



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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Wagon Master Summer Thoughts

Hi Cruisers, By the time you read this we will have attended our 3rd rally this year at Dankerts. After talking to some of you, I can't believe that some still don't have your coaches out! Times a wasting and Tweed and Elvis is fast approaching. For those registered for Tweed, I personally will pay your next year's membership if you show up with Elvis hair. You can find it on the internet. I will pay two years membership if you show up with blue suede shoes. Anyone want to try for three? I've missed the last two Tweed rallies because of a wheel bearing failure and my baker's emergency room visit. I swear even if I have to rent an SOB I'll be at Tweed. Don't be the one that says "where did the summer go and we didn't even get the coach out." Your last chance will be Beavermeade campground in Peterborough in September, a tour of a canoe museum, and a lock cruise. What a way to cap our rally season! Send your registration to Greg and Donna

for Peterborough and when you enter the park. I hope you hear "Incoming" !!

John Peazel, VP Wagon Master

Rallies 2018

23 - 26 August - Tribute to Elvis
Tweed, Ontario -
Jack & Pat Elzinga

Information Sheet Attached

13 - 16 September - Beavermead Park
Peterborough, Ontario
Greg & Donna Lipsett

**Info & Registration Attached -
Reply by 30 August**



Rallies So Far

May Rally – Casa Dea Winery – We had a different type of location for the May rally since we were at a winery near Wellington, Ontario with the use of the kitchen and banquet hall. It was a great experience and well done by Karen & Steve Lill. In addition to great food there were trips to a glass-blowing, and silk-painting studios, and small boutiques. A visit and tour to the National Air Force museum at CFB Trenton was well attended and interesting.



Dick's Bird



The Comfort of a CC130 Hercules



June Rally – In early June the Club was lined up at the Fleetwood Cruize-In near London once again. As always, the event was well attended with Saturday breaking an attendance record. We have to thank John & Mary Peazel for all their efforts that made it a success as well as the helpers that pitched in when needed.





Tractor Dancing



Young GMCs ??



July Rally – Another successful rally in western New York, hosted by Ernie & Cindy Dankert was our gathering in July. We met new people, saw some long time friends such as Ed & Alice Daniel, John Evans, Fred & Eunie Ely, Fred & Sandy Saunders, and even signed up a new member. The meals were great, the local trips and sightseeing enjoyable and interesting. Thank you for all you did to make it a fun time.

In Memoriam

In May, Ted Hartman passed away at the age of 86. He and Margaret were long time members of the Heritage Cruisers. His obituary is available on line in the Salamanca, NY newspaper site.

New Members

Don & Krista Straus came to the June rally in London and joined the Club. They are from Kitchener and have had their GMC for a year. Welcome to you both.

Club Apparel

If anyone is interested in ordering a Heritage Cruiser T-shirt, navy hoodie, stone colored lined jacket, or any caps with the Heritage Cruiser logo, please email Lois Urbanski at franlo@roadrunner.com. When she gets an order of 12 or more of the same



The Tasters !!

color, they can be ordered. Any size of a color can be ordered. The reference to the Club anniversary will no longer be on the hoodies or T-shirts

Lois has requests for 2 caps. Caps are available in many colours, and the colours of the logo will depend on what the majority want. She also has requests for 5 navy hoodies, and 5 stone coloured jackets so far. Structured Caps are \$12 (those shown), unstructured caps are \$10, T-shirts are \$11, hoodies are \$25 , and the jackets are \$51, including tax. All prices are in US dollars.



Jacket - \$51



Cap - \$12



Cap - \$12



Hoodie - \$25 T-Shirt - \$11



Tech Talk

Generator Exhaust Stack

When we "dry" camp the coach generator gets a lot of use, especially on hot days. An inexpensive and easy-to-carry exhaust stack can be made to get the smell and carbon monoxide from the generator up and away from you and your neighbours.



This was updated from a short article in the Comings 'n Goings about nine years ago. This method of constructing a stack

was demonstrated at a 1000 Island Voyagers rally in Brockville, Ontario because that chapter of FMCA requires a stack on all motorhomes when dry camping at a rally, which they do a lot.

This summer we have three rallies that are dry camping. To be a good neighbour and for safety sake, an exhaust stack is a very good idea. It gets the generator exhaust above the roof of the coach and hopefully away from people and pets.

It requires only one ten-foot section of white PVC pipe, three inches in diameter and pieces of 1 1/2" exhaust pipe with four nuts welded to it. The PVC pipe can be shortened to nine feet and cut in half for easier storage in our roof pod. PVC is also lighter and more robust than some other options.



