



# COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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## From the President

Happy belated Canada Day and Independence Day as the situation applies. As this edition is being written, we have started the rally season with triple-barreled successes. The rust has been busted, classic cars honored, and the work done at Ernie & Cindy's. Thanks to all the hosts and helping hands that made them possible. Toward Tweed in August for some good music and then off to the GMCMI rally in late September in Mansfield, Ohio, to end the season.

For those who will be going to the International FOR THE EARLY DAY, THURSDAY SEPT. 29, AND CROSSING INTO THE U.S.A. THROUGH NEW YORK STATE and continuing on to Ohio. West Seneca, where we live, is five hours from the goal. I can secure a parish lot, off street, for a ONE NIGHT, DRY CAMP ONLY for those who do not want to make the trip in one bite. We only live one mile away. There are stores of all sorts nearby. There

will be a get together at 92 Steiner, our house, the evening of WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28,

DOGS, BURGERS, ETC. Nothing too fancy. I will need a number to report to the rectory, so please contact me as soon as you decide.

Y'all come, y'hear?  
Be safe. Enjoy. And stay healthy.

Yours truly,

**Fran Urbanski**



## Rallies This Year

19 - 21 August - Tweed, Ont - Elvis Festival  
Pat & Jack Elzinga

## **Registration Form Attached**

30 Sep - 6 Oct - GMCCI  
Mansfield, Ohio  
**See Details Below**



## **GMCCI Fall Convention 30 Sept - 6 Oct**

The GMCCI Fall Convention, in Mansfield, Ohio, will be our September rally as well. The Urbanskis have arranged for a location to stop overnight in the Buffalo area for those travelling to the Convention along the south shore of Lake Erie. Let Fran & Lois know you will be stopping there for the night of Wednesday, 28 September. See the details in the President's notes above. We'll travel the distance Buffalo to Mansfield in one day. By arriving together it will make parking together easier for the convention staff. Anyone who wants to travel on their own should let the President or VP, Wagon Master know in case there is a Club gathering in Mansfield.

GMCCI Convention registration opens on 18 July. Indicate on your registration form that you are a member of the Heritage Cruisers, if you want to park in the club area. See their web site for more details.

**John Peazel** - Wagon Master

## **Rallies So Far**

**May Rally** - The Club gathered at the Cookstown KOA under the arrangements of Judy & Bob Paterson with good attendance and weather to start the 2016 season off well. We had great food, lots of shopping, games, Mother's Day gifts, and good times.



**June Rally** - Here is the Club at it's great spot at Plunkett's Cruise-In near London. Again, John & Mary Peazel organized the rally. The coaches were on display in a long line for thousands of visitors to see. It was a very enjoyable weekend.



**The Fly Past**



***Our line Up !!***

***July Rally*** - We had a great time a Ernie & Cindy Dankerts again this year. The food was great, the shopping a success, and the exchange of information went on well into every night around the bonfires.



***Happy Birthday, Ernie***

### ***New Members***

Gerry & Kaye Inshaw, from Elmwood, Ontario, have rejoined the Club with a "new" GMC. Welcome back !!!

### ***HC Membership Application***

Enclosed is a copy of the Club membership application and information sheet. Please make some copies and carry them with you to give to any poor, unfortunate GMC owner who isn't an HC member yet !!!

Point out to anyone you give one to the need to join FMCA and the HC first year's dues of \$35 that includes two name tags.



***The Morning Cooks !!***

### ***FMCA National Convention***

One of the two annual National Conventions is being held this summer not far from our area. From 6 to 9 August, the FMCA 94th Family Reunion and Showcase will be in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Details are on the website and in the FMCA magazine.



## Tech Talk

### Rotary Air Control Valves

Many of us have had more than enough trouble with leaking Rotary Air Control Valves (Power Level) that are responsible for maintaining the correct ride height, levelling the coach in a camp ground, and raising or lowering the coach when needed. (It is hoped the owners of late 1976, 1977, and 1978 coaches (Electro-Level) will bear with us while we discuss these little problem causers). Another article trouble shooting the Electro-Level systems would be very welcome for a later issue!!!



After using some replacement gaskets and "O" ring kits with less than satisfactory results, I looked for my own solution. I found that the most successful gasket material to seal the two valve halves, to be rubber. I cut the gaskets from a bicycle inner tube worth less than \$5.00. Recently I found pond liner to work very well also. The crude gasket below is made from pond liner and it works for years.



Each valve requires six "O" rings and I found that two sizes worked best. The larger, #8s were used to seal the three plungers. #7s were used on the end of the plungers to let air in, out, or to the correct place to raise or lower the coach. There are six small coil springs in the two valves. They should be replaced. They were weak to start with and are almost useless after all these years.



It goes without saying, all parts need to be cleaned well. I also put a bit of brake grease on the O rings that seal the plungers. This easy maintenance lasts about five years with well-sealed controls that work properly. I just refurbished them again and so far they are working well. It is suggested that the controls be left in the "Hold" position when the coach is in storage because there is no pressure on the springs and the "O" rings are seated.

An additional problem has been discovered. The rotary knob, pictured in the upper right corner, has worn over the years and has reduced the distance the knob will depress the plungers. It has slowed a small amount the flow of air into or out of the air bags. So far I have no solution for this problem that can only get worse.

This is an inexpensive solution to leaking rotary air control valves. It only takes an hour or so to make them work well again. Other solutions, comments, or recommendations are welcome.



**Modules - Carb Left/ FI Right**

### **Theory Confirmed Again**

As everyone was leaving a very successful first rally of 2016, one coach wouldn't start. There was a gas smell indicating a flooded engine and after some checks it was determined there was no spark. The old rule is if you have a 1975 to 78 with HEI ignition (or earlier model that has HEI added) and the engine quits or won't start and there is gas - "change the ignition module" as a first step to remedy the problem !! Jack Elzinga got in there and did just that with tools provided by Jim Owens. The coach owner had a spare as well as a couple of others who stayed behind to help if they could. The engine started and after chugging for some time to burn out all the excess gas, it purred away.

This just confirms the advice to carry at least one spare module and dielectric grease to smear on it, in case you end up in the same situation. The module for a carburetted engine is different than for a fuel injected engine.

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### **Your Rally Photos**

If you have rally photos that you would like to share, send them to Cliff Pike, the Club Historian, so they can be included in the archives, digital edition.



**Classified**

**Free:** Many copies of the 1990s and early 2000s magazine "GMC Motorhome Marketplace" including the Premier edition of 1992. Call Paul Lambke at 519-443-7543

**For Sale:** Steel and rubber radiator fan shroud and an original three-foot tall GMC jack. Call or email for price and pickup. Doug Barber at 613-523-6238.

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



## **2016 Newsletter**

Submissions for the Fall 2016 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 15 October to the Editor, Al Hamilton at [akh@1000island.net](mailto:akh@1000island.net).

### **Enclosures:**

**August Rally Registration - 18 - 21 Aug**

**GMC HC Membership Application**

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