



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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 **2008**

Message from the President

I am writing this to inform the membership that Bob Paterson, Vice-President Technical, has graciously accepted the position of Acting President. He will serve for the rest of 2008. I want to thank Bob for accepting this position and of course, Judy who will be his Aide-de-Camp.

Ian is doing very well, but it is I who have hit a rough spot. It is a complicated situation, but needless to say, for the sake of the Club, I felt it necessary to hand the reins over to Bob and Judy. They will be at Petrolia and Delaware.

I am so grateful to my executive, the Rally Masters, and others who have coped with my absences.

Warmest regards, **Barb Oliver**

The Rally 2008 Schedule from your VP Wagonmaster

Below is an outline of our remaining rallies for 2008.

8-10 August - Petrolia, Ont (Near Chatham)
150th 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 – Wagonmaster Bruce & Daphne
Hood coordinating.

2009

So far for next year, May is open, but Lena & Dick Longman will investigate the Fifty Point Campground. 8 to 11 June will be our 20th Anniversary Special Rally at Sherkston Shores, Ontario. July is still open. 21 to 23 August we will be at the Country Heritage Park, Milton, Ontario. September is still open.

Have you hosted a rally yet?? If not – maybe now's the time – we'll provide



information and a checklist of things to do and you'll get support from your fellow members – so let's go for it in '09!!! We need you..... contact me at bruce.hood@fireflynet.ca or 519-833-9979!! Thank you.

Invitation to the Alexander Gas & Steam Show 3-7 Sept 08

The Alexander Gas & Steam Show will be **3 to 7 September** near Alexander, New York.

Fred & Eunie Ely have invited any Heritage Cruiser who wants to attend. There will be a generator for those who need to charge batteries. Meals will be catered from the facilities at the show. Bring a long extension cord. **The cost will be \$61.00** to cover admission, parking, and generator gas – payable upon arrival.

Directions: From Route 20, between Darien and Alexander, NY, turn on to Gillette Road. On Gillette Road go to Entrance #3 for the Steam Show and follow the GMC signs to the parking area.

If you are going to attend, call or email Fred & Eunie, [fredely57@gmail.com or 585-494-1574], before 1 September to let them know you are attending. **This is important – do not forget to call or email!!!**

Sick Bay

Barb Oliver has a serious back problem that has given her a lot of pain and anxiety, to the point where she has stepped aside from the president's duties for the rest of the year. We all hope you are seeing improvement in the condition each day, Barb and wish you well.

Barb Lavigne was very brave attending the June rally while in pain and having difficulty

walking. She even participated in the games. We were glad to see a lot of improvement at the July rally, Barb.

Mike Gallagher has been absent from rallies this summer because of a recurrence of prostate cancer and the treatment he must take. Good luck with the treatments – hope to see you at a rally soon.

Ian Oliver had surgery in June to remove some pesky kidney stones, is taking further treatment, but is well on his way to recovery now.

Chapter Membership

We have 90 members, including five non-GMC Owners and five Honourary members.

Just recently John & Mary Peazel, of Courtland, Ontario joined the Heritage Cruisers and attended the July Rally at Niagara Falls, New York. Welcome to the Club. We hope to see you at lots of rallies.

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.

Rallies So Far

The 2008 season got off with a great rally organized by Fred & Norma Hill at the Morrisburg Legion. This was our fourth visit to the Legion. Highlights included a boat ride through the Seaway lock, a silent auction, shuffleboard, socializing, and more. The auction, organized by Bob Paterson, took in \$481.01. Eric & Gertrude Knabe donated a lot of items from their GMCing days and half

the proceeds will go to the charity of their choice and half to the HC Treasury. The Bruce Hood Shuffle Board tournament resulted in many awards. Below are the fly swatter winners for stamina, courage, and staywithitness????



Lena & Dick!!!

In June, we revisited the KOA near Cookstown, and had a great time organized by Judy & Bob Paterson. The entertainment provided by the "guest stars" started us off on a couple of days of fun activities, including golf. The weekday rally was a success and was followed by two days at the Mosport Speedway which made for five days of great times.



Turn Eight, Mosport – Our View of the Races

The July rally was a great success, thanks once again to Lois & Fran Urbanski. We were at the Grand Island KOA, near Niagara Falls, NY. It was a great place with lots to do and lots of good food. Thanks again, Lois & Fran.

GMCHC 20th Anniversary Rally

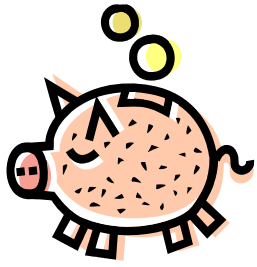
by Judy Paterson

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.

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.



Chapter Dues Increase

At the May rally meeting, a motion was made to increase the Chapter dues from the current \$12.00. A vote was put off until the June meeting to allow the Executive to review the need to raise the dues and advise the membership. In June, the motion was amended to increase the annual dues to \$15.00 effective 1 January 2009. The \$25.00 for the first year for new members remains unchanged.

Minutes of Chapter Meetings

The Minutes of the May and June meetings are enclosed for your review.

Emailing of the Newsletter

Members have asked on a number of occasions about the possibility of sending the newsletter by email. In June, an email asked for interested members to advise the Editor if they wanted to receive the newsletter by email and 16 members responded. This issue was sent by both email to those who requested it and



normal mail for those who did not. The advantages of email include receiving the newsletter faster, printing it in colour, saving the Club some money, less administration for the Editorial

Staff, and so on!!! You can be added to or deleted from the Email List by advising the Editor.

Microsoft Word and Excel are needed to open and view the newsletter and attachments. Free "view-only" downloads are available from the Microsoft website. Files can be printed with these versions of Word and Excel, as well.

Emailing the newsletter is a trial and members thoughts on its value or not will be sought after a few issues.

Classified

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

Wanted: Two chrome hub covers that were original on all six wheels of the GMC. Wally Wilkins – 705-760-9084

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

Tech Talk

Toolbox Slide-Out

On page 32 of the October 2007 issue of the FMCA magazine, a slide-out for the much-needed toolbox was featured. It was found by one of our members that the storage space below the refrigerator, in GM outfitted motorhomes will accommodate such a slide-out. Other outfitted coaches may have a similar space elsewhere. It was an easy project that makes access to tools easier and increases the use of the space by making use of the area under the slide-out for larger wrenches and things!!!



Cleaning an RV Fridge



Recently the smell of ammonia was detected inside the motorhome fridge of a long-time member of the Heritage Cruisers. There was great concern and anguish over the cost to repair a leaking cooling unit in the fridge. The fridge seemed to still work OK, but a few weeks later the same ammonia smell was found. This time a local RV dealership was asked to provide an estimate to replace the cooling unit in the fridge.

Again, the fridge was found to be working well. Another member of the family, after golf, was asked, "What cleaner did you use, Dear, to clean the inside of the motorhome fridge??" "Why Fantistik", was the reply!!!

Fantistik and some other cleaners contain ammonia and leave a lingering smell in the fridge. To prevent undo stress, high blood pressure, and embarrassment at your local RV dealer, it is highly recommended that cleaners containing ammonia not be used to clean the insides of a RV fridge!!!!

(Names withheld at Family request!!)

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Autumn Newsletter

Submissions for the Fall 2008 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15 October 2008 to the Editor, Al Hamilton 613-659-3522 or akh@1000island.net.

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

Minutes of the May & June Meetings