

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club

"10th Anniversary 1995 - 2005"

2nd Quarter, 2006



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- FMCA's 76th International Convention

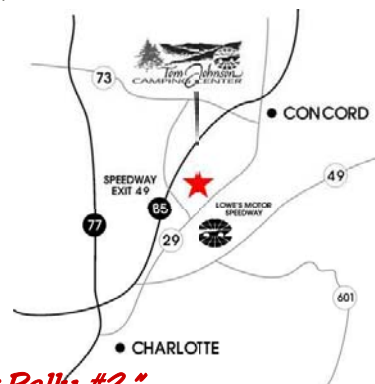
August 14,15,16, & 17, 2006

Lowe's Motor Speedway ~Charlotte/Concord, NC.

Homecoming Rally #2



and then On to Marion NC.
And the Best



FCOC Post Rally "Home Coming Rally #2"

August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23rd. 2006

Marion, NC.





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~ President's Message ~



Fellow FCOC Folks;

Again, a lot is going on within our club. Some things you know about and other things I am about to let you know. Number 1 is an announcement from FMCA. The Club you belong to (FCOC) as of Jan 1st, 2006 is now the largest chapter within the FMCA Family. It is also my opinion, that we have always been the BEST club within FMCA.

I hope by now, most of you with access to a computer, have logged on to the "Keeping In Touch" part of the FCOC Database. The ongoing process of having this program be more user friendly will always be on our minds. We feel good that the LaBov & Beyond Folks will always be there to help. Anything new like this requires an extra amount of patience to make it happen. Thank you to those that have reported in with corrections. I will be using this new database to keep you updated with new information as it becomes available.

Pete Palasota, our treasurer, is working on a program that allows us to pay our registration fees on line. Pete is working to get us the most up-to-date system available and have it be easy to just insert in the Keeping In Touch program. I am happy with our progress and will keep you informed as we go along.

The correcting of the FCOC database now has made it possible to send the T/A people our names and addresses for our T/A Card.. June 1st was the date we sent the new list, so if you did not change your information, there might be some delay in getting your T/A card. I know it seemed like a long time for this but it was my decision to get the most up-dated list. Yes, more then 1000 people went on-line to update their information So thank you for your help in getting the current information.

A very important announcement that you may have already heard. It was brought to the attention of the New Rally Masters for **Homecoming Rally #2** that we needed to change the rally location. For contractual reasons, we have moved the Home Coming Rally #2 to Marion N.C., Tom Johnson's Rally Park. This is the same site we used for the Home Coming Rally #1 in 2002. We will now be able to give those in attendance a fantastic rally for their money. Please look for more information in this newsletter or on the Web site. There is still limited spaces so register right away. We are very excited to be back with the folks at Tom Johnson's and we know we will be treated well. .

This Newsletter is a very important issue. As you may know, there 3 offices open for re-election. The office of Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and National Director. The Nominating Committee report is also included in this newsletter. If you come to the FMCA convention, look for the FCOC business meeting to elect your choice of officers. You can also vote by mail until August 5th so that your vote can be tabulated and included in the election process.

An update of fuel economy from the 4th quarter newsletter is that we should search for the least expensive fuel available. The web site "www.dieselboss.com" will give you the most up-to-date diesel fuel prices available. They list all the majors and a few that are not so major but the prices are current and it could make a difference of a few dollars on a fill up. So look on the internet before you start out. This little research could save many dollars for a trip.

Another important web-site is the National Road Construction web site "www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo" This will help in routing a trip to avoid delays.

The next FMCA rally is in Perry Ga. And after that is the FCOC rally, called "**Florida Freightliner Frolic**" Pete & Alice Pizzano, are Rally Masters for this rally at the Lazy Days Rally park. in Florida. They have some great things planned and you know what Lazy Days gives you, more food and education one can stand in one location. This also appears in this newsletter for March 2007 Pete & Alice have hosted many rallies there and Pete knows the folks. They work hard to please him and now FCOC, and we look forward to a WIN WIN rally.

Until we see you at an FCOC rally, please drive safe and let us hear for you from time to time. We enjoy all the notes and experiences we get from you and keep those cards and letters coming.

Be Safe and God Bless

Ken Hawk

*It's not the destination
... it's the journey*



T H E L E A D E R A T E V E R Y T U R N ™

As the mercury is beginning to rise here in Gaffney SC, Freightliner Customer Chassis Corporation is gearing up for another busy summer.



Notwithstanding volatile fuel prices, FCCC business remains strong. Our Class A Diesel Motor Home market share recently hit an all time high of 56% .

Last month Monaco Coach Corporation elected to place a number of chassis orders for our Front Engine Diesel (FRED) RV Chassis and will be showcasing this product to their dealer organization shortly. With the addition of Monaco, I am proud to say that all of the leading Motorized Recreational Vehicle manufactures are now building on Freightliner.

In March, I had the opportunity to see a number of you at the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC) rally in Tucson AZ. These rallies are an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about your chassis reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. They are also a great venue for my colleagues and I to learn from you about how we can make FCCC better and your RV experience even more enjoyable.

I would like to wish all of you an outstanding summer and hope to see as many of you as possible at our next Owners Club Rally in Charlotte NC this August. Please drive safe and thank you for choosing Freightliner

Sincerely,

Reid Bigland

Reid Bigland



T H E L E A D E R A T E V E R Y T U R N ™



THE LEADER AT EVERY TURN™

New Freightliner Custom Chassis Service & Training Facility Opens July 2006

As previously announced FCCC is opening our new service and training facility on the Spartanburg Technical College Cherokee County Campus this summer. This is the first building to open on the 64 acre campus and we are excited to be able to expand our capability to provide professional service for our customers.

