



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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**From the President
Elect**

Hi Everyone,

Just wanted to thank everyone for the vote of confidence. I know this is the year of the woman in the US, but I didn't think it extended to me. Please let me know of any problems or concerns, and especially any ideas you may have to contribute, as all are welcome to be heard. We have an exciting year coming up, and I hope to see everyone at all the rallies, starting with the Coachless rally in January.

Lois Urbanski

Rallies Past

August Rally – Canal days in Port Colborne, Ontario was full of unique adventures hosted by Eelko & Emily Byker, including sailing on a tall ship with dinner, being part of a car show, touring a marine time museum, and lots a great food.





Best in Show !!

Elvis Festival – Tweed, Ontario

There was a Club gathering in Tweed again this past August and there is no doubt it was enjoyed by all. The weather was the best we've ever had – no rain, warm sunny days and cool nights. Our new HC hoodies came in very handy !!!



September Rally – We gathered at a beautiful campground near the town of Rockwood, Ontario in mid-September. A good time was had by all with interesting events planned by the Rally Masters, Penny & Cliff Pike. The Air Show, with vintage aircraft and other exhibits, was most interesting and enjoyed by many. A trip to St Jacobs was also very enjoyable. The Pike's family joined us one evening to celebrate their upcoming 50th Wedding Anniversary. It was great to meet them.



The Air Show



Among the Pines

GMCM I Convention – Below is a gathering of HC members in Mansfield, Ohio.



Buddy out in Front !!

Rallies 2020

The 2020 Coachless rally is set for 24 to 26 January at the Holiday Inn by the Falls in Niagara Falls, Ontario and the details are attached. Please follow the instructions and let the Rally Masters know you are going to be attending.

May – Open

15 -18 June – Carson's Camp - Sauble Beach, Ontario

July – Open

August – being investigated

September – Tentative - Labour Day Weekend – Balloon Festival – Dansville, New York

2019 Club Elections

The Club election for 2020-21 was held in Rockwood, Ontario at the September rally on 14 September. A quorum was present. The results are as follows:

President	Lois Urbanski
VP Tech	Bruce Hislop *
VP WM	John Peazel *
Treasurer	Nancy Berry *
Secretary	The Pikes *

Historian	Cliff Pike *
Editor	Al Hamilton *
Membership	Al Hamilton *

National Director Steve Lill
Alternate Nat Director Roy Carscadden

Nominating Committee
Bruce Hislop, Karen Lill

Incumbents - *

Outgoing Officers

Four of our Chapter officers are retiring at the end the year. Steve Lill is leaving the President's position and moving to National Director. The Nominating Committee of Bob Paterson, Roy Carscadden, and Al Hamilton are being replaced after a long service. We want to express our appreciation for the time and effort they put into serving the Club. Thank you for all you did.

In Memoriam

Ralph Haun, of Ridgeville, Ontario passed away in August. He and Virginia were active members of the Heritage Cruisers and GMCMI for many years.

Gorden Gibson, of Montreal West, Quebec, passed away last April. He and Frances joined the club at the GMCMI convention in Mansfield, Ohio in 2016.

New Members

John & Lou Ann Podmore, of Elora, Ontario have rejoined the Heritage Cruisers with a SOB after some years of absence.



Membership Dues for 2020

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2020 are payable by 1 January 2020. Earlier is better !!!

Complete the dues enclosure and mail it with your dues in either US or Canadian funds to our Treasurer, Nancy Berry. **Check carefully to whom the cheque is to be made out to. It is different for US & Canadian funds. The cost of dues is \$12.00.** If you have paid the 2020 dues then there should be no dues enclosure with your newsletter.

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.

Club Bylaw Amendments

The three amendments to our Bylaws were passed at the meeting held on 14

September at Rockledge. They are attached to this newsletter,



Tech Talk

One Wire Alternator Warning!

By Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

In the Summer 2019 edition of GMCMI Vintage RVing magazine, there was an article in the Tech Section called "Alternator Upgrade" In the article it is recommended to change to a **One-Wire Alternator** and make some wiring changes to make it work.

DO NOT DO THIS! The recommended wiring changes means your engine battery will no longer be isolated from the house battery. With the Engine OFF, any power drawn from the house battery for lights, fans, water pump, etc, will also draw power from the engine battery. This means you could wake up to find your engine battery depleted of power to the point where it might not start!

Do however, protect your wiring harness using an **APC cable, a diode, or put a 2 Amp fuse** in series with the excitation wire of the alternator. The alternator could fail in a way that causes excess voltage on the excitation (AKA nichrome resistor wire). If this failure happens, the excess voltage on the excitation wire will cause it to overheat and will melt your wiring harness. The methods mentioned above will protect the excitation wire from over-heating in the case of an alternator failure.



APC Cable

It does not however protect the rest of the electrical system from over-voltage damage in the case of this type of alternator failure. Overly bright headlights, dash-lights, HVAC blower suddenly speeding up are your cues that there may be an over-voltage condition. This is an instance where an engine monitor similar to the DigiPanel will warn you of an issue before serious damage is done.



