Clarkston, WA on Sunday, September 26, 2004. Tim thanked our hosts, Elaine & Harvey Kragt and Vi & Del Preston. Everyone had a great time with wonderful weather.

Tim welcomed new members attending their first rally Chuck & Pat Horn, guests: Bill & Mary Guenther, Mac & Linda Kreizenbeck, Mac & Dalene Price and Jim & Ann Phillips our NW Area FMCA Rep.

Rally attendees:

Buck & Roses Barrie
Chuck Blanford
Alan & Margaret Bovee
Terry & Joanne Boyd
Larry & Gaynor Calhoun
Dave & Joanne Carter
Thom & Gail Daun
Bob & Christiane Dunlap
Keith & Joyce Ebbert
DJ & Barbie Eberhart
Loren & Rebecca Fleet
Ted & Jackie Freemire
Gary & Gloria Gibbs
Bob & LouAnn Golphenee
Frank & Carol Gray
John & Vera Gruenewald
Bill & Peggy Guise
Jean Gwynn
Bill & Pris Hardin
Ernie Hastie
Joe & Jeanie Hensley
Chuck & Pat Horn
Carl & Helen Hove
Bill & Betty Hubler
Tim & Cass Jones
Harvey & Elaine Kragt
Fred & Ruth Leitch
John & Jenny Lennartson
Terry & Gloria Morris
Mike & June Nooney
Walt Ovens
Mike & Nancy Pellegrino
Del & Vi Preston
Rod & Maurrie Price
Bernie & Bev Roach
Bill & Jessie Rowland
Tom & Margie Thompson
George & Sallee Wenzek
Ken & Jean Wilson
Les & Bunny Wold
Jerry & Sharon Work

Secretary's Report - Secretary Cass Jones asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the August 9, 2004 business

meeting as published in the September 2004 newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published made by John Gruenewald (M) and seconded by Jessie Rowland (S), motion passed (P). Renewal notices will be in the mail next week. Notices passed out to those attending rally. Dues need to be in by October 31st. If you need to contact Cass on Cascader business please use the e-mail address: gmcascaders@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Helen Hove reported a club balance of \$6,539.83. Current membership is 170 paid members.

First Vice President's Report - Vice President Bill Guise reported on cards sent. Get well to: Doris Mast, Maurrie Price, Gordon Frydelund (2 knee replacement), Daryl Wilson (heart stint), Louise Blaise (broken foot), Ken Ragsdale (shingles & heart tests) and one will go to Del Preston.

Vice President (Wagon master) Report - Wagon master Larry Calhoun reported on the upcoming rallies:

2004 - December 3-5 Cannon Beach, OR Officers rally hosts
2005 - February Chehalis (maybe) 2005 - June Denny Allen rolling rally 2005 - December Anacortes, WA Fidalgo Bay RV
2006 - August Wallowa Lake, OR

On-Going Business:

Website: Bill Guise reported that we had 300 hits this month hits on the 'For Sale' area of the WEB.

Western States - Spring 2005: April 4-9 Canyon Vista RV Resort, Gold Canyon, AZ
Fall 2005: El Paso, Texas Kerry Tandy.
Jerry Work is the new WS technical representative, responsible for getting seminars for the WS rallies.

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GMC International - No report. Eastern States - No report.

FMCA - National Director Ken Wilson reported that he and Walt Ovens will be attending the planning meeting at Mt. St.

Helens. NW Rep Jim Phillips introduced Donzella & Bill Leahy. Donzella is running for NW Area Rep next year when Jim retires. Reminder of the NW FMCA Rally June 9-11 at Albany, OR next year.

Merchandise - Terry Morris has hats (\$15), club jackets (\$28) decals (\$5) and flags (\$20) for sale. Jessie Rowland has club sweatshirts \$22 if you pick up at a rally & \$26 if shipped. Also she now has front zippered sweatshirt jackets. \$23 if you pick up at a rally otherwise shipping added. She is putting some into the trailer for future sales. Denny Allen has GMC rubber stamps \$5. Newsletter: Did not have a date.

Old Business: Bob Dunlap presented the Nominating Committees 2005 Slate of Officers:

President: Bill Guise
Vice President: Larry Calhoun
Wagon Master: Terry Morris
Secretary: Cass Jones
Treasurer: Helen Hove
FMCA Rep: Ken Wilson

President Jones asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None being heard asked for the approval of the slate by unanimous consent. Motion made by Jerry Work for unanimous consent, seconded by Walt Ovens. Motion approved. Tim thanked the nominating committee of Bob Dunlap, Maurrie Price & Eldon Evans for all their hard work.

New Business: Treasurer Helen Hove brought up for the new people that if rally hosts need deposits for RV parks, to contact her. Also, discussion about putting on a seminar 'about putting on rallies' so more people will understand how it's accomplished. Helen asked that rally hosts put on the bottom of all rally notices: "Call or advise" if you have to cancel. Early notice will result in funds being returned to member. All rally hosts are to provide a 'general audit' of funds after a rally to Helen.

Nancy & Mike Pellegrino showed the membership a new water filter 'Aqua Wizard' purifier. You may get information at www.puriton.com or 1-800-645-1030. Adjournment (M/S/P) Tim Jones / Barbie Eberhart Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Jones, Secretary*

In Memoriam

Doris Mast 1924-2004

On Wednesday, September 29th, Doris Mast passed away at her home in Bow, Washington. After a series of illnesses and considerable pain, she was comfortable at the end. She kept her strong will to live and her upbeat approach throughout the struggle. Doris was surrounded by loving family. Husband Jack preceded her in death. She is survived by



three children—two sons and a daughter. Doris and Jack were great travelers. They enjoyed adventures in many countries around the world. They drove their 23-foot GMC all over Canada, Mexico and the U.S. They were staunch members of the GMC Cascaders and always brought a lively presence to rallies. Doris' bright sense of humor and impish grin will be sorely missed.

