

Joint GMC Cascaders and GMC Western States Fall 2013 Rally

***Coos Bay, Oregon at the Beautiful Mill Casino, Hotel and RV Resort
Wednesday, October 2, 2013 through Monday, October 7, 2013***

Coos Bay, Oregon is located along the rugged and scenic southern Oregon coast. It is right in the heart of the region covered by our two clubs being roughly equal distance from the Los Angeles Basin, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, western Montana, BC, and Alberta, Canada. It is an easy overnight drive from Vancouver, BC, Seattle, the San Francisco Bay area, Boise, Spokane, Reno and all points in between.

In early October it is normally a riot of fall colors from the mixed deciduous and conifer forests in the region. Some say it rivals New England fall colors. Weather is normally warm in the daytime and cool at night. Rain or light drizzle is not uncommon this time of year, but most days will be sunny. Our RV resort is new and overlooks Coos Bay with a constant flow of commercial shipping of all sizes from ocean going freighters to fishing trawlers. There are approximately 100 full hook up spaces and nearly unlimited dry camping for those who want to come early or stay late, or just come for a day or two of the rally. The full hook up spaces are all paved, very generous in size and spaced well apart with nicely maintained landscaping. The laundry and bath facilities are first rate. There is free WiFi, cable TV, 50/30 amp electrical, water and sewer at each site.

With so much to see and do along the Oregon coast, we expect to fill up the RV park so we will have exclusive use of those facilities for the full six day and five night rally including exclusive use of a 50 to 60 person RV park Yurt that will be our social and game center, and site of one of the two seminar tracks. We will also have exclusive, secure use of the two large ball rooms (everything is very informal dress) in the adjacent hotel (about a five minute walk or via free shuttle) where our staff catered meals will be served and where the second seminar track will held. Vendors will have an honored placement right adjacent to the Yurt so they can meet and mingle easily with all rally attendees.

Check in will be Wednesday with a happy hour at the Yurt followed by a staff catered buffet dinner in the ball room where we will honor our vendors and first time attendees.

Thursday morning will feature a staff catered continental breakfast in the ball room followed by seminars in the other ball room and the Yurt. Thursday afternoon shuttle buses will pick us up for an excursion to Shore Acres State Park, once the grand estate of pioneer lumber baron Louis Simpson. Our guide will tell us about the history and importance of the region and the lushly planted gardens with plants and flowers from all over the world. Something is in bloom almost every day of the year. The shuttle buses will bring us back to the RV resort for happy hour at the yurt. Everyone will be on their

own for dinner that night in one of the many restaurants associated with the Casino and Hotel, the near by eateries in town or an informal BBQ at the Yurt.

Friday morning we will meet in the ball room for a staff catered continental breakfast followed by morning seminars in both the ball room and the Yurt. Friday afternoon will be open to explore the town, visit the vendors or other planned activities to be announced. Friday night, following happy hour at the yurt, we will once again be treated to a staff catered dinner in the ball room.

On Saturday we will meet for breakfast in the ball room followed by seminars, an open house, and a swap meet. Saturday late afternoon there will be a real treat for everyone who enjoys a fine culinary experience. Shuttle buses will pick us up for an optional, extra charge tour of the Southwestern Culinary Institute where we will be guided through all of the teaching facilities including student prepared foods paired with regional wines in each of the three teaching kitchens. Foods will include Pacific Rim Duck, Lemongrass Chicken Skewers, Miniature Charleston Crab Cakes, Mushroom 3-Point Tarts, Marinate Flank Steak, Rosemary Shortbread topped with Blue Cheese and Caramelized Bacon, Chevre Cheesecake Squares and Assorted Artisan Chocolates. The shuttle buses will bring us back to the Yurt area for some surprise evening entertainment.

Sunday will start with a staff catered continental breakfast followed by more seminars and other rally activities, plus lots of time to visit and explore the region. Dinner that night will be a staff catered buffet dinner featuring Oregon coast seafoods and then our awards ceremony.

Monday morning we will be treated to a staff catered hot breakfast in the ball room and club meeting activities before we say good by to one another.

The rally fee is expected to be \$360 to \$370 plus \$25 per person for those wishing to go on the tour of the Southwestern Culinary Institute. Each coach will receive a \$150 Adventure Coast coupon book, \$5 in free slot play per person and a \$.03 per gallon discount at several area gas stations. Rally attendees will have free on-demand shuttle service to and from anywhere in the Coos Bay area. Just call and the shuttle will pick you up and take you where you want to go. Rally attendees will also have free key access to the indoor swimming pool, workout room and outdoor hot tubs in the hotel overlooking Coos Bay.

You can stay as long as you wish before or after the rally in the free dry camping area immediately adjacent to the RV resort. Those who wish to stay in the hotel will be accorded a special \$85 per night room rate instead of the normal \$120 per night rate.

Jerry and Sharon Work, Rally Hosts