



# COMINGS 'n GOINGS

Quarterly Publication of the GMC Heritage Cruisers

*Covering Parts of Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, & West Virginia*

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## **President's Note**

*For a while, there I was sure that we would be having our May rally in the snow, but Mother Nature has decided to let Spring arrive. We have a great rally season to look forward to this year. Heritage Cruisers know how to have a good time and your friendship has added joy to my life. I hope this will be a banner year for rally attendance.*

*At our May rally, a delegate to the FMCA Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota (July 14-17,2008,) can be appointed as our National Director and our Alternate Director will be unable to attend. If you are interested in having your name stand for this post, please let me know by e-mail, [bioliver@rogers.com](mailto:bioliver@rogers.com) . The post is for this July Convention only. Also at our May rally, I want to strike a committee to review our Chapter's Standing Rules. It is time to do this.*

*See you, in Morrisburg, in May.*

*Respectfully,*

*Barb Oliver*

## **The Rally 2008 Schedule from your VP Wagonmaster**

*A Shuffleboard Challenge! The Wagonmaster is the host of the Shuffleboard tournament at our Morrisburg rally and puts out a challenge to one and all:"Get your shuffle game in shape. Big contest with big prizes.....with lots of refreshments at hand. I'll have the ref whistle handy for disputes - of which I am sure there'll be the usual amount!"*

*A Gas Cost Quote - from your Wagonmaster - Last summer when the fuel prices were going up I said to the service station attendant where I fuel up our GMC that some people were considering parking their GMC's due to the cost of gas. His comment was "they'll get over it!"- and most did. I thought that was quite a good summary - hope it applies this year and everybody is ready and willing to travel.....got to enjoy life to its fullest!!!*



HEAR YE !! HEAR YE !! - ABOUT SEPTEMBER IN DELAWARE - those interested in going to Delaware for the September rally - Daphne and I are planning to leave a few days early and visit a couple of points of interest along the way. Look forward to talking with y'all about your plans. 2009 Rallies - Last but not least, time to be thinking about our 2009 rallies – a couple are already in place, and I am asking YOU to please turn your thoughts to hosting a rally in your area next year. Do ask any other members for advice and/or to assist you, if you never have hosted one. (The Questionnaire results show ideas) We love new ideas and locations! Call me, or drop me an email with your thoughts. Thank you.

Happy GMCing and HC rallying!!

Below is an outline of our rallies for 2008.

**23- 25 May** - Royal Canadian Legion,  
Morrisburg, Ont  
Norma & Fred Hill  
**Don't forget your items for the Silent Auction and the "Parts for Sale" table.**

**18-20 June (weekdays!!!)** - KOA  
Cookstown (Toronto North)  
Judy & Bob Paterson  
**The rally info and registration is included and our responses are requested by 10 June.**

**18-20 July** – Grand Island KOA - Buffalo Area - Lois & Fran Urbanski  
**The rally info and registration is included. Our response is requested by 1 July.**

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

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



The 2008 Geneseo Air Show is 10 - 13 July for Heritage Cruisers who would like to volunteer their assistance at this show. **An information sheet is enclosed. Contact Fred & Eunie Ely or John & Margaret Evans**

## Sick Bay

Ian Oliver has had a recurrence of kidney stones that put a damper on their travel plans. Ian is taking treatment and as usual is in good spirits. Get well soon, Ian!!

Doug Barber has completed his therapy treatments and is feeling better. We all are hoping for a complete recovery, Doug!!!

## Chapter Membership & Nominal Roll

We have 91 members at the beginning of the rally season. A few have decided not to renew, but the Chapter is doing well with a healthy and stable membership.

Please check your name, address, etc. for accuracy and pass any corrections to the Editor. (The membership list is included with copies of this newsletter to HC members only.)

## **GMC Heritage Cruisers Cocktail Munchies & Potluck Goodies Book**

Here is the latest recipe for *The Munchies & Goodies Book*. Your recipes are needed!! Send them to Lena Longman.

### **Ginette's Scones: Makes 12**

Cut in: ½ c shortening  
2 cups flour  
4 tsp. baking powder  
¼ tsp. salt  
½ cup or less of sugar  
(Can be mixed to this point ahead of time)

Add: 1 cup milk  
Drop in greased muffin tins.  
Bake at 425F for 12-15 min or until golden.

