



# COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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Winter

2018



**Belated !!**

**From the President**

**Greetings & Salutations Y'all!**

*This wild and wacky winter continues to treat us with frigid temps followed shortly by a multi-day melt. It sure does make walking the local sidewalks quite the challenge.*

*In case you were not aware, my name is Steve Lill and you have elected me as your new club president. We have only been members for 2 years now but we plan to stay quite active as we move towards longer term RVing in the near future. We sure had a great time at this year's Coachless Rally and look forward to hosting the Rust Buster near Wellington, Ontario.*

*In case you don't read the magazine from FMCA, there are some changes brewing. They now welcome trailers into the group and are working on a new magazine and website. There is also a FMCA area*

*biannual National Area VP election happening during the Annual Membership meeting in Gillette, Wyoming in July. Look up the details on the website when you can.*

*Well, I look forward to seeing all y'all (I enjoy studying languages including Southern) at one or all of our upcoming rallies this year. Stay active, eat healthy, and we will see you soon.*

Cheers, Steve



**Rallies 2018**

11 – 13 May – Casa Dea Estates Winery,  
Wellington, Ontario –  
Steve & Karen Lill

**Information attached  
More Later !!**



1 - 3 June – Plunkett's Cruzin,  
London, Ontario –  
John & Mary Peazel  
**Registration Attached**

12 – 15 July – Spencerport, NY –  
Ernie & Cindy Dankert

23 – 26 August – Tribute to Elvis  
Tweed, Ontario –  
Jack & Pat Elzinga  
**See Below**

September - Open

### **“Tribute to Elvis”**

Jack & Pat Elzinga have arranged for the August rally to be at the Elvis Festival in Tweed, Ontario.

We have to reserve our sites now. **To ensure you get a prime site in the front send \$190 Cdn to Jack Elzinga now.** They have a few sites left. Do not wait to book and send your money. What is not booked and paid for will be returned soon. That is four nights camping and two tickets to all the shows. Breakfast is available Saturday & Sunday for \$5 each day per person. Include that money also if you want the hot breakfasts.

### **In Memoriam**

On 5 January, Bruce Hood passed away after a long illness having moved into hospice a few days before. He and Daphne were very involved with the club attending rallies, being our VP, Wagon Master twice, and hosting rallies in Erin and Milton.

On 18 January, Don Casselman also passed away in Collingwood, Ontario. He and Eileen were long-time members of the Heritage Cruisers and some will remember the rallies they hosted during the Elvis

festivals in Collingwood. Eileen just passed away a short while ago as well.

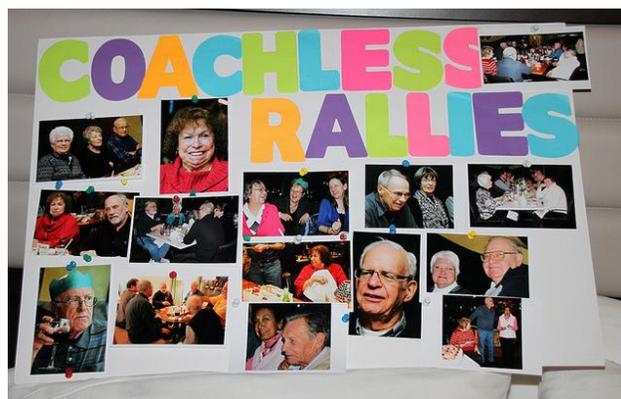
### **New Members**

Steve & Sandy Gray of Mountsberg, Ontario joined in October. They just got their GMC home and already have plans to refurbish it to their liking. Good luck with it and hope to see you at this summer's rallies.



### **First Gathering of 2018**

We celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Coachless Rally, once again, at Niagara Falls, on 2 - 4 February 2018.



### **Rallies of the Past !!**

The 24 participants were Al Hamilton & Nancy Berry; Ernest & Cynthia Dankert; Dick Longman; Steve & Karen Lill; Ian

Oliver; Jim & Nancy Hamilton; John & Mary Peazel; Cliff & Penny Pike; Roy & Joan Carscadden; Angela Podmore & Scott Thomas; Eelko & Emily Byker and the co-hosts John & Lou Ann Podmore and Fran & Lois Urbanski.



Some of the activities included a visit to Niagara on the Lake, Konzelmann's Estate Winery, where we had a "Junk Food" wine pairing followed by a visit to Lakeside Pottery.

On Saturday we had our traditional lunch at the Shaw Cafe & Wine Bar once again in Niagara on the Lake. All of these activities were coordinated with shopping for the ladies at numerous locations.

