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1st Quarter 2005

Freightliner Flyer



America on the Move!

*FMCA's 73rd International Convention
March 21,22,23 and 24, 2005
Convention Center, Perry, Georgia*



FCOC on the Move!

*Travel Day:
Perry, GA
to
Myrtle Beach SC.*



*FCOC ~ Post Rally ~
"Spring Time in the Sun"
Rally Days ~ March 26,27,28 and 29, 2005
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*



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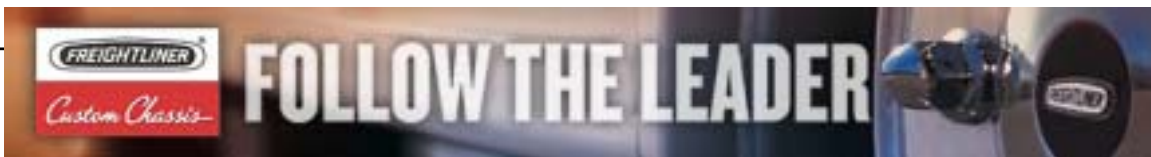
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- To utilize the club rallies to make new friendships, to re-kindle past friendships, for personal growth and for club growth.
- To continue to grow and be desirable to non-members, offering services of the Freightliner Corporation and other related manufacturer's.
- To stand as a growing positive chapter of FMCA and to follow their governing rules.
- To offer to members the training and information available to be safer more intelligent drivers of motor homes.
- To benefit from an inter-relationship between the Freightliner Corporation and Club members in securing superior service from selected motor home dealers.
- To represent the Freightliner Corporation as a true Ambassador, utilizing manufacturers as assets and directors to purchase new motor homes.
- To remember God created us all equal just that some have more expensive toys.



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Dear Friends;

Wow!!!! What a couple of months and have they gone by in a hurry. I can only say, I am here to tell you an amazing two months worth of learning and changing and realizing how I appreciate you and the prayers you offered up on my behalf. Thank you, all of you for helping me appreciate the beauty and benefits of friends and people like you. I am living proof that Prayer Power works. All I can say is that you are the greatest group of caring people in the entire world.

Sometimes we get discouraged with the happenings around us, our thought process is one of question and then a new look at life and how blessed we are because we made it through a rough experience. The calls and cards I have received, all offering prayers and for anything they could do. What a fantastic feeling of warmth and love hearing from you. Thank you so much for keeping Dorothy and me going in the right direction. .

With this experience, I have a personal goal. You know how I say that when we go to a presentation or training program, if we learn just one thing that will be a benefit to us, then our time and effort has been worth it. Well, if I bring a little knowledge that could save just one person from going through what I went through, then my little example will have been a success.

Ok here it is in a nutshell, (I hope) A little background first and it includes the after weeks of a heart attack. I came home from Tyler feeling just wonderful and really blessed. We were then to visit my cardiologist for further instructions. The visit was very positive and he even thought, I was such an active person, that I really did not need the rehab as most patients have. Dorothy and I thought it would be good to now know just how much I could do before I reached my limit. What could I do and what could I not do, that was the question. I learned, what I believe to be the greatest process of our body. It had to do with stress. Yes, Stress. I learned that any work we do around the house or the motor home or yard or whatever, is just another form of stress. Stress is what causes heart attacks, in one form or another. I was the active one. Always doing something, motor home, car, concerning myself about everything. Busy work, just busy work. I am under the impression that activity is good for the heart and blood pressure. WRONG!!! Exercise is what is good for the system and no other substitute.

My example is this. I would enter the hospital rehab unit and they take my blood pressure. 165/86 and I was wondering why it was so high. I walked up stairs, cleaned up outside, did some minor polishing on the motor home. Why was my blood pressure up????? I would then warm up by stretching and bending and just get loose in a small way. Then I would spend 15 minutes on a treadmill walking 2.6 MPH. Really not fast enough to work up a sweat. Just fast enough to get my pulse up to a reasonable level. And then to a bicycle that had pedals and arm rods for upper body exercise. 15 Minutes again and not fast enough to break a sweat. 1.0 MPH and then the blood pressure was taken and guess what 135/70.

