



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Hi Everyone!

I hope the summer is treating everyone well, and that you are all healthy.

Fran and I just returned from a 23 day trip (by car) via the Trans Canada Highway to Vancouver, and returned to Buffalo by way of Glacier National Park and Mount Rushmore. Our countries are beautiful and historic. We enjoyed every minute of the trip although we missed the motorhome immensely. Hotels are nice, but having your own bed and bathroom is better. We put 7511 miles on my Trax and are sort of glad not to have put that much on our Royale.

We have lots of stories, but give you permission to stop us when necessary.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Lois

In Memorium

Margaret Evans passed away on 30 May. She was 94. She & John were some of our Club's founding members in 1989.



Rallies 2022

25 – 28 August – Elvis Festival – Tweed, Ont – Jack & Pat Elzinga

13 – 16 September – Willow Lake Campground - Woodstock, Ontario – Judy & Bob Paterson



Rallies So Far

**12 – 15 May – Highland Pines,
Belwood, Ontario**

The Rustbuster was held at Highland Pines Campground at Belwood, Ontario with five coaches in attendance and two couples without their coaches on day passes.



We had free access to the Arc in the Park building for meals etc. as required, with great cooperation from the park and their staff.



John and Lou Ann put on a terrific bbq supper at their Elora home on Thursday night. Friday lunch was at The Gorge Family restaurant in Elora with the casino and shopping nearby, and a pot luck supper at the park later. Saturday kicked off with a continental style breakfast in the Arc in the Park followed by a tech session from Bruce on the finer details about our steering system.



We enjoyed great Fish and Chips at the Goofy Newfie in Fergus for lunch, then a visit to the Wellington County Museum. Dinner was at the Elora Brewing Company in Elora.

We enjoyed another continental breakfast on Sunday morning before packing up for home. All told, although it was a small group we had a good time.

There were no reports of Covid symptoms after the fact, to my knowledge.

As I write this we are heading soon to our June rally which also appears to be limited in numbers. Hopefully, as Covid fears dissipate we will see a return to the numbers we have seen in the past. Certainly, current gasoline cost doesn't help much and I don't expect it to change for the better anytime soon.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Cliff Pike, Rallymaster



Andy and Helen were great hosts, treating us to an in-depth tour of Port Stanley, St. Thomas and London.

9 – 12 June – Sparta Dragway Rally St Thomas, Ontario



On June 10th -12th. our second rally in 2022 was held at the St. Thomas Dragway, hosted by Andy and Helen Spriet with four coaches present.



We were brought to some great out-of-the-way spots that we never would have found on our own. Included was a guided tour of Andy's and Helen's beautiful home on the Thames River in London. Andy and Helen supplied us with light breakfasts each day, and a Sunday brunch. Saturday dinner was at the Sparta House Tea Room. Built in the 1830's, the building has been, among other things, a hotel, hardware store and funeral parlour. It is also claimed to be

haunted. So, a perfect place to have a seance, or so I thought until the idea was shot down by somebody. Guess who? Sparta is a lovely small village with a few neat shops and the very interesting Olde Forge Museum.

Apart from some rain overnight on Thursday, the weather was pleasant but windy at times.

Everyone enjoyed the week-end I believe, even though it was once again a small group. The activity at the drag strip was an endless source of entertainment. I am not aware of any Covid related issues among those who attended.

14 -17 July – Belleville, Ontario



The July rally was a very relaxing and social time under the awning canopies and the shelter next to the pond.



Lorne and Jean Hawley once again hosted a great rally at their home just outside Belleville. Nine coaches were there, seven of them GMC's. Thursday dinner was held at the Boathouse Restaurant in downtown Belleville, and lunch on Friday at Birdy's restaurant between Belleville and Trenton. From there we all went to the Quinte Museum featuring many reproductions of dinosaur bones and skeletons.



On Saturday, the men hung out and the women made a whole-hearted attempt to satisfy their shopping urges. Goods that could not be brought back to the rally site were shipped directly to the home address of the purchaser.

Lorne and Jean supplied us with breakfasts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, along with a mouth watering dinner on Saturday night.



The weather was perfect for the weekend, with no assistance required to get up the hill like last year. Lorne and Jean have told us they will host again in July 2023. Thanks so much!

Expanded Membership List

Attached is a copy of the Expanded Membership List that was decided upon at a Club meeting last fall. It includes the addition of known cell phone numbers along with the home numbers and email addresses. It should be more useful when travelling and at rallies.

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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Tech Article



Our Unique Gas Tank Set Up

by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

The GMC motorhome has a unique dual fuel tank arrangement. Being built very low to the ground, the gas tanks are only 5" tall to mount within the frame height. They are 48" wide by 27" front to back. The rear tank is called the "Main" tank while the front tank is the "Auxiliary" tank. The tanks are connected together by a single fill pipe connected to each tank at the front driver's side corner. The fill pipe connects to the tanks about 1.5" above the bottom of the tank.

When filling the tanks, gasoline rushes

down the filler pipe. Momentum carries the fuel past the front (Aux) tank to the rear (Main) tank where it mostly fills the rear tank first. The fuel in the rear tank finally pushes back against the momentum of the incoming fuel and the front tank finally starts to fill. Since both tanks also share a common vent line for filling, fuel from the rear tank is forced up into the vent line and interferes with air trying to escape from the front vent line. This is what causes the "Gurgling" when the tanks are getting near full. When the Gurgling starts, you should stop filling and then proceed at a slower rate. Otherwise air pressure will build in the tanks and you might get a gasoline bath... not fun!

When the tanks are full, you consume fuel from both tanks via the common fill line no matter which tank you have selected. As you get closer to 1/2 tank level, things start to change. The fuel will move between the tanks depending on inertia as you brake or go around corners. Going downhill and braking can almost empty your rear (Main) tank into the Front (Aux) tank. Much of this fuel transfer is driven because the fill line installed at the front of each tank instead of in the middle.

So the next time you are in a hilly area and find your tank is suddenly empty, switch to the Aux tank and you may find it's 3/4 or more full! There is nothing wrong with running on the Aux tank at any time.

A picture is worth a thousand words, so check out the fuel tank diagrams at:

<http://www.bdub.net/GMCMotorhome.info/tank.html>



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.net – 519-462-1380



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

For Sale – 100 Amp MPPT Solar Charge Controller – never used. Not for Lithium batteries \$25.00 Allan Hamilton – akh@1000island.net – 613-659-3522



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 OBO. Please contact John in Elora directly at 519-823-3332 or at podmore@bell.net

For Sale – Internal door handle extension for easier door opening. Complete with mounting bolt, instructions, and gold trim, if you want to use it. \$10.00 - Al 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.



2022 Newsletter

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

Enclosures:

August Rally Information

September Rally Information

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