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President's Notes

I want to apologize for missing two rallies this summer. After attending two fun- filled rallies, the RustBuster and Fleetwood events, we made an extended trip to Calgary, Alberta, and Fernie and Maple Ridge, BC.

While travelling in the coastal mountains of BC, our coach developed a very strange noise. (Some long, 15% grades were probably the cause) An attempt to analyze the noise failed, so we decided not to risk the mountains and had the coach transported home. We purchased a used Suzuki in BC, and drove it home. The coach has since received a new final drive in Orillia, and is back on the road.

Ready for the Ride from BC

I understand that we missed two great rallies in the summer. Thank you Nancy and Al for hosting a very popular rally in the Kingston area. Bruce and Daphne hosted a relaxed rally in Erin during the Ribfest. Thank you Daphne and Bruce. Due to the low response for the Morrisburg rally, the hosts were forced to cancel. Thanks to Fred Hill, and Adeline and Doug Barber for your organizing efforts.

A big 'Thank You' also goes to those who stepped in to cover my duties at Kingston and Erin, and to those who stepped up to help organize the rallies for 2011, and beyond. It looks like a fun filled and active rally season coming up. Exact dates will follow in the next newsletter.

On September 5th , Bruce Hood and I attended a Classic Car show, in our area, with his coach. We used the Club sign and we had some information handouts. There were about 250 cars on display, one little classic trailer, and the GMC. We had many visitors to the coach. We handed out about 25 info sheets, and interestingly, six gentlemen who had visited us, brought their wives back later to have a look. If you have a chance to take your coach to an event of this nature, I'm sure we can all help promote the 'GMC' way of life to some very interested folks.

We are both looking forward to the Coachless Rally in the Falls, in January. See the info included, and - see you there.

***Bob Paterson**, President*

The 2011 Rally Schedule

28-30 Jan – Podmores – Niagara Falls
See the Rally Info Enclosed

13-15 May - Podmores - Cookstown, Ont

June – Peazels

July - Naus - London, Ont

August - Birch/Farguson

9-14 September - GMCMI Fall Convention – Goshen, Indiana

Forecast for 2012

Here are the tentative plans so far for 2012. These are not firm but the beginnings of the next rally year.

June – Cruiz- In – London, Ont

August – Erin, Ont

September – Clayton,NY

Rallies This Year

August Rally

The town of Erin, Ontario was our stop for August. It is a beautiful town in rolling hills of north-west of Toronto. We circled the "wagons" around our power pole and were set for the weekend to watch barrel racing, attend the "Ribfest", and just stroll around the town. Daphne & Bruce Hood put together a great rally that everyone enjoyed. There was lots of talk of going back in 2012, since there is lots of room and things to do.

Thanks again, Daphne & Bruce for a good time and we hope we can do it again in a great location!!!

The circled "wagons" at Erin !!!

Sick Bay

Alice Daniel had two operations this fall to alleviate problems with her neck. Both operations were successful and she is recovering well at home. We hope you continue to do well, Alice.

Chapter Purchases

The Executive authorized the purchase of a new coffee urn for $102, two vinyl signs for use at the June rally for $113, and two 15 amp timers for the coffee urns. The timers worked extremely well to have that early morning coffee ready for breakfast without someone getting up at 0-dark-30 hrs to turn it on.

Chapter Membership

We have 88 members including the new members below.

New Members

Kari & Irma Vallanne of Bancroft, Ontario joined in early September and were planning to attend the September rally. They are not new to the GMC. They have had theirs for 20 years!!! It is good to have you join us.

Cliff & Penny Pike of Guelph, Ontario purchased a GMC in September and became members of the Heritage Cruisers in October. Welcome to the Club. We hope you enjoy all it has to offer.

Emailing of the Newsletter

Receiving the newsletter is still available by email for anyone who would like to have it delivered to their computer. Let us know if you want to change to email delivery.

Membership Dues for 2011

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2011 are payable by 1 January 2011.

Complete the dues enclosure and mail it with your dues in either US or Canadian funds to our Treasurer, Jim Hadcock. ***The cost of dues is $15.00.***

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.