The explanation is as follows. Exercise opens up the veins and arteries and allows more oxygen and fresh blood into your heart. Somewhat like the stint has done. I feel better now than I did before the heart problem and after 15 rehab sessions, my blood pressure has made a significant drop and all with just a little exercise of walking about 2 miles per day. It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour and that can reduce the chance of added stress or more heart damage

I also received an e-mail from a FCOC member that read the last newsletter and e-mailed the warning signs she had with a heart attack. There are many ways that our body can warn us. She experienced pain in her jaw and after a few days, she went to the dentist for an analysis of her jaw. The dentist could not find a problem and sent her home with 2 aspirin and that it would wear off. After 2 more weeks of continued pain, she went to the doctor, and he identified a 100% blocked artery and immediately did a stint installation and saved her life.

My point here is that, we should pay attention to our body and the different ways it tells us that something is not right. Tell somebody and keep pursuing the tests until all is clear and right.

Working out or even walking is a sure way to prevent a severe attack that could keep you from enjoying life on wheels.

Co-pilots or spouses, keep your eye on what is going on and help identify a possible problem with the pilots health or your own.

I hope that this information is enough to help you in preventing a health problem. Again, I thank you for your love and prayers and wish you all the best of travels.

Travel safe

Ken Hawk

**I t's not the destination
... it's the journey**

Note ! The International Convention " Tennessee Jamboree" will be held in Lebanon TN. May 3 thru 6, 2005. At that time FCOC will receive an award for 10 years of continued chapter affiliations. It should be on May 4th at about 7:00 PM. I will represent FCOC . Anyone else that is planning on attending, let me know and we can park together. The presentation is scheduled for the International Convention because we are part of the this area. We are not planning any FCOC activity except to park together as FCOC members.

Thanks ***Ken Hawk***



THE LEADER AT EVERY TURN™

To Our Valued Club Members;

Let me begin by saying "Thank You" for the support that you have given to Freightliner Custom Chassis in 2004. We are focused every day on delivering a world class quality chassis that makes your RV experience the "best it can be." Having 5000 "Freightliner Ambassadors" on the roads, in the campgrounds and at the rallies, spreading the word, is instrumental in our continued growth and success.

2004 was an exciting year for Freightliner Custom Chassis. We introduced our new tag axle chassis, a lowered engine option on our raised rail chassis, and the Mercedes MBE 926 330 horsepower engine as an alternative to our current lineup... Looking forward, 2005 will be another "banner" year as we roll out several new products and introduce other exciting innovations and new technology. We have also completed an upgrade of our website that now includes a "Virtual Tour" of our facility in Gaffney as well as added a FCCC Merchandise Store. I encourage you to visit us at freightlinerchassis.com

2005 will also prove to be another exciting year for the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club. Your club, under the leadership of Ken Hawk and his team have developed specific goals for this year that include not only growing your membership but also providing you with some great locations for your FCOC Rallies. Together we will explore opportunities to bring additional benefits to club membership and continue to make your club the "Greatest RV Club in America."

I look forward to seeing you at Perry and Myrtle Beach, and let's get the season off to a great start. See you there.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Conlan".

Jack Conlan

President

Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation



Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Membership *Renewal* Application

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Co-Pilot _____
Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail _____ Circle One Freightliner, Oshkosh, John Deere
Manufacturer of Motor home _____ Model _____
Year _____ Length _____ Vin # of Chassis _____
Purchase Date _____ Applicant must have a FMCA # _____ or
Applied for #. _____ Application Date _____

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A renewal application is printed above. Please help us by renewing early.

