



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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President's Note

Welcome to 2008 everyone! It won't be that long until the Rustbuster in Morrisburg. I am looking forward to working with the new Executive and I know that it will be a good year. Congratulations to Roy and Joan Carscadden and Bob and Judy Paterson as they are both new grandparents. See you soon.

Barb Oliver

Added to this is the offer by our VP Tech, Bob Paterson to lead a group (whoever is available and can make it) to the Vintage Festival at Mosport, Ontario that runs from June 20-22. As you will note, that follows our June rally in Cookstown, so hopefully we can all carry on to Mosport. Thanks Bob!

You will see the list of rallymasters for the rallies this year - for those of you who have not hosted a rally, this is an excellent opportunity to learn the ropes by volunteering your services to assist these folks. The more hands on deck, the lighter the load for all, and besides it is more fun to have a large group pitching in!

The Rally 2008 Schedule from your VP Wagonmaster

As you can see, we have an exciting list of rallies for the upcoming season starting with the Rustbuster at Morrisburg in May and ending in September when we rap up the season at the GMCMCI convention in Delaware.



Below is an outline of our rallies for 2008.

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

**Rally registration details are enclosed.
Please send to the Rallymasters by 1
May.**

18-20 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 - GMCFI Fall Convention
Delaware State Fairgrounds – Harrington,
Delaware

*The HAG Air Show is 12 - 13 July this year
and more information will be included in a
later newsletter.*

2008 Coachless Rally

*The 6th Annual Winter rally was held on
January 21- 23, at the Holiday Inn by the
Falls in Niagara Falls. Eleven couples
attended from Ontario and New York State.
The rally was organized by John & Lou Ann
Podmore and Nick & Barbara Lavigne. They
had a great time and the weather
cooperated again this year.*

With Regret

*We regret to inform you that **Sybil
Matteson** passed away on 11 November
2007. She and Barney were 1989 founding
members of our Chapter and were very
active in the Club until the last few years.*

*Also, in November, **Margaret Fach** passed
away suddenly. Frank & Margaret joined the
Heritage Cruisers in the summer of 2007.
They were from Hawkestone, Ontario. Our
condolences to you, Frank, and your family.*

Sick Bay

*In December, Lena Longman received a
pacemaker and is doing very well as many
of you saw at the Coachless rally.*

*In January, Bob Morris underwent the
same procedure and has a new pacemaker
as well. He too is doing well and he and
Sheryl attended the Coachless rally.*

*Doug Barber is still undergoing therapy and
is having a tough time with it. We wish you
all the best, Doug, and look forward to
seeing the two of you at the May rally.*

Membership

*The Chapter membership stands at 94.
Mike & Lou Barton joined us in November
and we wish them enjoyable rallies and fun in
all the Chapter has to offer.*

Membership Dues 2008

*There are still a few outstanding dues for
the 2008 season. If you received the **Bright
Yellow** enclosure entitled **Second Notice**,
you still owe the Treasury. Complete the
form and mail it with your dues to the
Treasurer, Jim Hadcock. Payment was
due by 1 January. Please note that
membership privileges cease on **1 May** if
dues are still unpaid.*

A Standing Rules Review

It may be time to have a look at some of our Chapter Standing Rules. They were created for the health, safety, and comfort of all members. While most show consideration to other members, there is on occasion a forgotten moment.

We should look at the Standing Rule regarding pets in our eating areas. In most cases that is the tents or a pavilion provided by the campground. Whether we are eating or not, pets should not be in or near any area where we serve food for the health and good of all members. The same applies to smoking near other members. Even though we are almost always out of doors, second hand smoke can be and is inhaled by non-smokers. Most smokers pick a spot down wind of the majority and keep the smoke away from others. Both of these issues are health related.

We only regulate the use of coach generators from a silent hour point of view. The times we most use generators is during a dry-camping rally and frequently we end up parked close together. Spreading out 15 feet or more gives us safety, privacy, and better air circulation around the coaches. A great health hazard exists from carbon monoxide poisoning where, given the right conditions, one coach could fill another or their own coach with carbon monoxide, if wind direction and speed are not considered. Please consider your neighbours when turning on your generator.

These are just a few of the Standing Rules but are the ones most related to health, safety, and good neighbours. This is meant to remind us all of how closely we associate at a rally and that being a bit forgetful can cause an unpleasant time for a friend and fellow member.

