



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Greetings Cruisers,

Spring is here and therefore it's time to pull our coaches out of storage and ready them for the new travel season. We tried out a new indoor storage facility in our area this year and I'm happy to report everything worked out well (other than all that dried pigeon doo-doo on the windshield, which was easily solved).

I don't know if any of you were able to make it to the Spring 2025 GMCMI rally in North Carolina this year, but I understand the event was sold out and was a tremendous success. For anyone in our group that was able to make it, I would like to hear about your experiences there. As you may be aware, the date/venue for the Fall

2025 GMCMI rally was recently announced. The event will take place from September 2-7, 2025 at Timber Ridge RV and Recreational Resort in Traverse City, Michigan. This is close enough to GMCHC's service area that some of us may plan to attend.

In closing, I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone live this Spring and hearing your stories about GMC improvement projects both planned and completed. Like you, I have a few of my own to throw out there and seek the wisdom of the hive. As always, I can be reached direct at lipsettgreg@gmail.com or at 416-200-5172. Reach out anytime. Cheers and see you soon!

Greg Lipsett, President



Rallies 2025

Hello Cruisers,

. We are just a couple of days away from the Rustbuster rally at Courtland on May 1-4, our first rally of 2025 with coaches present and unfortunately it had to be cancelled because of lack of attendance.

Following that on June 6-8 is Bruce and Paula's rally at Ingersol. (due to limited space this rally is fully booked) . Attendees will receive their rally information directly.

Then, on July 17-20, Lorne and Jean Hawley will again host a rally at their place outside Belleville.

We still do not have rallies planned for August and September. So please give some thought to hosting one of these rallies. Keep in mind that the longer you wait, if your plans include a campground, that as summer looms things book up pretty fast and it may be difficult to secure camping the longer you wait.

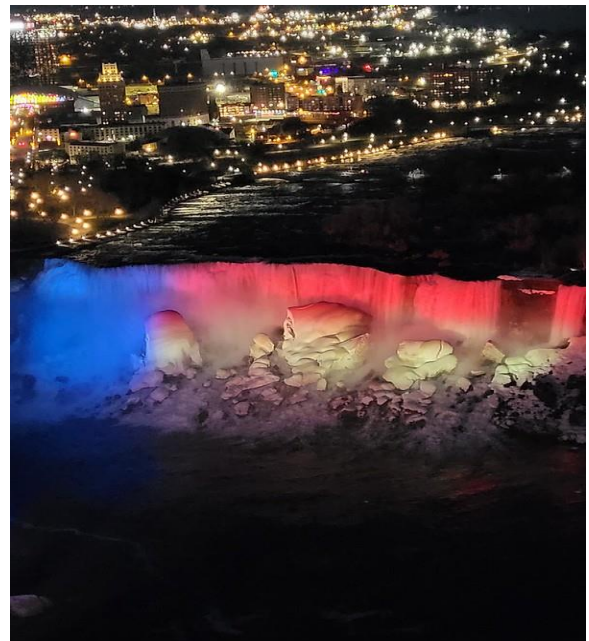
Looking forward to seeing you at a rally soon!

Cliff Pike, VP Wagon Master

21th Annual Coachless Rally in Niagara Falls, Ontario 18-20 March , 2024

by Nancy Hamilton

The 21st annual GMC Coachless Rally was held at the Holiday Inn by the Falls in Niagara Falls, Ontario.



It was attended by members, Jim and Nancy Hamilton and Bob Hopper and friend, Kathi. Associate members Frank and Linda Foldy, Bob and Judy Patterson and John Peazel and

friend, Anna, also attended. Elko and Emily Byker also joined us for a few meals. Linda and Frank Foldy did a great job of hosting and keeping us organized with a little help from Nancy Hamilton.



was a highlight. No Mexican train dominoes were played, but we learned a new game – RUMMIKUB.



Although it was smaller than previous rallies, all attendees enjoyed the activities and the opportunity to get to know each other better.

Over the weekend, which was beautifully sunny but chilly, members participated in several activities, including lots of visiting, snacking, and a sip or two in the hospitality room. They also took outdoor walks, a trip to Niagara on the Lake for some shopping, thrift store shopping, visits to the casino and a fun gift exchange. All meals were delicious at My Cousin Vinny's, the Flying Saucer, Coco's and as always, the Skylon Tower

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Tech Article



Living Area Fuses

By Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

The living area (house) electrical system fuses are separate from the Chassis (engine) fuses. Most of the Chassis fuses are in a fuse panel located behind the glove compartment door. The House fuse panel could be in different locations depending on the floor plan and who actually finished the interior (GM vs a third party vendor). In most GM up-fitted coaches you will find the House fuse panel behind a cabinet door opposite the bathroom.