Our photograph was taken of Doris' at her last Cascader rally. In spite of failing health, she was so happy to attend last year's Toppenish rally. We see her here at the Bon Aire estate during the club tour of area wineries. Graveside services have already been held. In January, there will be a memorial service at the Rancho Casa Blanca RV resort in Indio, CA, where Doris and Jack spent so many happy winters—first in their GMC and later in a park-model home. Cascaders may send messages of Sympathy to family in care of daughter Jan Brown at: PO Box 230, Bow, WA 98232, email: hjcbrown@aol.com

FMCA Report

On our return from Clarkston, Walt, Jean and I attended the FMCA Albany Rally planning meeting at Mt. St. Helen's RV Resort. We did not commit the Cascaders to a committee as we have a conflict with the Club's Canadian (Denny's) Rolling Rally at the same time frame. We did state that if some of our member's attend, they might help on a fit-in basis. More on this later. You're National Director, Ken Wilson

Thank you Tim Jones

I pity the poor guy who takes over for Tim Jones as your President. Tim as a person is full of energy, spirit and ideas and steps out to enjoy people with every movement he makes. A quick wit, and a good story are always on Tim's lips, but more than that, he has served us well as our Cascader president, motivating his board, and delivering directions that have ended up keeping the Cascaders a vibrant group of people who enjoy their organization, its people and GMC's. While he will not be too far away, we will miss his wit, and his gentle nudging to get on with it! Thanks Tim, but your not going to be too far away, we still have Cass you know!

Elections held at the Clarkston Rally

The annual election of officers was held at the Clarkston rally and the members voted on a slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee. The committee members were Eldon Evans, Bob Dunlap, and Maurrie Price. The changes were Bill Guise, who will take over from Tim Jones as President, Larry Calhoun who is the new Vice President, and past president, Terry Morris will be our new Wagon Master. Cass Jones and Helen Hove will continue as Secretary and Treasurer, thank god! Ken Wilson will continue as our FMCA National Director, and Walt Ovens will serve as our FMCA alternate.

Bill Guise will serve as a temporary Newsletter editor, and we will welcome on board, another Cascader, tucked away up in Victoria B.C, Jim Bisakowski, who owns his own Desktop publishing business. He has made a commitment to us for the next two years to do the newsletter design and layout. Thanks Jim, and welcome on board! Our club is a dynamic group who need the member volunteers to keep the organization growing and healthy to serve its members. Each time you volunteer, it's appreciated and needed. This is your "heads up" to help our new wagon master set rally locations for 2005.





1. All aboard - loading the boats at the RV resort 2. Cruising up the river 3. Jeanie was nervous (hence the lifejacket), but she was a good sport about the teasing 4. Heavy social hour in new clubhouse 5. Talking shop with Bill and Betty Hubler 6. Del Preston taking Jeanie Hensley's pulse to determine if she can continue the trip 7. Bill and Peggy Guise at the final supper in Clarkston 8.,9. Medicine Man Gary Lentz drawing blood from George Wenzek 10. Hosts enjoying the Gary Lentz "Medicine Man Show" 11. Bill and Pris Hardin & gang! 12. Donzella Leahy & Jim Phillips, NW area FMCA Reps 13. Rosie Leitch at ten weeks 14. Les and Bunny Wold

What a rally, thanks to our Clarkston hosts!

I saw this guy walking up the long asphalt road past these beautiful GMC's with a big bag of garbage over his shoulder, then I saw him again, and again and again, always some distance from where I was standing. He was carrying our garbage, and of course he was one of the team members who made the Clarkston rally a success, It was Harvey Kragt, who along with his wife Elaine, and Del & Vi Preston, found a great site, arranged for a splendid trip, agenda, meals, early morning coffee and of course great entertainment and quality slide presentation of Denny Allen's last Canadian rally. Thanks team for another wonderful rally in the warm sunshine of Clarkston WA.

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E-Mail Winner Announced

The winner of this year's award for changing email address is none other than our Treasurer Helen Hove and her husband, Carl. By my count, the email address changed 6 times. The challenge is set, are there others who should be recognized for this award? Send all nominations to the editor. Their new email address is: Tpoint3@msn.com



GMC's FOR SALE

Additional Information is available on the Cascaders WEB site:
<http://www.cascaders.org/>

1977 26' Eleganza II, \$20,000 Randy:
 360-939-0636, Stanwood, WA

1977 23' Birchaven, \$11,000
 Tom Roswold, North Bend WA
roswoldinc@msn.com

1977 23' Motor home, \$10,000 Michael Pellegrino, Sequim, WA 360-460-8479
njmpp@hotmail.com

1977 26' Royale, \$26,000 Jim Aucutt, Coeur d'Alene, ID 208-765-4075

1978 26' Royale, Eugene, OR \$39,950
 Karl Cunningham 541-463-0637
kmcunningham@webtv.net

1977 28' Kingsley Stretch \$30,000, West Linn, OR
 Ted Debauw 503-656-9946

1976 26' Eleganza II Clarkston, WA.
 Jean Gwynn cjgwynn@amerion.com

1977 26' Royale Custom, \$30,000 Kent, WA
 Ken Ragsdale BKRags@comcast.net

Rally Schedule 2004/05



Dates	Location	Site	Hosts
December 3-5	Cannon Beach, OR	Cannon Beach RV Resort	Board Members
June 2005	Creston, Boswell, Procter, Castlegar, Grand Forks, Osoyoos	"Canadian Rolling Rally Event"	Denny & Fran Allen