



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Hello Mr and Ms GMCer and all the other land yachters !!!!

This is our Chapter's 25th anniversary year. Thank you founding members.

Boy ! What a dandy winter so far; wind, rain, snow, ice, cold, gray skies, floods, locusts,...(oops not yet). As this is being written, it's -2F(-18C) I'm sure you can relate. BUT WAIT !! It's only 59 days 'til SPRING !! Blue skies, flowers, birds, and comfortable travel. This may be the time to...

1) review the up-coming rally season and plan ahead. It looks like fun, and

2) think about what needs to be done to the coach, those little things that let you down last season. You know, a binding drawer, loose handles, etc.

Don't wait for the RUST BUSTER. Make a list. Check it twice. The weather can sneak

up and break quickly (Bruce, I'm not trying to steal your thunder).

Well, that's enough wind for now. Lois and I hope everything is well.

See y'all soon, Rust Buster or a rally later on.

Fran Urbanski



2014 Rallies

Now on to the 2014 rally season - hope you plan to attend some this year (or all as three HC couples did last summer!). We have two mid-week events as this is the only time these places are available. And finally, you will note the September rally is 'un-hosted' much like the ones we have had



in Erin (if you have a September location for consideration or would like to host the one in Cookstown – either would be grand)!

*9-11 May – 50 Point Conservation Area - Grimsby, Ontario - Dick and Lena Longman
Rally Info & Registration is attached*

17-19 June – Sauble Beach, Ontario – John & Lou Ann Podmore

22-24 July – Parry Sound, Ontario – Judy & Bob Paterson

22-24 August – Lockport, NY – Pia & Dennis Lepard

18-21 September – Toronto North KOA, Cookstown, Ontario – (unhosted thus far)

Bruce Hood
VP Wagon Master



Our Silver Anniversary

This year is the 25th anniversary of the founding of the second Chapter of the GMC Heritage Cruisers. Some celebration activities are planned for the May rally at 50 Point. Details are still in the planning stages.

The Chapter was formed in 1989 and took the name of one of the original GMC clubs that was formed in this area in the 1970s under the umbrella of the GM sponsored GMC Owners Association. GM disbanded the Association in 1982.

Don't miss the May rally and the anniversary activities.

Sick Bay

George DelVecchio of North Rose, NY is still fighting cancer with numerous chemo treatments every week. He is very upbeat and says he is “determined to beat this !!” He’s getting excellent treatment and home care. All the very best to you, George and Joan.

Sheila Branscombe is doing well and wishes to thank everyone for their concerns. She hopes to get to as many rallies as possible this year.

Helen Lambke had laser eye surgery in January and is recovering well from it. Good news, Helen, keep doing well.

Al Hamilton is slowly regaining strength, at home, after his heart surgery in early February. Had great hospital care and even better at home !!! No driving for weeks – have to be ready for the May rally though !!

Bob Paterson is at home recovering from cornea eye surgery that he had recently. It’s a slow process. Take it easy, Bob, and give it time. Our best wishes to you.

2014 Coachless Rally **31 Jan - 2 Feb**

Once again, a group of members got together in Niagara Falls, Ontario to celebrate the 11th Annual Coachless Winter Rally. It was attended by 17 members; Peazels, Oliver, Valannes, Longmans, Patersons, Foldys, Hawleys, and the co-hosts Urbanskis and Podmores. One couple travelled from Bancroft, the other from Belleville.

We enjoyed a great supper at Coco’s where we were surprised with a large Heritage Cruisers 25th Anniversary cake and great

table decorations courtesy of Lou Ann & Lois.



Speeches from the outgoing President, Bob Paterson and the incoming President, Fran Urbanski were presented after supper. As you can imagine, it was a very moving occasion.

On Saturday, we again visited the Shaw Coffee and Wine Bar in Niagara-on-the-Lake for lunch and continued shopping which started on Friday. Some went on to visit Piliterra's Winery. Saturday evening we enjoyed supper at the top of the Skylon Tower in their revolving restaurant.

