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# UPCOMING RALLIES

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1/12-17	TAMPA, FL
4/6-10	YUMA, AZ
6/6-10	FOXBORO, MA
9/19-23	COEUR D'ALENE, ID
10/10-14	DILLARD, GA

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FOR SUPERFANS & NATURE LOVERS Ideas for making this fall memorable.



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it looks like fall is upon us already. This year seems to have gone by even faster than last year. The club has had a very busy schedule with two area rallies and three national rallies in the rearview mirror and our Concord/Charlotte rally finishing out the year.

I hope members are seeing some of the changes that we have made from many of their suggestions. We have scheduled our national rallies well in advance; in fact, right now we are already contracting for 2017 in an effort to get the information out to all, so you can plan your schedules well in advance.

Also, I hope you have all been able to read through our new magazine. We gave the first issue out in a pre-published form at the Amana rally and asked the attendees to look it through and give us feedback. I was very pleased at the number of comments that were received, so we could do some tweaking before going to print. This magazine belongs to the members, and we can change and add things that you would like to see in it. We are still very much open to articles or forums that you would like to add.

If there are some members that have a writing background and would like to possibly write a contributing column, that would be great too! You may have noticed the recipe article, and we plan on doing a couple of those every issue. I know most meals prepared in a motorhome are complicated due to space, so we have come up with a number that can be one pot or pan meals that are still very tasty and don't make much of a mess in the kitchen to prepare. If you have something like that you want to share, please submit it to me (along with pictures), and we can get them in at some point in time.

For those of you that know what the Tiffin magazine looks like and the quality of this publication, that is what we are striving to produce. We are now back up to over 4,000 memberships, and I know that you all have some ideas that we could use to make this truly our magazine. Some of the thoughts I had were to have a featured campground once every issue, a new model of coach, more technical tips from Freightliner, or highlighting some of our members' experiences in their motorhomes. Please let me know of any that you would like to be considered.

As hard as it is to believe, the next issue of this magazine will be in 2016. We will have our article cutoff the first week in December and then go through the editing, assembling, proofing, printing and finally mailing, so we can get it to you right after the first of the year.

That being said, I wish all a happy holiday season and hope to see you at one of our events in 2016.

# STEVE BATORSON President



Note: Many of you received our last issue very late. We did our mailing on August 21st, and some did receive their issue on time. September 19th and beyond, I started being contacted with the common message that members were just receiving their magazine. We don't have a good answer as to why, but we can say all magazines were delivered to the post office at the same time; why there was such a huge time difference is something only they know. We are working to get this one out on schedule, so some of you will get them very close together. We apologize for any inconvenience.

In 2015, we have had two area rallies and three national rallies. We then ended the year with a national rally from October 19–23, in Concord, NC.

During July, we were in Amana, IA, for a national rally. All who attended had a good time. We went to a really great play at the Old Creamery Theatre in Amana titled "Shear Madness." Our group was laughing from start to end. The ladies went to the chocolate factory where everyone was supplied with marshmallows or pretzels to dip in chocolate. \$700.00 was collected for our charity the "Folds of Honor" through 50/50.

There is one area rally planned for next year and four national rallies. January will be an area rally at the Super Show in Tampa, FL. On April 6–10, we will be in Yuma, AZ; June 6–10 in Foxboro, MA; September 19–23 in Couer d' Alene, ID; and we will wrap in Dillard, Georgia, on October 10–14. More information will be on our website (fcocrv.org).

We held elections in Amana at the Business Meeting. The following officers were elected:

President: Steve Batorson Secretary: Linda Steckley Assist. to Area Operations: James Robertson VP Webmaster: Dave Violette VP Operations West: Katherine Henley VP Membership: Mary Costigan

BARBARA KNUTSON Sr. Vice President

# MESSAGE



Greetings, FCOC members, and welcome to the newest issue of RV Soul!

FREIGHTLINER

The transition of seasons – from summer to fall – is an ideal time to discuss transitions of our own here at Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp. As you may recall from the last issue of *RV Soul*, Bob Harbin announced his retirement as president of FCCC after a long, successful and distinguished career.

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And while Bob leaves very large shoes to fill, I am both excited and honored to write to you now as the newest president of FCCC. I am very passionate about RVs and the RV lifestyle, so being able to step into the leadership role at FCCC is a dream come true. During just the first few months in my new role, I have already seen firsthand the quality of our product, the dedication of our people and, most importantly, the enthusiasm of our club members. Your support inspires everyone at FCCC, including myself, to continue to provide the best overall ownership experience we can, day in and day out.

Indeed, my first few months have been a whirlwind – a lot of time has been spent on the road attending rallies, dealer meetings and other events that have underscored how unique and special this industry is. Even with all of the people I have met and places I have been, the most enjoyable moments have been in meeting and getting to know owners just like you. They remind our team and me why we do what we do, and why we must strive for continuous improvement in all aspects of our products and service. Our slogan is "Driven by You" – three simple words for sure, but I commit to you to stay focused on ensuring that we live by these words and exemplify them each and every day.

Thanks to all of you for the warm and enthusiastic welcome thus far, and I cannot wait to meet many more of you at rallies and other events in the coming months. In the meantime, we are always eager to hear from you on how we can make our service and ownership experience even better.

Happy trails,

DAVID CARSON FCCC President

**GOMMUNITY UPDATES** 

2G LPG Truck

# NEWS AND UPDATES FROM OUR HEADQUARTERS IN GAFFNEY, SC





# **BOB HARBIN RETIRES**

FCCC President Bob Harbin retired in mid-June. As a token of our gratitude for his leadership, he was presented with this book commemorating his years of service.

# FCCC CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

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During the first week of June, the team at FCCC celebrated our 20th anniversary with food, giveaways and special events, capped off by a carnival on Saturday, June 6. We also teamed up to give back to the community through a children's clothing drive. It was a great week for all!

# DÜSSELDORF RV SHOW

Caravan Salon is the world's largest international RV show, held in Düsseldorf, Germany. Select FCCC staff joined more than 200,000 attendees to see the latest brands, trends and world premiere RV products.

# DIESEL RV MARKET SHARE REPORT

CENTURION 1300

As of our Q2 reporting, FCCC led the RV industry with nearly 80% market share in diesel

# CUSTOM-PAINTED S2G TRUCK

You may know that FCCC builds trucks for the delivery truck market as well. At a show this summer, we were pleased to find a display of patriotism through a custom paint job on one of our S2G propane-powered trucks. Welch Gas donates a portion of their sales to the Wounded Warrior Project. **COMMUNITY UPDATES** 

## ATTENTION FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB

Two Rallies being held back to back at the Fortuna de Oro RV Resort in Yuma, AZ Fleetwood Motorhome Association (FMA) and Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC) 3 Camp Freightliners (1) will be held after FMA Rally & (2) following FCOC Rally FMA RALLY: MARCH 30 TO APRIL 3, 2016 FCOC RALLY: APRIL 6 TO 10, 2016 DON'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS YOU BY! DETAILS ON PAGE 32.

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Our club has been in existence since 1994, and we are now celebrating our 21st year. During these years, we have seen a reduction of new memberships and the motorhome industry taking a beating. Also, many clubs associated with major motorhome, engine or chassis manufacturers have taken a big hit of lost support. Thankfully, the industry has survived and is making a big comeback. Within the last couple of years, we have seen a major increase in memberships, and the motorhome industry is manufacturing new motorhomes with more and better models. This has increased the need for more chassis. Currently, the Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) has the distinction of producing more than 80 percent of all diesel chassis. With this demand for more FCCC chassis, we are also seeing a major increase in new original owner members. This is what FCCC has strived for – to increase our new member numbers, so that they can substantiate the monetary support they give our club. A part of this comes from FCCC including a tri-fold new member app in each new motorhome packet on a FCCC chassis.