Serve with soups, cheese and jam or as a shortcake with fruit and whipped cream.

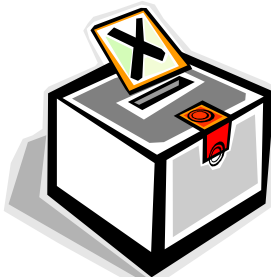
Ginette Stuckey

## **NOTICE**

### **Election of Officers and National Directors**

#### **of GMC Heritage Cruisers**

Pursuant to the By-Laws of this Chapter of FMCA, the duly elected Nominating Committee must bring forth the names as nominees for the offices shown for election to office for the next term which is now 2009.



The election Officers and FMCA National Directors will take place August 16th 2008 during the business meeting to be held at the "Petrolia Ont. Rally". Therefore, please start now to consider your participation in the club executive. Members are encouraged to approach the nominating committee members – Dick Longman, Chairman or members; Sheryl Morris & Nick Lavigne and/or present Executive to discuss how you can participate and understand the various responsibilities of executive members. Join the excitement of participating at a higher level in the finest GMC chapter in existence.

**Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~Author Unknown**

## **FMCA Article on the GMC Motorhome**

Attached is a letter from the GMC Pacific Cruisers. They have offered to take the lead preparing a FMCA article for the October issue of the FMCA magazine on the 30th anniversary of the completion of the last GMC in 1978. Our President has seen this and asked that it be sent to everyone, so you can decide if you have something you want to submit to the Pacific Cruiser Review Panel that will prepare the article for FMCA. This was previously sent to all those with email, so if you think this is "déjà-vu", it is!!! Note their deadline is 15 June 08.

## **FMCA's Request for Member's Support**

Not long ago a letter from FMCA was emailed to you where FMCA was asking us to assist in supporting a US Federal Highway Administration proposal to allow "RV" Friendly signs on business signs and some highway signs in the US. A more detailed story is in the April issue of Family Motor Coaching starting on page 100!!!!

## Classified

**Missing:** Fred Hill's car dolly was stolen in November, in Morrisburg, Ont. It is black with white wheels and a turntable. It has "120HNY" engraved on each tail light lens and "Hill" on the tongue by a welding torch. Contact Fred at 613-543-2262, if you should see it.

**For Sale:** There are still eleven Trico 72-200 (20") motorhome wiper blade inserts for the original wiper arms available. Price has dropped to \$6.50 each – Al Hamilton 613-659-3522.

**For Sale:** An original Duo-Therm 13,500 BTU Roof air conditioner complete with ceiling shroud, mounting hardware, & roof pan- still works very well – \$100.00 Cdn- Al Hamilton at 613-659-3522 or akh@1000island.net.

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

**For Sale: (Reduced)** 1976 Edgemont repainted. Rear twin beds, dry bath, Alcoa wheels. 48,000 mi. on rebuilt engine. Trans rebuilt with new sprockets. \$14,900. 905-331-1411. email nblavigne@hotmail.com - Nick Lavigne

**For Sale:** Two air bags bought new in 2006, installed June 2006, less than 10,000 miles on them. \$150.00 each. Available at the June or July rally. Al Hamilton 613-659-3522.

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

## Tech Talk

From Bob Paterson, VP Tech

Hopefully everyone has successfully "un-winterized" their coaches, and run them long enough to get everything up to operating temperature, and THEN checked all fluid levels.

If you didn't change the oil and filter last fall, NOW is the time to do it. Remember to drain the oil when the engine is hot, to get all the suspended particles out with the old. Radiator fluids should also be changed every 3-4 years, to help reduce corrosion.

Don't forget the 'Check List' from last spring. Best way to use it is to have it 'laminated' at Staples, and use a grease pencil to check each item completed, then it can be rubbed off and saved until next spring.

Hopefully we will have a great turnout for the 'Rustbuster' in Morrisburg. There will be a very special **Silent Auction** consisting of a great number of items (both new and used) that have been donated to the club by Eric & Gertrude Knabe, for fundraising purposes.

Here's a sneak preview of just some of the items:

- 1 brand new, in the box, ORIGINAL air pump w/ pressure switch
- 1 new 95 amp Isolator.
- 1 container of Curtain hardware
- 3 Steel brake lines: 1x 6', 1x 7" and 1x 15"
- Package of Assorted Brake springs, wheel cylinders and Spring Tool
- 4 Assorted original Manuals/Parts books
- Plus many more small lots of GMC "Stuff"

These will all be on display on Saturday from 12:00 PM. The auction will run from 2:00 until 4:00 PM.

