



# MINGS 'n GOINGS

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## From the President

*I trust that you are all looking forward to the season as much as we are. With the exception of those stalwarts who have ventured to warmer climes for a month or two, the rest of us have been waiting for what seems an eternity, to get the coaches out of the moth balls.*

*The Rustbuster looks like it will be a fun filled weekend, thanks to the efforts of Lou Ann and John, and Lois and Fran. Our business meeting will include a rundown of the seasons remaining rallies, with a round table session on filling the gap for June. If you have any ideas, please bring them to the meeting, or e-mail me with the details, and I'll present them. (519-855-4507) or <geemc@sympatico.ca>*

*Also, I ask each of you to check for 'events' in your local areas, specifically for 'Classic Car shows' or 'Cruise-ins'. Then take your coach to the event and put it on display. Maybe you can round up a few other owners to join with you. (Most often they are just afternoon or evening events.) It's a great way to introduce our way of life, and specifically the GMC way to folks, and it is a*

*lot of fun. Bruce and I took his GMC to a car club show last summer, and had about eight fellows go to get their wives to bring them back and see the coach. The club can provide a supply of Information Sheets for you to use if let me know. There seems to be quite a few GMCs for sale at reasonable prices currently.*

*Since this is an election year, our esteemed Nominating Committee will be cruising the Rustbuster to fill the slate for an August election. If you would like to participate in the clubs operations, please contact Dick Longman and discuss the positions available, and the compensation involved. (905-454-0551) or [dick.longman@gmail.com](mailto:dick.longman@gmail.com)*

*See you in Cookstown.*

**Bob**



## **The 2011 Rally Schedule**

13-15 May – John & Lou Ann Podmore and  
Fran & Lois Urbanski –  
Cookstown, Ontario

**Rally Information was sent by email on  
13 April and is included with this  
newsletter**

June – to be decided at the May Rally

15-17 July – John & Mary Peasel –  
Courtland, Ontario

26-28 August – Ross Birch & Judy  
Ferguson

Roy & Joan Carscadden -  
Honey Harbour, Ontario

9-14 September - GMCMI Fall Convention –  
Goshen, Indiana

## **In Memoriam**

On 4 April, Adeline Barber passed away following a bout with cancer. Adeline & Doug have been members for 16 years and were very active in the Club and at rallies. Please accept our condolences, Doug and to your family as well.

On 11 April, Syd Collier passed away peacefully at a nursing home in Dutton, Ontario. Syd & Sue were very active members of the HC for over 20 years. Please accept our condolences, Sue as well as your family.

## **Chapter Membership**

We have 88 members including the new members below.

## **New Members**

Welcome to Ted and Caroline Krempa of Brantford, Ontario. They joined this past winter. Hope to see you at a rally soon.

Welcome also to Lee Dadson & Gary Hemstock of London, Ontario. They joined in April. We hope you enjoy the Chapter and its activities.

## **Chapter Membership List**

Enclosed is the latest Membership List. Please check that all your information is correct and if there are errors or changes, send them to [gmchc@1000island.net](mailto:gmchc@1000island.net). Also to protect other members, destroy any old copies.

## **Emailing of the Newsletter**



Receiving the newsletter is still available by email for anyone who would like to have it delivered to their computer. Let us know if you want to change to email

delivery.

## **A Motorhome Dream Fulfilled**

*Editor's Note: Below is an email from our newest member that was to Syd Collier's family. It is included here because of the desire that lasted for years to own a GMC motorhome and the unique set of circumstances that finally made it happen. Printed with the kind permission of the author.*

*Our sincerest condolences to Mr. Collier's wife, family and all his GMC motor home family. We had the pleasure to meet Syd over ten years ago at a Rally near Peterborough at the Mosport Racetrack. He was so kind, friendly, informative and proud of his motor home. We understood he did so much for charities.*

*As a young teen in the 70's my parents bought a Glendale Motor Home in which we had many years of summer vacations and winter school break fun. However, every time I saw a GMC drive by us on the highway I asked my parents why we couldn't have that kind of "cool" motor home. I was told I was lucky to have what I had! But...I knew when I became older I would get one of those.*

*I told my boyfriend about this dream and he said he always liked them too and if he could find a "good" one he would help me buy it. Being a single Mom I knew I couldn't buy it alone. I knew that GMC meant "get more money"...*

