



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Greetings! Happy Canada Day and Independence Day to all our members as the situation applies. Take a moment to reflect on the friendship that has been developed over the past 200 years.

By the time this is published, we will have two exciting rallies under our belt with three more to go. Thanks to all rally hosts and their support teams. The weather hasn't been very conducive for camping but tough it out. There's more good stuff to come! The grapevine has it that the membership count has increased recently. **WELCOME ABOARD!** Al Hamilton can / will fill in the details.

Well, locally, there's a few irons in the fire, the coffee's burning and the phone is ringing! Gotha go. See yah soon. Later. 'bye.

Yours truly, *Fran Urbanski*



Rallies Coming Up

10-12 July – Ernie & Cynthia Dankert
Spencerport, New York
Rally Registration Attached

18-20 August – Lois & Fran Urbanski
Watkins Glen, New York
Rally Registration Attached
Returns by 3 August, please !!

11-13 September - Ginette & Dan Stuckey
Petrolia, Ontario
Rally Registration Attached
Returns by 1 September,
please !!





Club Elections

This year is an election year for the Club. At the August rally meeting the Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for this year's election.

Rallies So Far

May Rally – Hiding behind the Lion's Club meeting hall in Courtland was the Heritage Cruisers Motorhome Club at the May rally. Mary & John Peazel put together a great weekend that was enjoyed by all. The cooks – especially Jack Elzinga and John did a wonderful job assisted by many helpers. We must even thank the four pizza makers who took over the Courtland Bakery and turned out some first class pies.



The Chefs !!



Pizza Assembly Line

June Rally - Here we are all lined up at the largest Car show in Canada near London, Ontario. We're not only there to see all that was displayed, but were part of the show because of the age and condition of the classic GMCs. Many thanks again to John & Mary Peazel for setting all this up and putting on another great rally.



All lined Up Again



The Hosts



A Few of the 4000 !!!

Chapter Meeting

At the May rally meeting the Club agreed to spend up to \$1000 for eight shelter bug screens to completely enclose our two shelters from the pesky bugs that seem to join our rallies many times.

Also John Peazel was confirmed as Vice President Wagon Master and Cliff & Penny Pike as the Club Secretary.

New Members

Jim & Nancy Hamilton of Kincardine, Ontario joined us at the June rally in London in their "new" Birchaven. They became members of the club on the spot. Welcome to you both and we hope to see you again soon.

Rally Registration and Payment

Well in advance of most rallies, members receive rally information, a registration form, and most times a request to pay some or all of the costs in advance. This is because the rally organizers have to book facilities and make a down payment to hold the booking. Some of the bookings are done months in advance, in which case, the Club Treasury provides the money to the Rally Masters so it isn't paid out of their pocket. Most of you know all this because you have gone through it as rally masters.

There is a tendency by a few to wait until the last minute to register for a rally or even call to let the rally masters know they are coming. Another practice by a few is to say, "I'll pay you when I get there". Both these practices make the organizing of a rally extremely difficult and places the financial responsibility for advance booking on the organizer. This is not a fair thing to do !!!

There are unforeseen circumstances, such as medical issues or a coach problem, that can result in plan changes. These are understandable and can be worked around at the time with the rally masters. What is preventable is the last minute notice and/or unwillingness to take the time to send the rally advance requested by the organizers.

Attendance at rallies requires booking by a date set and payment of the funds needed

to hold reservations. That also indicates that a member is committed to attending and not just, "Maybe I'll go or maybe I won't".

This letter is intended to appeal to a few, who have fallen into this practice, to consider the position it puts the rally master in. Please let them know by sending in your registration on time with any advance money that has been requested.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

John Peazel
Fran Urbanski

VP, Wagon Master

President

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 - 613-840-5115 or lesliewelfare@hotmail.com

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

Your Rally Photos

If you have rally photos that you would like to share, send them to Cliff Pike, the Club Historian, so they can be included in the archives, digital edition.



Classified

For Sale: 6000 watt Onan generator recently removed from coach. Running at the time of removal. Open to offers - Cliff Pike - 519-824-4173 or cpike@cpass.net

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,



TechTalk

by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

Safety in your GMC!



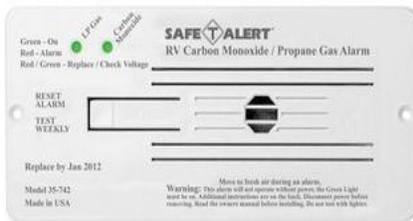
Smoke Detectors:

We all know to replace the batteries in our smoke detectors once a year, but did you know the smoke detector itself has a useful life of only 8-10 years. Pull your detector off the wall and check its date of manufacture. If you cannot find a date, then it is older than 10 years (pre-dates

mandatory date rules) and you will need to change it.



Carbon Monoxide detectors should also be changed every 10 years. What? You don't have a CO Detector !! With a stove, oven, generator, furnace and big engine under the hood, a CO detector is a must! When buying a CO detector, look for a better quality detector with a display. The display will show CO levels even below the warning level. CO accumulates in the body and takes a long time to get rid of. Glance at the screen often when running the generator, or any gas appliance and note any readings. Consult the detector's manual for safety instructions. Since CO is only slightly lighter than air, there is no firm consensus on the installation height. I'm thinking about head height when you are sleeping would be a good place.



Propane leak detector: I

could not find a definite time to replace propane detector. It was suggested that they be replaced in a shorter 5 yr time span due to the fact that many aerosols use propane as the propellant in the can. Remember you want your propane detector mounted low to the floor (approx 6") as propane is heavier than air.

Actually for the cost and peace of mind, it would be best to replace all your detectors every 5 years. Electronic sensors are sensitive to the abuse in the RV environment (extreme cold & heat, road dust, humidity etc). Better to be safe than sorry.

Other safety equipment:

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Roadside reflectors:

If you are broken down at the side of the road, you need some reflectors to warn oncoming drivers. I picked up a set of triangular reflectors that fold into a nice compact carry case. Look for ones that are sturdily built so they will stand-up to wind gusts at roadside. I got mine on-sale at TSC stores.



Hi-visibility clothing vest: These come in bright orange or green colours. They are inexpensive so get enough for the usual number of people travelling in your Coach.

Don't forget one for the Dawg!





Fire Extinguishers:

Check with your local Fire Department for their recommended Fire Extinguisher to carry. Read the Instructions so you know how to use them. Check the gauge often and replace them at the end of their life. They must also be replaced after each use, even if you did not use the whole container.



LED Vehicle safety light: Carry a light, preferably LED for long life, which has been designed for vehicle safety. Here is one with white and red warning lights, plus a flash light function. It also has a seat belt cutter and window breaking hammer.

First Aid Kit: And last but not least, a well-stocked First Aid kit that includes items such as Benadryl, an insect bite soother such as After Bite, and an antibiotic ointment such as Polysporin.

These safety items cost little, occupy very little space and someday may save your life

Have a safe and happy summer.

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2015 Newsletter

Submissions for the Fall 2015 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15 October to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

July Rally Registration

August Rally Registration

September Rally Registration