

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Business Meeting

Perry, Georgia – March 20, 2007

The FCOC Business Meeting at Perry, Georgia was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Executive Vice President Bill Buck. President Ken Hawk was not able to attend the rally due to a family issue. There were 467 club members in attendance.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Ron Griffith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, via cell phone, President Ken welcomed everyone to the business meeting. Following Ken's welcoming remarks, Bill recognized the first-time attendees and the volunteers. Both groups were well represented.

The club officers present were introduced: Dorothy Casada–National Director, Roy Hopper–Alternate National Director, Priscilla Buck–Secretary, and Tom James–Treasurer. Those officers not in attendance were also recognized: Rudy Morris–Web Master Vice President, Chuck Belba–Membership Vice President, and Bob Smellie–Newsletter Vice President.

Bill asked Pete Palasota, our past Treasurer, and Katherine Henley, our past Executive Vice President, to stand and be recognized. Both were thanked by a round of applause. Katherine then presented her Executive Vice President Plaque and badge hanger to Bill Buck. Arlene and Ron Griffith, FCOC's new Historians replacing Linda and Werner Sharp, were introduced. Caravan leaders Charlie and Ruth Hoffstatter were also introduced and thanked for their hard work.

Bill next introduced Jay and Donna Blumenthal. Jay is the FMCA National Vice President of the International Area. Jay invited everyone to attend the INTO Rally to be held in Harrington, Delaware. Jay reminded everyone that FCOC had volunteered to provide security at the INTO Rally. He introduced Sonny and Carole Gillespie. Sonny is the Senior Vice President in the International Area. Jay also introduced Kathy Rundgren, Vice President in the International Area and FCOC's representative to FMCA.

Bill recognized Joanne Durbin who is running for the office of National Secretary. Joanne spoke of her qualifications and asked for FCOC's support. Ginger Painter, the current National Secretary was also recognized.

Tony Sippel, the New Product Manager for FCCC was introduced and then introduced Bob Harbin the President of FCCC. Bob stated that as one who has owned three motor homes, he understands our issues and concerns. He hopes that FCCC will be able to meet everyone's expectations.

Tony then introduced the rest of the FCCC team, the Caterpillar group, and the Cummins and Detroit Diesel representatives.

Tony also spoke about two programs: the Travel Centers of America (TA) Road King Card program and a financing program from Essex Credit. TA is making changes to their

in-store software to allow the Road King Card to be used at any pump. This will allow card holders to fuel up on either the truck side or the car side. Tony then explained that Essex Credit will provide very attractive interest rates for FCOC members. The member's actual rate will be based on credit-worthiness. These reduced rates will be available for purchases and refinancing. This program will only be available for a limited period of time. Essex Credit will be mailing information to FCOC members in the near future.

Bill then moved to the subject of FCOC Officers reports. He stated that since the minutes of the previous business meeting were published in the newsletter it was appropriate to accept the minutes as published. He asked for a motion to that effect. A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion. The motion to accept the minutes as published passed.

Tom James, the Treasurer, then gave his report. A motion to accept the report was made and seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Finally Dorothy Casada, FCOC's National Director, reported. There are eight National Offices up for re-election at the Redmond, Oregon Rally this summer. FMCA membership has dropped. This is partially due to the fact that many "first year" members who were given a free membership do not renew that membership. Dorothy also stated that the monthly magazine has been updated and modernized.

Bill reminded everyone at the meeting that FCOC was supplying tram volunteers for the Perry rally. Ron Sliger, FCOC's Tram Captain spoke of the need for additional tram volunteers. Enough club members volunteered to satisfy Ron's request.

Pete Pizzano, the Rally Master for the FCOC Rally at Lazy Days, gave an overview of the rally's schedule and gave directions to Rally Park. He also introduced his wife Alice and Kathy and Roy Hopper, the Assistant Rally Masters.

Bill then spoke of the problems using email to communicate with club members. Email was used to recruit volunteers for the trams at the Perry Rally. One or more FCOC members reported that email sent by our Volunteer Coordinator Rick Kennedy was spam. The request for help was sent from fcocvol@hotmail.com. When the complaint was received, Hotmail turned the email account off. Rick explained the intent of the messages to Hotmail and they agreed to re-activate the account. However, if another complaint is received, they will permanently turn off this account.

Next Bill described a proposed change to the FCOC's bylaws. Currently membership is based on a January first to December thirty-first membership year. This means that all renewals (with the exception of members in the first through fourth years of a five year membership) must be processed in a short period of time. The proposed change will replace the membership year renewals with anniversary based renewals. This means that if a new member joins FCOC during the month of July, that member's renewal will be due on July thirty-first in subsequent years. The proposed bylaw changes will be posted on the web site and will be voted upon at the business meeting in Redmond, Oregon.

Bill announced that the Board of Directors has authorized the creation of areas. FCOC will have areas identical to FMCA's areas. Areas will provide many more activities which will be closer to member's homes. The creation of areas ***does not*** mean that FCOC is being divided into different chapters. FCOC will remain a single chapter. Each area will have an Area Coordinator whose primary job is to assure that area events are held. Each Coordinator will also function as that area's member representative to the Board of Directors.

Bill also announced that FCOC is investigating the opportunities to work with a children's camp. The intent is to provide support by having members "work" at the camp—not by sending donations. The plan is to adopt a camp in an area of the country which will allow members to participate throughout the entire year. There will be adequate facilities at the camp to allow FCOC members to be comfortable. The hope is that there will be full hook-up sites available.

This concluded the business to be conducted and Bill turned the meeting over to Roy Hopper for the presentation of a number of door prizes.

After the door prizes were awarded, Bill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm and was immediately followed by the FCOC pizza party.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Buck