



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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The Rally 2009 Schedule from your VP Wagonmaster

23 – 25 Jan Coachless Rally – Niagara Falls
Podmores & Lavignes
See attached Rally sheet

8 - 10 May Stoney Creek, Ont –
Dick & Lena Longman

8-11 June –Sherkston Shores –
Patersons & Lavignes

July – Brantford, Ont – Ed & Mary Anstett

21-23 August – Milton, Ont –
Bruce & Daphne Hood

September - Open

In Memoriam

On 30 September, Bud Boehler, one of our Founding Members passed away. Bud & Dot were part of the beginnings of our Chapter in 1989 and continued to be very active in the Club until Bud's health reduced their attendance the last few years.

Please accept the condolences from all members Dot, and to your family as well.

Note from Barb Oliver

Dear Friends,

Just a note to thank you all for your good wishes at this time. So far things are going pretty well and Ian is an excellent caregiver. I am so lucky.

It will be good to see you when the season starts.

Affectionately,

Barb Oliver



Rally Photos

We need pictures for the website. Please e-mail pictures from last summer's rallies to: Jayhawk@twcny.rr.com. Not having attended all the rallies this summer, we don't have pictures to put on the web page. Please identify the rally in the subject line and only send photos of one rally per e-mail. Please help. Thanks Bob.

New Members

We have 93 members, including Jack Coupland & Kathy Alexander from St Catharines and Antonio & Ana Lomonaco from Smithville, Ontario. They just joined at the end of September. Fred Perkins & Jean Price of Union, Ontario, joined in October. We hope you all enjoy the Chapter and what it has to offer both socially and technically. See you at the Coachless rally in January and/or the May rally!!!!

GMC Heritage Cruisers Cocktail Munchies & Potluck Goodies Book

The Goodies Book has become one of our 20th Anniversary projects. This is the last call for your favourite munchies or potluck recipe. Send them to Peggy Colf at peggycolf@yahoo.com.

Standing Rule Update

The Review Committee, Helen Lambke, Lou Ann Podmore, & John Podmore, that is looking at our Standing Rules is progressing and will have a revised set for review by the Club at the May rally.

2008 Rallies

Oil Springs Rally 8-10 August Reporter – Judy Paterson

Oil Springs, Ontario, welcomed 15 GMC coaches and 10 Vixen coaches on Friday for

the 150th Anniversary of the first oil well in North America - right on Canadian soil.



The Hosts, Ginette & Dan

Area residents, Ginette and Dan Stuckey and Shirley and Bruce Durance (Vixen owners), hosted a wonderful combined GMC & Vixen rally with plenty of activities and lots of food. We were officially welcomed by one of the local landowners/oil producers who entertained us with local history and encouraged us to take part in the weekend's celebrations.



Facing off

Over the weekend we were visited by the mayor and the area member of the Provincial Legislature as well. There was a great parade (some of our members even entered their motorhomes), visits to the museum to see an excellent historical video about the oil start up as well as artefacts

from the area, and a big Anniversary Ball. At the ball they had a draw for Baron and Baroness of the Ball, but unfortunately "Baron Von Foldy" could not stay awake long enough to receive his accolades and be presented to the commoners.

Despite the rain on Sunday, an excellent weekend was had by all. We learned a great deal about Canadian History, met a lot of new friends, and celebrated time with old friends. Thanks Ginette and Dan for hosting this wonderful rally.



Camped on the High Ground

Western New York Gas & Steam Show 4 – 7 September



Fred & Eunie Ely hosted the Heritage Cruisers again this year at the Gas & Steam Show near Alexander, New York. It was a great weekend that started on Thursday, 4 September to the 7th. The weather was good the majority of the time.

As well as some regular rally attendees, such as the Evans, Daniels, Lepards, and the Urbanskis, it was good to see that Walter Von Matt & Rita and Ray & Eloise Hill made it. Below are some photos courtesy of Bill Farress. They tell a good story of the weekend.



Planning the Day!!!

GMC International Fall 2008 Harrington, Delaware

By Judy Paterson

Our Heritage Cruisers Club was well represented at the GMC Motorhomes International Convention in Delaware; we had 14 coaches. The rally was a very successful one with a great deal of interesting and varied seminars. We were blessed with great weather so people were able to get out and walk, cycle, skate (in the arena) or attend one of the many seminars. Robin and Jim Hadcock and Bob and Judy Paterson assisted Dale Ropp in running a

ladies driving session and one of our ladies was so proficient she even backed through the slalom- Bravo Diane Crutcher!



Our own Dan Stuckey was elected Vice President, Great Lakes Area of the GMCMI. Congratulations, Dan!!!

Vendor's row was very successful, I think, since I had to find room for many new and wonderful parts to be stored for our trip home. On the Wednesday night the Heritage Cruisers hosted a pizza party. It was a nice opportunity to sit down and relax after a hectic schedule. We even included the other Canadians present which made it really fun.

On Friday the Canadians, dressed in Canadian finery, assisted with the breakfast and it was so nice to have both French and English representation. Congrats Julien and Nicole!



The time went by quickly and soon we were bidding farewell to our club friends, as well as our International ones. Until next year, safe driving.

See you all at our 20th Anniversary rally.

Membership Dues for 2009

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2009 are payable by 1 January 2009.

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, Jim Hadcock. **Note the change in dues. The cost of dues is \$15.00US and \$18.00Cdn starting in 2009.**

Please pay on time so Jim 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.

FMCA Information Report

by John Evans, National Director

MEDEX There is a very good article in the FMCA magazine on the member benefit, MEDEX, starting on page twelve. The emergency number is below and needed when you call for assistance.