Their support is spending tens of thousands of dollars in sending their chassis display, service trailer and qualified tech personnel to our national rallies. FCCC pays the first year of membership for all new members who are the original owners of their chassis, as well as current members who purchase a new motorhome on an FCCC chassis. We really do appreciate their support, and it would be great if whenever you see one of the technicians or executives from FCCC, you thank them for making these rallies possible and for their support of our club. Remember, without their support, there would not be a club.

FCCC is even giving us more support in presenting us with this new format for our *RV Soul* magazine. I believe you will agree that it is a 100 percent change in the look and content, with more articles, featuring members' stories of life on the road and adding recipes. We welcome your favorite recipes to feature in our future magazines. Please email your recipes to mary.costigan2@gmail.com. FCCC will continue to have articles regarding your chassis, with tips, service reports and product sneak peeks. We will continue to offer our logo merchandise, with upcoming new logo merchandise from FCCC (featuring their 4UZ line). Soon, we will also have our club logo plaques available for sale to display on your motorhome. Let's show how proud we are of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club by showing off our logo merchandise. You will always be up to date on all of our upcoming rallies with a year-in-advance notice on all national rallies. You're seeing *RV Soul* in its infancy, but watch our new magazine grow.

I would like to remind you to make sure you keep your member profile up to date. If you are traveling much during the year or have your mail forwarded, we suggest that you opt in to having your magazine available to you electronically via email. You will receive it as soon as it is published, and you don't have to pay to have it forwarded. (Members who receive theirs by mail usually receive it about three weeks later.) The best part is, you will always have it with you electronically. You can pull one or more pages off the website to print out to register for a rally and not ruin your copy with lost pages. Thankfully, more of our members are switching over to electronic delivery. This will help keep our costs down, and not necessitate a dues increase. Another membership note – if you have more than one address during the year, we need to know your two addresses and the start and end dates. This is especially important for those who want their newsletter sent by postal mail.

Look through this magazine for other membership information, including how you can log onto our website or onto your member profile to make any changes. Be sure to save your changes, or they will be lost.

**RALLY UPDATES** 

Thank you for being loyal members of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club. Without you, we wouldn't have a club. Travel Safe, and we will see you down the road at one of our upcoming rallies.

# MARY COSTIGAN VP Membership



If you have any questions, please contact me at vpmembership@fcocrv.org. Thank you for being loyal members of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club. We really appreciate it.

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# FORTUNA DE ORO RV RESORT, YUMA AZ — APRIL 6–10, 2016

13650 N. Frontage Road Yuma, AZ 85367, 928-366-1274 \$300/Coach, Single \$240, Extra Person in Coach add \$60

Rally Fee includes the following: 4 Nights Full Hook-Up Camping, 2 Dinners, 3 Full Breakfasts, 1 Continental Breakfast, Resort Sponsored Cocktail Parties, RV World of Yuma Sponsored Lunch, Coach & Car Wash, Vendors, Educational Seminars including Knowing Your Chassis, Ice Cream Social, Craft (Pop Tab Landyards), Entertainment, Games, OnSite Freightliner Trailer with Technical Support with parts and some service.



# THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN YUMA!

The list is endless of the things you can see and do in Yuma, and you are only about 22 miles from the Algondones, Mexico border.

#### TOP 12 THINGS TO PUT ON YOUR MUST SEE LIST ARE:

SANGUINETTI HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS: Coming to Yuma penniless at age 15, E. F. Sanguinetti (1867-1946) built a business empire as a farmer, merchant, and banker. His charming home and gardens were donated by his family to the Arizona Historical Society as a fitting testament to his legacy. Experience the turn of the century life in Yuma at this quaint museum. Also see the Medal of Honor exhibit. Free Admission to Veterans!

THE 3:10 TO YUMA STOPS HERE: Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park. On July 1, 1876, the first seven inmates entered the Territorial Prison at Yuma and were locked into the new cells they had built themselves. Thus began the legend of the Yuma Territorial Prison. A total of 3, 069 prisoners, including 29 women, lived within the walls during the prison's 33 years of operation.

YUMA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT STATE HISTORIC PARK: Experience the story of the Colorado River-Lifeblood of the Southwest. Once wild and uncontrollable, the Colo-rado River is now the most dammed river in the world-a river that slows to a trickle at the Mexican boarder, just 20 miles from Y uma. How did this happen? You will see "Where Does the Water Go" Exhibit in Visitor Information Center. Learn the uses of the Colorado River from Hover Dam to the Mexican border.

YUMA CROSSING: Discover for yourself why the Yuma Crossing remains a national treasure. Two beautiful riverfront parks along the Colorado River; Seven miles of waterside bike trails; 400 acres of restored wetlands, with a 3-mile hiking trail; two state historic parks within the National Historic Landmark; Steam locomotive and Ghost Train at Pivot Point Interpretive Plaza

THE PEANUT PATCH: A rich tradition in Yuma and the Southwest. Tours include history of the Peanut Patch, how peanuts are grown and the many uses of peanuts. You can watch peanuts turn into peanut butter, with free tastes included. Also, you can pick up some of their homemade fudge & candies.

WALLS OF WONDER: A ginormous and colorful triptych of a desert scene spread across three huge water tanks that tower above I-8 (at 16th Street)

"GHOST TRAIN" - SOUND & LIGHT SHOW: "Ghost Train" at Pivot Point Interpretive Plaza, on Madison Avenue at the Colorado River, is a unique "sound and light: show with laser beams that trace the path of the first rail bridge across the Colorado River as the sound of a steam train's arrival echoes from speakers. Also, see a 1907 steam locomotive kids of all ages can admire and also clamber over.

ART IN MOTION: A mix of old and new shines forth at the Yuma Art Center and adjacent Historic Yuma Theatre, 254 S. Main St. The Center hosts rotating exhibits in spectacular gallery spaces plus several outdoor art events, including evening Art Walks (November to May).

"THE CITY OF YUMA": On August 24, 1949 pilots Bob Woodhouse and Woody Jongeward set out to break the endurance record for continuous flight-1008 hours-in a single-engine airplane. Their airplane was "The City of Yuma" and their goal-1010 hours or "Ten-Ten" which became the nickname for the refueling car, a 1948 Buick convertible. You can see the whole story of "The City of Yuma" and a replica of the "Ten-Ten" at Yuma City Hall, One City Plaza.

SCENE IN THE CITY: On Main Street, you'll find interesting public art, including a GIANT FORK that's near but not literally in the road. Don't miss a new piece of street wall art entitled "Manna" behind the Main Street shops next to the Yuma Art Center.

MARTHA'S DATE GARDENS: Tour the date gardens, hear the history of the medjool date, see how the dates are cultivated and processed and enjoy their famous date shakes.

ARMED FORCES PARK: The only park of its type in Arizona, it has been designed to honor all military veterans-living or deceased, from all branches of service. Each honoree is recognized by an engraved granite plaque through sponsorship.

FORTUNA DE ORO RV RESORT GOLF COURSE: Par 36, 9 holes, 3,240 yard course complete with driving range, putting green, restaurant and Pro Shop.

