



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

The web page is up and running. All the features we planned on having are functional and they provide the information we wanted to have on the site.

As we said in the last newsletter, we will not have a "members only" area on our web page and no passwords will be required. We plan to update the web page once each quarter when we will post the new newsletter and pictures from the rallies and any information about future rallies that is available.

If you have pictures you would like to post in the galleries section, please, e-mail them to me at <jayhawk@twcny.rr.com> and make sure you identify which rally they are from. This year's rallymasters may wish to provide any information you can, as early as possible, so it can be included in the newsletter and on the web site.

Check it out at **gmcheritagecruisers.com**

Bob Morris
President

This 'n That

In the Fall newsletter, it was reported that Lena Longman was to have a back operation on 11 November. It had to be cancelled and is rescheduled for 23 June 05. It's a long wait Lena, but the end result will be worth waiting for.

New Members

As 2004 was nearing a close, Raymond & Marianne Buie of Stayner, Ontario joined our Chapter. Welcome to you both. Hope you enjoy all the GMC HC has to offer.

In December, Julien Croteau & Nicole Bergeron of Montreal, Quebec, joined our number. They bought their coach in November and sent in their application to join the GMC HC five days later. Welcome and see you at a rally soon.

The last new members of 2004 are Jim & Sheryl Hotchkiss of Honeoye Falls, NY.



They've only had their coach a short time. Welcome to the Chapter, to you both, also.

We finished 2004 with 97 member families.

2004 Financial Report

The year-end financial report will be included with the next newsletter that will be in the mail in early May. Our Treasurer advises that a new and different format will be used.

Membership Dues 2005

*There are still a few outstanding dues for the 2005 season. If you received the Bright Red enclosure entitled **Second Notice**, you still owe the Treasury. Complete the form and mail it with your dues to the Treasurer, John Podmore. Payment was due by 1 January. Please note that membership privileges cease on **1 May** if dues are still unpaid.*

2005 Rally Schedule from the VP Wagonmaster

- 13-15 May – Ontario Place, Toronto -
Carscaddens, Colliers,
Patersons, Schons, &
Olivers*
- 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*

First Rally of 2005

The winter coachless rally was a huge success. Twenty-four brave souls arrived at the Niagara Falls, Ontario, Holiday Inn on Friday, January 21st. The Holiday Inn is across from the newest casino at Niagara Falls and next door to the Skylon Tower and the IMAX theater.

Everyone was delighted to see each other. In the midst of all the chatter, eating, and drinking, some games were played, pictures were shown and interesting articles were shared. Friday night dinner was in the hotel with a great selection from which to choose. The casino was across the street with easy access so some heeded the call to support the Canadian Government with a donation for one of their worthy causes. On Saturday some very brave souls went to Niagara-on-the-Lake to see the Ice sculptures and taste the new Ice wine along with some quick visits to the shops. Others of us returned to the casino.

On Saturday afternoon, Roy and Joan Carscadden, gave a presentation on the May rustbuster rally in Toronto - May 13th thru the 15th. A film about the Famous People Players was shown and a wonderful packet of things to do and see, including a map and a Toronto visitors guide, was given to each couple.

On Saturday evening all 24 of the group braved the elements and could be seen trudging through the blowing snow in -15 degree temperature to get to the Skylon Tower where we had a wonderful dinner at the revolving tower restaurant. The

atmosphere is so elegant there. Although the view was obstructed with falling snow, we could still see the lights on the Falls and it seemed majestic.

After breakfast on Sunday morning most couples headed for home.

Many thanks to the Lavigne's and the Podmore's for this great weekend.

