



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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Winter 2013

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are enduring the Yo-Yo thermometer no matter where you are. It seems that our weather patterns have extremely short cycles these days, so it makes it very hard to plan ahead for more than a few days.

You will see in the remaining pages that we have a lot to look forward to for this coming R.V. season.

Bruce has been working very hard to complete our rally schedule for this year and some of next as well. His report follows. Thank you Bruce.

Also, our 'other' Bruce is hard at work, getting our web site up to date and refreshed, all the while keeping us up to date on Technical matters.

Moving forward, I would like you all to give some thought regarding our affiliation with FMCA. Some of the other GMC clubs are looking at Antique & Classic car groups, Good Sam, etc. The car groups may be a reasonable alternative, given that our coaches are over 35 years young.

<http://acccc.ca>>. If you have any ideas along these lines, drop me an email with your thoughts. 1busybee@sympatico.ca

Also, please don't forget that elections are due for this summer (Aug). If you would like to volunteer for a position (2 year term), please contact Dick Longman, Al Hamilton or Roy Carscadden, ASAP.

See you at the Rustbuster.

Bob Paterson

. 2013 - 10th Annual Coachless Winter Rally

Twenty-one members gathered at the Holiday by the Falls, in Niagara Falls, for the 10th Annual Coachless Winter Rally. Once again a good time was had by all. We enjoyed the handmade chocolates supplied by Lena. A few of the gentlemen played the horse race game supplied by Dick together with a



tasting of Brandy and Single Malt Scotch.

On Saturday we went to the Shaw Café and Wine Bar, in Niagara on the Lake, for lunch. After lunch we visited the Pillitteri Estate Winery where we had a great tour and wine tasting (and wine purchasing). On our return to the hotel we were all delighted to meet up with Dot Boehler and John Evans who came over for a visit from the Buffalo area. Once again we had the Saturday supper on the top of the Skylon Tower.

The attendees were; Doug Barber and his son Terry; Frank and Linda Foldy; Lorne and Jean Hawley; Dick and Lena Longman; Phil and Trish Nau; Ian Oliver; Bob and Judy Paterson; John and Mary Peazel; Kari and Irma Valanne and the hosts John and Lou Ann Podmore and Fran and Lois Urbanski.

John Podmore

IT'S RALLY PLANNING TIME.....

DON'T BE A 'WAFFLER' NOR A 'WIGGLER' – BE A 'WILL-DO'ER'!

While we while away the winter in whatever way we will..... time will soon come when it will be time to get wound up and wander to our wonderful GMC's and wend our way back onto the 'wroads'!

Yup, it's time to get your calendar marked and plan to attend the HC rallies this coming season – we have some excellent new sites that everyone will enjoy! The hosts will send info your way in time for you to book your reservation. First there is the May 'rust-buster' on Tuesday thru Thursday the 28th to 30th on

Grand Island, NY with Lois and Fran Urbanski as hosts.

In June it's over to Kitchener, Ontario and again it's mid-week – Tuesday thru Thursday 11th to 13th - where Linda and Frank Foldy will host us at Bingeman Park that has many choices to offer. A highlight being arranged by our hosts is a tour of the making of the Road Trek units that I'm sure will be enjoyable for all.

In July we will be in Grand Bend, Ontario - where Andy and Helen Spriet will host us at Grand Bend Motorplex where there are 400 regular campsites plus 70 Trackside motorhome sites! And there's always lots of action on the track!

Then in August on the weekend of the 23rd to the 25th we will become Elvis Presley fans once again as Jack and Pat Elzinga host us at the annual Tweed, Ontario 'Tribute to Elvis' Festival.

Finally another rarity - we will be at the 100th Anniversary of the International Plowing Match in Mitchell, Ontario where our Vice President and his lady, Bruce and Paula Hislop, will host us on the weekend of the 19th thru 21st September. This is the 100th Anniversary of the Plowing Match so there will be additional things to see and do.

So don't waffle or wiggle but do plan to be a 'will-do'er' – and plan to attend the rallies and enjoy the camaraderie, the events, or whatever. Remember life is short...live it to the fullest! come to the rallies....