# ITINERARY FOR YUMA RALLY

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

TUESDAY, APRIL	
2:00-4:00	EARLY BIRD & VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION
	VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & DINNER
WEDNESDAY, AF	PRIL 6
As you arrive, pleases 8:00-??	ase put name on list to have motorhome & car washed MOTORHOME & CAR WASH BEGINS
0.00	AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL ARE DONE
	NEXT 3 DAYS
	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
5:00-6:00	OPENING CEREMONY
	HOSPITALITY HOUR–HORS D'OEUVRES HOSTED BY FORTUNA DE ORO
6:00-7:00	DINNER
	CARD GAME—"UP YOURS"
	BRING 10 NICKELS
THURSDAY, APR	
	FULL BREAKFAST
	KNOWING YOUR CHASSIS
9:00-5:00	MOTOR HOME DISPLAY BY RV WORLD OF YUMA
9:00-10:00	CRAFT-POP TAB LANDYARDS (S)
	SEMINARS AND VENDOR MARKET OPENS
3:00-4:30	LUNCH—AT RESORT RESTAURANT
5:00-6:00	HAPPY HOUR
6:00-7:30	CARD GAME "LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER"
	BRING 3 QUARTERS
FRIDAY, APRIL 8 7:00-8:30	
8:30-2:30	
9:00-5:00	MOTOR HOME DISPLAY
	BY RV WORLD OF YUMA
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10:00-2:00	MARTHA'S GARDENS DATE SHAKES (S) LUNCH HOSTED BY RV WORLD OF YUMA
11:30-1:00 4:45-5:45	HAPPY HOUR HOSTED
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6:45-8:00	BINGO \$1.00 FOR 3 CARDS
SATURDAY, APR	IL 9
7:00-8:30	FULL BREAKFAST
8:30-2:00	SEMINARS
9:00-5:00	MOTOR HOME DISPLAY BY RV WORLD OF YUMA VENDOR MARKET
	ICE CREAM SOCIAL
5:00-6:00	
6:00-7:00	
	ENTERTAINMENT (TO BE ANNOUNCED)
SUNDAY, APRIL 7:00-8:30	1U CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:30	GOOD BYE TILL WE MEET AGAIN!
	TRAVEL SAFE

# YUMA REGISTRATION

Member #		
PilotLast	Fir	rst
Nickname for Badge		
Co-Pilot		
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Nickname for Badge		
Will you have a guest(s) attending the rally? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No		
If so, please give name(s) and age(s)		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Primary phone #	Cell phone #	
Email Address		
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2016. CANCELLAT	ION FEE \$25.00. NO REFU	JNDS AFTER MARCH 15, 2016.
In order to recognize any special events in your life occurring du indicate the event and the date:		
Please specify any special meal requirements:		
First time at an FCOC rally? □ Yes □ No Handicap Pa	rking: □Yes □No	Crafts? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No
Mfg/Model of Coach:	Length	:
Would you like to volunteer to help with the rally? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ N	lo	
RALLY MASTER: Mary Costigan, 951-452-2999 ASST. RALLY MASTER: Tom James, 916-870-9322		
Please send registration to: Mary Costigan, Rally Master, 900 B	radford Court, San Jacinto,	CA 92583-6530
WE ARE LIMITED TO 100 COACHES. WE WILL HAVE A WAIT	ING LIST.	





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Remember, this discount program is only for BACK COUNTER PARTS (e.g. heavy-duty truck parts, thermostats, alternators, etc.), and the discount percentage depends upon the products you buy. Most items in front of the counter are priced so low, they don't have a discount.

At every checkout, you must present your membership card (if it is not up-to-date, you will not get the discount). This is a program for FCOC members only. O'Reilly will monitor our club to verify there is no abuse of the program.



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# FCCC AT FMCA MADISON

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FCCC proudly attended the FMCA National Rally and Family Reunion in Madison, Wisconsin. FCOC members can rest assured that when they see the FCCC show truck and trailer at an event, we are there to support our customers. FCCC is a unique participant in that we were not there to sell products, we were there to support, share, teach and listen to our customer base. How do we do this? Through listening to the needs of attendees, having parts available, providing free technical support, training on the chassis through the Fireside Chat and revealing that ever-present premium chassis in the raw. This year we brought the Winnebago 450HP Chassis for the Ellipse/Tour. Know that FCCC appreciates your loyalty to the brand and that we are always here to stand behind our product and beside our family of customers. We hope to see you at the next event. Happy Trails!

# **RV** SOUL

# THIS IS **Your Magazine**!

# Send us your:

- Recipes
- Rally stories
- Photos club, member, rally, RV, pets, campground – anything!
- Article ideas
- Featured member submissions
- Maintenance questions for a service article
- Favorite destination or campground
- Tips for the RV life
- And any suggestions for making the magazine better.

Please send all ideas to RVSoul@fai2.com, or contact a club officer.

**RALLY UPDATES** 

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**OWNERS CLUB** 

# FCOC SEA RALLY FLORIDA RV SUPER SHOW TAMPA, FL JANUARY 12–17, 2016

The Freightliner Chassis Owners' Club Southeast Area will kick off the 2016 rally season with the Florida RV Super Show at the Tampa fairgrounds. The rally entry date is **Jan. 12 at 10:00 a.m.** The show dates are Jan. 13–17. The cost is \$195, which includes five nights of **DRY** camping **(NO WATER OR DUMP STATION ON GROUNDS)**, 30 amp electric, show entry, entertainment, and coffee and donuts, Thursday–Sunday. Additional information is on the FRVTA application attached. We will have a **MEET** and **GREET** each afternoon at 4:00 p.m. with liquid refreshments under the FCOC tent. Tuesday evening, please bring a dish to pass and your own place settings and chairs. Other evenings will be light snacks. If your last name starts with A–H (Thursday), I–P (Friday), Q–Z (Saturday), please bring a light snack. There will be coffee and donuts Wednesday morning from 7 a.m.–9 a.m. at the tent. Wednesday at 4:15 p.m., we will carpool to Spaghetti Warehouse (Dutch-treat). **YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER EARLY, AS THE RALLY SOLD OUT BY DEC. 1 LAST YEAR.** 

# THE RALLY FEE IS \$5.00 CASH PER COACH TO BE COLLECTED AT REGISTRATION. THIS IS TO COVER LIQUID REFRESHMENTS, COFFEE AND DONUTS.

DIRECTIONS TO THE FCOC RALLY HOLDING AREA ARE: From I-4, east- or westbound take Exit 7 (US 301 south-bound). Go approximately 8/10th of a mile. Enter the right turn lane; turn right into fairgrounds (Brad's Gate). There will be flagmen there.

Hope to see you all in January. Roy & Kathy Hopper, Rally Masters

# TO COME IN AND PARK WITH THE FCOC GROUP YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 Under CLUB/GROUP on the FRVTA application form, fill in FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB or FCOC. (The attached application is filled in for you.)
- 2 WHEN YOU GET YOUR CONFIRMATION from FRVTA, E-MAIL OR CALL ME TO GET ON MY FCOC LIST as FRVTA is not informing the rally leaders of who is coming in with the group this year. E-mail rhopper517@aol.com, Phone 772-559-3522.
- 3 If friends want to park together, they must arrive together.
- 4 Tape an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper in the lower left hand corner of your windshield with FCOC in big letters so the flagmen can read it. (Laying on the dash won't do.)

FCOC ENTRY TIME TO BE IN THE HOLDING AREA IS JAN. 12, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M. (PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY.)

# Super Rally Registration Form Florida RV SuperShow January 13 - 17, 2016



Location: Florida State Fairgrounds 4800 US Highway 301 N., Tampa 33610

Show Hours: Wednesday - Saturday, 9AM - 6PM Sunday, 9AM - 5PM

**Parking:** All sites approximately 20' x 40' on grass. You must come in together to park together. Groups/Clubs of 8 or more, please contact our office. No early birds will be permitted to park on Tuesday.