Items will be sold as listed on the auction sheets only. (No splitting up of lots) Some items will have "Minimum Opening Bids".

If you have any items that you wish to donate to the cause, please bring them to my attention on Friday evening, so bid sheets can be made up.

Check with Big Jim Hadcock as to the use of these funds. (Podmore's coach does not need or get any more upgrades)

See you there.....

#### **Liability Disclaimer**

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## **Chapter Survey Results**

The survey results are enclosed.

## **Summer Newsletter**

Submissions for the Summer 2008 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15 July 2008 to the Editor, Al Hamilton 613-659-3522 or [akh@1000island.net](mailto:akh@1000island.net).

### **Enclosures:**

June Rally Registration  
July Rally Registration

HAG Air Show Information  
GMC PC letter

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

Membership List dated 1 May 08

## **Email Addresses Again!!!!**



Clare & Arlene Price, please let me know your email address at [akh@1000island.net](mailto:akh@1000island.net) . For some reason [clare@stny.rr.com](mailto:clare@stny.rr.com) is rejected each time an email is sent. We are down to one that doesn't work. Best ever!!!!

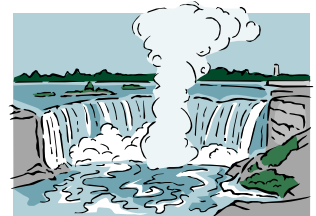


## GMC Heritage Cruisers

- Chapter Information

The GMC Heritage Cruisers is a Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc. As a "Club" it was first formed in the mid 1970's, as one of the dozen clubs sponsored by General Motors through the GMC Motorhome Owners Association. All members were owners of the Classic, and much sought after, GMC Motorhome. In its present form the GMC Heritage Cruisers was born again in June 1989 by 21 founding GMC Motorhome owners.

Today, there are over 90 coach member families, as we call ourselves - each owning a GMC Motorhome and participating in "GMCHC" activities held in an area of 200-mile radius of Niagara Falls. That area includes parts of the states of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania and of the Province of Ontario, truly international in scope and covering some of the most attractive and tourist-oriented parts of North America!



We can be of help and assistance to you in enlarging your enjoyment of your GMC Motorhome. We can provide you with technical assistance or where to find it and put you in contact with qualified service and parts facilities. There is a vast array of motorhome services and GMC Motorhome owners throughout North America that offer to help others.

We enjoy the socializing, crafts, sharing of travel stories, comparing our coaches, and the exchange of ideas, inventions and technical prowess in the process of maintaining our classic "GMC s."



So write, phone or email us at:

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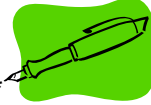
We'll send you a complimentary copy of our quarterly newsletter, Comings 'n Goings. A membership application form which sets out our modest annual dues is on the reverse.

Visit our web site at [www.gmcheritagecruisers.com](http://www.gmcheritagecruisers.com) for more information and past newsletters.



# GMC Heritage Cruisers

## \*\*\*\* MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION \*\*\*\*



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (surname) \_\_\_\_\_ First Names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (street, city, state/ province, zip /postal code)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Business) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

In an emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the FMCA? YES ( ) APPLIED FOR ( ) FMCA Number \_\_\_\_\_

( FMCA membership is mandatory and must be maintained to remain a member of the GMC Heritage Cruisers. Lapsed membership can have an adverse effect on our liability insurance)

Do you belong to any other FMCA chapters? \_\_\_\_\_

INITIATION FEE \$25.00 US (or Cdn equivalent) Payable to GMC Heritage Cruisers. To be included with this completed Application Form. Your initiation fee includes your 1<sup>st</sup> years dues & two name tags. Thereafter, annual dues is \$12.00 US or Cdn equivalent.

Signature (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like your names and City/ Town to appear on your name badges ?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
1<sup>st</sup> name Surname 1<sup>st</sup> Name Surname

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City/ Town State/Province City/Town State/Province

### \*\*\*\* GMC MOTORHOME INFORMATION \*\*\*\*

Serial Number TZE \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you owned your GMC Motorhome? \_\_\_\_\_

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