



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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President's Notes

This year we have had a very enjoyable rally season at various locations; 50 Point Conservation Area (May), Sherkston Shores (June), Glen Rouge Campground (July), The Villages at Turning Stone, NY (August), The Western NY Steam Show at Alexander, NY (Sept.), and the GMCI Convention in Iowa, (Sept.). Many thanks to all Hosts, Co-Hosts and attendees.

Our incoming Wagon Master, Bruce Hood, is firming up the 2008 Rally Season and he has reported his progress later in the newsletter.

At the July rally, we were so thrilled to have a visit from Joan and Roy Carscadden. Just to see her smiling face was so reassuring, knowing the ordeal she and the family had been through. Some others in our Club have been facing challenges this year and our thoughts are with them.

Also, at the July Rally, I asked for three volunteers to form a Nominating Committee for the following year. Nick Lavigne, Sheryl Morris and Dick Longman accepted the posts. Dick is the Chairman.

The slate of officers for 2008 has been voted on and accepted. I want to thank the retiring officers John Podmore, Syd Collier, Doug Barber and Fred Saunders for their service to the Club and to welcome the new executive members; Jim Hadcock (Treasurer), John Evans (FMCA National Director), Ian Oliver (Alternate National Director), and Bruce Hood (Vice-President, Wagon Master). I look forward to working with the new executive.



Here's Barb, Judy, Linda, Norma, Bob, Bruce, Bob again, & Jim ready for 2008!!!!

We are a strong Chapter at 94 member families and it is my hope that a wider circle of members will come forward with ideas for rallies, offers to host Rallies and/or attend more rallies. I believe that this is important to maintain the vitality of the club. Please give this some consideration.

We will be having a Coachless rally in January thanks to the Podmores and the Lavignes. The details for this gathering are enclosed. This rally is a great way to keep in touch over the long winter.

My gratitude to all for such a successful season.

Respectfully,

Barb Oliver, President

With Regret

It is sad to have to report that Marylyn Birch passed away in May, after a long battle with cancer. Our condolences to you, Ross and your family.

Sick Bay

Since the last newsletter, we have had a few Heritage Cruisers "under the weather". Daphne Hood missed the July rally to have an operation. Lena Longman spent a few days in the hospital, as did Eric Stovold, again with a serious operation that was very successful. Doug Barber also had surgery in September and is still recovering and under going therapy.

So far all are recovered or recovering well and we wish them the very best

The Rally 2008 Schedule from your VP Wagonmaster

Below is an outline of our rallies for 2008.

18-20 January (Coachless) -
Niagara Falls, Ont Podmores &
Lavignes. **See rally instructions below**

23- 25 May - Royal Canadian Legion,
Morrisburg, Ont
Fred and Norma Hill

18-19 June (weekdays!!!) - KOA Cookstown
(Toronto North)
Judy and Bob Paterson

18-20 July – Grand Island KOA - Buffalo
Area - Lois and Fran Urbanski

8-10 August - Petrolia, Ont (Near Chatham)
150th anniversary of the first producing
oil well in North America.
Dan & Ginette Stuckey

28 Sept – 4 Oct - GMCMI Fall Convention
Delaware State Fairgrounds – Harrington,
Delaware



January Coachless Rally Details

Once again the winter rally is being hosted by the Podmores and the Lavignes and will be held at The Holiday Inn by the Falls (same place as the last three years), located at 5339 Murray Street, Niagara Falls. The cost is approximately \$300 per couple and will include two breakfasts, supper at the hotel and a second supper in the Revolving Dining Room at the top of the Skylon Tower.

Please telephone Kathleen Skinner at 905-356-1333 and let her know you are with the GMC Motorhome Club. She will make arrangements for us all to be on the same floor. It is important that you speak with Kathleen or leave a message for her.

In addition please contact John & LouAnn Podmore at jpodmore@cogeco.ca or at 519-846-0376 to let them know you are going. You may wish to bring your own liquid refreshments and some snacks.