MEDEX
Emergency Number
800-257-0218
FMCA Group # 7030

I encourage everyone to review the latest edition of the FMCA magazine to review member benefits and changes to the Bylaws. MEDEX now has enhanced services available.

No FMCA Dues Increase The dues increase was predicated on failure to have a balanced budget passed, for 2009, at the July meeting. The proposed budget was \$300k over, however the FMCA board cut out enough to pass the budget. Most of the items cut were management expenditures.

Membership items affected were Atlas's for new members, \$105k cut and reducing each convention entertainment, to three days instead of four. MEDEX at \$224k and Chapter prizes will continue to be funded. Mail forwarding will have a charge to those that use this service.

Nominating Committee Looking for a Wagon Master



Our hard-working VP Wagon Master, Bruce Hood, is finishing his tour in the job at the end of this year. The Nominating Committee is looking for a volunteer to fill the position. The 2009 rally season is in good shape, so the emphasis will be the 2010 season and over seeing 2009 activities.

Contact Dick Longman, Sheryl Morris, or Nick Lavigne if you are interested.

GMCHC 20th Anniversary Rally

by Judy Paterson

Since the GMC Heritage Cruiser Chapter of FMCA is celebrating our 20th Anniversary in June 2009, we have organized a special four day rally in order to celebrate this special occasion at Sherkston Shores, Ontario. We will arrive June 8th and depart Friday June 12th. Because it is a mid week (non summer month) date, we have been able to secure a marvellous price. Please set aside the date as it should be a fun-filled time. On-site accommodation is available for anyone not bringing a coach.

Some of the things you could do in preparation of this special event are:

1. Compile a history of your coach (past owner, locations, etc);
2. Find pictures of various rallies that you have attended and place the location, date, and your name on the back (PS- use magic marker or an Avery sticker as pencil or pen will damage the photo); and,
3. If you have a special request for technical sessions, etc. please let Bob or I know as soon as possible.

I hope you all plan to attend. The rally will be hosted by Bob & Judy Paterson and Nick & Barb Lavigne.

Minutes of Chapter Meetings

The Minutes of the August Rally meeting are enclosed for your review.

Emailing of the Newsletter

Receiving the newsletter is still available by email for anyone who would like to receive it that way.

Classified

For Sale: 1978 Royale 26' - Rear bath, sleeps six, 403 engine, 57,000 miles, original paint & upholstery, one roof air, 18' awning, 6 kw generator, new brakes, shocks, & black water tank. \$4995.00 for HC members. Can be seen at <http://www.bethunesales.com/listings/index.html>. Located with 1978's in New York - Richard Davis - 315-831-5241 or sabrejets@frontiernet.net.

For Sale: Original 6KW Onan - \$750.00 - Richard Davis - 315-831-5241

For Sale: New "Low Profile" Suburban SF 30 propane, 12 volt, furnace with thermostat and 4 inch collars. 30,000 BTU. \$650.00 firm. Bill Farress 585-385-5500 weekdays or farress@worldnet.att.net.

For Sale: 1978 Royale & Tow Car, 32,037 miles, side bath, two bunks in back that can be made into a king-size bed, re-carpeted five years ago, solid walnut cabinets refurbished, new counter tops, microwave, new tires in last four years. Front end work done and very few miles since then.

For Sale: 1992 Chrysler LeBaron convertible, turquoise with white top, 50,000 miles, has tow package and braking system. For ten years it was only used in Florida Richard & Leslie Welfare – 705-326-2905 or lesliewelfare@hotmail.com.

For Rent: 22' x70' RV site in a gated condominium park, (24-hour guards), on the Atlantic side of Key West. It is five miles north of the City of Key West. The weather is always nice, with a constant slight breeze, very little rain and lots of sun. It is a no pet park, with the exception of working dogs. Two people are permitted at a time with the option of a guest for two weeks at a time. Swimming pools (2), laundries (2), paved streets, library/games/exercise room.

Short term renters would pay by the week or month, utilities included. Long term renters would sign up for the utilities. The park puts on pancake breakfasts, dances and craft sales. The price is \$200.00 a week for short term renters and \$175.00 for long term. Campgrounds in the Keys generally start at about \$75.00 a night so this is the opportunity of a life time to visit the Florida Keys on the cheap.

Contact: Richard & Leslie Welfare at lesliewelfare@hotmail.com or 705-326-2905

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



Tech Talk

Onan Oil Leak

Last year, we had the first oil leak in the Onan generator, repaired it, repaired it again, and repaired it again in August 08!!!

It is one of the most likely leaks to look for if you have oil dripping on your driveway or someone else's. The gasket behind the oil filter housing was leaking. I replaced it - leak continued – was advised by a very knowledgeable HC member that there is a second gasket behind the motor mount that is attached using the same studs as the oil filter housing. The second repair included both gaskets!!! It held for about two hours of running, then was leaking worse than ever. The movement and weight on the motor mount makes it difficult to maintain a good seal. A thinner gasket material (1/32' rubber fibre) and Ultra Blue silicone sealer finally stopped the leak.

This year's repair included removing almost all the sheet metal that is part of the air cooling system and the motor flywheel. The oily dirt behind the cooling shroud on the engine and lower fins of both cylinders was over an inch thick when it finally settled in the drip pan. It took 32 years to build up and a long time to clean properly. I have kept the cooling fins clean over the years but not the bottom of them. It will certainly run cooler now!!!



Motor Mount & Housing Studs



Motor Mount



Two Gaskets Are Needed!!!!

Watch the next issue for “Do I have Brakes When my Engine quits??”

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Winter 2009 Newsletter

Submissions for the Winter 2009 Edition of the “Comings ‘n Goings” are due by 1 February 2009 to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

**Enclosures:
(Not Included on Website)**

Minutes of the August Rally Meeting.