



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Greetings Cruisers,

Summer is here and of course that means it's prime GMC'ing season. I hope you have been able to get out into the great outdoors at least a few times so far this year to enjoy the weather and the pleasures of camping in our beloved vintage motorhomes.

I have had my own challenges this season in terms of being roadworthy and ready to travel. However, I'm happy to report that with the help of the group I have overcome these challenges and am back in action. Many thanks to Bruce Hislop for his help, guidance and advice over the past few weeks on overcoming my fuel injection system issues. We are so

amazingly lucky to have such a wise and capable VP Tech as a key member of our club.

I wanted to let you know that we now have available for purchase a new shipment of 12" x 18" GMC Heritage Cruisers flags. What better way to dress up your coach and at the same time, proudly fly the GMCHC colours. I have two myself and fly one from each front mirror when parked. If you're interested just let myself or Al Hamilton know. The cost is \$13.00 per flag and I will have these with me at each of the rallies.

In closing, I'm looking forward to seeing you at some or all of the three exciting summer rallies we have coming up. Each will be unique gatherings with their own interesting itineraries and opportunity to discover the areas in which each rally is being held.

As always, I can be reached direct at



lipsettgreg@gmail.com or at 416-200-5172. Reach out anytime. Cheers and see you soon!

Greg Lipsett, President



Rallies 2024

Hello Cruisers,

On 18 – 21 July, Lorne and Jean Hawley will again open their property at Belleville, Ontario to us and host a rally.

15 –18 August, Jack & Pat Elzinga have invited the Club to their home on the Cataraqui River near Kingston, Ontario.

That is followed by Greg & Donna Lipsett hosting the September rally in Prince Edward County, Ontario, 5 – 8 September at the Quinte Isle Campark.

Cliff Pike, VP Wagon Master

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May Rally 31 May - 2 June Spencerport, NY

by Lois Urbanski

A total of seven coaches and three cars full of members descended on Cindy and Ernie Dankerts beautiful property for the long weekend of May 31-June 2nd.





Lots of Supervision !!

Oil changes and differential repairs were done on the coaches, and lots of information exchanged among all of us. There was a spirited game of Dominos played, with Ed Daniel keeping all the newer members on their toes to follow house rules. Thursday night featured a BBQ supper, and Friday night, Ernie cooked wonderful steak on the grill. There were two sumptuous breakfasts, and a catered Mexican meal of enchiladas and burritos. We ate very well! On Saturday 8 of us traveled to the Fairport Canal Days festival, featuring food, live music, and hundreds of tents for crafters to sell everything imaginable.



The weather cooperated for all these activities. All the accompanying dogs (seven of them, mostly beagles) seemed to have a good time too. A big thank you to the Dankerts for such a great time!

Ontario Vehicle Registration

Recently Ontario changed the Vehicle Registration system so that personal vehicle license plates are now automatically renewed every two years, still at no cost, except for vehicles built before 1983. Therefore, our coach's license plates will still be renewed on-line or by visiting a Service Ontario office up to 90 days before the expiration date. You should receive a letter advising you of the change.



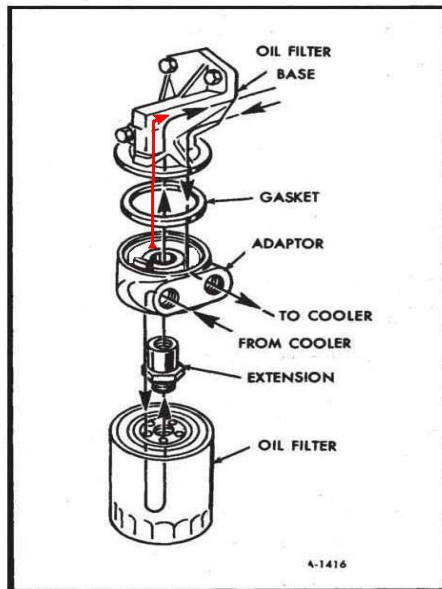
Summer Tech Article

by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

Do you have oil spots on the ground where you park your coach? It could be from one or more faulty rubber O-rings.

Oil dripping from the Oil Filter:

You may think It's your oil filter leaking, but It's more likely the O-ring seal on the oil cooler adaptor above the oil filter.



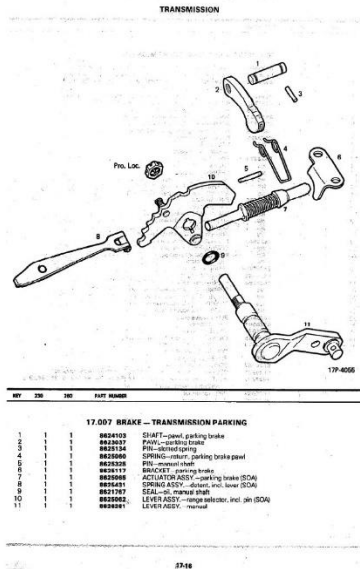
Next time you do an oil change, buy two oil filters (second one maybe a cheaper brand). Remove the oil filter and you will see a big nut on the center pipe which the oil filter attaches to. Remove this nut and the center section. The oil cooler

hoses and oil cooler adapter will drop down. There is a large rubber O-ring on the top side of the adapter (labelled "gasket" in diagram). Remove the o-ring seal from the second oil filter and it will fit perfectly into the oil seal groove. Reassemble, snug up the retaining nut and finish your oil change.

Do not try to use the O-ring from the old filter. I tried to do this, but the used filter seal was too wide due to being under compression and heat.

Oil dripping from the Transmission:

There are two O-rings that can cause transmission leaks. One is on the transmission dip stick tube and the other is on the transmission shifter shaft. Which one is leaking can be hard to tell since the transmission fluid is blown all over by the wind underneath.



The transmission tube is the easiest to replace. Simply pull out the dipstick and unbolt the bracket supporting the tube. The dipstick tube can then be pulled out. The O-Ring is at the bottom of the tube where it inserts through the final drive casing. Also, if your dipstick tube bracket is broken off, check for holes in the dipstick where the bracket was spot-welded to the tube. Have any holes brazed closed, then file or grind off any weld spots left on the bracket. You can then use a small hose clamp to hold the bracket to the tube.

To change the O-ring on the shifter shaft requires dropping the oil pan and disassembling part of the shifter mechanism in order to remove the shaft. That's a bit more complicated than we have space for here. I have previously posted the repair on the

GMCmotorhome.org Forum Resource section:

<https://www.gmcmotorhome.org/resources/the-elusive-th425-manual-shifter-shaft-seal.51/>



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For Sale – Two rebuild 425 transmissions. Contact Ernie Dankert at edankert@rochester.rr.com or 585-739-5024.

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



2024 Newsletter

Submissions for the Fall Edition of the “Comings ‘n Goings” are due by 7 October to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

July Rally – Belleville, Ont

August Rally – Kingston, Ont

September Rally – Prince Edward County, Ont