*I lived in Ennismore, so when a rally came to the Peterborough area my boyfriend and his Dad went to see them. They met Syd and Dan Stuckey and learnt not only everything they wanted to know about the GMC, but also what fabulous people owned them. Sid introduced us to a "Glenna" whose coach was for sale and stored out at Syd's farm. The following Saturday we went to see it, but at the time it was too much money for us to buy and still would need more money to fix it. I still wanted one and*

*always watched for the "perfect one" for sale on the various Internet sites. Every time my boyfriend and I went for our Sunday drives on our Harley, we looked at every farm to see if there might be an old GMC sitting there neglected and lonely in a field.*

*So here we are ten years later, living in London and I am just looking through the Kijiji ads.....and there it is...Syd's coach for sale. I knew that paint job immediately. We called and it was his daughter that was selling it for him. We went and bought it that weekend!*

*The following weekend was the rally at Plunkets in London and away we went. We had no idea how to use anything but with everyone giving us instructions, helpful hints and support, we knew we had made a great purchase. I knew some people were even emotional when they saw someone had bought Syd's coach.*

*We had a few things changed, updated and fixed and we were off every weekend. We actually went to Cape Cod this past summer without one problem! In fact we had fewer problems than my sister who joined us with a brand new trailer. Those were some big mountains we climbed and it was over 95 degrees the entire week we were gone. We kept thinking we were going to overheat but everything was perfect.*

*So thank you Syd and Sue for taking such great care of your GMC for 29 years and passing it on to someone who will love it as much as you did. We will take good care of it and plan to have many great times.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lee Dadson and Gary Hemstock*

## Classified

**For Sale:** 1974 26' Painted Desert (now two tone green) 455 engine 82,000 miles, rebuilt transmission at 60,000 miles, new roof air conditioner. - \$11,000 – Robert Wakeman 607-642-5528

**For Sale:** 1977 Eleganza Parts for Sale Complete frame, front & rear bumpers, gas tanks, waste tank, front & rear brakes, propane tank, most of front & rear suspension, complete full bore stainless exhaust system with mufflers. Ray McHugh, Owen Sound, Ont - [mchugh@rogers.com](mailto:mchugh@rogers.com).

**For Sale:** Atwood 6 gallon electric water heater model #93891. New in box. Retail value was \$294.84 in 2005. No longer in "Atwoodmobil. com" website but check for comparable types. Will fit GMC's with engine coolant heating built in. Will accept reasonable offer....contact - 716-868-5068 or - [jim41@roadrunner.com](mailto:jim41@roadrunner.com).

**For Rent:** Help me pay for a one-time use fixture. I bought a drill alignment fixture to drill front knuckles for grease fittings. After I drill mine, the fixture is for rent for \$10.00. Al Hamilton – [akh@1000island.net](mailto:akh@1000island.net) or 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

### "Jack Stands"



If you are having a problem with the air suspension system leaking down in cooler weather or when parked for two or three weeks, these small, yet adjustable stands work very well. The circular base needed to be replaced with a heavier plate to hold the weight of the coach. They are sold in Vendors Row at the GMC Motorhomes International Conventions.

## **More on ZDDP**

*by Fran Urbanski, VP Tech*

*I've found a tidbit in MOTORHOME Aug 10 referring to engine oil in flat tappet engines. I will add some other info. US Federal regulations have restricted the use of ZDDP (an additive) in current formulations of engine oil available to the public. ZDDP negatively affects catalytic converters, hence, emissions. Current engines have little need for ZDDP since they have ROLLER lifters. The Zinc compound is essential to flat surface-to-surface contact. A product called "Hy-Per Lube" ([www.hyperlube.com](http://www.hyperlube.com), 888-275-0015) may be added at each oil change to remedy this reformulation and is available at Pep Boys, O'Reilly's, and other auto parts stores. GM EOS (Engine Oil Supplement) Assembly Lube (#1052367), now discontinued, and MOA (Motor Oil Additive) were used to enhance standard engine oil lubricity during engine assembly. Each had ZDDP in copious amounts for cam/lifter break-in. An alternative may be to use Diesel engine oil in the appropriate grade, since these engines are governed by different rules. Off road and racing oils (Royal Purple, et al) are also an option, but are pricey. Synthetic oils are out there. But DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH! I am NOT an engineer nor do I play one on TV!*

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**2011 Newsletter**

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### **Enclosures:**

May 2011 Rally Details

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