FCOC Get-Togethers for 2005



- FMCA's 73rd. International Convention

March 21,22,23 and 24, 2005

Convention Center ... Perry, Georgia

- FCOC ~ Post Rally ~ "Spring Time in the Sun"

March 25th. "Travel Day"

Post Rally ~ March 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2005

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



- International Area Rally

May 2,3,4, and 5,2005 Lebanon, Tennessee

- FMCA's 74th. International Convention

August 15,16,17 and 18,2005

Minot, North Dakota

- FCOC ~ Post Rally ~ "Home on the Range"

August 19th. "Travel Day"

Rally ~ August 20,21,22 and 23, 2005



Windmill Campground, Gillette, Wyoming



The FMCA 76th International Convention will be held at the Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, NC, The dates are August 14,15,16, & 17th 2006.

Parking to begin August 12, 2006.

Caravan Into Perry FMCA Convention

Charlie & Ruth Hoffstatter will be the Caravan Leaders

Phone # 1-888-218-0008

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On Sunday, March 20th , 2005 we will be assembling at the Perry High School-grounds for our caravan into the FMCA Perry Convention. We have use of the high school parking lot between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Understand that there is to be NO OVERNIGHT PARKING allowed at the school. Our entry time slot into the Convention is 2:00 PM. Arrive at the High School at least by 12:00 so we can hand out the necessary materials. If you need to pick up FMCA entry credentials from the FMCA Will Call area come early so you can go get your FMCA package and be back by 1:00. At 1:00 we will have a short meeting to go over entry and caravan details. We will be leaving the High School grounds around 1:15 P.M. for our journey into the Convention. We will monitor CB channel 7 to coordinate the caravan.

The High School address is 1307 North Ave., Perry, Ga.

The directions to the high school are as follows:

Exit 138 off of I-75 take Perry Pkwy (US341) East 1/2 mile, turn south on US 41 (Macon Rd. or SR11) go 1 1/2 miles south then turn east onto North Ave., go 2/10 of a mile east on North Ave., pass in front of the High School and then turn left onto the school grounds. Will be looking for you there !!

We will need a volunteer to be tail gunner with a cell phone. If you would like to do that please contact Charlie Hoffstatter on or before we meet on the 20th. Also some help will be needed at the high school in order to get everyone parked in preparation for the caravan.

CONTACT US IF YOU WILL BE GOING @ 512-567-1499 OR TOLL FREE 888-218-0008
OR AT OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS crvacc@direcway.com

Many thanks to Darrel Albritton and the Perry High School for allowing us to use their parking lot again.

We will be looking for you there !!!

NOTE: When registering for the FMCA Convention make sure you register for General Parking Area. This will allow you to run your generator from 7:00 AM till 11:00 PM.

Spring Time @ Myrtle Beach !

Register Now!



Sold Out!
Stand-by Only!



March 26,27,28

This rally following the FMCA 73rd. International Convention in Perry, GA. March 21-24,2005 will be held in MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA at the Lakewood Camping Resort. The Wagon Masters for this event will be Bill and Priscilla Buck. The assistance Wagon Masters will be Sue Wright and Janice Beneditti. We have 225 sites reserved. You can check out the resort on the Internet at their website www.lakewoodcampground.com.

The planning is going on now and more information is in this *Freightliner Flyer* along with the application to join us there in March, 2005.

Due to the distance from Perry GA, to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina there will be a drive day allowed before the rally begins on the March 26, 2005.

Follow our Sun!

Use Page 13 for Registration and to reserve your ...

Spring Time @ Myrtle Beach !



**2000 - 2001
National RV Park
of the Year**

Spring Time @ Myrtle Beach !

Friday March 25, 2005

Those arriving on the 25th shall pay their own camping fee for that night. If you plan to arrive on the 25th, or stay past the 30th, please contact Mary Kate Allen at Lakewood Camping Resort. The telephone number is 1-877-254-4736. Be sure to let her know that you are a member of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club. Those staying for the golf rally **do not** need to contact the campground unless you plan to arrive early or extend your stay past April 1st, 2005. For information about Lakewood, visit www.lakewoodcampground.com.

Note that parking is being assigned as registrations are received. The prime "ocean front" sites are going fast!!

