



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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2009

The Rally 2009 Schedule

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

8-11 June –Sherkston Shores –
Patersons & Lavignes

**Rally Information was sent in April with a
22 May deadline.**

22-24 July – Brantford, Ont – Ed & Mary
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**The Rally information is enclosed with a
deadline of 15 July.**

21-23 August – Milton, Ont –
Hoods & Foldys

17- 19 September – Tentative rally with the
GMC Great Lakers in Frankenmuth, Mich

September Rally

Since, we have no hosts for a rally in September, discussions are under way with the GMC Great Lakers to join their rally in Frankenmuth, Michigan, in September. Details will be presented at our May rally for discussion. The GMCMI Fall Convention is the next weekend in Colorado. This would be a good stopover if you're planning to go to the GMCMI Convention. Should a volunteer for a rally come forward, we may cancel the trip to Michigan.

2010 – 2011 Officer Elections

A slate of proposed Chapter officers will be presented at the May or June rally for election at the August rally. Volunteers are still needed. Your Chapter needs you !!!!



1989 - 2009



Happy Anniversary to Us!!!!!!



Heritage Air Group Air Show

The Air Show is 11 -12 July this year and volunteers are needed. The details are enclosed from Fred & Eunie Ely.

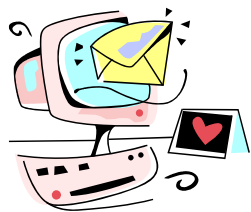
Chapter Membership & Nominal Roll

We have 92 members at the beginning of the rally season. Enclosed is our latest Membership List dated 1 May 09. It requires auditing for the few that may not have renewed for 2009. A check will be done before the next newsletter and a copy of a new membership list will be enclosed with the Summer newsletter.

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

Emailing of the Newsletter

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



Rejected Email Addresses

A rally reminder was sent to all members with email on 22 April and some were returned or rejected by your servers. Thought you'd like to know. They were hube652@aol.com, muggie2271@aol.com because of not being logged into AIM??? gbayltd@primus.ca was an "unrouteable address" ???

Classified

For Sale: 1975 Avion with side dry bath, sleeps six. Six wheel disc brakes. Rebuilt engine and transmission. Rebuilt front end less than 1000 miles. New air compressor. New dash with new dash valves. Replaced ceiling vinyl. Replaced counter top and table. Rebuilt carburator to GMC specs by Dick Patterson. Tires replaced in last two years with Alcoa front wheels. Replaced fridge, toilet, roof air and awning. New screen door by Alex Birch. Replaced both sink taps with Moen taps. Replaced furnace. Two new batteries. –
Fred Hill - 613-543-2262 or normajoycehill@hotmail.com.

For Sale: 2000 watt Honda generator with low hours. \$600.00 - Nick Lavigne – 905-331-1411 or nblavigne@hotmail.com

For Sale: Two 1976 GMC Transmodes. Both 455 engines have about 35,000 miles on them and run well. They were driven up from Virginia to Pennsylvania several years ago. These Transmodes were used for educational purposes and are set up as portable classrooms. The interiors have approximately 6-7 desk areas, the bathroom, and the back bedroom area is open. They would have to be towed or have new tires put on. Call and make an offer. Maynard Troyer at 814-665-2435

For Sale: 1974 GMC- It has been in storage for 15 years in Cinninatti. Less than 60,000 miles on it. Owner will sell to best bid over \$5950.00. I can send you more details and pictures, if interested (akh@1000island.net) or contact the owner, Ralph Blackwelder, Cincinnati (513) 325-2558 cell (513) 561-6938 home .

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



Tech Talk

Alternator Protection Cable

(The full details are in the Winter 2004 issue and on our web site. Also do a search for "Alternator Field Wiring" & "APC" – Gene Fisher")

Editor's Note: A topic that has been discussed a lot in the GMC Community is the coach's wiring that is part of the charging circuit and the potential fire hazard it may or may not hold. There are opinions on both sides of the issue. This is one topic that each owner must decide for themselves. The Winter 2004 Tech Talk article was to give some well presented facts and includes one possible solution developed by Gene Fisher, a GMCer from Oregon.

This article is repeated, particularly, for the new members and a few others that missed it since this was printed in 2004 .

Some owners have experienced damage to the large electrical harness that runs from the back of the instrument panel to the fuse block. This harness has 36 conductors and includes the alternator field conductor. The damage has been attributed to overheating of the alternator field conductor. This conductor is said to be made of a nickel chromium (Nichrome) material. Some owners believe the overheating condition occurs as a result of abnormally high amperage flowing reverse to the normal path. The normal path is from the battery through the ignition switch to the alternator. The reverse flow is said to occur as a result of failure of the alternator or battery isolator. The sequence of events within the alternator, voltage regulator or isolator that results in the reported high reverse amperage has not been defined. A wiring modification has been devised that it is

believed, will prevent the wiring overheat problem. It consists of an alternator protection cable (APC) that is installed between the alternator T1 and T2 terminals and the OEM plug for the white and brown wires that connect to these terminals. Gene Fisher produced a paper on the subject. .

Following are a few frames from Gene's paper and a picture of the APC:

We Think The APC Will Stop The Problem

- Removes reverse voltage
 - Corrects dim alternator light
 - Light now indicates real problems
 - Protects resistor wire
- Reversible solution
- New connector for alternator

To Summarize

- Alternator circuit is not faulty
- Isolator or regulator can burn wires
- Don't cut wires and create problems
- Put on the APC for cheap insurance
- Wires melted? - Replace resistor wire
- Repair depends upon year model

APC Is Easy To Install



Gene has produced the APC for sale to GMC Motorhome owners. For more details on Gene's paper, the APC, and how to get one, see:

<http://www.california.com/~eagle/engine.htm#alternator>.

The Best Thing I did to Our Coach!!

A "Best Modification or Improvement" article was suggested a few years ago, but never took off!! Here's what Fred Hill did and was very happy about what was done to their 1975 Avion.

The Hill's carburetor was rebuilt and after many years of trying to get it to work the way he thought it should, Fred was very pleased with the results. They also added the after market set of air control valves in the dash to replace the troublesome set of "Power Level Controls".

Ask Fred or Norma where to get your carburetor working perfectly and your coach

air system to do what GM intended it to do – maintain the height it is set at for more than a few hours!!!!

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Summer 2009 Newsletter

Submissions for the Summer 2009 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15 July 2009 to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

July Rally Notice with Map
HAG Air Show Insert
(See Events on Web Site also)

(Not Included on Website)

Membership List dated 1 May 09