Once again, we all enjoyed delicious homemade chocolates prepared by Lena and some homemade "Tangy" marmalade prepared by John Podmore.

Of course, the weekend would not have been complete without Dick Longman's horse race.

2013 Financial Report



The final Financial Report for 2013 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 2014. There are still a few members who have not paid. All those who attended the August rally at Tweed and most who attended the September rally at St Marys paid their dues. The dues are \$20. Please send the dues to our Treasurer, Nancy Berry. Anyone who has not paid will be removed from the membership list on 1 May, as usual.

Donation to the Chapter

There is a donation listed in the attached financial report for \$181. Wally & Joan Wilkins brought their remaining GMC parts and related items and offered them to the members at the August rally in Tweed. Everything was available for a donation to the Club. In all, \$181 was collected and presented by the Wilkins to the club.

Thank you Joan & Wally for your generous donation.

Club Caps, Clothing, Flags

Good News! We are finally able to place an order for T-shirts with a GMC Heritage Cruisers logo. In addition, this year we will have "25th Anniversary" and "1989-2014"

on it, free of charge! The T-shirts will be black, and can be ordered in any size: small, medium, large, Xlarge, and 2X large. The cost is \$11 US each, payable in advance. Tax is already included. We are also close on the navy hoodie for \$30 US. Anyone who has not filled in an order form, please contact me at 716-824-2027 or at franlo@roadrunner.com, and mail a check, as soon as possible, to Lois Urbanski, 92 Steiner Ave, West Seneca, New York 14224 USA. These shirts will be great to wear to our Rustbuster, where we will celebrate our anniversary in May at Fifty Point.



There are still some Heritage Cruiser flags left from last year's purchase at \$12 each. See Al

Hamilton at a rally to get yours.

For Sale: Cupboard doors & front seats from a 1976 Palm Beach. Any reasonable offer - Cyril Gosse – 613-735-4367

Wanted: Two interior door latches for the bathroom and closet. Cyril Gosse 613-735-4367

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



TechTalk

Flexible LED Interior Lighting

by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

Recently while Paula and I were looking at lighting fixtures for the new house at Home Depot I happened across some LED tape strings. The white light was warm and bright unlike the cold blue-ish light emitted by many "white" LEDs. They certainly have improved the technology in the past year alone.

The under-cupboard lights in our existing home needed improvement to help sell it, so I bought a package. The lighting is a water-proof tape about 1/2" wide and 5 metres (that's about 16 feet) along with a peel and stick backing. Every 4" there are markings where you can cut the tape and make power connections. I cut appropriate lengths to fit and stuck them under our cupboards. I must say it looks really nice.

So... of course the GMC came to mind next. The LED tape runs directly off 12 volts DC and is much more efficient than incandescent or fluorescent. I measured the current for a 6 foot long string at 13.8



Classified

For Sale: Brake Buddy Classic, new \$1,200.00, for \$600.00 - Blue Ox Acclaim Tow Bar, new \$660.00 for \$300.00. - John Podmore at 519-823-3332 or jpodmore@cogeco.ca



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

volts is 1.0Amps. Being flexible, cuttable and peel 'n-stick means you can install it just about anywhere.

I tested a portion using a variable voltage power supply to simulate various voltages as would be experienced in the GMC. The brightness dimmed a bit from 14 down to 11.5volts but it was still quite bright at the lower voltage. The warm light colour did not change.

Mine came as a kit with a 120vac to 12vdc power supply, (which is not really needed in the GMC) for \$99.95 at Home Depot. I have found the same tape lighting on the Internet \$15.00US for a 5 metre roll without the power supply. Here is the link <http://www.ebay.com/itm/5050-5m-Waterproof-White-SMD-300-LED-Flexible-LED-strip-Light-12V-Hot-Sale-/180978639664>

This will be one of my first projects as soon as the snow melts!

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2014 Newsletter

Submissions for the Spring 2014 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15 April to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

May Rally Registration

GMC HC 2013 Financial Report

Second & Last 2014 Dues Reminder
(Some members only)