A special event was "Guess the Baby Photo", a competition won by Nancy Hamilton. Followed by a "Christmas Gift Exchange".



Many hours were spent at Dominoes, Horse Racing and occasional eating and drinking and some limited merriment.

The co-hosts were thanked by John Peazel for another successful Coachless Rally.



*The Falls from Above*



*Why we have Coachless Rallies !!*

### **FMCA Membership Requirement**

This is just to clarify the Heritage Cruiser relationship with FMCA and the GMC Motorhomes International. Our Chapter is part of the Family Motor Coach Association and as such we all have to maintain our membership with FMCA as well as the Heritage Cruisers.

GMCMI is also a chapter of FMCA and members of the Heritage Cruisers do not have to belong to GMCMI, but it is highly recommended that we belong. The benefits of great conventions, magazines, GMC parts lists, and others make it very desirable and enjoyable.

In short, FMCA membership is mandatory and GMCMI membership is optional.

## **From Driving.Ca**

**From Robert Paterson**

*Why 1970s GMC motorhomes have a cult-like following.*

*These days, about 8,000 of these unusual road-trippers are still on the road. See it here: <http://driving.ca/gmc/auto-news/news/collector-classics-gmc-motorhome>*

### **Membership Dues for 2018**

*That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2018 was payable by 1 January 2018.*

*Complete the dues enclosure and mail it with your dues in either US or Canadian funds to our Treasurer, Nancy Berry. **Check carefully who the cheque is to be made out to. It is different for US & Canadian funds. The cost of dues is \$12.00.** If you have paid the 2018 dues then there should be no dues enclosure with your newsletter.*

*On 1 May anyone who has not paid is dropped from the membership and the mailing lists and will miss a newsletter or rally information.*



## **2017 Financial Report**

The Financial Report for 2017 is attached.

## **Tech Talk**



### **Front Fender Brace**

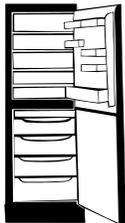
*If you find cracked and broken fibreglass on the coach at the join of the left or right fender and the lower grille support, there is a way to repair and support it. Recently, I saw a similar problem repaired and then supported with a threaded rod from the left to the right fender through the grille support on both sides. This repair was done with aluminium rod. The rod is ½ " threaded on the ends and two nuts with two large washers were used on each side to hold it all together. The nuts were just lightly tightened and are of the nylon locking type.*





A bonus was being able to centre the coach frame and the fenders by turning the nuts varying amounts on each.

### **Cleaning an RV Fridge**



Recently the smell of ammonia was detected inside the motorhome fridge of a long - time member of the Heritage Cruisers. There was great concern and anguish over the cost to repair a leaking cooling unit in the fridge. The fridge seemed to still work OK, but a few weeks later the same ammonia smell was found. This time a local RV dealership was asked to provide an estimate to replace the cooling unit in the fridge.

Again, the fridge was found to be working well. Another member of the family, after golf, was asked, "What cleaner did you use, Dear, to clean the inside of the motorhome fridge??" "Why Fantastik", was the reply!!!

Fantastik and some other cleaners contain ammonia and leave a lingering smell in the fridge. To prevent undo stress, high blood pressure, and embarrassment at your local RV dealer, it is highly recommended that cleaners containing ammonia not be used to clean the insides of a RV fridge!!!!

(Names withheld at Family request!!)

### **.Relocate the Transmission Vent**

A coach fire in one of the other GMC chapters was suspected to be caused by transmission oil coming out the vent on the top of the transmission and landing on the hot exhaust. To prevent the oil from landing on the exhaust a hose should be attached to the vent and run to the side of the coach and a small cap installed to replace the one removed from the transmission vent.



**Vent Cap for GM Differentials**



**Top of the Transmission**

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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**

**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)

**For Sale: (going out of business sale !!)**  
Here is a list of the remaining parts from Dan Stuckey - [stuckey@brktel.on.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 side 403 exhaust manifold @ \$35.00

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

1 GMC 455-403 engine starter @ \$35.00

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

All prices in Cdn dollars.

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 Spring 2018 Edition of the “Comings ‘n Goings” are due by 26 April to the Editor, Al Hamilton at [akh@1000island.net](mailto:akh@1000island.net).*

**Enclosures:**

***May Rally Information – More later***

***June Rally Registration***

***2018 Final Dues Notice (Some Members Only)***

***2017 Financial Report***