



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Hi Everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season, whether you got together with family, or were confined to the house in a blizzard, with a travel ban keeping you home. It was an interesting winter to be sure. We are so looking forward to the 2023 Rally season! I hope you are considering coming to some or all of the rally opportunities.

We are so happy that so many stepped up, so that we all could enjoy the variety of what each host's area has to offer. It's always so much fun to get together!

So let's start 2023 with a bang at the Coachless Rally in Niagara Falls. We all could use, to shake off the winter doldrums, a good game of dominos or horse racing. We hope to see you all soon!!

Lois, (this is my last year, really)



Rallies 2023

27 - 30 March – Coachless Rally – Niagara Falls, Ont – Lois & Fran Urbanski

See attachment for details

5 - 7 May – Courtland Rally. Courtland, Ont – John Peazel

See attachment for details

23 – 26 June – Spencerport, NY. Ernie & Cindy Dankert

See attachment for details

13 – 16 July – Belleville, Ont. Lorne & Jean Hawley

4 – 7 August – Port Colborne, Ont, Eelko & Emily Byker

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



Elvis Festival – Tweed, Ontario

This year's Elvis Festival has been cancelled due to a shortage of volunteer workers. Jack & Pat Elzinga have been organizing our attendance for many years and mentioned how much help the organizers of the festival have helped them. It is disappointing that an event enjoyed by so many has fallen through.

New Members

Bob & Sue Blenkarn of Mallorytown, Ontario joined the Club just a few weeks ago. We hope you'll enjoy the activities and friendships the Club has to offer.

19th Coachless Rally 2023

We are again planning a fun Coachless Rally for 2023. It will be Tues, March 28 and Wed, March 29, 2023, departing after breakfast, in the hotel, on March 30. Once again it will be at the Holiday Inn, Niagara Falls, Ontario, across from the Fallsview Casino. If anyone wants to come a day early, that will be Monday, March 27, 2023.

The hotel offers a package that includes a dinner at Coco's in the hotel, two breakfasts at Coco's, and a spectacular dinner in the revolving Skylon Tower. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, and we are planning a couple of adventures, including going to see Niagara's Fury 4D Experience, right next door to the hotel. We will visit Niagara-on-the-Lake and possibly the Prime Outlet Mall. One or two fun, but not embarrassing games are planned as well.

The manager assures me the package price only went up \$1 Cdn. The total amount will be out very soon. I hope you will plan on coming as it has always been a great time together.

Lois & Fran

Chautauqua, NY September 8 – 10, 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.



2022 Financial Report

The Financial Report for 2022 is enclosed.

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>. There is also a link to the rally photos on our web site.



Membership Dues for 2023

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2023 are \$20 Cdn or \$15 US payable by 1 January 2023. Earlier is better !!!

Complete the dues enclosure and mail it with your dues in either US or Canadian funds to our Treasurer, Nancy Berry.

***** Check carefully to whom the cheque is to be made out to. It is different for US & Canadian funds. If you have paid the 2023 dues then there should be no dues attachment 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.

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Tech Article

by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

. Its winter time and you likely have your coach stored away until spring. Time to think of things to do before the Spring Rustbuster rally.

You change the engine oil regularly, but when was the last time you changed fluids like the transmission fluid & filter, engine coolant, or brake fluid? These fluids also breakdown and require changing at recommended intervals.

Transmission fluid and filter:

GM recommends the transmission be serviced every 12 months or 12,000 miles. The motorhome is a “Severe Service” application and so must be serviced more often. Synthetic Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF) can extend the service interval, so check the specifications of the ATF you are using.

Also be aware that output tube of some filters is too small. It must be 0.75" OD diameter otherwise it will leak air, so bring your calipers to the store and check its dimension before purchasing. It is also recommended that two O-rings be used on the tube to help seal the connection to the transmission.

Final Drive:

GM recommends a fluid change at 12 months or 12,000 miles. Again, changing to Synthetic gear oil can extend this service interval, so check the specifications of the fluid you are using.

Engine Coolant:

GM recommends the engine coolant be drained, flushed and new coolant every 2 years or 24,000 miles. Note that the coolant capacity is 21 US quarts (~20 litres) (455 engine) of antifreeze solution, so buy lots! If you mix your own solution, be sure to use distilled water.

Brake Fluid:

I could not find a GM recommended service interval in the motorhome manuals. Brake fluid absorbs water so the system should be flushed every 3 years (2 years in wet regions). Water in the brake fluid can turn to steam under heavy braking and cause a soft pedal and brake fade. It also corrodes the Master cylinder, caliper and brake cylinders as well as the brake lines from the inside causing sudden failures.

Power Steering fluid:

Again, I could not find a GM recommended service interval, but a Google search came up with 2 years. The filter at the windshield wiper hydraulic motor should also be cleaned. A dirty filter can cause back pressure to

the power steering box and cause failures of the shaft seals.

Check the motorhome Service manual for instructions on how to do the above maintenance.

For more information, the GM maintenance interval schedule can be found here:

<http://www.bdub.net/manuals/X7622B.pdf>

Photos from GMCmhphotos.com, contributed by Rob Mueller and Russell Keith.





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



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.

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 – 100 Amp MPPT Solar Charge Controller – never used. Not for Lithium batteries \$25.00 Allan Hamilton – akh@1000island.net – 613-659-3522



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

Enclosures:

Coachless Rally Info & Registration

Courtland Rally Info & Registration

Spensorport Rally Info & Registration

***2023 Dues Reminder – To Non-paid
Members Only***

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