



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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This 'n That

Lena Longman is going to have her long-awaited back operation on 11 November. We wish you the very best and hope for complete success.

Don & Eileen Casselman left in June for a 12,000-mile adventure to Alaska – not their first time either. They even included some of the US West Coast in the trip. That was why we didn't see them at any rallies after the one at Sherkston Shores, in June. They had a great time and the coach performed well and with only some minor problems.

This year ended with a large representation of Heritage Cruisers attending the GMC Motorhomes International Convention in Marion, North Carolina. Approximately 21 coaches from this Chapter attended. Unfortunately, there was some trouble getting there. The Wilkins lost their engine in Knoxville and the Schons were towed more than once as a result of a recurring ignition problem.

Last Rallies of the Year

In August our gathering was at Flamborough Downs, in Hamilton. Dick & Lena Longman, assisted by Bud & Dot Boehler and George Beardwood, put this unique rally together and everyone had a

fun time. In September, we met at Beavermead Park in Peterborough. The rally was hosted by Wally & Joan Wilkins and George Beardwood. This was a beautiful park and an enjoyable rally. Lori and the Lucky Dogs entertained us well into the darkness of Saturday night.

We were lucky this year with all the good weather for our rallies. Well done to all the organizers for that too!!!!!! This was a great rally season – thanks to all the efforts of rallymasters, assistants, helpers, and even family members who provided transportation, sang, and played for our enjoyment.

New Members

Albert & Sheila Branscombe of Tiverton, Ontario, attended the September rally and before the end of the weekend we had them as our latest new members. Welcome to the Chapter. Enjoy the gatherings and the members of the Club.



Membership Dues for 2005

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2005 are payable by 1 January 2005.

Complete the colourful enclosure (if none is enclosed, you owe nothing) and mail it with your dues in either US or Canadian funds to our Treasurer, John Podmore.

Please pay on time so John doesn't have to chase you. Also, you are dropped off our mailing list on 1 May and will miss a newsletter or rally information.

2005 Rally Schedule from the VP Wagonmaster

- 21-23 Jan – Coachless Rally – Niagara Falls,
Ontario – Podmores
**You do your own booking.
Details are enclosed !!!!!**
- 13-15 May – Ontario Place, Toronto -
Carscaddens – They have
asked for assistance with this
rally.
- 17-19 June – Sackets Harbor, NY -
Crutchers
- 15-17 July – Pioneer Village, Mumford, NY –
Farrells & Evans
- 12-14 Aug – Scottish Games, Fergus, Ont
Camping at Elora Gorge -
Podmores, Patersons, & Hoods
- 2-5 Sept – Fiddlers Contest, Pembroke, Ont
Gosses
- 14-16 Oct – October Fest, Kitchener, Ont
rallymaster needed

Email Addresses

The only known email address that does not work is tkenn@primus.ca. Would the Kennedys let me know their new email address?

GMC Sunshine Statesmen Invitation

The Sunshine Statesmen extended an invitation to GMCers to join them at their rallies in Florida between September 2004 and May 2005. The rallies are being held at: Fort Pierce – November; December – SS members only; Tampa East – January; Brooksville – February; Ocala – March; Daytona North – April; and, Panacea – May. The details are on their website <www.GMCSS.com>.

Our Web Site

This past summer our Chapter web site was discussed at a number of our meetings. The following is a report from Bob Morris on where we stand and are going.

Progress is being made on our web site. We have decided we will NOT use our membership list on our web site. None of our web pages will require a password for access. Passwords will only be required to post information on our web site.

The following items are in the works.

Day, date, and time only need to be on the home page.

About Us - This is okay as written

Gallery - We will develop a cut and paste method of adding pictures by our club members. This must be something the members can put into the web site.

GMC Events – We will develop a cut and paste method to list the future rallies for next year. This must be something the Wagonmaster can put into the web site.

Lots of Links - We will complete the links to the other GMC web sites.

Contact Us - The President's phone number will be shown along with the email address in the "Contact Us" area. A listing of the club officers will be shown as contacts in the "Contact Us" area on the web site with email addresses only.

Members Area and Newsletters - We will remove the "Members Area" and change it to "Newsletters". We will develop a cut and paste method to put the quarterly newsletter on the web site each quarter. This will include a color format. We will continue to mail newsletters each quarter.

Bob Morris, President

Meeting Minutes

Enclosed with this newsletter are the minutes of meetings from our July, August, September, and October meetings for you to review.