Classified

Free*: Pair of rear view chrome plated original side mirrors. – Phil Nau – 519-675-0582.*

For Sale: *Full length, right side Carefree awning, brown & beige, includes awning rail. $200 - Jack Elzinga - 613-542-9670*

Free: *Roof Pod and some rosewood cupboards from a 76 GMC – Jack Elzinga – 613-542-9670*

For Sale: *455 right exhaust manifold - $50. Rear control arm straightening tool - $10. Unused, but elderly rear brake flexible lines - $20. Original GM holding tank, voltage, and propane gauge set - $20. From Gaston Bellavance – contact Al Hamilton 613-659-3522*

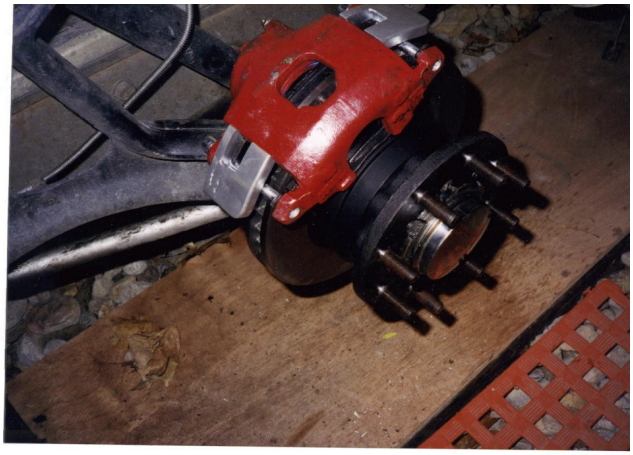
Listing of GMC-related items for sale is available to HC members and will only appear for two issues unless otherwise arranged.

Tech Talk

Improved Braking

There has been a lot of discussion lately of a new innovation that greatly improves the braking on a GMC Motorhome. There are a few reasonably priced upgrades that are easily done and will shorten the stopping distance of a GMC, lighten the force applied to the pedal, and replace some 35+ year old parts with some newer and sometimes better technology.

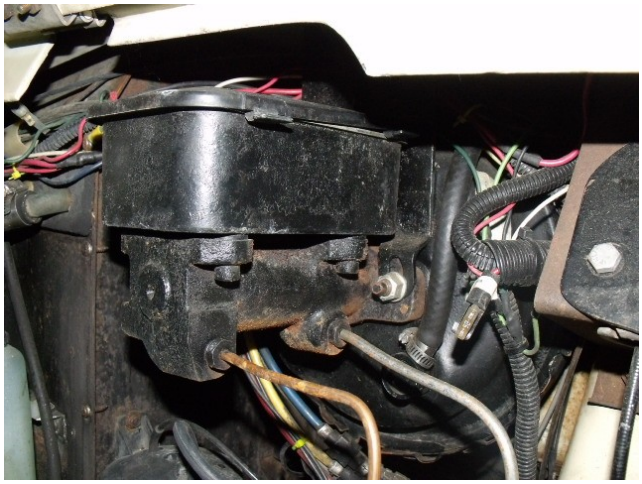
The first and simplest change is to install larger callipers on the front of the coach. There are callipers with 80mm pistons that show a noticeable improvement right away. . New and compatible hoses and banjo bolts are needed to complete the change.



Right Rear Intermediate Caliper

Adding disc brakes to the rear will also improve the braking and make maintenance much easier. If you wish to keep the drum brakes, adding a set of Carbon Metallic shoes from John Evans is a good choice.

Replacing an old master cylinder is essential for peace of mind and may prevent a failure at a critical time. The vacuum brake booster is another component that we often leave on for a third of a century. It has a large diaphram that has to be deteriorating after thousands of applications. A new booster is available with increased force applied to the calipers and/or wheel cylinders. The booster is available "sensitized" or "unsensitized". Either one greatly decreases stopping distance. The sensitized booster will provide a lighter pedal.



Booster & Larger Master Cylinder

While we're at it, let's get rid of those old brake lines. They may look good, but rust also starts on the inside because the most common brake fluid we use, DOT 3, will hold water and if not changed every few years can cause internal rusting of the lines, calipers, and wheel cylinders. Also, change the front and rear flexible hoses before they collapse inside and make your brakes stick on. The front and rear hoses are still available at a reasonable price.

These few changes should make your coach stop easily under normal braking and in a lot shorter distance if needed!!!!

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Enclosures:

January 2011 Rally Details