Saturday March 26, 2005 – The Big Start

3-5:00p.m. **Social Hour** under the FCOC big top tent

5:30 p.m. **Dinner** at the Convention Center

Welcoming remarks ... Door prizes ... Entertainment by **Lakewood's own High Steppin' Country**. If you liked the Beach Boys and Jan and Dean you'll love these young folks. Don't forget your Hawaiian shirts and shades.

Sunday 27, 2005 - Easter Sunday

Early a.m. Sunrise Service on the beach - time will be announced

8-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Campground Church Services

Late Morning Easter Egg Hunt

1-2:30 p.m. **Sharing of Ideas** - If you've done something to your coach to make it more livable or convenient let's share the idea with others.

2:30-3:30 p.m. **Roundtable Discussion** - This is your chance to rant about the things you dislike about your coach, rave about the things you do like and beg for new features. We will compile the list and send it to those coach builders with the wisdom to use Freightliner chassis.

4-5 p.m. **Social Hour** under the FCOC big top tent

5:30 p.m. **Dinner** at the Convention Center

Door prizes ... Entertainment ... **High Steppin' Country** was so great last night that we invited all fourteen of them back. Tonight we won't be at the beach though. We're going to have some country, a bit of Southern Gospel, and a touch of patriotic favorites. And maybe if we ask nicely they'll take some requests.

Monday March 28th, 2005

8-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30 a.m. **FCCC** - If you don't know, or forgot, where your framus regulator is, this is the seminar for you.

9:45-10:45 a.m. **Cat and Cummins** - Get the latest and best information on the care and feeding for your engine.

11-12:00 a.m. **Women's Driving (part 1 of 2)** - For those women intimidated by the thought of driving the "beast", this is your chance to become comfortable. Even if you never plan to share the driving, it is important to know what to do if the need arises.



More!

Spring Time @ Myrtle Beach !

1-2 p.m.

Safe Driving - Let's face it, we can all benefit from this seminar. It will be presented by an over-the-road trucker who will tell us the right way to do things.

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Allison - What the heck does that mode button really do? Come and find out about that button and everything else Allison too.

Red Hat Society - It's time to slip on the purple and red duds.

4-5 p.m.

Social Hour under the FCOC big top tent

5:30 p.m.

Dinner at the Convention Center Door prizes – Entertainment – Were going to have some and it will be great.

Tuesday March 29th, 2005

8-9:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Weight and Other Stuff - I have all my stuff with me (and there's even a couple of empty spots left) and my coach is only a bit too heavy. What's the problem with that? Well, come and find out.

Digital Photography - My hard drive is full of .jpg/.tiff/.raw files so how do I do make them look the way I want them to look? Get your answers here

9:45-11:45 a.m.

Crimes Against Travelers - Now I'm just cruisin' the country mindin' my own business. Why should I worry? All of us **need** to attend this seminar to get the facts and nothing but the facts from Officer Bill McCain.

1- 3:00 p.m.

Women's Driving (part 2 of 2) Since you started this course yesterday, you gotta go today to see how it turns out.

1 - 2:00 p.m.

Tires (or Rollin' Rollin', Rollin') - There's more to it than just keeping them shiny and round. Come and find out how to double, or even triple, your fuel mileage.

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Oil Analysis - Every time I change my oil, it's black. But it's supposed to be black. What else is there to know? Well, come and find out.

4-5 p.m.

Social Hour under the FCOC big top tent

5:30 p.m.

Dinner at the Convention Center followed by

Closing remarks, Door prizes

Entertainment - You're just going to have to attend the rally to find out who the mega-fantastic entertainment will be for the final evening.

Wednesday March 30th, 2005

8-9:30 a.m.

Coffee and doughnuts/muffins

11:00 a.m.

Checkout time That's A II Folks !

First day of golf - Course and tee times to be announced

Thursday March 31st, 2005

Second day of golf - Course and tee times to be announced

Friday April 1st, 2005

11:00 a.m.

Checkout time for the Golfers.