Sheryl Morris

May Rally Information

The May rally planning, 13-15 May at Ontario Place, Toronto, is well under way and an outline of activities is enclosed with this newsletter from the Rallymasters. A more detailed information and registration package will be emailed and/or mailed in a few weeks. Note the enclosed rally information is still being worked on so look carefully at what you receive in a few weeks – there may be changes from what is in this newsletter. **They need your return by 15 April to make the final arrangements.**

Email Addresses

The only known email addresses that do not work are the Hartmans and the Sirums. Please let me know what your correct email address is. Joe & Theresa Kucman now have an email address:

-<jtkucman@hotmail.com>.

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 remaining rallies are being held: Ocala - March; Daytona North – April; and, Panacea – May. The details are on their website <www.GMCSS.com>.

GMC Heritage Cruisers Cocktail Munchies & Potluck Goodies Book

Here are two more excellent examples of recipes submitted for the Goodies Book.

SALMON BALLS

1 - 8 oz tin red salmon 4 oz cream cheese
1 tsp grated onion 1 tbsp lemon juice
2 tbsp horseradish 3 tbsp grated parsley
1/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
Refrigerate to harden. Bake @ 350 for 20 minutes.

Mary Anstett

Peach Cobbler

10 peaches - cut in halves
1/4 cup corn starch
2 Tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon powder
Mix above with cut peaches

2 cups flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 lb butter
1 egg mix with 2/3 cup heavy cream
Stir above into flour to make dough

Put fruit in baking dish
Divide dough into eight pieces
Put dough on top of fruit mixture
Sprinkle granulated sugar on top of dough
Bake for about 25 minutes at 375F

When serving, put ice cream/whip cream on top.

Naomi Dignadice

Classifieds

For Sale: Buzzbox (converter) good condition – replaced with inverter. \$25 US – 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.

Tips from Trips

New Column This is a new column for everyone to contribute innovative things that have been seen on the many travels over the year.

“Whiffy” Cover Many campgrounds require that the holding tank dump tube be sealed when a RV hose is attached. That is difficult when using a mascerator and its small diameter dump hose. One member reported seeing a sealing cover made from a toilet plunger with the shaft removed and a small hole cut in the centre for the mascerator hose.



Tech Talk

Transmission Modulator Valve (follow-up from last newsletter)

The modulator, GM# 3027842 and the after market TM15, are adjustable and apparently set at the factory. It was found that they do not work well in the GMC without some

adjustment. In one case two full turns inwards of the adjusting screw resulted in crisp shifts and good up shift speeds. Your results may vary.

Contribution by:
John Evans

New Brake Combination Valve

The General Motors Technical Service Bulletin 87-C-13 calls for replacement of the cast iron Combination Valve (common on our coaches) with a brass Combination Valve.

This valve is available from AC Delco or GM parts sources - cost is \$85 US and \$120 Cdn. GM dealers seem to have them on the shelf and the cost is about the same at both sources AC Delco #172-1353 or GM # 25509419.

While working on the brakes of a member's coach, the operation of the valve was checked. During a test run, the front calipers locked up. The valve failed to release after the first system operation. A replacement brass valve was installed. A slight correction to the electrical connection, was required. Nose diving of the coach during normal stopping might be cause to check the valve. Note the small stem, protruding from the front of the valve - it should move in and out (1/32nd in.) If the stem comes out, when applying the brake, but does not return, you have a problem. There is a small return spring involved that is either broken or frozen in place by rust or dirt.

The protruding stem can be pushed in manually, if difficulty is encountered bleeding the front brake calipers.

John Evans purchased a Power Master unit recently and a notice was enclosed that said the warranty of the unit would be invalid if a cast iron combination valve was in the

brake system. This is the first time this notice has been reported, or reference to a Service Bulletin, regarding the valve.

Coming Next Issue

Our first winter experiences using Internet wireless in campgrounds – the good and the not-so-good!!!!

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Spring Newsletter

Submissions for the Spring 2005 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 25 April 2005 to the Editor, Al Hamilton 613-659-3522 or ahamilton@sympatico.ca.

In Its Original Colours Still !!!



Which GMC is it???

The special door and stripping details may help. The strips are red and orange on a white coach and only a few were made.