The 1 1/2 " pipe needs to be in an odd "S" shape to slide onto the generator exhaust pipe and be inserted up into the PVC pipe. This will fit the majority of coaches, but it can be modified to fit those that have a different muffler configuration. Two strong springs are used to secure the pipe to the coach. The four nuts, welded to the pipe, keep the hot pipe from touching the PVC pipe and melting it. They also allow room for cooling air to flow up the PVC pipe to cool the hot exhaust in a venturi effect. Wire is put in the bottom of the PVC pipe for it to rest on the nuts.



There is less than two feet of additional pipe on the generator so there is limited additional back pressure created.

Parts List:

One 10 foot length of 3" PVC pipe – \$10.99;
Three x 90° elbow 1 1/2" pipe - \$9.99 each
CTC #012-8530-2;
One x 20° elbow 1 1/2" pipe - \$9.99 CTC
#12-8590-8;
Four x nuts and about a foot of soft,
aluminum wire; and,
Two strong springs

The total cost is about \$60 not including welding. The cost is in Canadian dollars and I'm sorry I only have part numbers for the 1 1/2" pipe from Canadian Tire.

I tried 1 1/2' flexible pipe at first but it wasn't ridged enough to support the stack and the springs. I will demonstrate the device or answer any questions anyone may have at the August and September rallies.

Al Hamilton

Generator Starter Bracket

Recently our Onan generator made a very unpleasant sound when trying to start it. At first it was thought that the starter bracket was loose. It was found that the bracket was broken and it happened some time ago based on the oil and dirt on the break. The

starter continued to operate normally as long as all the bolts were tight. A second break was also discovered in the muffler bracket that is attached to the generator by the same bolts as the starter bracket. Both were repaired by welding.



New brackets are available from various sources as well.

It is suggested that your starter bracket be inspected to ensure it is in good condition. The bracket is a weak point and many have broken.

Ontario Propane Filling Regulations

There has been confusion and misinterpretation of the regulations sent to propane filling locations in Ontario for the last few years. An inspection and certification of propane tanks permanently mounted in RVs for stoves, fridges, and furnaces, etc. was initially required.

Permanently mounted tanks in motorhomes for on board appliances have now been made exempt of that requirement since May 2018. Your motorhome can now be filled without any inspection sticker. The person filling the tank must visually inspect the tank, and associated piping that is in plain sight, to be in good condition before filling.

The regulation update from the TSSA can be see here (its on the last page of this Advisory) :

<https://www.tssa.org/en/fuels/resources/Refuelling-Propane-Vehicles-at-Licensed-Propene-Refueling-Stations-in-Ontario.pdf>

It is suggested that a copy of it be carried in your coach because many refill stations may still be applying the old misunderstood regulation.

TheRV Dealer's Association announcement is here:

<http://www.ontariorvda.ca/rv-resources/>

Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

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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 takes lots of photos at rallies and you can see them at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/133356126@N03/albums>. There is also a link to the rally photos on our web site.



Classified

For Sale: (going out of business sale !!)

Here is a list of the remaining parts from Dan Stuckey - stuckey@brktel.on.ca or 519-844-2083 :

Macerator kits - only three remaining - \$350 US ea.

One engine sub frame galvanized - \$1795 US .

One rear sub frame galvanized - \$500 US

Four frame cross members galvanized - \$250 US ea.

For Sale: Here also is a list of the remaining parts that Paul Lambke has - 519-443-7543 or phlambke@aol.com:

NEW PARTS

2 sets Moog upper control arm bushings @ \$35.00 = \$70.00

2 sets Moog offset upper control arm bushings @ \$ 41.00 = \$82.00

2 Moog upper ball joints @ \$55.00 = \$110.00

1 Moog lower ball joint @ \$119.00

1 GMC final drive Pinion bearing set @ \$ 135.00

2 rebuilt front wheel hubs @ \$250.00 – \$ 500.00

1 Tilton HD gear reduction starter motor @ \$ 525.00

USED PARTS

1 right front wheel knuckle core @ \$75.00

1 left front wheel knuckle core @ \$75.00

1 final drive assembly 2.73 ratio (Toro) @ \$150.00

2 GMC transmission assemblies @ \$150.00 = \$300.00

All prices in Cdn dollars.

For Sale: Two new folding chairs with attached table and carrying case. \$35 each.

- Al Hamilton – 613-659-3522



For Sale: Two 12 volt 7 amp solar panels with a controller and clips to the batteries.

\$20 – Al Hamilton – 613-659-3522



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



2018 Newsletter

Submissions for the Fall 2018 Edition of the “Comings ‘n Goings” are due by 15 October to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

August Rally Information

September Rally Registration