



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Hi Everyone!

Well, the winter drags on, as does the Covid border closure. I hope you are all faring well. Fran and I seem to be falling into a comfortable routine as we navigate these days. In fact, it sometimes feels like "Groundhog Day" reruns. But we are planning a trip down to Temple, Texas to retrieve our coach and do a little traveling in Arizona and New Mexico. We were trying to avoid snow on the coach, but wouldn't you know, it snowed 4 inches down there a few weeks ago! Just planning a short trip makes us feel better.

There have been a few of our members lately who have been sick, and I hope they are better by now. Keep me informed as to how you are doing. I keep you in my thoughts a lot and we all hope to be seeing each other as soon as it is safe.

Lois, (the Gavel) Urbanski



Rallies 2021

May – Cookstown KOA

July or August – Hawley's Belleville

September – Dansville, NY

Rallies This Year

No plans have been made yet. Regulations on gatherings will determine what rallies can be held. You will be advised as things change closer to the proposed dates.

Club Officer Volunteers Needed

The Club has two vacant positions on the Executive that the Nominating Committee is looking to fill. They are the Vice President, Wagon Master and a Club Safety Officer. Attached are the duties of both positions. Your help is needed, please contact Bruce Hislop, Karen Lill, or Jim Hamilton.



New Member

Erik Fredeen has rejoined the Club. He lives in Ottawa, has had a couple of GMCs over the years, and currently has a 1978 Palm Beach. Welcome back, Erik. Hope to see you at the first rally we can hold this year !!!

In Memorium

Doug Barber passed away on 12 January in a Veteran's Home in Ottawa. He and Adeline were long time HC members dating back to the early 1990s and they were active in the Heritage Cruisers and other GMC clubs until Adeline passed away in 2011.



Membership Dues for 2021

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2021 are \$20 Cdn or \$15 US payable by 1 January 2021. 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. It is different for US & Canadian funds.** If you have paid the 2021 dues then there should be no dues attachment 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.

Chapter Membership List

This is just a reminder to protect other members by keeping our Membership List safe to protect others and destroy any old copies by shredding, etc.



2020 Financial Report

The Financial Report for 2020 is enclosed.

Tech Talk



by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

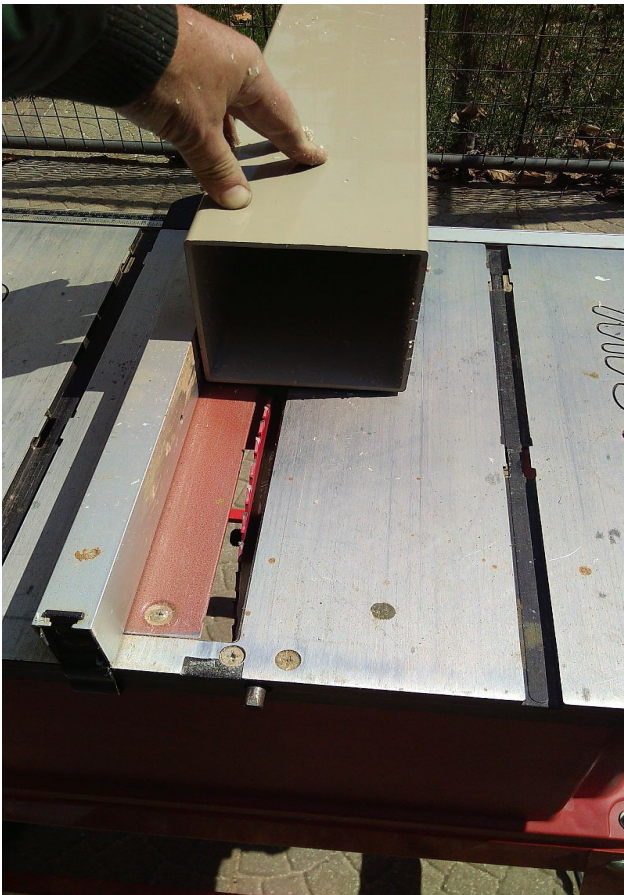
Valences for our New Coach Window Shades.