Membership

The Chapter membership stands at 94. We have three new members since the last newsletter. Erik Fredeen of Vankleek Hill, Ontario joined us in July and Ernie & Cindy Dankert of Fairport, NY, in September. In October, Rick & Donna Breen of Honeoye Falls, NY, raised the number again. Welcome to the Club and we hope you enjoy all it has to offer socially and technically.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 2007 meetings are included, for your review, with this newsletter.

Your Opinion Is Needed!!!

Enclosed is a one-page questionnaire to get your thoughts on rallies and anything else you want to pass on to the Executive. It has also been sent by email, so you can answer either way you want. Don't hesitate, please send your questionnaire back quickly!!!!

Member Email Addresses

There are still a few email addresses that are rejected when an email is sent to all members of the Chapter. The following have not worked for about a year: Gsell; Longrigg & Becker; Lyddiatt; McCutchson; & Scott. These addresses will be removed from our email list at the end of November if no corrected email address is provided.

GMC Motorhome International Fall Convention from Bruce Hood

Attendance: there were 201 coaches - including 24 new members - how about that! Five Heritage Cruisers represented our 94 members - two in the Vendors row - Dan and Ginette Stuckey - frames, fans (and jams and relishes by Ginette - you've just got to get some - delicious!) and Dick and Jan Paterson - the engine man, and lady! And Bob and Judy Paterson, Jim and Robin Hadcock, and Daphne and I rounded out the party.

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.

Pineapple Cheese Ball

(Serves 15)

1 tsp crushed garlic. 1/4 cup finely chopped onion. 2 x 227g (8 Oz) packages of cream cheese. 1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper - I use less. 1 x 8 oz can of drained crushed pineapple. 1/2 tsp salt. 1 cup finely chopped pecans.

Mix all ingredients together except half the chopped pecans & chill.

Roll into one large ball or three small ones and roll ball(s) on remainder of pecans to coat ball(s.)

Serve with a variety of crackers, Melba toast, etc

Nancy Berry

Membership Dues for 2008

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2008 are payable by 1 January 2008

Complete the colourful enclosure (if none is enclosed, you owe nothing) and mail it with your dues to our Treasurer, John Podmore. The dues for 2008 are \$12.00 in US or Canadian funds.

Please pay on time so our new Treasurer, Jim Hadcock, doesn't have to come looking for you. Also, you are dropped off our mailing list on 1 May and will miss a newsletter or rally information.

Classified

For Sale: Two Power master brake boosters in good condition with adapters and modified. \$100.00 each - Fred Hill 613-543-2262.

Wanted: Onan Running Time Meter or whole Onan remote panel. Al Hamilton, 613-659-3522

Wanted: GMC front and rear bumpers in good condition – Paul Lambke, 519-443-7543.

For Sale: 1976 Edgemont repainted. Rear twin beds, dry bath, Alcoa wheels. 48000 mi. on rebuilt eng. Trans. rebuilt with new sprockets. \$16.900. 905-331-1411. email nblavigne@hotmail.com Blue Ox tow bar (removed from Saturn) - Nick Lavigne

Wanted: TV antenna or “halo” for satellite dish to get off-air programming. Radio Shack TV 42 size, Paul Lambke, 519-443-7543

Items for Free: Used GMC motorhome cover, tan, good condition – Propane tank from 26' coach – two slightly used Cooper 8.75R x 16.5 LR D on rims and two additional rims – Bruce Hood, 519-833-9979

For Sale: Four GMC hub caps – no dents – all four - \$35.00, two brand new GMC hub caps - \$45.00 each. Five 16.5 steel rims – good condition - \$15.00 each, one slightly worn CSR Kelly 8.75R x 16.5 on rim - \$40.00 – Sal Dignadice, 519-740-7666

For Sale: An aluminium step and Onan circuit board. Also repairs to holding tanks can be done at Morrisburg. Call Fred or Paul Hill, 613-543-2111

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

Tech Talk

Hinged Rear Bed by Al Hamilton

Many people have installed a permanent bed in the rear of their coach. It increases comfort mainly, but it makes the rear plumbing and water pump very difficult to access. The bed is heavy and difficult to make. By hinging the rear of the bed closest to the rear window and installing lifting assistants, the bed can now be easily raised to be made, get at the plumbing and if desired, more storage space can be added.

