



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Hi Everyone!

Well, here we are in mid - season already. We've had four great get-togethers, with two more to go. Thank you to the rally hosts who have given so much to keep us going. Cliff has managed to find some who are willing to host next year. We hope to have that schedule soon.

The Nominating Committee is working on a slate of officers, and we will be having elections by the end of the season. Please consider offering your time so the Heritage Cruisers can continue on, especially into 2024, which is our 35th year.

See you soon at Port Colborne and Chautauqua. (You'll have to learn to spell Chautauqua).

*Lois (I'll soon be gavel-less)
Urbanski*



Rallies 2023

4 – 8 August – Port Colborne, Ont, Eelko & Emily Byker

See attachment for details

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

See attachment for details

Rallies 2024

Hello Cruisers,

We have just returned from another great July rally at Lorne and Jean Hawley's lovely property at Belleville, Ontario, with 10 GMC coaches and 1 SOB in attendance. Lorne and Jean are the most gracious of hosts and made sure we were well fed and other wise taken care of as they have done in the past.

There is always the added bonus of Lorne, driving one of his



massive tractors, towing each of us up the hill, after a night of torrential rain, assisted by Jim Hamilton connecting the web strap and tow chain !!

Coming soon on August 4 -8, Eelko and Emily Byker will host the August rally during Canal Days at Port Colborne, Ontario. We had a good time at this venue in the past and no doubt this one will be consistent with that. Lots to do and see, including a large car show taking place adjacent to our parking area. There is also a dinner cruise aboard the Empire Sandy sailing ship. Not much time left so if you wish to go, get in touch with Eelko soon at 905-835-0975 or email to ekbyker@gmail.com.

Fran and Lois Urbanski will be hosting at Chautauqua NY September 8 - 10. This is a lovely area with lots to do and see. Fran and Lois no doubt will see that there is a full schedule for everybody to enjoy their time there.

Looking forward to 2024, we are close to having a full roster of rallies for the year:

Coachless by Fran and Lois Urbanski

May Rustbuster by John Peazel at Courtland. ON.

June currently open.

July by Lorne and Jean Hawley at Belleville, ON.

August by Jack and Pat Elzinga at their home in Kingston, ON

September by Greg and Donna Lipsett at Quinte's Isle Campark in Prince Edward County.

So, we are seeking a host for June of 2024, and look forward to hearing from you soon! If you are new to this, no worries. There are many members more than willing to help you through the process. It is not very complicated in any case. Email me at cpike2@execulink.com.

That's it for now. Hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer, and safe travels to all !!

Cliff Pike, VP Wagon Master

Rallies So Far

Spencerport Rally 23 -25 June, 2023

A wonderful rally was held at Cindy and Ernie's beautiful acreage in Spencerport, NY, near Rochester, NY on June 23-25, 2023.



Attendees included Ed Daniel (founding member) and his son Matt who came for the day, Lauren and Bill Phinney, Jane Keppy and Tony Cockshutt, Bob Hopper

and his granddaughter, Emily, John Peazel and his friend Anna, Fran and Lois Urbanski and the Dankerts. Eelko and Emily Byker arrived on Saturday, motorcycles in tow.



The Dankerts have invited us multiple times and always provide a relaxing, fun time at their beautiful place. Thanks so much to both of them!

Also there were Tracy and John Cope who own a stunning silvery green GMC, and are from Lavonia, NY, who had heard about the club and came for a few hours to meet us.

We ate well, fed by Ernie and Cindy, who grilled steak, made spectacular breakfasts, and generally made us feel so much at home. Lots of good talk and mechanical information flew!

We took a great Erie Canal boat ride on Saturday. The rain held off just for us. Lots of historical information and beautiful views of the homes along the canal, Whenever they yelled "Low bridge", we had to make sure we were seated to protect our heads !! We had a tasty lunch as we drifted along.

Belleville, Ont Rally 13 – 16 July 2023

Rally masters, Lorne and Jean Hawley, hosted at their lovely home and property.



Thursday arrivals settled in and relaxed and snacked under a large canopy. They carpoled to the Boathouse Seafood Restaurant at Belleville's Victoria Harbour for a delicious supper.

Friday morning started with a full homemade breakfast by Lorne and Jean. The rest of the coaches gradually arrived for a total of 11 coaches.



Most of us carpooled to the Potters Settlement Winery for lunch where we enjoyed wine tasting about 8 wines, many of them award winning, and lunched from delicious charcuteries all created from local cheeses, meats, breads, spreads, pickles. We were also entertained with information about the vineyard, the internationally acclaimed wines and history going back 172 years about the roots of this winery's development. We were all full from lunch so supper was an outdoor buffet of potluck, and leftovers from lunch.

