

COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Hi Everyone!

Well, are you ready for the 2023 Rally Season? We have many rallies for this coming year, thanks to Cliff's good planning, and five Rally Hosts who stepped up to invite us to their areas. There are two in the US this year and we are hoping many of you will be able to come over. We need to get these coaches on the road again!

Fran and I are off to Hattiesburg, Mississippi for the Spring GMCMI get together at the end of April. We plan on going to Key West for several days after that with our daughter. So we will miss John Peazel's, Courtland Rally, but we will see all of you at Ernie and Cindy Dankert's rally, in Spencerport, in June.

Can't wait to see all of you this year! And did you know, next year is our 35th anniversary for the Heritage Cruisers ?? We need everyone to think about some good ideas for that memorable year !! Let us know what ideas you have.

Lois



Rallies 2023

23 – 26 June – Spencerport, NY. Ernie & Cindy Dankert
See attachment for details – reply by 10 May.

13 – 16 July – Belleville, Ont. Lorne & Jean Hawley
See attachment for details

4 – 8 August – Port Colborne, Ont, Eelko & Emily Byker
See attachment for details

7 – 10 September – Chautauqua, NY, Lois & Fran Urbanski

Rallies 2024

We do have a full calendar of rallies for the year. I would like to thank our 2023 hosts for stepping up once again. It makes my job so much easier. Having said that I think we should give some thought to the 2024 rally



schedule. We are so appreciative of our hosts for 2023, but I would encourage some new faces to perhaps have a go as well next year. For those who have not yet hosted a rally, it is not nearly as intimidating as you might think. There are lots of folks with experience willing to help out. A simple "No Host" rally may be a good starter for the first timers. All you need to do is pick a suitable campground or other venue and arrange a number of sites that members will book themselves. The group can be responsible for their own meals and other activities of their choosing, or you can arrange such things if you are comfortable doing that. It can be that simple, or you can go all out and arrange every meal and activity in as much detail as you like. If you are interested in having a go in 2024, please let me know and we will begin to build a schedule.

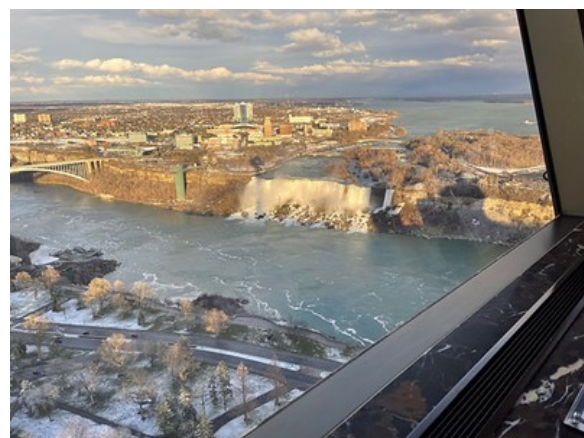
Cliff Pike, VP Wagon Master

**19th Annual Coachless Rally in
Niagara Falls, Ontario
March 28 & 29, 2023**

Once again, we had a fun time at Niagara Falls this year! We had 13 participants and four who were able to come for part of the rally. It was so good to see everyone again after a long winter. However, winter showed up again as a short lived blizzard-like storm, just before dinner on Wednesday. But Canada is tougher than that and the Skylon Tower never closed. The sky cleared and the wonderful view appeared!



Over those days, we visited the 4D Fury, but the whole apparatus stopped working while we were in the room, decked out in rain ponchos. We did have a good cloud steam bath, however. We visited the Behind the Falls attraction and the newly opened Tunnel, both for spectacular views of the Falls.



We hope everyone will be able to join us next year (for the 20th!) where we plan to go on the Aero Car across the gorge, and the Ferris Wheel, for more great views!



Tom & Judy's First Rally !!

May Rally In Courtland

by Nancy Hamilton

The GMC Rust Buster Rally was held 4-7 May 2023 in Courtland, Ontario at the Lion's Club Hall. John Peazel was the gracious host.



Nine coaches were in attendance. Cliff and Penny Pike, Jack and Pat Elzinga, Eelko and Emily Byker, Ernie Dankert and his trusty Shayna. On Friday, Jim and Nancy Hamilton, Bill and Lauren Phinney with their travel companion, Sherlock, and Andy and Helen Spriet joined the group. Returning member, Robert Hopper and his granddaughter Emily and new members Gary and Beverly Van Dyken arrived on the Thursday and were treated to a steak BBQ and spent time visiting and getting to know the Heritage Cruisers.



Once all were settled in, we enjoyed a traditional Happy Hour and then were treated to a delicious BBQ rib supper and pies from the Courtland Bakery. In the evening, we watched a movie in the community hall and of course did lots of chatting.

On Saturday John had arranged a tour to the Tillsonburg Airport where we enjoyed a presentation from a member of the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association and saw Harvard Aircraft undergoing renovations and also saw one landing and taking off.



After a relaxing afternoon in the warm sun, we had Happy Hour and an

impressive, energetic display of dancing by Francois and Melody Vallerand - the type of dances you see on "Dancing with the Stars" such as the waltz, paso doble, rumba and cha cha.

They joined us for a delicious baked chicken dinner.



At Saturday's dinner Cliff thanked our host, welcomed the new members and introduced information about the upcoming rallies. On Sunday we enjoyed a catered breakfast and got ourselves packed up

and away by late morning. It was a beautiful weekend and everyone really enjoyed getting out and renewing friendships.

