



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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Sick Bay

Jeanette Farrell is very seriously ill and all our thoughts and best wishes go out to her and Bob in this trying time.

. Richard Welfare had a very difficult winter and spring with the illness that he has. There has been some improvement this summer, but a lot of the winter was spent in hospital. We hope to hear how Richard is doing and wish the Welfares our best.

Marylyn Birch is still undergoing treatment. We hope she is doing well and that they are able to attend a rally.

The Rally 2006 Schedule

From the VP Wagonmaster

As usual the rallies for 2006 have turned out to be great. With the remaining rallies for 2006 in place, we are looking for members to step forward to host rallies in 2007. As of now we have a couple of locations being looked into, but so far nothing is chipped in stone. I would like to start planning for next year. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact me.

At the Falls Reserve Rally in Ben Miller, Ont

a show of hands indicated approximately ten couples were planning on going to the GMC International in Michigan in September. It looks like the Heritage Cruisers are going to be well represented. In the past someone has always stepped up to establish a meeting place and caravan in as a group. By doing this we would be able to park in the same area. Is anyone up to the task?

FredSaunders

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Rallies Still to Come

Aug 18-20 - Gananoque, Ont.

Nancy Berry & Al Hamilton

The info & registration was emailed and mailed in early July and returns are/were needed, by 31 July.



Sept. 8-10 - Alexander, NY Steam Show.

Elys and Saunders

The information sheet & registration is enclosed and Eunie & Fred are asking for our replies by 1 September

Sept 24-30 - Berrien Springs, Mich GMC International Fall Convention.

Membership

The Chapter membership stands at 93 with the joining recently of Frank & Barb Davies of Brampton, Ontario. Welcome aboard – we hope you enjoy your “new” GMC and the Chapter. William Longrigg & Linda Becker, of Kitchener, Ontario, just joined the Club and we hope to see them at a rally soon.

Joe & Valerie Klocek have sold their coach and resigned their membership in the HC.

Meeting Minutes

Linda Foldy, our Secretary, has provided the minutes of the June meeting and the Acting Secretary, Dick Longman, has provided them for July. They are included, for you to review, with this newsletter.

Rallies So Far

We have three rallies behind us for this season that started with 23 coaches gathering in Morrisburg in May. Fred & Norma Hill, assisted by the Barbers, put on their usual great rally at the Legion.

In June, Ginette & Dan Stuckey and Albert & Sheila Branscombe hosted 21 members in Falls Reserve. They provided good weather and a fun rally for the attendees.

Lois & Fran Urbanski took on July at Grand Island, New York. Twenty-two coaches were in attendance. Good food, Bocce Ball, and a “sketch-your-spouse” contest were among the highlights of the weekend. Congratulations to Helen Lambke for the best likeness of Paul and to John Podmore for coming out on top in Bocce Ball – beating out Paul Lambke. Paul is doing well!!!

GMC Heritage Cruisers Cocktail Munchies & Potluck Goodies Book

The Munchies & Goodies Book is still active and your recipes are still needed!! Send them to Lena Longman by email or by snail mail so we can get the book to the printers!!!!

Here another excellent example:

CARROT CASSEROLE

4 cups of carrots cut in rounds (cook in salted water until almost done)

1 tablespoon butter, 1 teaspoon salt,

1 teaspoon sugar

2 tablespoon flour, ¼ teaspoon pepper

1 onion (finely chopped)

1 cup sour cream

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2 tablespoon melted butter

¾ Cup dry bread crumbs

½ lb cheddar cheese (grated)

In large skillet melt butter and stir in salt, sugar, flour, pepper

and onion. Add sour cream, mix well, then heat thoroughly.

Fold in drained carrots. Put all into buttered casserole or flat baking dish.

For the topping, mix the bread crumbs with melted butter and cheese,

sprinkle over top of the casserole

Bake in 375F for 20 minutes

Lena Longman

installation time by a third. The radiator will come out now in less than one hour.

Classified

Wanted: for 1975 Eleganza overhead cupboards or cupboard doors, Dana air compressor, 2 or 3-way electric & propane fridge, motorhome tow hitch – Brion Mayer – 519-823-2255.

For Sale: 1978 26' Royale, rear bath, 57000 actual miles, all original, runs great - \$12,500 US Also two bogies off 1973 Canyon Lands. New pins and bushings. Two fuel tanks, solid exterior, need cleaning. – Richard Davis – 315-831-5241, cell 315-796-8220



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

Another Heritage Cruiser Innovation

Our Club has many talented members that produce very good engine rebuilds, ignition systems, disc brakes, gear ratio changes, frame rail replacements, and recently a beautiful parking brake system.

At the May rally, Julien & Nicole Croteau arrived at their first rally with their latest modification to their coach. They did a wonderful job on the left side with a slide out that works very well. Congratulations!

Tech Talk

Time Saving Modification by Al Hamilton

The rebuilding of our engine last fall sent me looking for a radiator or having the existing one recored – last done 14 years ago. We found a new radiator over the winter and got around to putting it in June. Some things take a lot of planning!!!!!!!!!!!!

At the last radiator removal I wasn't aware of a modification that reduced the removal time and effort, so I didn't make the cuts to the lower part of the radiator support on both sides. The cutting of both sides of the radiator support and bolting them together as shown lowered the removal and



Stop Rust Permanently!!!

Ian Oliver found a rust preventive paint that gives some excellent results. It is called POR-15. The company has many other related products. The website is www.canada-por15.com or call 1-888-418-2468.

Is Your Speedometer Accurate??



Recently, Horst Becker of Palatine, Illinois provided a lot of help and advice to make the electronic or digital dash I installed accurate. The gas tank sending units were checked and/or replaced last summer so the inaccuracy had to be in the dash. The "low fuel" light was coming on far too soon as well.

He had me take many multimeter readings and one that you may find useful was to check the accuracy of the gauge in the dash. The system operates in a range of 0 to 90 ohms. By using two or more resistors of known value, the gauge can be tested. I used a 47 and a 22 ohm resistor to see if I had a half full and a quarter full indication.

The simple procedure involves installing a resistor in the line to the dash at the

connector on the left frame rail, just in front of the forward gas tank. The other end of the resistor goes to ground. There are two wires. Check each one by using the tank selector switch on the dash. The engine should be running to have voltage close to what you will see going down the highway, 47 ohms should show at the 1/2 mark and 22 ohms at about the 1/4 mark on the fuel gauge. A lower rated resistor will show below 1/4 and turn on the "low fuel" light.

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