Smoked Beef Brisket

1 Fresh beef brisket (2 1/2 pounds)

1 tablespoon Liquid Smoke

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup ketchup

2 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon celery seed



Cut the brisket in half; rub with Liquid Smoke, salt and pepper. Place in a 3 Qt. slow cooker. Top with onion. Combine the ketchup, mustard and celery seed spread over meat. Cover and cook on low for 8-9 hours. Remove brisket and keep warm. Transfer cooking juices to a blender; cover and process until smooth.

Serve with brisket. Yield 4-6 servings. Note: this is fresh brisket not corned beef.

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Caravan Into The Minot, ND FMCA Convention

Charlie & Ruth Hoffstatter Caravan Organizers

On Sunday, August 14th, 2005, we will be assembling at the parking lot of the Minot Municipal Auditorium in Minot, N.D. for our caravan into the Minot FMCA Convention. We have use of an area in the Auditorium parking lot until 1:00 PM Sunday. Overnight parking will be permitted on the night of the 13th. There will be a charge of \$15.00 for this night of dry camping. The \$15.00 will be collected by the staff of the Minot Auditorium. Our entry time slot into the FMCA Convention is 1:00 PM. If you will be coming in on the 14th arrive at the parking lot by at least 10:30 AM so we can hand out the necessary materials. If you need to pick up FMCA entry credentials from the FMCA Will Call area come early so you can go get your FMCA package and be back by 11:45 AM. At 12:00 noon we will have a short meeting to go over entry and caravan details. We will be leaving the Auditorium grounds at 12:30 PM for our journey into the Convention parking area.

- * We will use CB channel 7 to communicate during the caravan.
- * We will need a volunteer to be tail gunner with a cell phone. If you would like to do that please contact
- * Charlie Hoffstatter on or before we meet on the 14th.
- * The Minot Municipal Auditorium address is 420 3rd Ave. SW .Minot, N.D. 58702
- * The phone number is (701) 857-4730
- * The directions to the Municipal Auditorium are as follows:

Coming from the North or South on US Hwy 83.

1. Turn west on Business Hwy 52/2 (Burdick Expy) and go west about 3 blocks. Turn right (north) on Park St. SW and you will be at the Auditorium parking. We will have signs out directing you into the parking area.

Coming from the West on US Hwy 52 or US Hwy 2.

1. Hwy 52 and Hwy 2 merge west of town, about 10 miles after (east) of the merge you will need to turn left onto Hwy 52/2 Business (Western Ave.) As it veers Northeast into town it changes to Burdick Expressway. Go until you reach Park St. SW, turn left (north) and you will be at the Auditorium parking. Park St. SW is about 2 miles from the left turn you made onto Western Ave. We will have signs out directing you into the parking area.

Coming from the East on US Hwy 52 or US Hwy 2.

1. Business Hwy 2 and Business Hwy 52 join just east of Hwy 83 (Broadway) and become the Burdick Expressway. Come west on the Burdick Expressway past the intersection of Hwy 83 (Broadway) and then in about 3 blocks turn right (north) on to Park St. SW and you will be at the Auditorium parking area.

- * We will have signs out directing you into the parking area.
- * We will be looking for you there !!!
- * Many thanks to Keith White at the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

CONTACT US IF YOU WILL BE GOING @ 512-567-1499 OR TOLL FREE 888-218-0008 OR AT OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS crvacc@yahoo.com

WE ESPECIALLY NEED TO KNOW IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT STAY OVER NIGHT ON THE 13TH.

NOTE:

When registering for the FMCA Convention make sure you register for General Parking Area. This will allow you to run your generator from 7:00 AM till 11:00 PM.



Home on the Range !



***Join the FCOC Family of Friends after the FMCA 74th
International Convention in Minot, ND***



August 19th

Travel Day ! (Enjoy the wide open
ranges of the Dakotas and Wyoming)

August 20th to August 24th

Come Join the fun and excitement @ the Gillette, WY's Cam- Plex Facilities



CAM-PLEX features a performing arts theater, a convention/exhibit hall, two large multi-purpose pavilions, rodeo grounds, RV campgrounds, a horse race track and a 21-acre park and picnic area.

Come and Enjoy FCOC's Post Rally Summer 2005 !

