



COMINGS 'n GOINGS

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From the President

Greetings Cruisers,

We're in the thick of winter now and just like you, I'm missing my loyal companion Libby (my GMC) and looking forward to when I will see her again. She's safe and all tucked up in an indoor storage facility until mid-late April, when we will be together once again. Parts have arrived over the past few weeks and will be installed as soon as the weather permits.

As you know, the annual Coachless Rally is coming up next month (March 18-20) in Niagara Falls, ON. This will be my first time attending this unique rally and I'm very much looking forward to it. I hope to see you there!

Just a reminder we still have a couple of open rally slots for the 2025 season. August and September still need rally hosts.

Remember the financial incentive announced in the fall of last year where, going forward, rally masters fees are 100% covered by the club, (See details on the next page). I hope you will consider hosting.

In closing, do your best to stay warm for the remainder of the winter and at the same time, keep on dreamin' GMC motor coaches.

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

Hi Cruisers,

I hope that everyone is enjoying our Canadian winter, as we look forward to our 2025 summer activities. Coming up soon is the Coachless Rally at Niagara Falls on March 18 – 20. It is important to let Lois and Fran know soon if you will be attending please.

The Rustbuster will be hosted once again by John Peazel at Courtland, Ontario on May 1 – 4 in the usual place and we look forward to John's hospitality once again. Always good food and camaraderie. More details to follow in the Rally information & registration sheet in a few days.

The June rally will be at the home of Bruce and Paula Hislop in the vicinity of Ingersoll, Ontario on June 6 – 8. Details to come. (if you happen to be in the market for some lovingly restored Paula furniture you don't want to miss this)

July's rally will be hosted by Lorne and Jean Hawley on their property just outside Belleville, with details

to follow. A lovely spot to sit back and relax around the pond.

August and September rallies are open as of this moment. There have been a couple of "possibilities" and I encourage any members who are considering hosting a rally, or would like to host one, to please let me know of your intentions. If you are new to the hosting experience keep in mind there is no shortage of help and advice within the club!

Cliff Pike, VP Wagon Master



**First Coachless Rally in 2025 –
Manzanillo, Mexico !!**

Club Meeting Decisions

At an Executive meeting held during the September Rally last Fall, two items were discussed by the Committee and approved. They are repeated in this Newsletter in case someone missed it.

The first has to do with Rally Masters and their paying of rally costs. Starting in 2025, Rally Masters will no longer be required to pay rally fees for the rally they are organizing. Rally charges, mainly for food, are typically in the \$100 - \$150 range per couple. Going forward the Club will cover these costs for all Rally Masters. Please note, this does not include camping fees and/or other special activity fees like a boat cruise, bus rental, activity admission fee, etc.

The second item relates to the \$10.00 fee per coach currently being charged to members attending rallies. This fee was designed to cover such things as printing, postage, and other incidentals related to organizing a rally. This is no longer required so going forward the Club will eliminate the requirement for Rally Masters to collect the \$10.00 fee for each coach attending a rally.

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Membership Dues for 2025

That time of year has come once again. The Chapter dues for 2025 are \$20 Cdn or \$15 US and were payable by 1 January 2025.

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 2025 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.

Wearing of Club Name Tags

This is a reminder to please wear your name tag at a rally especially if there are new folks in attendance. It is helpful to both all members and guests.



Tech Article

by Bruce Hislop, VP Tech

*Have you joined the new **GMCmotorhome.org** forum yet?*

Dating back to the '90s, many GMCer's communicated with each other using an email list called GMCNet. Members could post messages to one email address, and it would be resent out to all members of the list. It wasn't fancy, but it got the job done. Later, in the early 2000's, a web-based forum page was setup up where messages posted to the email list would show up on the forum and vice versa with a few short comings.

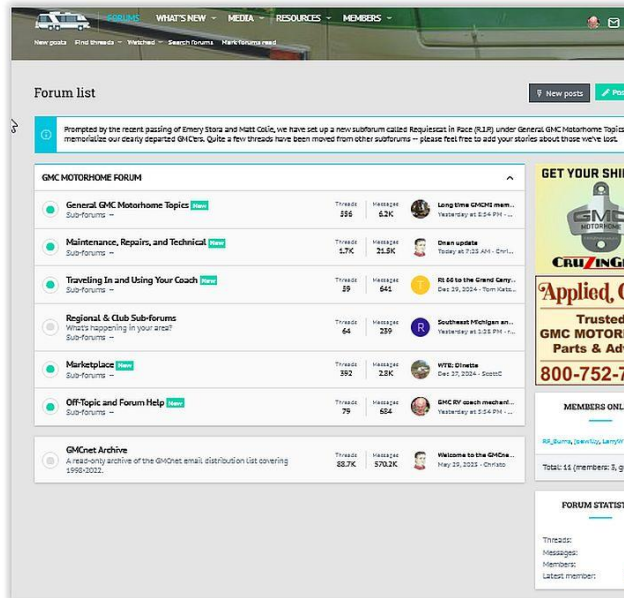
This worked very well for many years, but then smart phones and Social Media came along. The GMCNet does not display well on smart phones and many people were already using social media

(think Facebook). So participation in GMCNet started to wain in favour of social media. Trouble is social media sites do not lend themselves well to detailed questions and answers. Nor are they good at archiving information and searching for it later.

*Back in 2019, a new GMCer who was tech savvy, recognized this shortcoming and started a new Forum website called "**GMCmotorhome.org**". It is based on a modern forum platform giving younger users the look and feel they desire. It is also compatible with smaller screen smartphones and tablets.*

GMCmotorhome.org allows posting of photos and videos as well as documents (pdf's etc) in messages. There is a Resource section for "How To" documents and Presentations as well as a media section for posting photos and videos. You can also send and receive Private Messages.

*Recently the entire GMCNet archive of postings covering 1998-2022 comprising of over 88,000 threads and 570,000 messages, has been imported to **GMCmotorhome.org** and is completely searchable. Currently the information from the **GMC motorhome EFI Google Group** is in the process of being imported.*



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

2025 Newsletter

Submissions for the Spring Edition of the "Comings 'n Goings" are due by 1 May to the Editor, Al Hamilton at akh@1000island.net.

Enclosures:

2025 Dues Reminder – Some members only

2024 Financial Report

**Coachless Rally – 18-20 March
Niagara Falls, Ont**



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For Sale – Two rebuild 425 transmissions. Contact Ernie Dankert at edankert@rochester.rr.com or 585-739-5024.