Our drapes were circa 1995 so were getting worn and faded. At the 2019 GMCM Fall Convention we saw GMC RV Shades from Gary Coaster and decided to go ahead with them.

I knew I wanted to make valences for them so they would hug the wall. I also knew I didn't want the valences to take up much room and be easy to clean and maintain. On the GMC Photo site, I checked out how others had made valences. I saw where

several had made them from PVC fence posts so I decided to try it.

PVC fence posts are a square version of PVC pipe. You can buy it in white and several other “trim” colours, we choose a colour called “Putty”. I bought 5” square posts so I would have some material to work with, but I could have used the 4” posts. I cut the posts lengthwise so I would have 4 pieces about 1.5” on side with a 90 degree angle. I first cut the post to the length needed for the sides. My windows are aftermarket, so you will need to figure this length out. I used 1/2” x 1.5” clear pine for the tops and bottoms. I fastened those at the top and bottom of the window, then measured for the length needed for the sides. Then I cut the PVC lengthwise on the table saw.



Cutting the PVC pipe

I wanted the valence to hug the curvature of the wall so I needed a way to curve the PVC to match the wall. To do this I held a piece of 2x4 against the doorway at window height. I was then able to trace the curvature of the wall onto the 2x4. Use a bandsaw to cut the 2x4 along the traced curve. A bandsaw will cut the wood square whereas a jigsaw blade will tend to wander off square inside the 2x4... I know this to be true !. Once cut, the 2x4 becomes your bending jig for the PVC. I used a heat gun to soften the PVC in the jig.



Curving the Valence

Place a PVC angle piece between the 2x4 pieces and use clamps to pull the jig together. I have a Black and Decker Work Mate bench which worked great to slowly clamp the jig together as I heated the PVC. I used an IR gun to measure the temperature and found that 85 C seemed to be the sweet spot where the PVC just started to soften. As I heated the PVC, I slowly clamped the jig together on the PVC. Once clamped shut and 85 C was reached, I let the piece cool in the clamp. Once cool the PVC holds the curve to match the walls.

I don't have cupboards above my front windows so I needed a pine strip at the top as well as the bottom. Where there are cupboards above the windows, I cut small angle brackets from PVC and used PVC solvent cement to glue the brackets onto the side pieces. With cupboards you only need to go as high as the side pieces will

fit. With the angle brackets positioned towards the back of the cabinet, I calculated where to drill a hole through the back of the cupboard and used a screw into the PVC bracket. The bottom end can be fastened to the counter top, etc. using another PVC bracket.



Front Window



Kitchen Window

For the back window, I traced the curve of the upper and lower window mouldings onto a piece of clear pine. After some cutting and re-cutting I was able to make upper and lower pieces that closely matched the top and bottom curves of the

moulding.. The jig was pretty darn close for the PVC side pieces.



Harley Resting (Named after the hog motorcycles !!)

I used stained oak floor moulding to trim the tops of the valences where there was no cupboards to finish them.

The valences help with heating and cooling by limiting the air movement around the windows as well as enhanced privacy.

Paula and I are pretty happy how they turned out.

For more info, see www.gmcmhphotos.com and type "valences" into the search box. There are more photos and descriptions from me and others there on valence boxes.

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Emailing of the Newsletter

The quarterly newsletter will be by email only. The saving will be applied to the Club insurance cost.

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.



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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 = bhislop76@gmail.com



Final Dues Reminder - (Some Members Only)

Best Offer – Radio that plays DVDs, CDs, SD card as well as FM and AM stations. Will operate a backup camera as well, (not included). Has a remote also. Removed from our motorhome to install a radio with navigation – Allan Hamilton – akh@1000island.net.



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



2021 Newsletter

Submissions for the Spring 2021 Edition of the “Comings ‘n Goings” are due by 15 April to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

2020 Financial Report

VP Wagon Master and Safety Officer Duties