Facilities: No Dump Station on grounds. Arrive with full fresh water and empty holding tanks. No public showers.

Bikes/Scooters: Not allowed in SuperShow grounds. Only handicapped vehicles are permitted with proper tags.

Pets: Allowed on leash. Must clean up after them.

# **Registration Fees:**

\$195.00 per rig, up to 2 people
\$ 10.00 each additional person
Note: An extra \$10 will be charged for on-site registrations.
Registration Deadline: December 15th
Includes:

- \* 4 Nights of Camping
- \* 30 Amp Electric Service Hook-up
- \* Coffee & Doughnuts each Morning
- \* 3 Nights of Entertainment
- \* Free Unlimited Admission to the Florida RV SuperShow

Note: Confirmations will be sent by email, if provided. Cancellation: Must be received in writing by January 8th for a refund. Cancellation Fee: \$15.00.

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LIFE ON THE ROAD

# FOR SUPERFANS AND NATURE LOVERS

Fall means more than a simple drop in temperature. That cool breeze ushers in an all-tooshort season of cinnamonscented and pumpkin-flavored everything, ideal for sweet times with friends and family toasting marshmallows over the campfire and carving pumpkins for Halloween. Autumn is a season for celebrating, and there are two ways you can embrace this season in a unique way while putting your RV to good use.



# TAILGATING

Whether or not you'd classify yourself as a football "superfan," the pregame art of tailgating at college and professional sporting events is an experience you'll never forget. For perspective on some of the best-known locales, check out the list of the top 25 college football tailgating schools for 2015 from BleacherReport.com.

No matter where you choose to go – or even if your version of tailgating takes place in a remote campground with an outdoor TV – you can savor the day by preparing delicious tailgating food. With your mobile kitchen, you're equipped with more than the average grill for next-level tailgate cooking. For inspiration, FoodNetwork.com lists their top tailgating recipes to help you and your fellow fans stay fueled for the long haul.



# BLEACHER REPORT'S TOP 25 COLLEGE FOOTBALL TAILGATING SCHOOLS FOR 2015

- 1. Ole Miss
- 2. LSU
- 3. Wisconsin
- 4. Tennessee
- 5. Penn State
- 6. Texas A&M
- 7. Nebraska
- 8. Georgia
- 9. Auburn

- 10. South Carolina 11. Clemson
  - <u>12. Alaba</u>ma
  - 13. Washington
  - 14. Michigan

  - 15. Texas 16. Iowa
  - 17. Florida
  - 18. Ohio State

- 19. West Virginia
- 20. USC
- 21. Notre Dame
- 22. Oregon
- 23. Oklahoma
- 24. Arkansas
- 25. Army

# SIGHTSEEING

After the big game, we recommend packing up and heading out to explore the amazing outdoors armed with a fall foliage chart. For specific RV routes throughout the US, checkout Roadtripper's article "Take in natural beauty with these best fall RV trips" for peak viewing times of autumn's stunning landscapes.

Bird enthusiasts can also take advantage of the rush hour of migration season. Grab your best binoculars and field guide for hours of incredible bird watching on eight great fall birding trails from Audubon.com. With popular destinations spanning across the US, you'll be able to find a prime spot for a bird-packed escape into nature.





# DID YOU KNOW?

- MotorHome.com ranks the Winnebago Tour on a Freightliner chassis in the top 10 motorhomes for tailgating
- A detailed guide on wildflowers and their different regions across the nation can be found at fs.fed.us
- You'll find the hotspots for thousands of majestic birds during the North Shore Bird Migration at NorthShoreFallColors.com.

Hit the road and experience everything this season has to offer. With game-winning tailgates and peaceful explorations of the country's coasts and lush forests, this colorful season can be one you'll never forget.

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# LAYERED MEXICAN PARTY SALAD

# INGREDIENTS:

- 1 box Betty Crocker<sup>™</sup> Suddenly Salad® classic pasta salad mix
- 3 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 can (15 oz.) Progresso<sup>™</sup> black beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 can (15.25 oz.) Green Giant™ whole-kernel corn, drained
- 4 cups torn romaine lettuce
- 1 container (12 oz.) refrigerated guacamole dip
- 1½ cups finely shredded Mexican 4-cheese blend (6 oz.)
- 3 plum (Roma) tomatoes, chopped
- 1 can (2 1/4 oz.) sliced ripe olives, drained
- 3 cups nacho-flavored tortilla chips

# DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Empty pasta mix into 3-quart saucepan 2/3 full of boiling water. Gently boil uncovered 12 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Drain pasta; rinse with cold water. Shake to drain well. In medium bowl, stir together seasoning mix, oil, water and cumin. Stir in pasta, beans and corn.
- 3. In 4-quart glass salad bowl or 13x9-inch glass baking dish, layer lettuce and pasta mixture. Spread guacamole evenly over top. Sprinkle with cheese and tomatoes; top with olives.
- 4. Just before serving, arrange chips around edge of bowl. Serve immediately, or refrigerate. Serves 12.



# EASY SLOW COOKER POTATO SOUP

# INGREDIENTS:

- 1 bag (30 oz.) frozen diced hash browns
- 1 box (32 oz.) chicken broth
- 1 can (10 oz.) cream of chicken soup
- 1 package cream cheese (8 oz., not fat free)
- · 3 oz. bacon bits
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

# DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Put the potatoes in the slow cooker. Add in the chicken broth, cream of chicken soup and half the bacon bits. Add a pinch of salt and pepper.
- 2. Cook on low for 8 hours or until potatoes are tender.
- 3. An hour before serving, cut the cream cheese into small cubes and place in the slow cooker. Mix a few times throughout the hour before serving.
- 4. Once the cream cheese is completely mixed in, it's ready to serve.
- 5. Top with cheddar cheese and some additional bacon bits.

# TIPS

- Frozen or fresh chopped onion may be added to taste before cooking.
- Bacon pieces may provide a better texture than the hard bacon bits you would put on a salad. They can be bought in the same aisle.
- Serve with sour cream for a special treat.

# FEATURED MIGNIBICIR

# FREIGHTLINER Custow Chassis-OWNERS CLUB - EST. 1994 -

# KATHERINE HENLEY

Larry and I purchased our motorhome in October of 1998 on our first Freightliner chassis. My Uncle Leroy Verrett, a charter member of the FCOC, encouraged us to join a great organization. We did join that year, and, to tell the truth, I never had any idea I would get so involved.

We met a couple, Ken and Dorothy Hawk, in Jackson, Mississippi, and Larry encouraged them to join the FCOC. As most of us know, Ken ran for president and encouraged me to run with him as his Executive VP. We were elected and became members of the board. My responsibility was to find rally locations and to plan rallies. I planned a caravan in 2001 to Western Canada for 18 Freightliner coaches with Adventure Caravans and again in 2004 with another group to Alaska.

I retired after six years. A few years later a position for Operations West VP was created, and I ran for that office and rejoined the board, having small rallies for usually 25 coaches. We have great fellowship, food and fun. I also assist with national rallies and Wagon master on occasion.

It is an honor to serve the club by being on the board.

# TELL US Your story!

This section is all about providing a way for you to share your unique RV life with other members so we can all get to know one another. Whether you're full time or only get out a few times a year, we would love to hear about what you're up to in your motorhome.