2007 Financial Statement



Last year's Financial Statement is enclosed for your review from the outgoing Treasurer, John Podmore. **Jim Hadcock holds the Chapter accounts now. Be sure to send your dues to Jim.**

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.

LEMON BROCCOLI CHICKEN

Prep time: 5 min. Cook Time 20 min

- 1 Lemon
- 1 Tbls. 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

1. Cut 4 thin lemon slices, squeeze 2 Tsb. juice from remaining Lemon. Set aside.
2. In skillet, in hot oil, cook chicken 10 min. or till browned. Remove, set aside.
3. In skillet, combine soup, milk, reserved lemon juice, and pepper. Heat to boiling. Place chicken back in skillet and top with lemon slices.
4. 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

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: 1976 Palm Beach. Lots of new parts and upgrades. \$33,000 invested since 2002. New toilet, roof air, side windows, inverter, new brake lines, new front & rear bushings, just as examples. Pick up in Jamesville, NY for \$5000.00 - Charlie Sykora 315-682-8336.

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.

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

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 engine. Trans rebuilt with new sprockets. \$16,900. 905-331-1411. email nblavigne@hotmail.com Blue Ox tow bar (removed from Saturn) - Nick Lavigne

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

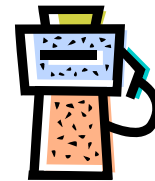
Tech Talk

Tech Report Spring '08

By Bob Paterson, VP Tech

As we approach another season of GMC RV'ing, there are a few alerts that we should all be aware of.

GASOLINE HAS CHANGED.



Nope, the price is not the only thing that's changed. The addition of up to 10% Ethanol presents a gaggle of issues for our 'old' coaches, including fuel tank corrosion, and deterioration of any neoprene components in the fuel system.

This is in addition to the up to 25% loss of power when compared to the old, pure, gasoline.

We can combat the corrosion with the regular addition of Gas Line Antifreeze, which adsorbs moisture in the entire system. The tougher task is getting the Neoprene replaced and compensating for the loss of power. Manufacturers have tried to compensate by reducing weight, but we're stuck with our 12,000-lb beauties. Some owners have struggled to reduce weight, with some limited success, but even getting trimmed down to 10,000 lbs is hardly going to compensate much for the fuel quality, and we really don't know what percentage of Ethanol is in each tank full we buy, (The

pump sign states "Up To 10% Ethanol" but it could be anything from 0% to 12%, according to the experts.) so trying to monkey with the ignition timing is such a 'moving target' and could prove very harmful as a result of detonation.

The corrosiveness should be a warning to all, that we should NOT have any neoprene components in the pressurized section of our fuel line. (Pump to carburetor) This is an invitation for possible rupture and a devastating under-hatch, engine room fire.

New stainless steel fuel lines are readily available, so that should be the starting point, considering the age of our units. A new style, steel or plastic 'see-thru' fuel filter should be added immediately before or in the flex hose to the fuel pump. This will eliminate the need for the paper filter in the front of the carb. You will need a new fitting to replace the filter housing at the front of the carb, and this will also allow the fuel line to be backed away from the hot thermostat housing.

For more info, check this out. Google 'corrosive effects of ethanol in gas', or go directly to: <http://science.propeller.com.story/2006/07/07/ethanols-corrosive-little-secret>. for another opinion on the situation.

Removing Roof Air Conditioners

Most folks use a fork lift to remove a 120-pound roof air conditioner from their coach. Here is how one GMC owner did it !!!



Looks easy doesn't it!!!!



Oops!!!!

(Just some misguided Editor's humour!!!)

The AC comes off quite easily (or goes on) using three ladders and two people.

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Email Addresses Again!!!!



In the last few months some email addresses have not worked and to try to keep up-to-date, and keep as many members informed, as possible, here is a list of them: Morley, Price, Sirum, Davis, Breen, Ross, & Branscombe. Please let me know at akh@1000island.net or gmchc@1000island.net of your current address!!!!

Chapter Survey Results

The survey results from the last newsletter will be reported in the next newsletter by Bruce Hood, our Wagonmaster.

Spring Newsletter

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

Happy Valentine's Day

The Newsletter staff hopes everyone had a great Valentine's Day and wish you a Happy Easter!!!



Enclosures:

May Rally Notice

(Not Included on Website)

*2008 2nd Dues Notice – Some Members Only
2007 Treasurer's Report – Members Only*