DigiPanel

I am not a fan of the one-wire alternator. It was designed for use on engines where the electrical load does not change very much (ie. Engines operating stationary generators or irrigation pumps). Our OEM 3 wire alternator compensates for changing loads using a voltage feed-back system. When more power is demanded from the alternator for headlights etc, the electrical system voltage will decrease due to resistance losses in the wiring harness. The alternator uses this feedback wire to sense the drop in voltage and automatically compensates for this change. In this way your headlights, HVAC blower, batteries etc always get the correct voltage regardless of the electrical load.

For more information on alternators, here is an excellent three part article on the subject. Read this before you make a change from the OEM system.

<http://www.madelectrical.com/electricaltech/onewire-threewire.shtml>

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. Cliff takes lots of photos at rallies and you can see them at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/133356126@N03/albums>. There is also a link to the rally photos on our web site.



Classified

For Sale: Here is a list of the parts from Dan Stuckey - stuckey@brktel.on.ca or 519-844-2083 :

Macerator kits - only three remaining - \$350 US ea.

One engine sub frame galvanized - \$1795 US .

One rear sub frame galvanized - \$500 US

Four frame cross members galvanized - \$250 US ea.

For Sale: Here also is a list of the remaining parts that Paul Lambke has - 519-443-7543 or phlambke@aol.com:

NEW PARTS

2 sets Moog upper control arm bushings @ \$35.00 = \$70.00

2 sets Moog offset upper control arm bushings @ \$ 41.00 = \$82.00

2 Moog upper ball joints @ \$55.00 = \$110.00

1 Moog lower ball joint @ \$119.00
1 GMC final drive Pinion bearing set @
\$ 135.00
1 Tilton HD gear reduction starter motor
@ \$ 525.00

USED PARTS

1 right front wheel knuckle (core) @ \$75.00
1 left front wheel knuckle (core) @ \$75.00
1 final drive assembly (Toro 2.73 ratio) @
\$150.00
2 GMC transmission assemblies \$150.00 =
\$300.00
1 drive axle assembly, inner& outer CV
joints cleaned, checked, repacked with
grease and fitted with new outer boot @
\$125.00

All prices in Cdn dollars.

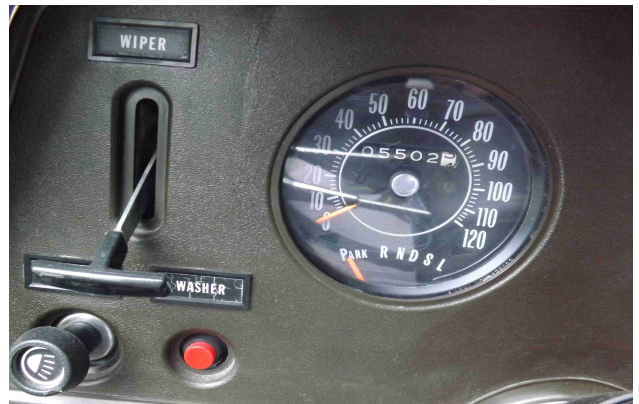
For Sale – There one Story Board left
from the last printing. It is \$39.55 Cdn. Allan
Hamilton - akh@1000island.net.

For Sale - New, never installed, GMC
holding tank for sale, Ardemco model GMC-
1. <https://ardemco.com/gmc-1-waste-tank/>
Bruce Hislop – 519-274-2000 –
bruce@perthcomm.com



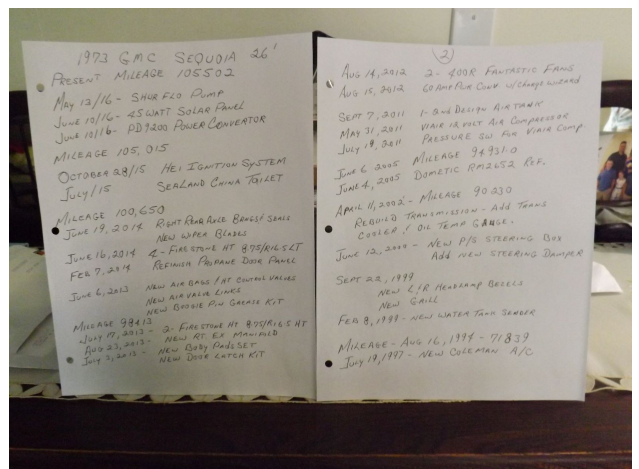
For Sale – 1975 Canyon Lands stretched
to 28 feet with twin beds and many
upgrades since the 1989 purchase. The
coach won second place at the 25th GMCMI
Anniversary Convention. In addition to
many, many upgrades it includes a tow bar
and stone guard. \$19,000 Cdn or
reasonable offer. Call Virginia Haun – 905-
862-6156 or Cell 905-733-0836.





For Sale – 1973 Sequoia located in Manitoba. The coach has 105505 miles on it. It has good tires on steel wheels. See the attached list of upgrades and maintenance. They are asking \$14,000.

Robert Benny, Killarney Manitoba, 204 761 0843, rweb4d@yahoo.ca



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



2020 Newsletter

Submissions for the Winter 2020 Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 7 February to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

Coachless Rally Information

Bylaw Amendments

Dues Reminder (Some Members Only)