To be considered for our featured member column, send an email to rvsoul@fai2.com with your contact information, anything you want the club to know about you and your RV experience, and a picture of you with your RV.

Who knows? You may see yourself in the next issue of *RV Soul*!



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# SITE OF OUR NATIONAL RALLY FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB JUNE 6-10, 2016

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We have planned a national rally to be held at Normandy Farms Campground located at 72 West Street, Foxboro MA.

We have 100 sites available. We will have seminars, vendors, crafts, ladies social, and a trip by trolley around Boston with a stop at Quincy Market for lunch (on your own). The cost per person for the tour will be \$45.00 per person which includes the tip for the drivers. We have planned four dinners and four breakfasts.

THE COST IS \$335.00 FOR A COACH WITH TWO OCCUPANTS, \$236.00 FOR SINGLE COACH, AND \$99.00 PER PERSON FOR EXTRA PERSONS ATTENDING. THIS INCLUDES THE MEALS, CAMPING, AND ENTERTAINMENT. IF YOU WISH TO GO IN EARLY OR STAY LATE THE COST IS \$39.00 PER NIGHT FOR CAMPING.



Blackwell Island RV is located at the headwaters of the Spokane River in the city of Coeur d'Alene. The RV park is at the heart of recreational activity in the Inland Northwest complete with festivals, fairs, concerts, unique bistros and elegant restaurants, thriving downtown, mall shopping and much more.

The local names are a mix between Native American and French. The French had a strong presence in what is now known as Northern Idaho in the early 1900s. Coeur d'Alene is pronounced core-da-lane. Early French-speaking fur traders named it Coeur d'Alene Lake. According to legend, the traders believed the local Indians to be sharp traders, and called the lake Coeur d'Alene since their hearts were as sharp as an awl. It's a town with a rich background in lake steamers, fur trading, logging and mining. The Canadian border is 90 miles to the north.

Located near historic downtown Coeur d'Alene, Blackwell Island RV Resort is the perfect destination for RVers looking for relaxation or adventure. We are just steps away from some of the Northwest's finest attractions, including world class golfing, dining, shopping, lake cruises, boating, parasailing, hiking, biking, live theatre and concerts. We are less than an hour from more shopping, waterparks, wine tours, scenic drives, gambling casinos, hunting and fishing, the city of Spokane, the world's longest gondola ride, more golfing, mining tours, Silverwood Theme Park and the Bird Aviation museum. Please tell our staff what you like to do, and we will be more than happy to guide you in the right direction.

Independently owned and operated by the Hall family since 1998, we offer RVers a comfortable, enjoyable, and restful stay. The beautifully appointed RV location of Blackwell Island was built by the Halls to become the most desired RV travel destination of the Inland Northwest. Blackwell Island RV is a daily rate park offering 182 full hook-up sites. We have a large enclosed dog run, walking trails, dock moorage, pontoon and kayak rentals, facilities for large or small group gatherings, and 500 feet of beach. This seasonal park opens April 1 and closes for the season on October 15.





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# PREPARING YOUR RV FOR STORAGE

by Mike Cody, Sr. Service Trainer Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation

Football season has started and winter is close on its heels. Some of us are lucky enough to keep our RVs on the road all year long, but for many, fall means it's time to put the motorhome away for a few months. As anyone who has ever left a lasagna in the freezer can tell you, it's important to be thorough and thoughtful when preparing your RV for storage.

This goes for your chassis as well. When storing your motorhome for an extended period of time – 60 days or more – the steps outlined on the checklist to the right should be taken to give it maximum protection:

Depending on the make and model of your motorhome, there will certainly be additional items for your checklist. Be sure to reference your owner's manual for more information.

As always, if you have questions about storage or maintenance, give us a call at 800-FTL-HELP.

- Fill fuel tank and add a high-quality fuel stabilizer to the fuel (never store with a partially full tank of fuel).
- Change the engine oil and filter (used oil does not give adequate protection).
- Cooling system was originally protected with antifreeze to -34 degrees F. If colder temperatures are expected, adjust the mixture. If coolant has been in the vehicle for five years or 100,000 miles, flush the cooling system and fill with an appropriate mixture of antifreeze and softened water, and be sure that the coolant contains a rust inhibitor.
- If it has been more than 18 months or 24,000 miles since the transmission has been serviced, change the fluid and filter.
- Service the fuel filters.
- Run the engine until fully warmed up.
- Operate the air conditioning.
- If possible, store the vehicle in a dry, wellventilated area, protected from sunlight.
- Check tires for damage and set tire pressure to maximum as indicated on the sidewall of the tire. Clean the tires using the normal, mild soap that you would use to clean your RV.
- If possible, raise the vehicle onto safety stands. Do not store the vehicle on the hydraulic leveling jacks. Hydraulic jacks will "bleed" pressure over time, lowering the coach back onto the tires.
- Cover tires to protect from heat and sunlight.
- If possible, release the parking brake.
- Remove and clean the battery. Always disconnect the negative (-) cable first. Store the battery in a cool, dry place and keep it charged.
- Lubricate all grease fittings on the chassis and drivetrain.
- Cover all engine and transmission openings with moisture-resistant tape.

# LOCATING MAINTENANCE SHEETS ON FCCCRV.COM

Oops! We got excited about launching our new website and misprinted the instructions for locating maintenance sheets on our current website. Keep those instructions handy for our new RV site launch later this year, but until then, below are instructions for locating chassis maintenance sheets on our current site.



# ON FCCCRV.COM, CLICK ON THE "OWNER INFORMATION" TAB



SELECT "FCCC SERVICE & TRAINING CENTER"

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Want to know more about Freightliner products? Download a brochure or contact us.

# ON THE LEFT SIDE, CHOOSE A LINK TO OPEN AND SAVE OR PRINT A MAINTENANCE SHEET PDF.



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# DEALER SERVICE SURVEYS

With the launch of our new website, which should be happening around the time you receive this magazine, you'll also be able to fill out and send in dealer service surveys from the app or the website. These surveys help us ensure you get great service from our network of dealers, so we encourage you to fill it out and send it in whenever you visit one of our service dealers.



# OASIS NFTWORK DEALERS

We're proud of our network of Oasis dealers. The Freightliner service network includes more than 90 Oasis Network dealerships specializing in RV service:

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- Specially trained service technicians
- Secure parking
- Amenities exclusively for motorhome owners

TO FIND AN OASIS LOCATION NEAR YOU, DOWNLOAD THE 24/7 APP OR CALL 800-FTL-HELP.



# HUGHUGHURD DEALER



# SACRAMENTO TRUCK CENTER

by Lawrence Cowan, Foreman

Sacramento Truck Center motorhome service department opened in 2001. We have 10 drive-through service bays that are clean and well equipped to service your Freightliner motorhome. Sacramento Truck Center is an OASIS dealer and has won OASIS dealer of the year twice. We are located off I-80 in Sacramento, CA, with easy in-and-out parking. We do have 30-amp service for overnighters and a clean lounge with Wi-Fi.

Our primary focus is Freightliner motorhomes. You will see a fire truck from different locations in our bays as we serve several fire department trucks. We employ six full-time motorhome technicians. Our entire factory is certified by Freightliner, Cummins, Caterpillar, Allison and Mercedes. We can repair anything on your Freightliner chassis, your Allison transmission, or your Cummins, Caterpillar or Mercedes engine. Our RV technician specializes in levelers, slide outs, inverters, sat systems, Aquahots and more. We have a large, well-stocked parts department, so there should be no waiting on parts.



