



# COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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## From the President

Day's are longer , brighter and warmer. The trees, lawn and the pool are getting green. Certainly feels like travel weather! Drain one tank and fill the other. See yah at Courtland !

On the road, Again !!  
Fran

## In Memoriam

Dennis Lepard passed away in the Philippines on 20 February of pneumonia. He was cremated and returned home accompanied by Pia.

Dennis and Pia were active members of the Heritage Cruisers for many years and only recently left when they decided they had to sell their GMC. Dennis was our Vice President, Wagon Master a few years ago.



## Rallies 2017

Ahoy Heritage Cruisers , the 2017 Rally Season starts May 4 in Courtland and Mary & I are excited to be hosting the Rust Buster. We want to thank those attending and so far the count should around 15 coaches. We had a tough winter. It wasn't because of the snow, but because we lost three of our friends. Every rally is a chance to catch up with old and new friends and plan new adventures. We might not all be able to take off on a three or four week trip, but it's always nice to hear the tales and share the pictures at the next rally of someone who could. Just imagine, loading up the coach and heading to the east coast with two or three other Cruisers. A dream come true. I just want to mention our next rally at Sauble Beach at Carsons' Camp. This is one of the



*nicest camps we've rallied at and is hosted by John and Lou Ann Podmore. Make sure you mark it on your calendar and send your rally attendance in early. See you in Courtland!*

*John & Mary, the Wagon Masters*

*4 - 7 May - Courtland, Ontario John & Mary Peazel*

*19 - 22 June - Sauble Beach, Ontario*

*John & Lou Ann Podmore*

**Registration & Info Attached**

*6 - 9 July - Rideau Acres, Kingston, Ontario*

*Nancy Berry & Al Hamilton*

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*18 - 20 August - Chautauqua Lake Area, Western New York*

*Fran & Lois Urbanski*

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*15 - 21 September GMCMI Convention*

*Elkhart, Indiana*



## **Tech Talk**

### **Propane While Travelling**

**by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech**

*Several weeks ago Fran sent me a link on a RV propane refrigerator alarm system. I checked out the link, but I don't run a propane refrigerator, nor am I an expert on their operation. But I got thinking about the safety of running the propane refrigerator while running down the road.*

*Some people believe there is no issue doing this and have been doing it for years. Me, I'm a bit more cautious. I liked the original compressor fridge, so when it died I replaced it with another all electric fridge.*

*So I did some hunting around and found some reasons not to run your refrigerator on propane while traveling.*

*-It may be illegal*

*-in some jurisdictions it may be considered transport of dangerous goods and the vessel (tank) must be shut Off.*

*-Crossing some bridges and tunnels require the propane to be off, or it may be prohibited.*

*-Safety*

*-You must stop and turn off any flame before entering a gasoline station filling area.*

*-Propane line may fracture or leak from*



*fatigue and ignite while traveling*

*-Propane line may break in an accident and ignite.*

*Also, a refrigerator running on propane has a hidden live flame burning. This can ignite anything burnable close to the flame (rodent nests, dust and dirt debris etc). Spiders love the smell of propane and build webs while the flame is Off. Wood cabinets make excellent kindling and so lead to fires. Clean the back of the fridge often!*

**Workarounds:**

-Start your propane fridge 24hrs before you leave home and stock it with pre-cooled foods. This way the refrigerator will be cold before you leave.

-I found several references to the fact that both Dometic and Norcold say that a stocked cold fridge in good condition will only gain only 6-8°F over an 8 hour travel day if the door is kept closed. Restart your fridge when parked to let the fridge catch up mid-day and immediately upon arrival at your daily destination.

-Place a small “fridge fan” inside to circulate the air and help keep everything cool.

-Run your refrigerator in electric mode if it has one. An electric heater element takes the place of the flame and is safer.

So for the propane On/Off debate, I'm on the OFF side. For those who disagree, here is Fran's link to the propane fridge alarm: <http://www.arprv.com/>

hundreds of photos this rally season and you can see them at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/133356126@N03/albums>



**Classified**

**For Sale** - 1977 Kingsley 66,429 miles - interior redone recently including upholstery and woodwork. 8000 miles on new tires, 1 1/2 year old two-way fridge, new double bed mattress ( under 1 year), new hot water heater. Approximately \$7,500 plus spent on mechanical updates in 2016. Detailed list of all new replacements and upgrades done in 2016 available upon request. Asking \$29,000 Cdn or \$22,000 US. John & Marcia O'Rae at 519-312-1827 or email at: [jandmora@execulink.com](mailto:jandmora@execulink.com)

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**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. Cliff took



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

### **Summer 2017 Newsletter**

*Submissions for the Summer 2017 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 7 July to the Editor, Al Hamilton at [akh@1000island.net](mailto:akh@1000island.net).*



### **Enclosures:**

**June Rally Information**

**July Rally Information**

**August Rally Information**

**Membership List - 1 May 17**

**Free:** - Suburban SF-30 furnace for parts or repair. Thirteen years old with an igniter replaced two years ago. Heat exchanger in good shape. Blower motor seized - over \$100 for a replacement motor. Al Hamilton 613-659-3522 or [akh@1000island.net](mailto:akh@1000island.net).

**Wanted:** One Alcoa 16 inch wheel for a spare. Appearance not important. Call Kari Valance - 613-332-5242 or [kari@valanne.net](mailto:kari@valanne.net)