



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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President's Notes

With the rally at the Steam Show, my first term as President officially came to an end. I have really enjoyed the job and I look forward to next year with enthusiasm. I want to thank the 2006 Rally Masters; Norma and Fred Hill, Ginette and Dan Stuckey, Lois and Fran Urbanski, Al Hamilton and Nancy Berry, and Fred and Eunie Ely. Their hard work, as well as, the support of their co-hosts is priceless to the Club.

At the beginning of my term, I asked that members would come forward with any suggestions or concerns so that I could act on them. The request still stands. I value your ideas and hope to see you at the Coachless Rally in January. As I typed that sentence, I realized that I did not include the Podmores and the Lavignes in the list of Rally Masters in 2006. Sorry, folks!! John is there a big fine for this gaff?

Regards,
Barb Oliver, President

With Regret

On 16 September, Jeanette Farrell succumbed to her illness and passed away

in Rochester. Bob and the family have our deepest sympathy.

The Rally 2007 Schedule

Below is an outline of our rallies for 2007. The GMCM Fall Convention is in Iowa, 16-23 September. It hasn't been decided if it will be our September rally or not. The distance will be the deciding factor.

19-21 January (Coachless) -
Niagara Falls, Ont Podmores

See rally instructions below

11-13 May - Hamilton, Ont Longmans

22-24 June -
Sherkston Shores, Ont Lavignes

20-22 July - Toronto(Glen Rouge) Olivers

17-19 August - Vernon, NY
Morris' & Marshalls



January Coachless Rally Details

The 4th Winter Rally will be on 19,20,21 January 2007. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn by the Falls. The cost will be approximately \$270.00 Cdn per couple (a good price for two nights and three meals for two people). This will include two nights accommodation, two breakfasts in Coco's dining room, and one supper also in Coco's. The second supper will be at the Grand Buffet, over the road, at the Fallsview Casino Hotel. You do NOT have to gamble to go to the Buffet. The cost of the Buffet is approximately \$28.00 Cdn each. **Members will, as last year, make their own booking with the Hotel at 1-800-263-9393 and must state they are with the Heritage Cruiser Group.**

So far there are eight couples who have registered for the 4th Annual Coachless Rally at Niagara Falls. The Hotel has blocked off a number of rooms all on the same floor. Book soon, do it now ! **If you need any further details please contact John & Lou Ann Podmore at ipodmore@cogeco.ca or 519-846-0376. Do not miss this fun event with friends!!!!**

2007 Executive

The Chapter Executive remains unchanged from this year. All officers were elected for a two-year term in September 2005.

Membership

The Chapter membership stands at 97. We have three new members since the last newsletter. In September, Clare & Arlene Price of Harpursville, NY joined us and in October, Bill & Ann Farress of Rochester, NY and Ken & Betsy Morley of Northville, Michigan were added to our roll. Welcome to you all. We hope you enjoy the Chapter and all it has to offer socially and technically.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September meeting is included, for your review, with this newsletter.

Member Email Addresses

We have 71 members on the Chapter email list. In the past few months some of the addresses have not worked for various reasons mentioned when the email is returned. The following email addresses no longer work: Mattesons, Selingers, Schons, Hyserts, and Patersons (Dick & Jan). Please advise if you have a new address or no longer any address at all. The 2007 Dues enclosure can be used for your email address corrections.

2006 Rallies

The August Rally was held in the heart of the 1000 Islands. Nancy Berry & Al Hamilton were the hosts, assisted a great deal by Helen & Paul Lambke. 23 of 25 coaches made it to the rally and by reports all enjoyed themselves with very pleasant weather. There was a surprise arrival for the Tech Session. Following a presentation on Gas Saving Devices by Bob Paterson, there was a recovery demonstration by Unique Towing of Gananoque. Some ladies went to tour a mansion in Brockville while others attended the towing demonstration.



The September rally took place in Alexander, New York and was located at the Gas and Steam Show. Fred & Eunie Ely and Fred & Sandie Saunders organized it for everyone.

The picture shows some of the action that weekend. A great time was had by all and some prospective new members, as well as the old timers, enjoyed an interesting and fun rally.