SACRAMENTO TRUCK CENTER PHONE: 916.286.2068 I HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 7AM-3:30PM

We have a large customer base as the largest Freightliner dealer in northern

California, with customers from all over northern California and Nevada. Our reputation is that we provide great customer service and high-quality workmanship. Sacramento Truck Center is one of the "go to" dealers recommended by FCCC.

We are very proud of our shop and our mission is to provide you with the highest level of service possible. If you need to have service or repair on your coach, come to Sacramento Truck Center where service is performed with integrity. Remember to call ahead to schedule an appointment.

# PARTNER A LOOK AT OUR PREMIER PARTNERS IN LUXURY MOTORHOMES STILO VCASE



As part of the Daimler family – the global parent company of Freightliner and Mercedes-Benz – Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) brings the best in heavy-duty durability and precision performance to the RV industry. Likewise, Newmar Corporation offers a rich heritage of designing and building the finest motorhomes on the road. Both companies have earned a strong reputation and loyal customers through a focus on quality craftsmanship, product innovation and setting the industry benchmark in customer service and support.

Thanks to the growing partnership between Newmar and FCCC and our shared focus on our customers, we are excited to welcome you to the next generation of a superior motorhome experience.

For model year 2016, Newmar and FCCC are proud to introduce two new offerings. UltraSteer B-Series precision-tuned and fully integrated tag axles from FCCC are now standard on all 2016 Newmar tag models, increasing maneuverability, eliminating tire scrub and improving overall ride and handling.

And because Newmar understands the importance of chassis features and performance, they have invested in engineering to offer even more to owners. They are raising the bar with a great new feature in the 2016 diesel lineup – the STAR Foundation. Enhancing the integrity of the overall chassis while providing flatter, stronger flooring, additional storage and deeper slides, the STAR Foundation is strong, true and robust.



Thanks to this outstanding partnership with Newmar Corporation, the list of quality motor coaches now riding on chassis from FCCC continues to grow:

- EssexDutch Star
- London Aire Ventana
- Mountain Aire
- Ventana LE





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# LUXURY WITHOUT LIMITS

by Bryan Henke, Manager of Product Marketing Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation

Your motorhome driving experience is very important to us here at FCCC. We work hard to create features – like UltraSteer, which we talked about in the last issue – that we hope will make owning an RV built on FCCC a treat.

REAR SUSPENSION SYSTEM

One of the unique systems only available on FCCC chassis is V-Ride. As the first ever single-axle suspension rated at 24,000 pounds, it's designed to allow you to carry more gear and equip your motorhome's interior with premium amenities like tile floors and granite countertops, all while providing a comfortable, confident driving experience. These are just a few things that make V-Ride different:



# 24,000 LBS. CAPACITY FOR MORE AMENITIES



V-Ride is the first ever single-axle rear RV suspension rated at 24,000 pounds. This means more towing capacity, the ability to carry more gear and more luxury options than any other single-axle rear suspension in the motorhome industry. V-Ride can be paired with UltraSteer or a standard tag axle to create an even higher GVWR.



# QUIK-ALIGN® FOR SIMPLE MAINTENANCE

Quik-Align allows for easy axle alignment without the use of shims, simplifying maintenance for you and your technician.

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# V-ROD CONNECTION FOR DURABILITY

This is where V-Ride gets its name. The V-rod shape dissipates suspension forces, reducing stress on the suspension parts for greater durability and longevity.



# U-SHAPED ASSEMBLY FOR STABILITY

By integrating these two pieces – called the transverse beam and the trailing arm – to form a singlepiece U-shaped assembly, V-Ride enhances stability at all speeds.





WITHOUT V-RIDE

WITH V-RIDE

# CONSISTENT HANDLING

The V-rod connection and the U-shaped assembly combine for superior roll stability and more predictable handling in all road conditions, creating a confident driving experience for our motorhome owners.

# SMOOTH RIDE

Large volumetric air springs and premium Sachs shocks deliver the smoothest ride available in a motorhome – as you've come to expect from FCCC.

It's easy to see that when it comes to the premium motorhome experience, V-Ride is truly Luxury Without Limits. To see it in action, you can find a V-Ride video on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/freightlinerchassis), and keep your eyes peeled for our new V-Ride and UltraSteer badges on new models rolling off the line for 2016.



# SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AT YUMA RALLY

In-between the FMA (Fleetwood) Rally and the FCOC Rally, on April 4 & 5, Camp Freightliner will be available only to those attending one of the rallies. Then there will be two more classes following the FCOC rally on 11 and 12, and 13 and 14. Those classes will also be available for Rally attendees. If they aren't filled before our rallies start, they will take outsiders names, so if you are planning on attending one of these rallies, be sure to take advantage of Camp Freightliner while you are parked at the resort. Those classes usually fill up on the first day they are open, so if you snooze, you lose. All classes will be held at Fortuna de Oro RV Resort. Classes will not be open to register until October 7th.

Registration method and fees will be the same as the classes in Gaffney described on the right. To make your reservation, starting October 7th, log onto www.freightlinerchassis.com, then highlight "Motorhome." Under Motorhome you will find "Owner Info" – highlight that and you will find "Camp Freightliner." Mention you will be attending the FCOC Rally in Yuma at the Fortuna De Oro RV Resort, and be sure to mark the date you would like to attend. Remember, you must be attending our FCOC Rally to be eligible to attend Camp Freightliner. This is for the convenience and benefit of our Rally participants only.

Sign-ups for the FCOC Rally are being taken on a first come, first served basis. We are limited to 100 coaches. Please see the registration form on our website.

Check out the fun-filled Rally we have scheduled for your enjoyment. You won't want to miss this one, which is being held at the Award Winning Fortuna de Oro RV Resort in Yuma, AZ. We look forward to see you. Travel Safe!

Mary Costigan, Rally Master





# CAMP FREIGHTLINER I

Take advantage of FCCC's comprehensive and captivating two-day training session in Gaffney, SC, to learn about the benefits of driving a motorhome built on an FCCC chassis. This is not a hands-on workshop, but you will spend time at a bare chassis to become more familiar with the features. Class size is limited and filled on a first registration basis, so sign up today!

Topics:

- Air brake system
- Electrical system
- Maintenance intervals
- Weight distribution
- Vehicle storage
- Plus much more!

Fee: \$175.00 for single attendance or \$225.00 for driver and co-pilot for the twoday class. Pay at time of training.

\*\*Please feel free to bring your laptops to class, so that you can follow along with the Internet portion of the course.\*\*



# CAMP FREIGHTLINER II

Camp Freightliner II is a Service & Maintenance class held at the Factory Service Center. This is not a hands-on course, but pairs you with a service technician in the service bay to observe the proper service techniques and ask questions about the chassis.

Fee: \$100.00 + cost of your scheduled maintenance (Covers safety and protective equipment, lunch and other supplies)

\*\*Camp Freightliner I is a prerequisite to this class.\*\*

\*\*There is a minimum level of routine service required for this class which will be verified upon scheduling of service.\*\*

# SIGN UP FOR A CAMP FREIGHTLINER CLASS NEAR YOU ONLINE AT **FCCCRV.COM**



# TOUR THE FCCC FACTORY

While you're in town for Camp Freightliner, we encourage you to tour the factory to see how our chassis come together.

At approximately 200,000 sq. ft., the FCCC Factory is a must-see for Freightliner Chassis owners. Just 4.5 miles from our Service Center and 6 miles from the KOA Campground, the FCCC Factory offers a daily tour Monday–Friday with registration beginning at 10:15 a.m. in the main lobby. Each tour lasts 45 minutes to an hour, and you will see everything from an engine being up-fitted with accessories to a completed chassis ready to roll out the door to the body builder.

