



# COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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2022



**Happy Halloween to All !!**

## **From the President**

*Hi Everyone!*

Well, we have had a great summer of rallies this year, thanks to Cliff's good work. It was especially wonderful to go to Willow Lake to see Judy and Bob Paterson again after so long a time.

We have some good ideas already for next year. I hope that the rally Fran and I will host in September in Chautauqua, New York, will be one you can all come to, now that restrictions at the border have eased. In the meantime, we will see you at the Coachless Rally in Niagara Falls, Ontario !

**Lois (I don't need the gavel)  
Urbanski**



## **Rallies 2023**

*by Cliff Pike, VP, Wagon Master*

*Hi All,*

With the 2022 Rallies behind us we look forward to the 2023 schedule. We had a full docket of rallies this year although attendance was down considerably from what we have experienced in the past. All rallies were well organized and enjoyed by those who participated. Here's hoping that attendance will be on the up-swing next year. Having said that, we are happy to say that we also have a full docket lined up for 2023:

- Fran and Lois  
Urbanski are  
working on the



*Coachless Rally for 28-29 March with an early day of 27 March. See below.*

- *John Peazel will be hosting the May Rustbuster at Courtland, Ont. once again. No dates yet.*
- *Ernie and Cynthia Dankert will hold a rally at Spencerport, NY on June 23d -26th. with a Lakeside Car Show on the 25<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Lorne and Jean Hawley will host a rally in July in Belleville, Ont. No dates yet.*
- *Eelko and Emily Byker have offered to host a rally during the Port Colborne Canal Days on the long week-end of August 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Lots to do there that week-end and a big car show as well for which we had front row seats last time.*
- *Fran and Lois Urbanski will arrange a rally at Chautauqua, NY on September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*I might also add that we, along with a few others, will be in Tweed with Jack and Pat Elzinga for the Elvis Festival on Aug.25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>. Note that this is not a rally, but Jack each*

*year pre-books a certain number of sites on our behalf.*

*That's it for the moment. Note that info and dates etc. indicated above are based on info we have at this time, and will need to be confirmed.*

*Thanks to all who have stepped up to ensure that we have a busy summer in 2023, and to those who did likewise in 2022 !!*

**Cliff, VP WM**

### **19<sup>th</sup> Coachless Rally 2023**

*We are again planning a fun Coachless Rally for 2023. It will be Tues, March 28 and Wed, March 29, 2023, departing after breakfast in the hotel on March 30. Once again it will be at the Holiday Inn, Niagara Falls, Ontario, across from the Fallsvue Casino. If anyone wants to come a day early, that will be Monday, March 27, 2023.*

*The hotel offers a package that includes a dinner at Coco's in the hotel, two breakfasts at Coco's, and a spectacular dinner in the revolving Skylon Tower. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, and we are planning a couple of adventures, including going to see Niagara's Fury 4D Experience, right next door to the hotel. We will*

*visit Niagara-on-the-Lake and possibly the Prime Outlet Mall. One or two fun, but not embarrassing games are planned as well.*

*The manager assures me the package price only went up \$1 CAD. The total amount will be out very soon. I hope you will plan on coming as it has always been a great time together.*

**Lois & Fran**

### **August Rally 2022**

*We gathered in Tweed, Ontario under the guidance of Jack & Pat Elzinga for the Elvis Festival. It was very well attended as the first*



*one in a couple of years. Lots of Elvis contestants, hundreds and hundreds of people in the audience. We had our usual location in the front row as a group.*



### **September Rally 2022**

*The Willow Lake Campground near Woodstock, Ontario was the sight for the last rally of this year. Judy & Bob Paterson got us organized and well set up. The highlight of the rally was attending a show at the Stratford Theatre. The musical "Chicago" was well done and enjoyed by all who attended it. It was a great rally at a small, but well set up campground with lots of facilities, and very helpful and friendly owners.*



## *Fall Rally "Celebrating GMC"*



*On Sept 13-16 a wonderful group of people came together to experience a rally in Woodstock.*



*Due to unforeseen circumstances for me I had to downsize the rally a bit but it worked out well anyway. Many of us went to Stratford to enjoy the Musical "Chicago", participated in a friendly game of mini golf and in the evenings, we enjoyed the fun games of Horse Racing and Dominoes.*

*I want to extend a big thanks to all at the rally, as you were such a big help – it is all of your efforts that helped make our experience such a success. I could not have done it without you, so thank you. See you at the Coachless rally. In the meantime- Safe journeys !!*



*Can't forget the special times by the fire, solving the world's problems. **Judy Paterson***