GMC Heritage Cruisers Cocktail Munchies & Potluck Goodies Book

Here are two more excellent examples of recipes submitted for the Goodies Book. Both are from Eileen Casselman and are just in time for the festive season:

French Tourtiere

1 lb lean ground pork
1/2 lb lean ground veal
1 medium onion chopped
1 clove garlic minced

1 tsp salt
1 tsp ground black pepper
1/4 tsp cloves
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1 cup water
1 slice white bread cubed
2 tender flake pie shells

1. in a large sauce pan, combine pork and veal with the onion, garlic, salt, pepper, cloves, nutmeg and water. Bring to a gentle boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Cook for 20 min. Remove from heat and stir in the bread cubes and set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Pour meat mixture into thawed pie shell and spread out evenly. Use the pastry from the second pie shell and invert as the top crust. Pinch edges of pastry and slit top for steam.
3. Brush with milk to help it brown
4. Bake for 45-55 minutes.

Serve with applesauce, sour cream ,or orange cranberry sauce.

Eileen Casselman

Orange Cranberry Sauce

1 navel orange zest and juice
1 1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp ginger
4 cups cranberries
1/2 cup toasted pecans.

1. Grate orange peel for zest. In saucepan add sugar and ginger with orange zest. Add juice from orange and simmer until sugar dissolves.
2. Add cranberries and cook until they pop, about 9 minutes. Add pecans, cool and serve with wedge of TOURTIERE.

Serve with green salad.

Eileen Casselman



Some HCCers who get around – the Barbers, Saunders, & Wilkins at a GMC Saguardo Jetset rally in Globe, Arizona - 2004

Classifieds

For Sale: 1977 Royale 26' Rear bath, outstanding condition with Alcoas and new Zip Dee awning, day/night shades, all options, walnut interior, 27,000 original miles, superb buy. \$30,000US - Jay Barrett 585-670-9236 or tiquers@frontiernet.net.

For Sale: 1973 Canyon Lands, 26' Mechanics rebuilt, seven new radial tires, new interior including corian countertop, designer cooktop, microwave, day/night shades, carpeting, and cushions; Formica on cabinets and fridge, KYB shocks, greaseable front hubs, pod, awning, and step. \$15,500 US (reduced) – Jay Barrett after 8:00 pm – 585-670-9236.

For Sale: 1975 GMC Glenbrook, 26 ft, transmission & engine in good condition, stored indoors in winter, new carpet and curtains, Alex Birch screen door, fold-up step, new windshields, 6 ft storage pod, microwave. In exceptionally good condition. \$17,500 US – 905-892-6117

For Sale: 1974 Canyon Lands, 26'-3, 76K original miles, Original white exterior, dinette benches have been replaced with swivel reclining chairs. Refrigerator, A/C, front brakes, levelling valves & tires replaced in recent years. Coach not used for last two years. Rebuilt 455 engine at approximately 66K miles. Reduced to \$11,900 US OBO - Dick Bushnell - 585-624-4613.

For Sale: Buzzbox (converter) good condition – replaced with inverter. \$25 US – Bob Morris – 607-756-9888

Free: Engine air filter housing, engine water pump (needs seals), starter (needs rebuilding), Guske window shade – dark blue, assorted TV antennas, assorted 12 volt interior lights. Bob Morris – 607-756-9888

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

Tech Talk

Electric Wiper Motor Problem

It was found that the GM Lumina and similar model electric wiper motor castings are very soft. As a result, it is very easy to strip the threads in the three mounting bolt holes. Drilling and tapping with coarser threads is an easy fix.

Beware the Green Nozzle

Again this year one of our members fell afoul of a poorly labelled “gas” pump – or in some cases they are not labelled at all. He filled the coach tanks with diesel fuel. The only indication that it was diesel was the green plastic cover on the nozzle. They were lucky and got away with a \$400 bill to drain tanks, etc. rather than a damaged engine. Watch for that Green Nozzle !!!!!!!!!!!

Rear Shock Option

GM discontinued the rear hydraulic shock that was listed as an upgrade from the original listed in the parts book. Now a gas shock is suggested as a replacement. It is GM# 88946156. They are \$40 Cdn.

Power Level Rotary Valves

The March 2003 issue of GMC Motorhome News from Cinnabar contains an article on the rotary valves on the 1973 to early 1976 coaches that controls the air suspension. One of our members tried the repairs suggested in the article to stop leaks and found it worked very well.

Transmission Modulator Valve

Recently two coaches showed different shifting symptoms that were not easy to diagnose. One would not shift out of first gear and the other would do a 3-2 down shift with only light throttle. In both cases, a bad modulator was the culprit. The original modulator was GM# 3027842 and the after-market # is TM15.

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Happy Thanksgiving & Other Holidays Too

To many of our members it is hoped you had an enjoyable and Happy Thanksgiving and to those who are about to have Thanksgiving, safe travelling and good times with family and friends.

Since this is the last newsletter of 2004, we hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year too !!!!

Winter Newsletter

Submissions for the Winter 2005 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 31 January 2005 to the Editor, Al Hamilton (on the road) at ahamilton@sympatico.ca.