~ Home on the Range ! ~



Home on the Range !



Sign Up Now!

August 20th to the 23rd, 2005

Cam-Plex Facilities, Gillette, WY.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE August 8, 2005

Registration Name:

Name Tag:

Pilot (First Name) _____ Pilot (name tag) _____

(Last Name) _____

Co-Pilot (First Name) _____ Co-Pilot (name tag) _____

(Last Name) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone # (____) ____-____ Cell Phone # (____) ____-____ E-Mail _____

FMCA # _____ Manufacturer of MH _____ Model _____

Year ____ Length ____ Lic. # _____

Will Help with: Registration ____ Seminars ____ Lunch/Dinner Help ____ As Needed ____

Note: We have **125** sites reserved, so get your reservation in early.

Deadline : August 8th, 2005. Make your check payable to FCOC for \$250 and send to Pete Palasota 8106 Knottingham Waco, TX 76712, or call (254) 772-3791.

Since a Bus Tour is planned, Please let us know if you will be going on the Bus, Monday August 22, 2005 ... Yes __ No __ .



Home on the Range !

Agenda



Facilities ~ Gillette, Wyoming

Friday, August 20, 2005

Travel Day



Minot, ND to



Gillette, WY.

Saturday, August 20, 2005

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Registration at the Cam-plex

5:00 pm

Welcome Social at the Freightliner Tent

6:00 pm

Evening Meal and Introductions



Sunday, August 21, 2005

7:30 am to 8:30 am

Coffee and Donuts

9:00 am

Devotion by (to be announced)

10:30 am

Freightliner Presentation at the Freightliner Tent

12:00 pm

Lunch on your own & Check out the Motorhomes on display !

1:30 pm

Caterpillar presentation

1:30 pm

Cummins presentation

2:00 pm

Red Hat Tea Party

3:30 pm

Water Filter Seminar

4:30 pm

Happy Hour at the Freightliner Tent

5:45 pm

Evening meal

7:00 pm

Musical variety show with comedy,

impressions, & a little magic ...



More !

More ...



Home on the Range !

Monday, August 22, 2005

8:30 am	Breakfast—full catered	
12:00 pm	Lunch on your own & Check out the Motorhomes on display !	
1:00 pm	Tour of Coal Mine – Charter	
Buses from tour	4:00 pm	Buses re- turn
	4:40 pm	
	Happy Hour at the Freightliner Tent	5:45 pm
	Evening Meal	*
	Free evening – On your own to visit with your friends !	

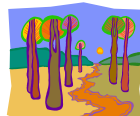


Tuesday, August 23, 2005

7:30 am to 8:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
10:00 am	Crafts for the ladies
10:15 am	Round Table Discussion, new ideas and old ones revisited !
12:00 pm	Lunch on your own & Check out the Motorhomes on display !
2:00 pm	Chuckers
game competition	



4:00 pm	Happy-Hour at the Freightliner Tent
5:45 pm	Farewell Dinner
7:00 pm	Entertainment– Carl Acuff, Jr. &
Band	Great family entertainment and really 2 acts in 1 ...
	Yes, he is related to Roy Acuff ...



AMBASSADORS* for Freightliner Chassis Owners Club

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William & Judith	Johnson	F151308	LIVINGSTON	TX	77399-2009
Ray & Sally	Jones	F126444	CLEVELAND	GA	30528
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Albert & Beverly	Moore	F191508	DEMING	NM	88030
Harold & Phyllis	Myers	F270365	LIVINGSTON	TX	77399-2022
Vincent & Alice	Pizzano	F250434	NEW PORT RICHEY	FL	34655
Bob & Connie	Reed	F172990	ATHENS	IL	62613-9601
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Camp Freightliner! When, Where & Who !

The contact is **Mike Cody** 864-206-8738 and the where is at Freightliner Custom Chassis in Gaffney S.C. The when is predicated on how many people I get for the classes? The cost is **\$100.00** and only **one** person per coach can come. I give out a wiring schematic of the customers coach and a Air schematic for those who come.