Bruce Hood, VP Wagon Master

NOTE: - cut out this rallies list and post it on your 'frig'!

2013 Rallies

MAY 28 - 30 – (weekdays) - Grand Island, NY - - Fran and Lois Urbanski - **See details and registration attached !!**

JUNE 11 - 13 – (weekdays) Bingeman Park - Kitchener, Ontario – including Road Trek tour! Frank and Linda Foldy

JULY 5 - 7 Grand Bend, Ontario Motorplex Andy and Helen Spriet

AUGUST 23 - 25 – Tweed, Ontario “Tribute To Elvis” Festival - Jack and Pat Elzinga

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

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.....

Heritage Cruiser Website Update

As most of you know, the Club Website has not been updated since last May. The fellow who does our website maintenance became ill last spring leaving us no way to post any updates.

I'm pleased to announce the control of the website is now in Club hands and updates should appear shortly. The rally page should be updated shortly.

I know some of you would like to post photos on the site. I hope to have a page on the Website where you can send your club activity photos to be posted on the site.

I'd like to revamp the site so any ideas you have for improvement, please email them to me at gmchc@perthcomm.com

*Bruce Hislop,
Webmaster*

New Members

Dave & Patty Beverley, of London, Ontario, joined the Heritage Cruisers in late November. Welcome to the Club and we hope you will enjoy it.

Rob & Karla Engman, from Gravenhurst, Ontario, joined in mid-December at a remote campground in Western Virginia. They arrived for their first night's stop going south only to be met by Heritage Cruisers with a membership application in hand. Welcome to you both and we hope you will make it to some rallies this year.

2012 Financial



Report

The final Financial Report for 2012 is attached.



Annual Membership Dues

The annual membership dues are payable on 1 January each year. A reminder was included with the Fall newsletter for those who had not paid for 2013. There are still a few members who have not paid. All those who attended the August rally at Erin or the September rally at Clayton paid their dues. The dues are \$20. Please send the dues to our Treasurer, Nancy Berry. **If you mailed your cheque after 15 December, Nancy will not get it from the post office until April and a notice has been sent to you with this newsletter. Please disregard the notice, if you have paid.** Anyone who has not paid will be removed from the membership list on 1 May, as usual.

No Email Address !!!

More and more emails are being sent to our members now than ever before. It still is only eight to ten emails a year, but sometimes it is a change to rally details just a few days before it begins. Those without Internet access and email should consider asking a friend or relative to receive emails

for you and print or pass them on so you are kept informed.

Please let us know the email address to send your emails to.



Smart Phone Apps for RVing

The latest app that has been helpful in the coach is called TV Antenna Helper. It shows the direction to TV transmitters for "Off Air" channels. It is useful when using a directional antenna to find the strongest signal.



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: 1978 Hess GMC training van in very good condition for sale at \$100.00 US. All mirrors, windshield wipers, door handle and all lights are undamaged. **There is no box with this Hess GMC training van.** Wall mount included. Bob Morris - 607-756-9888



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: Blue Ox Aventa folding tow bar, stays on rear of RV. Brand new, has 2 1/2" receiver, **Reduced** \$475 - call Phil or Trish Nau 519-675-0582 or naure@sympatico.ca

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

Norcold Fridge Recalls

Recently, Norcold sent a reminder about a recall on their 1200 series fridges. Over the years there have been a number of recalls for safety reasons. If you have a Norcold fridge in your coach, go to <http://norcoldrecall.com> and check your model and serial number.

As an example, we have a N641. The cooling unit and electronics were replaced a

long time ago, but the recall is still available to anyone with the affected fridges.

Don't hesitate to check yours. This recall is to prevent a fire.

Propane Leak Detector

We had a very small propane leak near the tank and could not find it after several tries using the traditional soap and water. It was very small, but enough to smell at times. We found a liquid leak detector at Camping World called "Gas Leak Detector" by Camco that showed the leak after a minute or so.

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Spring 2013 Newsletter

Submissions for the Spring 2013 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 20 April to the Editor, Al Hamilton at gmchc@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

2012 Financial Report

May Rally Information
& Registration

2013 Second Dues Notification
(Some Members only)