## **Executive Meeting – 15 Sept 22**

*The Club Executive met at the September rally and the following was decided:*

*Rally Fee: Currently attendees are charged \$10 per coach per rally; to be used for goodie bags, postage, printing, sundries (coffee, milk, etc). We will keep it the same.*

*Pictures: Discussion about compensating Cliff for his membership in Flickr.com and display boards, etc. Cliff said it was not necessary but the Executive felt it was fair to compensate him. It was agreed that Cliff should receive a one time reimbursement of \$100 for his expenses.*

*Vaccinations: It was decided that all attendees at a rally should have Covid vaccinations. This will be posted in the newsletter and rally info sheets.*

*Electrical cable: Bruce Hislop has volunteered to look into a customized cable to provide more dependable power from a coach generator. He will look into availability and 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.*

### **GMC HC Flags**



*If there is interest in another purchase of the Club flag we can order some at close to the \$12 price paid the last time an order was put in.*

*Please let us know if you might want one so we can see what the company will do for us this time. The indication is they will produce some if an order of over \$75 is made. A minimum of six will probably be enough.*

*This is not a commitment on your part but we need to see if it's worthwhile ordering some again.*



## **Membership Dues for 2023**

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2023 are \$20 Cdn or \$15 US payable by 1 January 2023. 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.** If you have paid the 2023 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.



## **Tech Article**

**by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech**

### **An Electric Parking Brake (EPB) for the GMC Motorhome.**

The holding power of the OEM parking brake on the GMC was

marginal from the start, and most rear disk upgrades with a parking brake did not fair much better. Add to that the parking brake cable system was complicated and subject to corrosion. It also required careful adjustment for optimal operation. Many upgrades have been tried on the GMC with varying degrees of success. Enter the Electric Parking Brake (EPB). These are not a new invention and have been standard equipment on higher-end automobiles for many years. Manufacturer ZF recently announced they had surpassed their 200 millionth EPB unit. The larger calipers required for the GMC motorhome application became available when truck manufacturers started making EPB as an option. The GMC motorhome application became available when truck manufacturers started making EPB as an option.







*friendly);*

- *Minimal wiring with available GMC specific harness; and,*
- *Off-the-shelf parts and controller.*

*For more information contact Albert Branscombe.*

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*We have designed and successfully tested a GMC motorhome with an EPB system holding on a 15% grade (8.5 degrees). The test bed maxed out at 8.6 degrees of inclination. Further testing is required to find the maximum holding angle. Features and Benefits:*

- *Simple installation;*
- *Self adjusting;*
- *Simple ON/OFF switch control with visual and option audible alert that the EPB is ON;*

*No more arm-stronging the lever to set the parking brake (female*



*EPB holding at 8 degree incline*



*Hoist maximum inclination was 8.6 degrees (over 15% grade) and EPB still held.*

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**Classified**

**For Sale** – New, unused coach body side moulding for later models from Applied GMC. Was \$200 US. Asking \$100 Cdn – Jim Owens – [jbowens@golden.com](mailto:jbowens@golden.com) – 519-462-1380



**For Sale** – Three "GMC" emblems. Paid \$8.00 US some years ago. Make me an offer. Note one is slightly different than other two. Al Hamilton – [akh@1000island.net](mailto:akh@1000island.net)



**Free** - K&N air filter and cleaning kit from a 1975 Eleganza 455 engine. Used. Removed as I went back to the OEM filter. Prefer pick-up in Toronto/Scarborough area. [Grant.MacEachern@me.com](mailto:Grant.MacEachern@me.com)

**For Sale** - John Podmore has a Blue Ox Tow Bar # BX7365 that fits a 2" draw bar hitch AND a Brake Buddy both are in excellent condition and work perfectly. He is asking \$1,000 for each item or \$1,500 for the pair. Please contact John in Elora directly at 519-823-3332 or at [podmore@bell.net](mailto:podmore@bell.net)

**For Sale** - 1986 VW Cabriolet 2 door convertible with 5 speed stick shift 190,000 km owned since 1994.





*Has Roadmaster folding tow bar and vacuum assisted braking system.*



*Original top, stored inside, no significant body rust. Most engine and body parts based on VW Golf, easily obtainable and reasonably priced.*



*Would make easy restoration project while you are enjoying it.*

Asking \$6000.00 or best offer. Located in Etobicoke ready to drive away. Contact [<roycarscadden@hotmail.com>](mailto:roycarscadden@hotmail.com) for further details.

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



**Winter 2023**

### **Newsletter**

*Submissions for the Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 1 February to the Editor, Al Hamilton at [akh@1000island.net](mailto:akh@1000island.net).*

### **Enclosures:**

**2023 Dues Reminder – To Non-paid members Only**