Now the only limitations put on the class is that you must have a diesel engine and have a air brake system and it must be a Freightliner chassis and you have to belong to the FMCA and FCOC clubs to attend. We cover service, maintenance, and storage; bringing the unit out of storage how the different style dashes operate. What to look for when getting service and how to make sure what service you are getting. We also cover some computer operation for those who have access to the internet, how to get on the web site and look up dealers and how to get on access freightliner and get your own password so you can have access to parts pro. Just a variety of things we cover. This is not a hands on class but I have a bare chassis set out front so we can go over it and I give a plant tour.

Right now, because we had such a waiting list carry over from last years last class I have almost filled the Aprils class already. I have put on three classes so far. If I fill the classes up and I have more requests for that same week, I will put in another class on the Thursday and Friday of the same week to accommodate the over flow but right now I only need the three classes. April is almost filled, I have only two openings left and the May and June classes are wide open. If you have anymore, questions please fill free to call me.

April 4th and 5th 2005

Mike Cody

May 9th and 10th 2005

Freightliner Custom Chassis

June 6th and 7th 2005

Sr. Service Trainer

864-206-8738





Congress Replaces National Recreation Fee Demonstration Program

The National Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, created in 1996 as a three-year experiment, will soon be replaced by a new recreation fee program that will cover five federal agencies and provide a 10-year fee authorization. The agencies included in the program are the National Park Service, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation. The new Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act is based upon legislation approved by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resources.

The new federal recreation fee program is supported by most recreation and tourism interests, largely because at least 80 percent of the fees collected will be retained at the local sites and should result in improved visitor experiences. Other key provisions of the legislation include:

- Well-defined guidelines on where recreation fees may be imposed, specifically prohibiting fees for locations that proved most controversial during the fee demonstration program.
- Clear direction to the five federal agencies to coordinate fee programs and avoid multiple or layered recreation fees.
- Continued special treatment for certain Americans, exempting or charging nominal fees for children, seniors, people with disabilities, and schools.
- The creation of a two-tier daily/short-duration fee program for Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Forest Service, and Bureau of Reclamation lands; a standard amenity recreation fee; and an expanded amenity recreation fee when the use of special facilities (including campsites) or the receipt of special services is involved.
- Explicit requirements for public involvement in the development or changing of a recreation fee and for reporting on the use of collected fees.
- A new interagency annual pass called the "America the Beautiful — the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass." All other national passes are prohibited, including existing single-agency passes. The new pass may be marketed through government and non-government entities. The pass will be valid for 12 months after purchase (not for a specific calendar year), and when purchased by a citizen or person living in the United States over the age of 62, will cost \$10 and be valid for the pass holder's lifetime. Details about the pass will be determined by the secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior but are expected to resemble those that now apply to Golden Eagle and National Park passes.
- The authority for site-specific annual passes.
- The authority for special recreation permit fees for group activities, recreation events, and motorized recreation vehicle use.
- The authority for regional, multientity passes that could cover areas managed by a variety of federal, other governmental, and nongovernmental entities for periods up to one year — including federal agencies not included under this legislation, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- The authority for discounted and free admission days.

According to Derrick Crandall, president of the American Recreation Coalition, the result of this legislation should be \$200 million or more in new resources every year above and beyond appropriations. "Fees will remain only one part of caring for our legacy of public access to public lands by anyone, regardless of their financial situation," he said.

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Freightliner *Custom Chassis* releases "What's New" in 2005 for the XC chassis ...

GAFFNEY, S.C....Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) has announced the new products and product enhancements that will be on display during the RVIA show in Louisville this year. Highlights from the show will include the XC chassis with a "lowered engine option"; introduction of the Mercedes-Benz MBE 926 330HP engine with an electronically controlled fan clutch; a newly designed TAG axle chassis with automatic load proportioning and air disc brakes; and an improved I-Beam front axle with an amazing 55 degrees of wheel cut.

"We continue to strive to be the leader in developing improvements to the ride and handling of our XC chassis," said Dean Schaper, Director of Sales and Marketing for FCCC.