Gas struts, similar to those used to lift the hatch back on many cars, are available in a variety of lengths and lifting abilities. The lifting is measured in pounds.

A number of Club members have hinged and put struts on the bed. The Patersons (Bob & Judy), the Olivers, and we have

done our own bed. There are others as well. Each of us did the job in different ways. If you are interested, ask to look at the various completed projects and then design your own to suit your needs. I used 120-lb struts and attached the struts and hinges to the aluminium boxes on each side at the rear.



The picture shows the strut and the aluminium reinforcement from the aluminium box to the hinge on the bed. I did it for strength while adding only minimum weight. Only a small amount of extra storage was added. Others have increased the storage a great deal by building a box under the bed.

New Furnace Option!!

The older furnaces in our coaches are giving more and more trouble and they have become a safety concern because of their age. Anyone looking for a replacement should consider the Suburban SF-30F. It is a 30,000 BTU unit that is half the height of the originals. There is minimum fibreglass modification required with the SF-30F, (the SF-30 has an external door that requires a large hole to be cut in the side of the coach). Don't forget the bug screens!!!



To see the installation, contact the Palmers, Stuckeys, Elys, or the Hoods.

The prices vary greatly. Shopping around is worth while.

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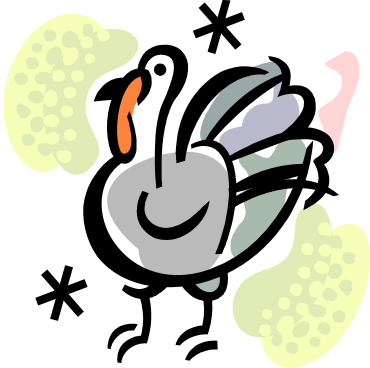
Congratulations, Robert!!!

GMCers are a unique lot and many have achievements that are unknown to the majority. Bob Paterson was inducted into Canada's Boating Hall of Fame in 2007. A great honour to be so recognized by your peers, Bob!!!!!!



Holiday Wishes!!!

Hope you have 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 2008 Edition of
the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15
January 2008 to the Editor, Al Hamilton 613-
659-3522 or akh@1000island.net.*

Enclosures: (Not Included on Website)

2008 Dues Notice – Members Only

Minutes – Members Only



GMC HERITAGE CRUISERS QUESTIONNAIRE 2007

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. We want to view your thoughts on how our rallies can be the very best they can be for all, while nurturing friendships, increasing membership and rally attendance, and promoting the uniqueness of the GMC motorhome. Above all else, to have fun!

THE RALLY:

Are you content with the number of rallies we have, or do you suggest otherwise?

Do you like rallies only on the weekend _____ or would you like some weekday rallies?
_____ what days? _____

Please give ideas for new rally locations _____

Are you content with the rally fees thus far _____, and do you receive enough advance info _____, your ideas please: _____

Are you content with the food arrangements:
Happy hour _____ Pot Luck Friday _____ and the provided meals:
Saturday breakfast _____ Saturday evening dinner _____ Sunday breakfast _____
Suggestions: _____

Your thoughts about the tech sessions and the ladies crafts/activities _____
_____ also should we include more sessions/activities? _____

What would you like to see take place at a rally that we don't have now? _____

How would it be easier for you to host a rally in your area – what support would you want/need? _____

And finally: The idea at present is to hold our September '08 Rally at the GMCMI Convention in Delaware 28 Sept thru 4 Oct – your thoughts: _____

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN:

Please, please help your Club be it's exciting best! – give us your further views
(please do use separate page if needed.....) Your GMCHC Executive.

Please return by email to gmchc@1000island.net or regular mail to the Editor,
Al Hamilton before 15 November . Thank you.