



DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone;

The camping season just flew by. I hope everyone had a successful year and soaked up all that heat to combat the cold we have now.

" Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless"....

The Overlanders had a busy year with a good attendance at various rallies. Thanks to the Converted Coach Chapter, Don & Kathy Crawford who hosted the Labour Day Rally, John & Elizabeth MacCallum who hosted the Apple Fest Rally, and the Ontario Rovers Chapter Rally for the wonderful time at each of their rallies....Thank you.

" Life is so busy....so filled with things we must do, sometimes we forget to reflect on life's blessings and friends like you."....

YOUR 2007-2008 EXECUTIVE:

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*Sounds of  
the Season!*

**May your holiday  
be filled with love,  
laughter and song!  
Merry Christmas  
from all of us.**



" Although at such a time as this,  
There's little one can do,  
We hope it helps in some small way  
To know we think of you."...



Deepest sympathy is extended to Dorothy Thomsett on the passing of her husband Fred in June and to Lloyd Laxtenschlager on the passing of his wife Helen in July. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

" Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God. "...

To any of our members who have been or are having health problems, we pray for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you out and about very soon.

" May all the love and joy you share with others  
return tenfold to you."....

CONGRATULATIONS TO Lloyd GREEN the newly elected Ontario Regional Vice-President of GLAMA. All the best Lloyd..

" What most people want for Christmas is two more weeks to prepare for it." The new directories are being mailed with this letter and if you didn't get one then I show your dues are in arrears. Please check the address label

If this is not correct, please contact me so we can straighten it out. The dues are still \$10.00 a year and our year is September 1st to August 31st. Thank you.

" A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in it's vicinity turn into smiles".

Happy Birthday wishes to Elizabeth MacCallum's Mum who celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov.27.07. You're so lucky to still have your mom and her so active and busy, Elizabeth, Congratulations.....

" It's hard to become concerned about global warming when the furnace is working overtime.".....

The executive met December 1st at the home of our President and the 2008 Rally are:-

- FEB.25---28th.....F.M.C.A. WINTER CONVENTION, CALIFORNIA.
- MAY.22---26th.....G.L.A.S.S. RALLY, BERRIEN SPRINGS, Mi.
- JUNE 13--15th.....OVERLANDERS ROSEY RHUBARB FESTIVAL, DUTTON, On.
- JULY. (date T.B.A.) OVERLANDERS LUCAN, On. (details to follow)
- JULY.14--17th.....F.M.C.A. SUMMER CONVENTION, MINNESOTA,
- AUG.7---10th.....NORTHEAST AREA RALLY, ESSEX JUNCTION, VERMONT.
- AUG.22--24th.....GREAT LAKES CONVERTED COACH RALLY , GRAND BEND, On.  
(Ontario Overlanders invited)
- AUG.29--SEPT 1st....ONTARIO OVERLANDERS LABOUR DAY RALLY. (site to be confirmed)
- SEPT.12--14th..... ONTARIO OVERLANDERS APPLE FEST St GEORGE, On.

The Spring Newsletter will contain, I hope, all the missing details and registration forms for the 2008 rallies.

# The Clothesline Said So Much

*...sent email by Donna Field*

A clothesline was a news forecast  
To neighbors passing by.  
There were no secrets you could keep  
When clothes were hung to dry

It also was a friendly link  
For neighbors always knew  
If company had stopped on by  
To spend a night or two

For then you'd see the fancy sheets  
And towels on the line.  
You'd see the company table clothes  
With intricate design

The ages of the children could  
So readily be known  
By watching how the sizes changed  
You'd know how much they'd grown.

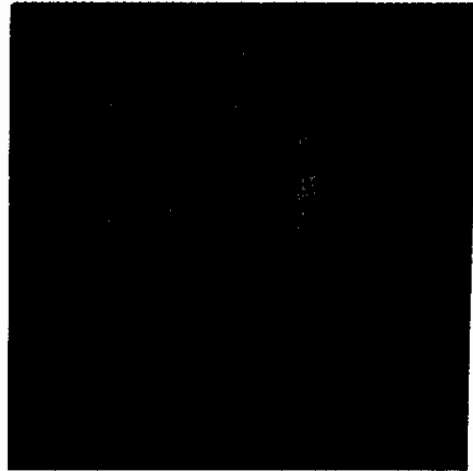
It also told when illness struck  
As extra sheets were hung.  
Then nightclothes and a bathrobe, too  
Haphazardly were strung.

It said, "Gone on vacation now"  
When lines hung limp and bare.  
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged  
With not an inch to spare.

New folks in town were scorned upon  
If wash was dingy gray,  
As neighbors raised their brows,  
And looked disgustedly away.

But clotheslines now are of the past  
For dryers make work less.  
Now what goes on inside a home  
Is anybody's guess.

I really miss that way of life.  
It was a friendly sign  
When neighbors knew each other best  
By what hung on the line!



Happy holidays  
to everyone  
See you at the 2008  
rallies  
Campers are the Greatest

Ashley





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## NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Merry Christmas to everyone!

This should be included in the newsletter by Shirley. Since my last report we have journeyed to Redmond for the annual summer convention where the national elections were held. You will have had the results in the magazines. Thanks to the chapter for the contribution towards our travel expenses.

Labour Day was a success it has been reported. Those of you that were there with us seemed to have a good time. Kathy and I are still hearing about "the good river ride!" Thanks to all who participated..

Your executive met on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, and no doubt you will get that report elsewhere in the newsletter. National conventions for 2008 are in Pomona Ca. Feb 25-28, and the summer one is in St. Paul Minn. July 14-17. Many of us also go to the South East Area Rally in Brooksville Fla. Feb. 6-10, 2008. And do not forget GLASS that we help out at in Berrien Springs Mi. May 22-26 2008.

An important note! The summer convention will be in our area in 2009 (July) at Bowling Green Ohio! Our chapter has volunteered to handle early security. We will need a strong turnout of our members to handle this responsibility. The beauty of this is that our job will be completed before the show officially starts.

Kathy joins with me in wishing Merry Christmas to all and we look forward to the 2008 camping season.

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Dear Ontario Overlanders,

Thank you for the privilege of joining in with you and the Northern Lights for your Labor Day Rally in Brantford. We appreciate all the special plans you made to assure that your members and guests had a memorable weekend. Now that the soreness has left my shoulders and my sunburn has peeled, I can even look back on the river "float" with a smile on my face. Yes, you will be talking about it for years to come. We enjoyed spending time with old friends and making some new ones over meals at the picnic tables. The corn cooked by the park rangers and the potluck dinner were delicious. Information about the local area was helpful in guiding us around town on Saturday. Thanks to all the volunteers who took on responsibilities and made the event run so smoothly. We know these kinds of rallies don't just come together all by themselves. Thank you for letting us be a part of it.

Sincerely,

FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION

Don Eversmann  
Executive Director

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