*GMC Heritage Cruisers
Flamborough Downs Waterdown ON.
Held on Aug. 14, 2004*

Ian Oliver, acting for President Bob Morris, opened the meeting with a big thank-you for our hosts Dick and Lena Longman, Bud and Dottie Boehler and George Beardwood.

Secretary's Report; The minutes of the meeting on July 4, 2004 were adopted as read.

Treasurer's Report; None.

International Report; Syd Collier is monitoring all international goings on for us.

Technical Report; Ed Anstett will meet with those who wish to chat about things technical, after the meeting.

Non-Technical Report; Norma Hill will have a craft session after the meeting. Bookmarks and flyswatters are on the agenda.

Newsletter and Registration; None

Historian's Report; None.

Wagon Master's Report; Wally Wilkins encouraged us all to register for the Peterborough Rally (Sept 9, 10, 11.) George Beardwood hoped that the Parks Canada strike wouldn't keep us from taking the Lock Tour.

A discussion was held on the subject of a rendez-vous near Marion N.C. so that we could enter in a group. Norma Hill suggested a Wal-Mart lot. No decision was made. There is a Wal-Mart North of Interstate 40. On the map it appears to be accessible from interchange #86.

The Wagonmaster requested that members e-mail him when they register for the Marion Rally so he can pass on an approximate count to Emery Stora. E-mail- bioliver@allstream.net.

Ed. Anstett asked what the preferred route to N.C. would be. Ed Daniels felt the best route would be I-75.

Roy Carscadden spoke about the May 13, 14, 14, 2005 Rally in Toronto at Ontario Place. The Carscaddens visited the site and felt that the view was great. They felt that the weather might be a factor as the lot is right on the Lake. However, plans are afoot to keep us pretty busy in and around TO. The Carscaddens need some help with this rally so please contact them if you can back them up. Roy is going to find out where the nearest Dump Station might be.

Jack Elzinga is looking forward to the get-together at his place on Aug. 26, 27, and 28,29. 2004.

Rally Schedule for 2005;

May- Toronto

June- Bob Farrell is checking a possibility.

July- Air Show in Geneseo was mentioned but no decision was made.

August- Fergus Highland Games if John Podmore is able to swing it.

September- Pembroke ON. Fiddler's Contest. Gosses are hosting.

October- Octoberfest.

New Business; None

A motion to close the meeting was tabled by Fred Hill and seconded by Jack Elzinga.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Oliver.

*GMC Heritage Cruisers
Beavermead Park Peterborough ON.
Held on Sunday Sept. 12, 2004.*

President Bob Morris opened this meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: John Podmore handed out copies of his report for all to read. We're still solvent.

Wagon Master's Report; 1. International Rally at Marion N.C. Oct. 3-8 2005. As of today, 22 coaches will be going to the International Rally. A meet is on tap at the Wal-Mart, 2700 Rte #70, just right off and #86. Caravan will leave for the Rally site at 9:00 A>M> Sunday Oct. 3, 2004.

The Wagon Master will phone Emery Stora to secure parking spaces together.

2. Winter Coachless Rally: After extensive research, John Podmore feels that the Fri.-Sat. deal offered at a Motor Inn across the street from The Falls View Casino is our best bet. \$322, taxes in, per couple for the two nights. Two dinners and two breakfasts are also included in this price. We will hear more details later. Tentative date Jan. 21-23, 2005.

3. Ontario Place Rustbuster. May 13-15, 2005. Roy and Joan Carscadden are busy working out the details of this Rally. A visit will be made, this October, to a Rally held by another Motorhome group who will be camping at this same venue. The Carscaddens need partners to help with this Rally and they hope some volunteers will come forward.

4. Sackett's Harbor N.Y. June 17-19, 2005. Steve Crutcher is working with the Fire Chief at Sackett's Harbor to have a Rally on this weekend in June 2005, as it is a Festival weekend. Sackett's Harbor was a battlefield during the war of 1812.

5. Mumford N.Y. July 15-17, 2005. Bob Farrell and John Evan's are working on arranging at this "Pioneer Village" site.

6. Fergus Ontario Highland Games, August 12-14, 2005. 2005 is the 60th anniversary of this popular event. As the actual site of the Games is busy and loud, John Podmore suggests we camp at the Elora Gorge site and bus to the Games (or St. Jacobs). Hosts will be Podmores, Pattersons (Bob and Judy) and the Hoods.

7. Pembroke Ontario Fiddler's Contest, Labor Day Weekend Sept. 2-5 2005. Cyril and Sandy Gosse, hosts for this Rally, will accommodate our coaches for dry camping on their property and will cater our meals in their large hall. Thanks Gosses! Barbers attended this year (2004) and they described all the fun they had at the Contest.

