



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

A belated Happy Independence Day and Happy Canada Day. We're knee deep in summer and have two enjoyable rallies under our belt, thanks to the gracious, and hard-working hosts Longmans and Podmores, et al, respectively. Parry Sound (Paterson) is around the corner, with Lockport (Lepard) and Cookstown on the horizon. Stay safe and see you there or be square (I can't help myself).

Yours truly, *Fran Urbani*

New Members

Billy & Debbie Massey of Brownville, Texas joined in May. Great to have you in the Chapter. Hope you can make it to a rally. It would be a long trip for you, but worth it, we think !!!



2014 Rallies

21-24 August – Lockport, NY – Pia & Dennis Lepard **Rally Registration attached**

18-21 September – Toronto North KOA, Cookstown, Ontario – (unhosted thus far)

The countdown is on folks –

Rally at Parry Sound this month hosted by Judy and Bob Paterson and assisted by many as Judy has just had a knee replacement. Then south to Lockport, NY in August for hosts Dennis and Pia Lepard to take us on an Erie Canal Tour. Finally, in September at Toronto North KOA camp with a view to catching the Ploughing Match nearby plus shopping



at the huge mall there that is filled with deals – hah!

Remember - the September HC event is a 'non-host rally'. That means you make your reservation direct with the campground and show up and plan with the others in attendance whatever you wish to do. This type of rally is held by other clubs successfully and those who have attended the rallies we have had in Erin can vouch for their success.

So here's the sked:

21 - 24 July - Parry Sound KOA - The Festival of the Sound - Parry Sound, Ontario; Judy and Bob Paterson

21 - 24 August - Niagara County Camping Resort - Erie Canal Tours - Lockport, New York; Dennis and Pia Lepard

18 - 21 September - Toronto North KOA, Cookstown, Ontario. Unhosted....

Also in late September the GMCMI convention takes place in Wisconsin and some of our members will be in attendance. That is where Daphne and I (and our pups!) will end up after taking a trip up and around Lake Superior.

2014 Fall GMCMI Convention
Fri, Sept. 26 - Thurs, Oct. 2
Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

NEXT – 2015 RALLIES – right now there is nothing definite in place for next year. I have a couple who have indicated their interest in hosting rallies and will work with them to make it happen. This leaves three openings....

So what about you? Hosted a rally yet? I'm still waiting to hear from you to get involved. Mostly it is the same veteran

members year after year who step up. If YOU haven't hosted as yet – STEP UP – and one of those veterans will assist you! Your Wagon Master awaits your email; phone call; carrier pigeon message; whatever.....

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2014 Rallies So Far

May Rally and Chapter 25th Anniversary Celebrations – We gathered at Fifty Point Conservation Area near Stoney Creek, Ontario in early May and celebrated the Chapter's 25th Anniversary, in addition to the rally activities. Dick & Lena Longman, assisted by Cliff & Penny Pike, worked tirelessly all weekend and put on a great time for all. A cake in the form of a GMC was cut and consumed, as well, a champagne toast was proposed by John Evans, our first president, to mark the occasion. Four founding members attended – Dot Boelher, Alice & Ed Daniel, and of course, John Evans. Five of the 11 Club's presidents were there.



Following the Saturday meeting, Bruce Hislop, chaired a Tech Session on coach electronics that had lots of interest and participation.

Thanks Dick & Lena and Cliff & Penny for all the work and coordination that made it go so well.

Hess GMC Model at the May Rally



Jack Elzinga was the proud winner of the GMC Hess model that was so generously donated to the Club by Bob Morris. It has gone to a good home !!! Note that Jack is also wearing the cap he won that evening as the best Club fisherman (and only one) in the local Fifty Point derby. Congratulations, Jack !!



Five of our eleven presidents attended the 25th celebrations!!!

June Rally – Twenty-two members got together at Carsons Camp at Sauble Beach during the week of June 16. The Hosts were the Podmores, ably assisted by the Urbanskis and Branscombes. It was days of good stuff to eat and drink between playing the Longmans “Horse Race” and watching amazing sunsets over Lake Huron.



The highlight of the rally was a trip to the Bruce Nuclear Plant, the largest nuclear plant in the world. The group had the advantage of being guided by Albert Branscombe who worked there for many, many years.

We also wished "bon voyage" to Trish and Phil Nau who have moved to a SOB and are embarking on an adventure of "full timing".

Thanks to John and Lou Ann setting up a great rally in a beautiful part of the country.

Sick Parade

Both Linda & Frank Foldy have had a rough spring and summer following cleaning up their yard of debris from the December ice storm. Frank's shoulder is almost back to normal, but Linda damaged a nerve in her back and is still recuperating. We wish you both a speedy recovery.

Judy Paterson had a knee operation on 24 June and is recovering well in such a short time. She and Bob are continuing to set up the July rally in Parry Sound during her convalescence. No slowing her down !!!



Club Flags

There are still some Heritage Cruiser flags left from last year's purchase at \$12 each. See Al

Hamilton at a rally to get yours.

Chapter Annual Dues

At the Club meeting at the May rally it was decided to reduce the annual dues to \$12 starting in 2015. The reason for the change was to lower the two bank accounts that have grown in the last few years. All major purchases were completed and the expenses have gone down so the accounts grew. The first year member's dues will remain unchanged for now.



Classified



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: Cupboard doors & front seats from a 1976 Palm Beach. Any reasonable offer - Cyril Gosse – 613-735-4367

Wanted: Two interior door latches for the bathroom and closet. Cyril Gosse 613-735-4367

For Sale: Tow Car for Sale – 2011 Honda CR-V LE FWD. 65,000 kms. 3300 lbs. All service records. Complete with Blue Ox base plate and all rear lights integrated into vehicle lights. You would need a Blue Ox tow bar or adapters by Road Master and its pre-wired for a brake buddy. Asking \$23,000. Contact John Podmore @ 519-823-3332 or jpodmore@cogeco.ca

For Sale: Carefree Breezeway screen room for 17 or 18 foot awning with motorhome skirts to keep the bugs out. New condition. Never used. White with screens and zippered door. Storage bags with carrying handles - \$300 – Al Hamilton 613-659-3522



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Submissions for the Fall 2014 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15 October to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

August Rally Registration