



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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2013 Rallies

MAY 28 - 30 – (weekdays) - Grand Island, NY - - Fran and Lois Urbanski - **Still time to register !!**

JUNE 11 - 13 – (weekdays) Bingeman Park - Kitchener, Ontario – including Road Trek tour! Frank and Linda Foldy – **See details & registration attached. Returns by 1 June, please.**

JULY 5 - 7 Grand Bend, Ontario Motorplex Andy and Helen Spriet - **See details & registration attached. Returns by 15 June, please.**

AUGUST 23 - 25 – Tweed, Ontario “Tribute To Elvis” Festival - Jack and Pat Elzinga – **Deadline for Payment 15 June - See details & registration attached**

SEPTEMBER 17 - 21 - Mitchell, Ontario - Plowing Match 100th Anniversary - Bruce and Paula Hislop

New Heritage Cruiser Apparel

Over the winter, Lois & Fran Urbanski have been working on designs and colours for some caps, jackets, T-shirts, and full-zippered sweat shirts with a hood or “hoodies”, (if you were born after 1995) with “GMC Heritage Cruiser” on them and a line art outline of a GMC motorhome. Lois & Fran will have samples at the May rally for all to see.

The Club will not be purchasing any of this clothing. Orders will be taken and a bulk order placed. As an example, we have to order 12 at a time of an item of the same colour in a mixture of sizes.

The pink cap shown is a low profile unstructured cap with a Velcro closing.

Here are some photos of the items:



Jackets - \$50 T-Shirts - \$11
 Hoodies - \$30
 Caps - \$12 Pink Cap w/ logo - \$10



a dozen GMC clubs across the United States. Many of the clubs are still in existence today. The association was called the GMC Motorhome Owners Association. When GM disbanded the association, the clubs moved on to FMCA and the North American – wide chapter of FMCA, GMC Motorhome International was formed.

The inclusion of the International Code of Flags in club logos to represent the first two letters of the club name was used by all GMC clubs. Some of the clubs still use them today.

In Memoriam

We regret to announce that Marie Marshall passed away on Thursday, 25 April. There was a family service on 28 April. Marie & Bill joined the club in 1999 and remained active until a few years ago when they sold their GMC.

Please accept the sincere condolences of the Heritage Cruisers to you Bill and your family.

Sick Bay

On 14 February, Bruce Hood, had a very serious accident involving a stair well and a glass picture. He spent two weeks in hospital recovering with some broken ribs, a damaged spleen, a punctured lung, and other painful damage. Fortunately, he is well on his way to recovery. As he said, "Daphne has been a wonderful nurse throughout and our two pup dogs ,Faro and Cuddles have been by my



GMC HC Logos

You'll see some new logos in this issue of the newsletter that came to us from Byron Songer of Louisville, Kentucky. Byron has been very generous in sharing his artistic talents and producing some colourful and interesting designs.

The roundel logo above is an updated version of the Heritage Cruiser logo of the 1970's. Between 1976 and 1982, General Motors sponsored an association of at least

side ! I shall
return.....Bruce.”

Bob Morris had a very rough winter also. Following a knee replacement operation, Bob & Sheryl went to Florida where the knee became infected and had to be removed. For months now he has been fighting infection and using a wheel chair. Next will be a new knee and hopefully a successful recovery this time. Hope it all works out well, Bob.

GMCMI Spring Convention Dothan, Alabama



This year's Spring Convention had an attendance of almost 150 and was a great success. A big congratulations is due to Jean Price and Fred Perkins. They did very well in the Pine Wood Racing Derby. Fred took first in the men's division and the prize for best looking racer as well. Jean took third in the ladies division. Well done !!!



Fred in First Place

2014 Rallies

MAY – 50 Point Conservation Area
Grimsby, Ontario - Dick and Lena Longman

JUNE – **open** – potential - a New York
State location?????

JULY – Parry Sound, Ontario - Music
Festival - Judy and Bob Paterson

AUGUST – Drayton, Ontario - Underground
Railroad Festival or Erin – Ribfest

SEPTEMBER – **open** – potential - Niagara
Wine Festival.....

New Members

Chris & May Ufton, from Brampton, Ontario,
joined the Heritage Cruisers this spring just
in time for the May rally. Welcome to you
both. Hope to see you at Grand Island, NY.

Chapter Membership & Nominal Roll

We have 73 members at the beginning of
the rally season. Enclosed is our latest
Membership List dated May 2013.

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 – please destroy old copies)

Alternator & Starter Repair Kits

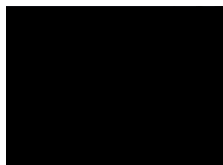
by Al Hamilton



Classified



For Sale: 1977 GMC, many upgrades over the years, including paint at Topeka Graphics, refrigerator, furnace, microwave/convection oven, awnings, Alcoa wheels, 3.70 final drive, new four-bag system, recarpeted and reupholstered, \$16,000 - Richard Palmer – 315-252-8593



For Sale: 1977 Royale side-bath, well-maintained, new paint, recent frame replacement, Paterson engine, rebuild transmission, 108,000 total miles, 3.70 final drive ratio, interior refurbished. \$29,000 – Gary Hemstock – 705-292-8127 or ghemstock@hotmail.com.

For Sale: A new, unused GMC sensitized brake vacuum booster by Jim Bounds complete with required push rod. \$175 – call Paul Lambke - 519-443-7543 or phlambke@aol.com.

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



TechTalk

Rebuilt alternators and starters are still available for the GMC Motorhome, but there is an alternative to repair the most common causes of failure. This is the use of repair kits that contain brushes, bearings, bushings, a voltage regulator, a Bendix, and other parts. Failure of the armatures or windings needs to be dealt with by replacing the defective alternator or starter with a rebuilt part. Most automotive parts stores can test an alternator or starter to determine what is wrong.

A company called “Victory Lap” makes kits for about \$20 including taxes. The alternator kit is # 19-2507-2 GMA-02 and the starter, # 19-2502-2 GMS-01. In Canada, the kits are sold at Canadian Tire and Parts Source. The kits are made in the US and it is likely that the kits are available at places such as Advance Auto, Carquest, and others.

I carry a spare alternator and starter, each with the parts of the kits installed. This past winter, the spare alternator had to be used and the bad alternator is now the spare with the \$20 kit installed.

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Enclosures:

Rally Information & Registration:

June 2013 – Note: 1 June Deadline

July 2013 – Note: 15 June Deadline

*August 2013 – Note: 15 June
Deadline*

*Chapter Membership List (to members
only)*