Heritage Air Group Show

Reports are the air show was a resounding success. Upwards of 27,000 attended. As well as Fred & Eunie Ely, other HC members assisted again this year including John & Margaret Evans, Mike Gallagher, Bob Farrell, Dick & Lena Longman, George Beardwood, Ed & Alice Daniel, Dennis & Pia Leopard, and Ted Hartman.

GMC Motorhome International Fall Convention

Twenty-one Heritage Cruisers attended the GMCMI Convention at Berrien Springs, Michigan in September. The Convention attracted 225 members and 218 coaches. The majority of the Heritage Cruiser members live in two of the GMCMI Areas. Those in the Great Lakes Area still have

David Lenzi as Vice President. Larry McLaughlin of Moncton, NB was elected VP Northeast Area and Al Hamilton became the Alternate National Director. Jan Paterson gave up the demanding position of Secretary.



The Red Hat Ladies of the Heritage Cruisers following the Tea at Berrien Springs. Have a look at this on the HC website to see all the colours!!!

FMCA National Director News

This past summer there were reports of a proposal to change the way the 482 Chapters of FMCA were represented. Each Chapter elects a national director and an alternate national director every year. The change would have limited the Chapter representation. The proposal was defeated at a vote at the National Meeting at Charlotte, NC. There will continue to be a national director to represent each Chapter at National Meetings.

GMC Heritage Cruisers Cocktail Munchies & Potluck Goodies Book

The Munchies & Goodies Book is still active and your recipes are needed!! Send them to Lena Longman by email or by snail

mail so we can get the book to the printers!!!!

LEMON BROCCOLI CHICKEN

Prep time: 5 min. Cook Time 20 min
One lemon, 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil, 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves. (Can be cut into smaller sizes if desired)
1 can 10 3/4 oz. cream of broccoli soup, 1/4 cup whole milk, 1/8 tsp. pepper, cut 4 thin lemon slices, squeeze 2 tsp. juice from remaining lemon. Set aside:

- 1- In skillet, in hot oil, cook chicken 10 min. or till browned. Remove, set aside
- 2- In skillet, combine soup, milk, reserved lemon juice and pepper. Heat to boiling. Place chicken back in skillet and top with lemon slices.
- 3- Cover, cook over low heat 5 min. or until chicken is no longer pink. Stir often. Garnish with fresh thyme. Can be served with cooked rice approx. 4 servings

Margaret Evans

Membership Dues for 2007

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2007 are payable by 1 January 2007.

Complete the colourful enclosure (if none is enclosed, you owe nothing) and mail it with your dues in either US or Canadian funds to our Treasurer, John Podmore. Note the change in dues in Canadian dollars.

Please pay on time so John doesn't have to chase you. Also, you are dropped off our mailing list on 1 May and will miss a newsletter or rally information.

Classified

Wanted: for 1975 Eleganza overhead cupboards or cupboard doors, Dana air compressor, 2 or 3-way electric & propane fridge, motorhome tow hitch – Brion Mayer – 519-823-2255.

For Sale: 1978 26' Royale, rear bath, 57000 actual miles, all original, runs great - \$12,500 US Also two bogies off 1973 Canyon Lands. New pins and bushings. Two fuel tanks, solid exterior, need cleaning. – Richard Davis – 315-831-5241, cell 315-796-8220

For Sale: 1973 GMC Canyon Lands, 26', 50K original miles, orig. interior and exterior Coach located in Greenwich, NY (Albany, NY area Contact: Lewis Hall, 518-692-7478 or inform@safehavenboarding.com.

For Sale: 1974 Eleganza SE Many upgrades and new parts. See pictures at: <http://s98.photobucket.com/albums/l243/jayhawk2000/> Price \$20,000 US; Contact: Bob Morris, 607-756-9888 or email: jayhawk@twcny.rr.com

For Sale: 1973 Canyon Lands 26 ft. Strong engine and drivetrain 3.42. All new brakes, Bilsteins, McNeal dash. Generac gen. Birch screen door, Macerator, 3 new awnings, New add-a-room, 40 K inverter, 40 K invested. First 12,000 US takes it. Call for list and pictures. Philip Entingh -NY. 315-524-7393

Listing of GMC-related items for sale is available to HC members and will only appear for two issues unless otherwise arranged.