The standard automotive fuse at the time our coaches were made was the glass fuse. Fifty years later you may be experiencing intermittent operation of the House lighting, water pump etc. A major cause of this is poor connections within the House glass fuse panel.

Upgrading your glass fuse panel to an ATO type fuse panel is not difficult. Here is an example of a 10 position (you need 8 so you have 2 spare positions) that has an LED

indicator for each fuse which will light when the fuse blows... very handy!

<https://www.amazon.ca/Blade-Standard-Indicator-Protection-Marine/dp/B0BXXQXRN3>

Here is a photo of an ATO fuse holder installed in a GMC.

Installation is easy, but have a flashlight handy as the house lighting will be OFF during the installation.

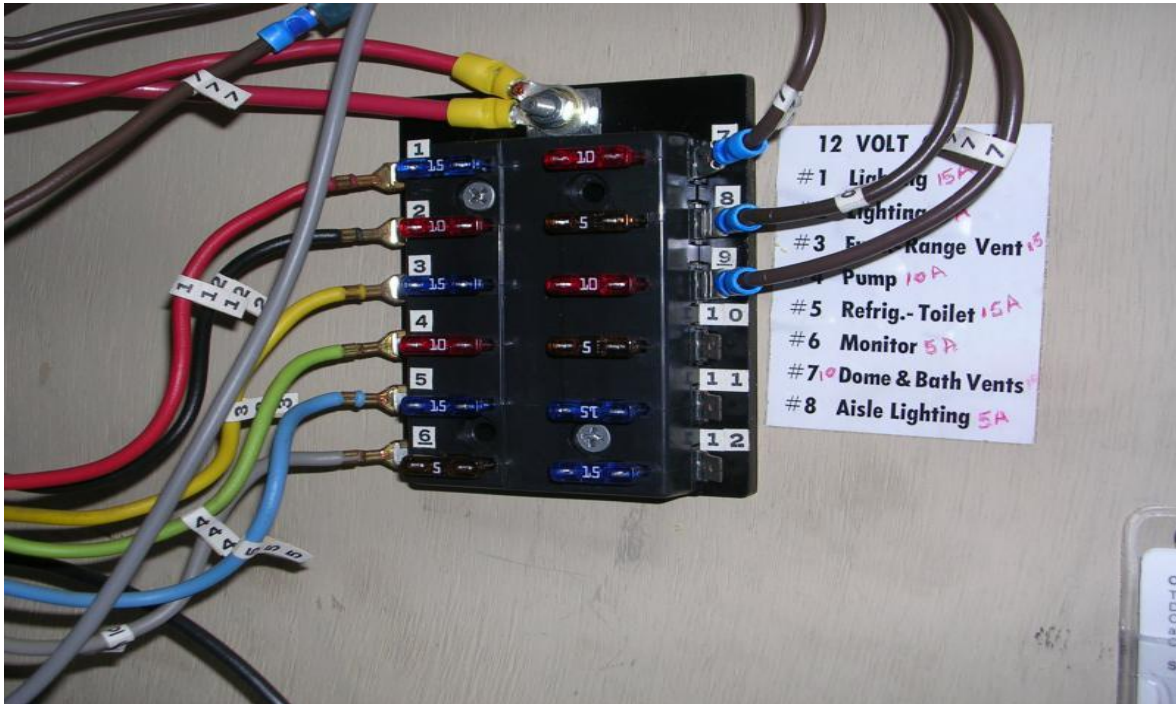
-Disconnect the main 12V wire to the existing glass fuse holder and tape up its connector to prevent a short.

- Remove the wires one at a time and transfer them to the new fuse holder. NOTE, you will likely need to change the connector on each wire to match the new fuse holder.

-Mount the new fuse holder to the wall and connect the main power wire to the main terminal.

-Insert fuses into each position. Note that the OEM glass fuses were all 15 Amp. This is fine, but you can also use lower value fuses in certain positions based on the amount of current the circuit actually requires as shown in the photo. For instance, if you have LED lighting, it consumes much

less current so you may consider using 10 Amp fuse for the House lighting.



Check to ensure everything is working and enjoy!

Summer 2025 Newsletter

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



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For Sale – Two rebuild 425 transmissions. Contact Ernie Dankert
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May Rally – Cancelled

June Rally – Ingersol, Ont Rally
Info to be sent separately to attendees

July Rally – Belleville, Ont

July, August & September Rallies – To be issued later