The "lowered" engine position on the XC chassis allows coach manufacturers to achieve a flat floor in the rear of the motorhome -- an industry first. It is currently available with either the Caterpillar or Mercedes-Benz engine.

The Mercedes-Benz MBE 926 is a 330 HP, high-torque engine that comes with an optional fan clutch that reduces the noise level in the coach as well as provides increased fuel economy and additional horsepower when the fan is not required for cooling.

The newly designed Tag axle chassis features the ZF Independent Front Suspension with 56 degrees of wheel cut and an automatic load proportioning system. This results in improved handling, a tighter turn radius and balanced weight distribution.

The Bendix Air Disc Brake System is an option that is available on all chassis models. This new system has an "automotive" pedal feel and has been proven to reduce stopping distances as well as minimize brake fade in most driving conditions.

The FCCC new and improved I-Beam Front Axle will now increase the wheel cut from the current I-Beam of 50 degrees up to 55 degrees. This will result in a much tighter turn radius and even greater maneuverability.

"We have taken an industry-leading wheel cut and made it even better", said Jack Conlan, President of Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation. "Engineering efforts like this further reinforce our commitment to continuous improvement and maintaining our leadership position in quality and innovation."

[Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation](#) manufactures premium chassis for the motorhome, delivery walk-in van, school bus and shuttle bus markets. It is a subsidiary of [Freightliner LLC](#), the leading heavy-duty truck manufacturer in North America. Freightliner produces and markets Class 3-8 vehicles under the [Freightliner](#), [Sterling](#), [Western Star](#), [American LaFrance](#), and [Thomas Built Buses](#) nameplates and is a company of [DaimlerChrysler](#), the world's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer.

Tyvek Jackets !!

Jackets typical to the picture below will be available at the upcoming Rallies. They will be available with the FCOC logo on the back instead of the front as shown. The jackets are a wind breaker style with a grouping of states pictured on the front and back. The material is tyvek well known for wind protection. The cost of each jacket is \$25.00 with an additional cost of \$4.00 for shipping. Two jackets shipped to the same address can be delivered for the same \$4.00 shipping cost.

Order Now !!

To order call
Katherine Henley
214-704-2437



Available sizes are: **L & XL Only !**

Sizes run small. Colors are White, with Red & Black trim.

Let's All Get an FCOC Jacket for the Rallies !

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AMBASSADORS CLUB OF FCOC

I have recognized a special group of people within the FCOC, I call them Ambassadors. This list is designed to recognize those special people that go the extra mile in representing our club. I know that many Freightliner Chassis owners do not know of our club. They have been told about us and the benefits of FCOC, by these Ambassadors at places like the Flying "J", at a Wal-mart parking lot or even at a campground or local motor home rally.

These special people are a valuable asset to our club. They have all added new members by taking the time to talk of FCOC to many folks and signing them up to be members.

We have all been told that "word of mouth advertising" is the best kind. This is truly an example of good word of mouth advertising. I want to thank each one of these folks for doing an outstanding job of bringing in new members. If you see one of these folks, just stop and say hello and thanks for helping FCOC become the type of club we all want to be proud of. **Ken Hawk**

Getting to Know You!

Gary Poole FCCC Product Manager

* Graduate of Ohio State University 1968

* Entered USAF in 1973 as a pilot candidate

* Spent 21 years as an Air Force Fighter pilot flying A-10 and F-16

* Graduate of the Air Force Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun)

* Retired in 1994 as Lieutenant Colonel

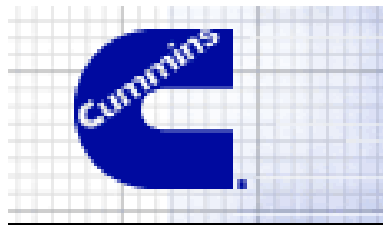
* Became Regional/ General Manager of Holiday RV Superstores/ Recreation USA based in Greenville with stores located in SC, VA and WVA

* FCCC Product Manager in June of '04

* I bring a focus on the retail RV customer and RV dealer operations from my GM experience.



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