Time for a factory tour is not included in the Camp Freightliner itinerary, so plan an extra day before or after class for this one-of-a-kind experience. You won't want to miss it!

552 Hyatt St. Gaffney, SC 29341 P: 864-487-1700 fcccservice@daimler.com **CLUB BUSINESS** 

# DON'T LET **YOUR** MEMBERSHIP EXPIRE!

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You may request to have our newsletter delivered by email, especially if you travel frequently, or if your mail is forwarded more than once a year. You will receive the newsletter earlier than those mailed, and they won't pile up in your motorhome. You will receive an email when the newsletter is ready to be viewed. Recent as well as previous issues of Freightliner Flyer are available for viewing and printing on the website.

For those who do not have email, please make sure we have your correct mailing address, especially those of you who have a seasonal address. We are experiencing a large number of newsletters returned. Time, money and postage rates are affected when they are undeliverable.

Thank you for helping us do a better job of getting important FCOC news and current updates to you! We want you to be in the know!



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# ONLINE MEMBERSHIP *UPDATE OR RENEWAL*

# Anyone can access our website without logging in by going to www.FCOCRV.org.

When a member wants to update their Member Profile or pay their dues, they will need to log in with two pieces of information: a Membership Number and a Password. When a member experiences a problem, it is usually either because they forgot to include the letter "F" at the front of their Membership Number, or because they forgot their Password. Members who have an FMCA number can continue to use that as their Membership Number, but new members are assigned a new FCOC number which starts with "F70" (see below). If a new member joined via our website, they provided their own Password at that time. New members who applied by mail will have a temporary Password that consists of their five-digit ZIP Code. Members can change their Password at any time by logging in and updating their Member Profile. Those wanting to join FCOC can go to Membership on the main menu at the top of the page and then select "Join FCOC." They will have the option to join online or to download a Membership Application Form in PDF format.

- If you have an FMCA number, you will check that box. If you don't have a Membership number, you will check the "Not FMCA Member" and this box will appear with your assigned new member number.
- 2 When you hit Check FCOC box, it will bring up the box to enter your password. You can either use your five-digit zip code, or your own choice of passwords. Now, you can download the FCOC Membership Application Form, as indicated in the following box.



Please be sure to SAVE your work, or all of your input will not be recorded, and you will have to start all over again. You can now print out the form and send it in with your dues, or hit SUBMIT, and it will come to the VP Membership computer. You will also be able to pay your dues online. That information can be found under the Membership Tab, titled "DUES." There you can pay using a credit card through our secure site with PayPal. It is self-explanatory; just follow the directions on how to proceed. If you do not have access to a computer or email, you may use the application in this Newsletter on page 35. If you have any problems, please let me know. My contact information is on page 4.

MARY COSTIGAN VP Membership



- A) Men's Style Shirt C) Closeout Shirt E) Logo Plaque Holder
- B) Women's Style Shirt
- D) Logo Hat and Visor



DATE	MEMBER ID	ITEM	ΟΤΥ	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Name		Ladies' Small		\$15.00	
Address 1		Ladies' Medium		\$15.00	
Address 2		Ladies' Large		\$15.00	
City	State Zip	Ladies' XLarge		\$15.00	
Check #		Men's Small		\$15.00	
Checks payable to "FCOC" and send check to:		Men's Medium		\$15.00	
Mary Costigan		Men's Large		\$15.00	
FCOC Logo Merchandise		Men's XLarge		\$15.00	
900 Bradford Court		Men's XXLarge		\$15.00	
San Jacinto, CA 92583-6530		Men's 3XLarge		\$15.00	
Cell: 951-452-2999 E-mail: mary.costigan2@gmail.com		Men's 4XLarge		\$15.00	
Shipping Charges (Canada – Call or email for shipping price)		Logo Hats		\$15.00	
1 Item	\$6.00 USD	Logo Visors		\$15.00	
2-4 Items	\$12.00 USD	Logo Plaque	NOT A	AILABLE AT	THIS TIME
5+ Items	Add \$6.00 for each additional item	Ladder Holder		\$5.00	
		<b>Closeout Shirts</b>			
* 1 Ladder Bracket does not count as an item,		Small		\$10.00	

Medium

Total # of Items

\* 1 Ladder Bracket does not count as an item, unless it's ordered by itself. Every 2 additional brackets count as 1 additional item.

TOTAL IN US DOLLARS

SOLD OUT

Sub-Total Shipping Order Total

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Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) and select Freightliner Oasis dealerships around the country have initiated a program offering members of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC) special pricing on service labor and service parts.

## The program offers current FCOC members the following discounts: 10% OFF POSTED LABOR RATES 10% OFF PARTS

It is important that you do the following; if you don't, you may not get the discount and it will be your own fault!

You MUST tell them you are an FCOC member up front, request the discount and identify yourself by showing your current membership card. Ask to get a copy of your billing with the discount on it once your work is done.

In developing the Oasis Dealer Discount Program, all Oasis Dealers were contacted and invited to participate. But, participation in the Oasis Dealer Discount Program is a business decision made by each individual Oasis Dealer.

If the Oasis Dealer you wish to use is not on the list of participating dealers, we would encourage you to let them know of your desire to have them participate in the program. Dealers wishing for more information about the program should contact Tom James: phone (916) 870-9322, email VP.BD@FCOCRV.ORG. Also, if you have any problem with any Oasis Dealer on the list, let Tom James know, and he will try to help.

As a reminder, it's up to you to **ask first** for the discount, not after.

The following is a list of currently participating Oasis dealerships.

# OASIS NETWORK DISCOUNT PROGRAM CENTERS

#### **Freightliner of Arizona**

9899 W. Roosevelt St. Tolleson, AZ 85353 (623) 907-6642 Ser. Mgr. Larry Winiewicz

#### **TAG Truck Center**

5712 Commerce Square Jonesboro, AR 72401 (870) 972-8588 Ser. Mgr. Brian Carter

### **Truck Centers of Arkansas**

11700 Valentine Rd. North Little Rock, AR 72117 (800) 562-8875 Ser. Mgr. John Siverd

## Truck Centers of Arkansas

2675 W Sunset Blvd. Springdale, AR 72762 (800) 495-4551 Ser. Mgr. Bill Partain

#### Delta Truck Center 1082 S. Harlan Rd.

French Camp, CA 95231 (800) 400-4161 Ser. Mgr. Ed Cullom

#### Sacramento Truck Center

100 Opportunity St. Sacramento, CA 95838 (916) 286-2000 (800) 485-8311 Ser. Mgr. Lawrence Cowan

#### San Diego Freightliner

6006 Miramar Rd. San Diego, CA 92121 (877) 454-5456 (619) 564-3700 Ser. Mgr. Gene Hust

#### Southern Connecticut Truck Center

15 East Industrial Rd. Branford, CT 06405 (800) 448-8480 Ser. Mgr. Michael Beavton

#### Freightliner of Hartford

199 Roberts Street East Hartford, CT 06108 (860) 289-0201 x1118 Ser. Mgr. Scott Thayer

## Orlando Freightliner

2455 S. Orange Blossom Trail Apopka, FL 32703 (407) 295-3846 Ser. Mgr. Lee Feeser

#### Tom Nehl Truck Co.

383 SW Arrowhead Terr. Lake City, FL 32024 (904) 389-3653 (386) 755-9527 Ser. Mgr. Rex Steven

#### **Ocala Freightliner**

3950 W. Hwy. 326 Ocala, FL 34482 (352) 840-0070 Ser. Mgr. Scott Pauley Freightliner of Chattanooga 137 Gateway Dr. Ringgold, GA 30736 (706) 937-3700 Ser. Mgr. Ken Shumake