Chautauqua, NY 8–10 September 2023 Rally

We are planning a rally in Chautauqua, NY on Sept 8-10th, 2023 at the Camp Chautauqua Campground Lakefront Resort. Since we will book Friday, Sept 8th and Saturday, Sept 9th, it is half price for Sunday, Sept 10th, and on Sundays, the entrance to Chautauqua Institute is free.

Chautauqua is Lucile Ball's Home Town. There is usually, a free performance of some kind on Sundays to enjoy in the



world-famous amphitheater there. We can also visit the National Comedy Center which is brand new since our last visit. It opened in 2018 and was rated America's best new museum.

We will also visit Bemus Point, a small town on Lake Chautauqua with shops, restaurants and a boat museum.

We hope you will mark your calendar for September 8-10, to visit Chautauqua with us.

In Memorium

In April we lost two of our longtime members as you saw on emails sent just after they passed away.

Frank Borrmann passed away on 7 April. He and Suzanne were members of the Heritage Cruisers for many years. They were well known by many in the Club, not only as members, but through the GMC maintenance and repair facility they owned.

Ed Ansett passed away on 3 April at the age of 93 years. He and Mary were long time and active members of the Heritage Cruisers as well as the GMC Motorhomes International.

Election Year

This year is an Election Year when we choose our new Executive or reaffirm some of those who are serving. Our Nominating Committee will start their work soon to present us with this year's slate to be voted on later in the year, usually at the last rally of the year.

Chapter Membership List

Enclosed is the latest Membership List. Please check that all your information is correct and if there are errors or changes, send them to gmchc@1000island.net. Also, to protect other members, destroy any old copies.

New Members

Gerald & Susan Gravel, from Stirling, Ontario joined the Club in April. Welcome to you and hope you enjoy the Club activities !!



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- *If you have this sticker on your coach giving recommended tire pressures (mine does not but it is missing the glove box label), do not use this. It is based on OEM tires from 45+ years ago.*

The best place for recommended tire pressures is from the tire manufacturer based on the weight the tire is carrying. The most popular tire manufacturers have these charts listed on their websites. The chart will list your tire size and the weight the tire is carrying and show the appropriate tire pressure.

Tech Article



by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

Maintaining proper tire pressure is very important for safety and long tire life. There are several places where tire pressure specs are listed.

- *On the tire sidewall
 - *This is the MAXIMUM cold pressure the tire is designed for, do not use this pressure.**
- *On a plate or sticker in the coach.*

To get the weight, you need to weigh what each tire is carrying. Most truck stop weigh stations only give you the total vehicle weight, or better, the weight by axle. The best is weight by individual tire. GMCMI Rallies usually hold a coach weigh-in where you can get your coach weighed. You will want to do this with full tanks and the usual load in your coach including people.



Wheel Weighing at a GMCMI Convention

From this weight, take the maximum load carried on each tire per axle and use that. For our coaches, the 4 rear wheels can be looked at as one axle. So we have the front axle and the rear "axle" (all four rear wheels). Take the highest loaded tire from each axle (front and 4 rears) and add 100lbs. From documented GMC Rally weigh-ins, the fronts are generally about 2,200lbs each so 2,300 using the Michelin chart (LT225/75R16E) comes in at 65PSI (2,335lbs). The rears come in about 2,000 lbs, so 2,100 charts at 60PSI (2,190 lbs). So 65PSI fronts and 60PSI rears are good starting numbers for 26ft coaches until you get your own coach weighed. All pressure measurements must be taken when the tire is COLD!



Another Convention Wheel Weighing

A tire pressure monitoring system is a great idea for monitoring your tire pressures. See Tech Talk summer 2019 for more info.

When you get your coach weighed, pay attention to wide differences between the weights on the tires on each axle. Less than 100lbs difference is good, more than 200 should be looked into. High weight differences could be caused by too many heavy items on one side or a ride height adjustment error.

For more information regarding weighing and pressures, see Michelin's in depth RV tire brochure (updated April 2023) at:

https://www.michelinb2b.com/wps/b2bcontent/PDF/RV_Tires_Brochure.pdf



Classified

For Sale – New, unused coach body side moulding for later models from Applied GMC. Was \$200 US. Asking \$100 Cdn – Jim Owens – jbowens@golden.com – 519-462-1380



Free - K&N air filter and cleaning kit from a 1975 Eleganza 455 engine. Used. Removed as I went back to the OEM filter. Prefer pick-up in Toronto/Scarborough area. Grant.MacEachern@me.com

For Sale - John Podmore has a Blue Ox Tow Bar # BX7365 that fits a 2" draw bar hitch AND a Brake Buddy both are in excellent condition and work perfectly.

He is asking \$1,000 for each item or \$1,500 for the pair OBO. Please contact John in Elora directly at 519-823-3332 or at podmore@bell.net

For Sale - 1986 VW Cabriolet 2 door convertible with 5 speed stick shift 190,000 km owned since 1994.



Has Roadmaster folding tow bar and vacuum assisted braking system.



Original top, stored inside, no significant body rust. Most engine and body parts based on VW Golf, easily obtainable and reasonably priced.



Would make easy restoration project while you are enjoying it.

For Sale – 1977 Royale and 1976 Eleganza II. Low mileage. Contact

Verna McQueen for details at 613-475-1435. She lives in Brighton, Ontario. Keep trying to call she has trouble getting to the phone.



1976 Eleganza II



1977 Royale

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

Summer 2023 Newsletter

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

Enclosures:

June Rally Info & Registration

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August Rally Info & Registration

Membership List