



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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Summer 2013



2013 Rallies

*JULY 5 - 7 Grand Bend, Ontario Motorplex
Andy and Helen Spriet*

*AUGUST 23 - 25 – Tweed, Ontario “Tribute
To Elvis” Festival - Jack and Pat Elzinga –
Early arrival is now 8:30 am Friday, 23
August - **Deadline for Payment was 15
June.***

*SEPTEMBER 17 - 21 - Mitchell, Ontario -
Plowing Match 100th Anniversary - Bruce
and Paula Hislop **Deadline for
Registration & Payment – 20 July - See
attached.***

Rallies So Far

*The May rally was held at Grand Island, NY
and hosted by Lois & Fran Urbanski. We
had a wonderful time touring Buffalo on foot
and by water and socializing at the great*

*facility at the KOA Campground. Lots to eat
and remember. Thank you both for another
super rally.*

*The June rally was at Bingeman's
Campground in Kitchener, Ont and
organized by Linda & Frank Foldy. It is a
huge facility that we, as a club, used to visit
for the Oktoberfest in Kitchener and
Waterloo. We toured the Roadtrek factory
to see how one SOB is built. Don't think
anyone is going to switch !!! The food was
great and plentiful. Wonderful Job !!!*

Wagon Master Report

*Three rallies for this 2013 season are in the
books now with two more to go – August in
Tweed enjoying each other's company with
Jack and Pat Elzinga our hosts and being
entertained by Elvis Presley types. Then in
September, it's Ploughing Match time with
Bruce and Paula Hislop hosting us at a very
nice campsite, Science Hill Country Club
outside St Marys. I visited the site on
Saturday – it is great with lots of grass,
trees, and a golf
course spread out
on front of you.*



AND NOW – about next season – we have commitments for the May Rustbuster and for the July rally – that means we are **LOOKING FOR YOU** to step forward with ideas for **JUNE, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**. If you have never hosted don't let that stop you, as we have instructions and guidelines based on rallies we have already had, plus we have many veterans that will step in and assist – so I'm looking forward to hearing from YOU!

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2014 Rallies

MAY – 50 Point Conservation Area
Grimsby, Ontario - Dick and Lena Longman

JUNE – **open** – potential - a New York State location?????

JULY – Courtland, Ontario – Mary & John Peazel

AUGUST – Drayton, Ontario - Underground Railroad Festival or Erin – Ribfest

SEPTEMBER – **open** – potential - Niagara Wine Festival.....

Sick Bay

Patrica Nau is recovering well after being attacked by their motorhome awning. She was cut and had to wear a cast as well. Hope all is well by now, Trish.

New Member Application

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the Club membership application form. Please carry it with you to give to a GMC owner you may come across in your travels.

New Club Flag Buy

In the late 1990s the Club purchased 50 flags with our logo on it to be flown on the front of the motorhome at rallies and other events.

Daphne & Bruce Hood with Roy Carscadden investigated the purchase of some of these flags for anyone who wants one. They are suggesting we fly them during the parade of vehicles thru Tweed at the August rally. Thirty flags will be purchased from the original maker at a reasonable price and will be sold to members for \$12 each, including taxes.



Here is a simple flag holder made from a chrome shower pipe and painted black. Drill one hole and use a bolt from the mirror to mount the flag holder. A wooden dowel is used as the flag pole.



Club Caps and Clothing

Anyone who is interested in a Club cap, T shirt, hoodie, sweatshirt, or jacket should contact Fran & Lois Urbanski. State your colour preferences and size. As soon as they have 12 orders of one colour an order can be placed



Classified

For Sale: Brake Buddy Classic, new \$1,200.00, for \$600.00 - Blue Ox Acclaim Tow Bar, new \$660.00 for \$300.00. - John Podmore at 519-823-3332 or jpodmore@cogeco.ca



For Sale: 1977 GMC, many upgrades over the years, including paint at Topeka Graphics, refrigerator, furnace, microwave/convection oven, awnings, Alcoa wheels, 3.70 final drive, new four-bag system, recarpeted and reupholstered, \$16,000 - Richard Palmer – 315-252-8593



For Sale: 1977 Royale side-bath, well-maintained, new paint, recent frame replacement, Paterson engine, rebuild transmission, 108,000 total miles, 3.70 final drive ratio, interior refurbished. \$29,000 – Gary Hemstock – 705-292-8127 or ghemstock@hotmail.com.

For Sale: A new, unused GMC sensitized brake vacuum booster by Jim Bounds complete with required push rod. \$175 – call Paul Lambke - 519-443-7543 or phlambke@aol.com.

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



TechTalk

Heated O2 Sensor

Problems with the motorhome fuel injection were traced to the oxygen sensor. The heating element wasn't working so the sensor was reacting like a single wire, unheated sensor. There was no indication of what I saw that indicated it wasn't working except some abnormal idling.

A broken ground wire was found and repaired. The break was not recent, so I was running without the benefit of the heating element for some time.

The change in the engine idle was noticed immediately.

There are numerous tests to determine if one is working. A simple "shade tree mechanic" test is to turn on the ignition wait a couple of minutes and touch the O2 sensor. Pain from the heat is a good indicator all is well – except for your finger !!!

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2013 Newsletter

Submissions for the Fall 2013 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15 October to the Editor, Al Hamilton at gmchc@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

New Member Application form

Rally Information & Registration:

August 2013 - Note: 15 June Deadline has passed

September 2013 – 20 July Deadline