8. Kitchener ON. October fest, Oct. 14-16, 2005. Hosts are needed to organize and run this Rally. Syd Collier and John Podmore have some contact numbers.

Ed Anstett offered to make more GMC road signs if the original ones that he made aren't found.

Sunday Service; Jack Elzinga introduced Evangelists- The Irreverent Douglas Barberino and his perky wife Tami-Faye Barberino. These beautiful people lead a "Thou shalt not" reading and us to salvation with two inspirational songs. Thanks to both of them as, Heaven knows, GMCers need all the help they can get.

International Report: None.

Membership and Newsletter: The next newsletter will be out in November . Al Hamilton introduced our new members, Albert and Sheila Branscome. Welcome to them. Membership now at 93.

Tech. Report: None

Historian's Report: None

Non-Tech Report: Norma Hill will hold a craft session right after the meeting this morning. Before going on to new business, President Bob Morris gave a great big thanks to our hosts, Wally and Joan Wilkins and George Beardwood. A special thanks went out to the Blues Band that entertained us Saturday evening. Joan and Wally's son-in-law played in the band.

New Business: Our website is not functioning properly. A decision has to be made-continue or not. We would all like it to be available and since we already have the site we are going to try to think up ways to improve the deficits and make the website viable, informative and useful.

Prize Draws: Lucky winners; Colliers, Anstetts, Branscomes, Al and Nancy, Marshalls, Boehlers and Hoods.

Dan Stuckey's Market Place: Al Branscome has a Kilowatt Monitoring Unit for Sale. Dan is ordering a part to fix his Onan Generator choke and some fluorescent tubes for the fixture in his couch. Please let him know if you wish to order either or both of the above.

Florida Winter Rally Schedule: Bob Morris has this list if you are interested.

Motion to adjourn: Lena Longman. Seconded: Dottie Boehler.

GMC Heritage Cruisers

Marion N. Carolina

Held on Mon. Oct 4 2004.

President Bob Morris opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes from the Peterborough rally as prepared by Barbara Oliver were read and approved as presented.

Wagonmaster Ian Oliver reports the following:

January 21-23 2005 will be held in Niagara Falls, Canada. Details to come.

May 13-15, 2005. Ontario Place Canada. Rot and Joan Carscadden are in need of additional help and if you live near Toronto or if you would be able to help, please contact them.

June 17-19, 2005. Sackett's Harbor .Steve Crutcher continues to plan this Festival weekend.

July 15-17, 2005. The Evans and the Farrells are working on this rally.

August 12-14. Highland Games, Fergus Ont. It was agreed that we will camp at The Elora Gorge and bus to the Games.

September 2-5, 2005. Cyril and Sandy Gosse are organizing this fun weekend.

October 14-16. 2005. Octoberfest, Kitchener Ont. Rallymasters are needed for this Rally. If you can take this on, please contact Ian Oliver ASAP.

Treasurer John Podmore reports that the financial report is basically the same as last reported.

Due to the informal nature of this meeting, reports were not submitted from the following:

International, Membership and Newsletter, Tech., Non-Tech., and Historian.

New Business. Judy Patterson asked that members who are going south or west for the winter leave their mailing or e-mail addresses so we can keep them up to date.

Old Business. Bob Morris discussed the web site and approval was given to finish the site using the funds previously approved for that purpose.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present sang the GMCHC song!

Winter Rally 2005
(HANG THIS ON YOUR FRIDGE SO YOU DON'T FORGET!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

GMC Heritage Cruisers 2nd Annual Winter Rally will be held at Niagara Falls on January 21, 22 and 23, 2005.

We will be meeting at the Holiday Inn at 5339 Murray Street, Niagara Falls right across the road from the new Fallsview Casino (which is very, very big).

The cost is \$318 Cdn, which includes a room for two nights, a full breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, supper at the Coco's Restaurant at the Hotel one night, AND supper on top of the Skylon Tower the other night. This a bargain at \$318 Cdn, because all taxes and gratuities are included.

In addition, the hotel has an indoor pool, whirlpool, and sauna. There is lots to see in the area of Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake. **Sign up for a second honeymoon XO XO XO #####**

You can make your own booking by telephoning, toll free to 1-800-263-9393 (or 905-356-1333) or fax 905-356-7128. Ask for Kathleen Skinner (if you cannot contact her ask for reservations) and say you are with GMC Heritage Cruisers. They have a Web site at www.holidayinn.com or e-mail res@holidayinn.com. Book NOW !!! if something comes up later you could cancel (we hope that does not happen) and if you get a chance let John & Lou Ann know at podmore@uoguelph.ca that you have booked so they can get an indication of how many are going. Just like our first Winter Rally this should be lots of fun.