

COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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Wagon Master Spring Thoughts

Dear Cruisers, Spring has finally arrived and thoughts of rallying should be prompting us to thaw out these Classic Coaches. We had great rallies last year. This year's rallies stack up to be just as great with some old favorite spots, some spots not visited for a while and a New Adventure. The Cruisers have visited many Wineries in the past but can you imagine how awesome it's going to be to rally at one. No needs to organize a car pool for this one. Three more winery tours and I'll be a licensed Oenophile. If you think this means you only own 1 file, You might be a Red Neck. The information sheet and registration form for our Rust Buster Rally hosted by Steve and Karen Lill promises fun and adventure. Remember this is dry camping and we all know the drill. Come early and increase your fun by 50%.

These rallies are not Herculean tasks and anyone hosting a rally wants a successful event with good attendance. We can all

help by registering early so that the hosts can fine tune the details. If Hosts or attendees have any questions about any of our rallies, please call me. Looking forward to seeing you at Wellington in May, Plunketts in June, Dankerts in July, the Elvis Festival in August and Beavermead Campground in Peterborough.

John Peazel, VP Wagon Master

Rallies 2018

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

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

12 – 15 July – Spencerport,
NY –
Ernie & Cindy Dankert
**Information Sheet
Attached**



23 – 26 August – Tribute to Elvis
Tweed, Ontario –
Jack & Pat Elzinga
Information Sheet Attached

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

New Members

James & Christine McAfee from Niagara Falls, Ontario have just joined and we hope to see you at some of this summer's rallies. Welcome to the Club.

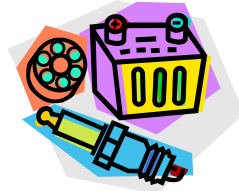
FMCA Membership Requirement

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.

GMCM I is also a chapter of FMCA and members of the Heritage Cruisers do not have to belong to GMCM I, 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 GMCM I membership is optional.

Tech Talk



Power Brake Vacuum Pump Alert!

by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

You should be aware that if your engine stalls on a stock GMC, you will have no Power Assist braking, you would have only manual brakes. Most newer vehicles have a Supplemental Brake Assist mechanism (SBA) to provide some level of power brake during an engine stall.

Many of us have installed a JC-4 vacuum pump from a later GMC vehicle to provide this SBA function in case of engine stall. During some recent Googling on this subject, I came across the operational parameters of the JC-3 pump. Like many of you, I had installed this upgrade thinking I was good to go, but alas it seems not. Normal engine vacuum runs between 16-18" and will peak well over 20" when letting off the accelerator. The highest level of vacuum is contained in the Power Brake Vacuum Booster by a one-way check valve. The higher the vacuum level, the more "Power" your brake booster gives your brakes.

It turns out that the JC-4 pump turns ON at 6" and turns OFF at 9". I tested the unit on my GMC and found this to be true. This is 1/3 to 1/2 (maximum) of the braking "Power" you would normally expect if the engine was running. I also confirmed this with Dave Lenzi. A GMC motorhome without full functioning power brakes can be hard to stop, don't ask me how I know.



GM JC-4 Power Brake SBA Vacuum Pump

You may have a different pump on your coach, but you may want to check its operation so you know how much "Power Braking" you have. I no longer feel the standard JC-4 vacuum pump is a good upgrade. There are vacuum pumps available that can pump down to 20"+ of vacuum, These are used on Diesel, Hybrid and Electric vehicles where engine vacuum is not available. This vacuum level will give you good braking in case of an engine stall (assuming your chassis battery still has normal power capacity) Dave Lenzi had a line on a Ford pump, but has advised me that currently he has supply issues for this pump.

The internal vacuum control circuitry on the JC-4 can be bypassed. Doing so on my unit showed it is capable of pulling 20" of vacuum. It could then be controlled by an external vacuum switch. But this would not be a recommend modification since it is not rated for this.

Dave Lenzi is currently looking for a new source of pumps. Contact Dave for more information and stay tuned.

On a brighter note: Spring is here, Happy Camping!

Chapter Membership & Nominal Roll

We have 58 members at the beginning of the rally season. Enclosed is our latest Membership List dated 1 May 2018.

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 to HC members only – please destroy old copies)

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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: 1975 Glenbrook 26 Foot-109,000 miles; 455 Olds, Exterior and interior in good condition; Well cared for and maintained, stored inside. In under 8,000 miles, transmission & final drive rebuilt, master cylinder & booster, lower ball joints &, exhaust replaced, new ceiling, gas tanks lowered and gas lines replaced; Low mileage on tires; Carefree awning & add a room; Ragusa screen door; front & rear sun screens. - \$15,000 Cdn 519-731-7595 (VIN TZE165V100637)



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

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.

Summer 2018 Newsletter

Submissions for the Summer 2018 Edition of the “Comings ‘n Goings” are due by 16 July to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

May Rally Information

June Rally Registration

July Rally Information

August Rally Information

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