#### Truck Centers, Inc.

300 East Ashland St. Morton, IL 61550 (309) 263-4240 (800) 397-4292 Ser. Mgr. Cathie Jenkins

#### Truck Centers, Inc.

2981 E. Singer Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 525-1280 (800) 786-1280 Ser. Mgr. Randy Melvin

#### Truck Centers, Inc.

2280 Formosa Rd. Troy, IL 62294 (800) 669-3454 Ser. Mgr. Brian Jubelt

#### Stoops Freightliner Quality Trailer, Inc

6105 Columbus Ave. Anderson, IN 46013 (765) 644-1400 (877) 881-7993 Ser. Mgr. Doug Dau

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12247 Declaration Dr. New Haven IN 46774 (260) 749-8587 (877) 518-2065 Ser. Mgr. Jeff Bouck

#### Stoops Freightliner Quality Trailer, Inc.

1851 W Thompson Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46217 (317) 788-1533 (877) 518-8221 Ser. Mgr. Mike Miller

#### **Truck Country Cedar Rapids**

700 29th Ave. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52406 (319) 365-0531 (800) 332-6158 Ser. Mgr. Chris Flockhart

# Truck Country Quad Cities

2350 W. 76th St. Davenport, IA 52806 (563) 445-5870 Ser. Mgr. Darin Bohr

#### Truck Country Decorah

1653 State Highway 9 Decorah, IA 52101 (563) 382-6551 (888) 545-9297 Ser. Mgr. Ray Clark

## **Truck Country Dubuque**

10785 Route 61 South Dubuque, IA 52003 (563) 556-3775 (800) 553-3642 Ser. Mgr. Ray Clark

## Harrison Truck Centers

101 Plaza Drive Elk Run Heights, IA 50707 (800) 582-5789 Todd Rathbone

#### Harrison Truck Centers

PO Box 1708 Waterloo, IA 50704 (319) 234-4453 Ser. Mgr. Rodd Rathnone

### **TAG Truck Center**

215 Campbell Dr. Calvert City, KY 42029 (270) 395-8200 Ser. Mgr. Randy Mathis

#### Kent-Mitchell Bus Sales & Svc

41430 East 155 Hammond, LA 70403 (985) 419-8347 Ser. Mgr. Emile Musso

#### **Baltimore Freightliner**

2723 Annapolis Rd. Baltimore, MD 21230 (410) 685-4474 Ser. Mgr. John Blottenburger

# Freightliner of Grand Rapids

5285 Clay Ave SW Grand Rapids, MI 49548 (800) 968-9680

## Freightliner of Kalamazoo

53449 Main St. Kalamazoo, MI 49071 (800) 968-9680 Ser. Mgr. Mark List

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#### Truck Center Inc.

2880 Hwy 67 South Farmington, MO 63640 (573) 712-8817 Ser. Mgr. Andy Vittoe

#### **TAG Truck Center**

3792 Hwy 67 No Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 (573) 785-0193 Devin Russom

## TAG Truck Center

1485 Hwy 177 Jackson, MO 63755 (573) 339-1890 Ser. Mgr. Jeff Runnels

#### TAG Truck Center

307 Lynual Drive Sikeston, MO 63810 (573) 471-7100 Ser. Mgr. Mark Riney

#### Truck Center Inc.

747 E Taylor Ave. St Louis, MO 63147 (800) 325-8809 Ser. Mgr. Larry King

#### TAG Truck Center

2448 McCullough Blvd Tupelo, MS 38826 (662) 844-3262 Ser. Mgr. Gary Greszier

#### Albuquerque Freightliner

12901 I-40W Frontage Rd. Albuquerque, NM (505) 833-1000 Ser. Mgr. David Robins on

#### Stoops Freightliner Quality Trailer, Inc.

7800 Center Point 70 Blvd. Dayton, OH 45424 (937) 236-4092 (877) 518-0112 Ser. Mgr. Mark Vonderhuval

#### **TSI Western Star**

385 South Bailey Rd. North Jackson, OH 44451 (330) 538-3850 (800) 388-3850 Ser. Mgr. Kevin Shaulis

#### **Oklahoma City Freightliner & Western Star**

5301 I-40 West Oklahoma City, OK 73128 (877) 621-0428 Ser. Mgr. Bobby Boyd

#### Tulsa Freightliner, Sterling & Western Star

5104 W. 60th St. Tulsa, OK 74107 (866) 599-8351 (918) 445-5300 Ser. Mgr. Ron Beaver

#### Fyda Freightliner Pittsburgh, Inc.

20 Fyda Dr. Canonsburg, PA 15317 (800) 393-2556 Ser. Mgr. Brian Conkle

#### Freightliner of Knoxville

1413 Everett Rd. Knoxville, TN 37932 (865) 824-2400 Ser. Mgr. Dwyane Overton

#### **TAG Truck Center**

112 E. L. Morgan Drive Jackson, TN 38305 (731) 423-3782 Ser. Mgr. Kevin McAdams

## TAG Truck Center

673 E Brooks Rd. Memphis, TN 38166 (901) 271-0445 Ser. Mgr. Rusty Rushing

#### **Amarillo Truck Center**

2210 South Whitaker Rd. Amarillo, TX 79118 (806) 374-1033 (800) 753-1556 Ser. Mgr. Paul Tarbet

## Dallas Freightliner & Western Star

4200 Port Blvd. Dallas, TX 75241 (800) 580-2620 (972) 225-4300 Ser. Mgr. Justin Griffin

#### Fort Worth Freightliner,

Sterling & Western Star 1804 NE Loop 820 Fort Worth, TX 76106

(800) 580-9101 Ser. Mgr. Steven Hancock

### Valley Freightliner

524 Jacks Lane Mt. Vernon, WA 98273 (360) 848-0472 Ser. Mgr. Jonathan Callis

#### Truck Country Madison

4195 Anderson Rd. DeForest, WI 53532 (608) 249-1900 (800) 837-7367 Ser. Mar. Jerry Brickheimer

#### River States Truck & Trailer, Inc.

6124 Chuck Lane Eau Claire, WI 54703 (715) 874-4700 (800) 944-5973 Ser. Mgr. Henry Le Bakken

#### Truck Country of WI

2401 Progress Way Kaukauna, WI 54130 (800) 236-5271 Ser. Mgr. Matt Lueneburg

#### River States Truck & Trailer, Inc.

3959 N. Kinney Coulee Rd. LaCrosse, WI 54601 (608) 784-1149 Ser. Mgr. Steve Kemp

#### **Truck Country Marinette**

2890 Cleveland Ave. Marinette, WI 54143 (715) 735-7020 (888) 315-5995 Ser. Mgr. Justin Gleiter

#### **Truck Country Milwaukee**

2222 W Ryan Rd. Oak Creek, WI 53154 (414) 761-3384 (800) 236-6061 Ser. Mgr. Tom Foecker

#### River States Truck & Trailer, Inc.

690 Starr Lane Roberts, WI 54023 (612) 339-1115 (866) 994-3122 Ser. Mgr. Glenn Zimmerman

#### Truck Country Wausau

2435 Trailwood Lane Rothschild, WI 54474 (715) 359-9989 (800) 348-9195 Ser. Mgr. Mark Mattila

#### **Truck Country**

119 State Hwy 11 Shullsburg, WI 53586 (608) 965-4462 (800) 362-1313 Ser. Mgr. Mike Banghart



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