



# COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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## From the President

SPRING !! SPRUNG !! YAHOO !!  
The temp has finally stayed in double digits, day and night. Snow's gone, mostly. Man, that lawn looks terrible! Trash everywhere. No colour, yet. Don't be discouraged, though. These all shall pass. As will the apprehension to rescue our coaches from the six month hibernation. Can't do it themselves. Just jump in with both feet and GITER DUN !! See ya at the RUST BUSTER !!

Yours truly, *Fran Urbanski*

4-7 June – Country Cruz-In Plunket  
Estate London, Ontario  
John & Mary Peazel

**Rally Registration Attached**

10-12 July – Ernie & Cynthia Dankert  
Spenceport, New York

**Rally Registration Attached**

18-20 August – Lois & Fran Urbanski  
Watkins Glen, New York

**Rally Registration Attached**

Returns by 3 August, please !!

September – open



## Rallies Coming Up

14-17 May – Courtland, Ontario  
John & Mary Peazel  
**Rally Registration Attached**

## Chapter Membership & Nominal Roll

We have 56 members at the beginning of the rally season. Enclosed is our latest Membership List dated 1 May 2015.

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



## Club Elections

This year is an election year for the Club. At a rally later in the year, we should set and elect our Executive, National Directors and Nominating Committee. Your Nominating Committee, Bob Paterson, Roy Carscadden, and Al Hamilton will be determining who is willing to run again and look for replacements where necessary. If you are willing to serve or have someone in mind, let a member of the Nominating Committee know.

## Club Shelter Screen Panels

Below is a repeat of the notice in the last newsletter about the shelter screens that you will be asked to consider at the May rally.

As you know, the Club has two 10' x 20' shelters that fit on aluminum frames. We normally erect them side-by-side to form a square. At some rallies the insects, (bees, flies, mosquitoes, etc.) are plentiful. The insects spoil our evening camaraderie, make dining uncomfortable, and somewhat hazardous to health.

We have looked at buying the screen panels that fit our shelters to enclose the 20' x 20' square. The cost is \$90 Cdn + tax for each panel and eight panels would be needed.

to HC members only – please destroy old copies)

*I plan to propose we purchase these panels and will have it as an agenda item at the May rally in Courtland. Your thoughts are welcome before a vote is taken at the meeting or beforehand if you wish.*

Fran Urbanski  
President

## Executive Change

The latest development in our Executive is Cliff & Penny Pike will share the Secretary's duties relieving John Peazel who stepped into the VP Wagon Master's shoes last winter !! Thank you Cliff & Penny for offering to take on the job.



## Classified

**For Sale:** 1978 GMC Royale, gray with red stripe. Located in Orillia, Ontario. The coach has a central bath room with shower separate, there are twin rear beds with a table that fits in the middle for card playing or for making the bed into a king size bed, the engine was rebuilt when we purchased 15 years ago, and has been kept in good running order since then, new air bags, and extra, rebuilt transmission last summer, has not been used in 8-9 years. As for mileage I would guess at 200,000 miles, we believe it came originally from California (this from the previous owner). All of the manuals come with the coach. We are asking \$11,500 - Leslie Welfare



**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** – Motorhome drive axle complete, still with original boots and copper bands. \$100 – Wally Wilkins – wallyjoanwilkins@hotmail.com

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



**TechTalk**

### **Wheel Bearing Seal Problems**

Some years ago, Dave Lenzi of Davidson, Michigan pointed out problems that have been manufactured into some of the seals we use for the wheel bearings of our coaches. Changes in the sealing profile and the metal frame of the seal can result in a bearing failure so it is wise to check before installing one. Only one or two manufacturers still make the correct seals. Both the front bearing inner seal and the rear wheel bearings seals are affected.

The next two photos show a proper rear seal and one that has the seal profile changes. To check a seal take a piece of brake line or other tubing that is 1/4" OD and place on a flat surface. Place the seal on the tubing as shown in the photos. The good seal has no space between the seal and the flat surface. So far only seals made

by National still have the correct profile. You may have some old seals by a different maker that have the correct seal profile.

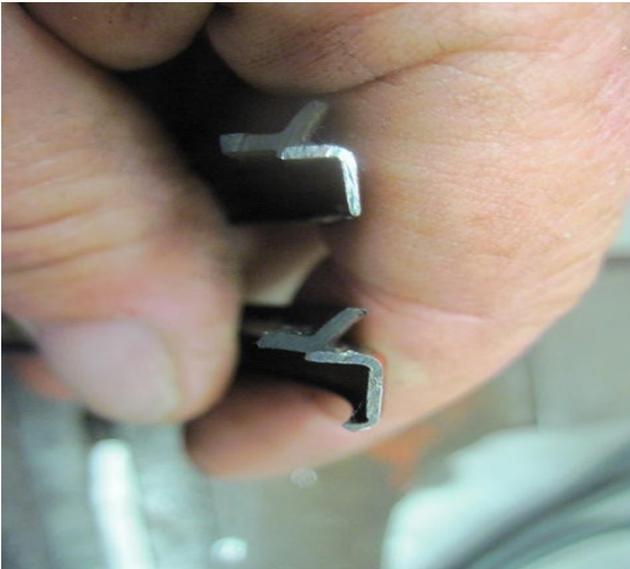


Correct Seal



Wrong Seal

The front inner bearing seal has been changed by most manufacturers but in this case it is the metal body that has changed. The third photo shows the correct one on top and the incorrectly changed seal below. The correct seal has only two sides at 90 degrees to each other, whereas, the wrong one has a small flange added that can touch the rotating portion of the bearing and produce metal filings that get into the bearing grease. Only Chicago Rawhide and SKG still make the correct bearing seal.



Correct on Top

**Enclosures:**

*May Rally Registration*

*June Rally Registration*

*July Rally Registration*

*August Rally Registration*

*Membership List – (members only)*

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