Evening games were enjoyed. On Saturday, after another hearty breakfast by our hosts, we had a brief meeting of attendees, 23 present, which included info about the upcoming rallies, next year's potential rallies, upcoming elections in September, and that next year is our 35th Anniversary. Then several ladies headed out to do some shopping while other members worked on repairs on the motorhomes and relaxed.



Tom & Judy Chalmers dropped by on Saturday and Jerry Gravel did as well and received his and Susan's name tags. For supper we headed to the Farm to Table Event at Tweed where we sat at picnic tables (under umbrellas) as the drizzle, then rain, moved in.



All food was grown or raised or baked locally and we had a feast of beef, pork, chicken, baked potatoes, corn, salads and dessert. The rain continued, so we played games in the shelter or visited under canopies. By Sunday morning the rain had stopped but not before drenching us with three inches and so we all had to be pulled out by Lorne and a very large tractor with Jim Hamilton's assistance connecting the tow strap and chain.



First Out !!

Our spirits were not dampened and we enjoyed the show. We all enjoyed the weekend and thank Lorne and Jean for their amazing hospitality!

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 – Bruce Hislop, Nancy & Jim Hamilton have started their work to present us with this year’s slate to be voted on at the September rally.

Wearing of Club Name Tags

This is a reminder to please wear your name tag at a rally especially if there are new folks in attendance. It is helpful to both all members and guests.

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Tech Article

High-Tee Fuel Tank Vent

(Improving the fuel filling experience.)

by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

High-Tee fuel tank vent. Improving the fuel filling experience.

The design of our dual fuel tank system causes some challenges during refilling the tanks. We are all familiar with “gurgling” coming from the filler as the tanks fill with fuel. This “gurgling” is a warning to stop or slow the fill rate, otherwise you are risking getting a gasoline bath!

In an effort to improve the refilling experience, Matt Colie came up with this idea. He noted that the design of the fuel filling tube causes the momentum of the fuel to carry the majority of fuel past the front (AUX) tank and flow into the rear tank. Only when the back-pressure of the fuel in the rear the rear tank can overcome the momentum of the incoming fuel will fuel be forced into the front tank.



High Tee connection. With each tank having their own venting line, they do not interfere with each other's venting function.

When installing the "high Tee", I found the existing vent hose to be nearly disintegrated, despite having "all" the rubber lines replaced.

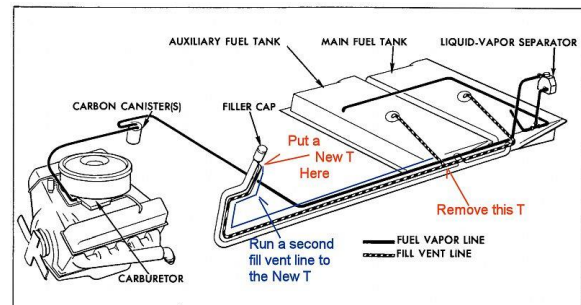
Meanwhile this momentum forces the rear tank completely full and fuel now backs up the rear tank's vent line. Being as the vent line is also shared with the front tank, liquid fuel begins to back up the vent line, eventually blocking the AUX vent line. This prevents the AUX tank from escaping while it is filling. Air pressure builds up in the AUX tank causing the gurgling and possible fuel spitting.



Note, the disintegrated black rubber dust on my hand in the photo. It is hidden behind the fender liner "out of sight and out of mind". It would be a very good idea to replace yours even if you don't do this modification.

Matt's fix was to provide a separate vent line for each tank. The existing vent line is used for the rear (Main) tank with the connection for the Aux tank blocked off. A separate vent line is run from the front (AUX) tank and Teed into the filler at a high point right at the front fuel fill.

The photos show a diagram of the "High Tee" modification and a photo of the Tee connection.



This "Tee" connection is referred to the

I used 3/8" hard line and rubber hose because the vent line from the tank are 3/8". The OEM line for both tanks was 1/2". I used hard line strapped to the

existing vent line because you don't want any dips in the line where liquid fuel can accumulate. I plugged off the Aux connection to the existing vent line with a short 3/8" rod sealed with a hose clamp.



Classified

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.



2023 Newsletter

Submissions for the Fall Edition of the “Comings ‘n Goings” are due by 1 October to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

August Rally Info & Registration

September Rally Info & Registration