Search for GMCMI Convention Manager **(from the President, GMCMI)**

When Emery Stora accepted the contract administrator role for GMCMI in October 2003, he said he would be willing to serve in that capacity for approximately three years. He has agreed to continue for another year, but in a reduced capacity. Accordingly, Billy Massey of Brownwood, Texas has accepted a position to perform the member and publications services portion of the Administrator's original contract, effective 1 Jan 07. Emery Stora will continue to manage GMCMI's conventions for another year. He has requested the GMCMI Board recruit a replacement for him as convention manager by the middle of 2007. The Search Committee would welcome a phone call from anyone that may be qualified and interested in the role or perhaps could recommend such a candidate. Management of GMCMI's conventions requires a broad array of executive skills:

- a. interpersonal skills;
- b. cooperation with GMCMI Board;
- c. convention program planning and execution; and,
- d. computer literacy.

The compensation for the convention manager role is \$17,500 per year. The convention manager plans and manages two conventions each year and is a key player in the site selection process.

Tech Talk

Winterizing Your GMC **by Bob Paterson, VP Tech**

1. **Drain HOT water tank.** Open hot tap in bath to allow drainage. Close tap and drain cock.
2. **Drain MAIN water tank.** Open cold tap for drainage. Close tap and drain cock.

3. **Drain HOLDING tank.** Close drain, OR, simply shut off macerator pump.
4. **Blow out water lines.** Get an adapter from a RV store that screws into the water connection of the coach, and connect an airline to it. (Don't use more than 30 psi). Have someone open the hot tap, and let you know when the water stops. Then close the hot and repeat the procedure with the cold tap.
5. **Pour 2 Litres of plumbing antifreeze into the main tank. Run water pump for about 10 seconds** to allow the antifreeze to get into it. Don't run it any longer, as it will put antifreeze into hot water tank, and you'll regret it next year when you turn on the water heater.
6. **Pour 2 Litres of antifreeze into holding tank, through toilet.**
7. **Pour 1 cup of antifreeze into all sink traps, and shower trap.**
8. **Run macerator for 5 seconds, or until you get some antifreeze out of pipe.**
9. **Check Engine antifreeze.** Check with engine hot at the recovery tank. Top up with additional engine antifreeze at the recovery tank, if necessary. **Only check antifreeze in the radiator when cold.**
10. **Remove all batteries.** Store in a warm spot until spring. If you have an automatic two-amp charger, hook it up.
11. **Don't forget the mouse seed/traps** and remove anything they could use to make a nest. (Including paper towels)

If you want to have some fun over the winter, GOOGLE the words "Gas-Saving Products: Fact or Fuelishness?". You'll come up with over 6.6 million results. Go down the first page to 'Federal Trade Commission', and go see what they have to say about what's on the market.

More Cool (or Heat!!)

At the May rally Tech Session, Frank Foldy showed off a number of items he found that he thought might enhance the GMC. Some items, that he suggested, were small cooling fans to be attached to the coach air vents designed to pull more cool or heat into the cockpit area, especially the 1973 to 1976 models.

I tried only two of them (one on each of two vents) on a recent trip. They worked so well four more have been added. They should be mounted in pairs to increase efficiency and reduce the sound. The fans are three and five blade versions. One of each offsets the sound of one alone. The driver and navigator each have their own control of fan speed.

Pictured below is the mounting of one fan only.



Vinyl Stripe Remover

The over 30-year old vinyl stripe, warning labels, and model names, such as "Eleganza" are extremely difficult to remove and leave the underlying paint intact. We tried a number of chemical and mechanical means and just recently found a reasonably, priced solution. NAPA sells a rubber wheel with a built in arbour, for use in a drill, that

takes the stripe off. Its product number is 60402. It took less than four wheels and under \$50.00 to do the job. The price was under other products and worked well. It was still long, hard work, but it was successful.

New Gas Tank

A local shop made a new steel gas tank for Fred Hill that fits well and they did an excellent job with the welding. It is a less expensive alternative to buying elsewhere.

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Holiday Wishes!!!

Hope you all had a Happy Halloween!!!

A Happy Thanksgiving to all members, whether it is past or upcoming for you!!!!

Merry Christmas to all from the Newsletter Staff!!!!

Winter Newsletter

Submissions for the Winter 2007 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15 January 2007 to the Editor, Al Hamilton 613-659-3522 or akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures: (Not Included on Website)

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