The New FCCC Factory Service Center:

- Will be located at 103 Campus Drive, exit 92 on I85; approximately 1 mile west on Highway 11.
- We are on schedule to open the week of July 10, 2006.
- We will have six service bays and a dedicated training classroom.
- There will be 20 RV parking spaces and a dump/water station on site.
- Camp Freightliner classes will be held on site and we plan to increase class size to 12.
- We are working with Shell Oil to offer their Rotella Road to Rewards Program for all of our customers.

For Information on Extended Warranties !

FREIGHTLINER LLC
CUSTOMER PROTECTION PLANS
Freightliner Custom Chassis Motorhome
Models: MC, VC, XC

Go online to:

freightlinerchassis.com and click on ***[motorhome](#)*** and then go to ***[Extended Warranties ...](#)***

Items of interest:

Complete Chassis less Drivetrain*

Towing**

Engine

Cummins ISB '02 Series^

Cummins ISL Series^

Alliance Batteries

Transmission"

Allison 1000/2000/2400***

Front & Rear Axles"

- *Complete chassis coverage does not include batteries, engine, transmission, axles or body.
- ** Towing includes up to \$450 US/\$675 CAN maximum charge per occurrence, associated with warrantable chassis failures.
- *** Allison requires Castrol TranSynd synthetic oil or TES 295 equivalent.
- ^ Cummins coverage must be registered within 180 days of in-service date.
- " Transmission/Axle coverage must be registered with 1 year of in-service date.
- Fees paid for extended coverage are not refundable.
- Time increment includes 3 year basic chassis warranty.

**For more information or a price quote, contact FCCC,
Cher DeMeza (864) 206-8277 or e-mail cherdemeza@freightliner.com .**



THE LEADER AT EVERY TURN™



Freightliner Chassis Owner's Club
join today!

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Membership *Renewal* Application

Name _____ Application Date _____

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 _____

Dues are \$10.00 per Year or 5 Years for \$45.00 US Dollars

Send to: Kathy Kyzer c/o FCCC

552 Hyatt St. Gaffney, SC. 29341

(864) 487-1700

Need at little Help ...

Folks;

At the Pomona Ca. Temporary Business Meeting and Pizza Party, We talked to a lot of folks that wanted to join FCOC. Dorothy Hawk had a Freightliner bag. It was tan and black and had the Freightliner logo on it. Somebody took it upon them selves to take the contents out of this bag and we now have a problem. There were at least 2 couples that gave her money. It was \$45.00 in cash and the other was a check I believe for \$45.00. My question is "If you gave money to Dorothy at the Pomona party, check and see if your check cleared the bank and also the cash one, let me know your name so we can get you into the FCOC club." Our E-mail address is kenhawk@airmail.net

Thanks

Ken Hawk



~Check Out the "2006" Schedule~



- FMCA's 76th International Convention

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Concord, NC.



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August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23rd. 2006

Tom Johnson RV Rally Park Marion , NC.

- FMCA's 77th International Convention

March 19. 20, 21, & 22, 2007

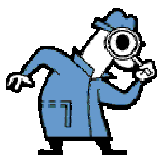
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter

Perry, Georgia

- FCOC Post Rally "Florida Freightliner Frolic"

March 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2007

Lazydays Rally Park, Tampa, Florida



FCOC Caravan Into 2006 FMCA Charlotte Convention

Charlie & Ruth Hoffstatter will be the Caravan Coordinators

Phone # 1-888-218-0008

E-Mail crvacc@yahoo.com

On Saturday, August 12th, 2006 we will be assembling at the Fieldcrest Cannon Stadium parking lot near Kannapolis, NC. for our caravan into the FMCA Charlotte Convention. We have use of Kannapolis Intimidators Baseball Club parking lot between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Understand that there is to be **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING** allowed at the parking lot. Our entry time slot into the FMCA Convention is 1:15 PM. on Saturday. Arrive at the parking lot at least by 10:30 so we can hand out the necessary materials. If you need to pick up FMCA entry credentials from the FMCA Will Call area, you will need to do that before coming to the parking area. Since it is about 16 miles from the parking lot to the FMCA Will Call Area, I would recommend that you go the day before or go early on Saturday so you can get back to the Fieldcrest Parking lot by 10:30. At 12:00 we will have a short meeting to go over entry and caravan details. We will be leaving the parking lot around 12:30 for our journey down Interstate 185 to the FMCA convention parking area.

We will monitor **CB channel 7** to coordinate the caravan during our trip.

Phone number for Kannapolis Intimidators is 704.932.3267

Directions to the parking area are as follows: Fieldcrest Cannon Stadium is conveniently located directly off **Exit 63 on I 85**.

Heading South on I 85

Take **Exit 63 off I 85**. Turn right onto Lane Street. The entrance to the stadium, Stadium Drive is located 0.4 miles on the right.

Heading North on I 85

Take **Exit 63 off I 85**. Turn left onto Lane Street. The entrance to the stadium, Stadium Drive is located 0.4 miles on the right.

We will need a volunteer to be tail gunner with a cell phone. If you would like to volunteer please contact Charlie Hoffstatter on or before the 12th. Also some help will be needed at the Fieldcrest Stadium parking lot to get everyone parked in preparation for our caravan.

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

Many thanks to Randy Long and the Kannapolis Intimidators for allowing us to use their parking lot.

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.

NEW INFORMATION ABOUT AUGUST RALLY

Hi to all. We have had a change of location for our rally. Instead of Concord, NC we are going to Marion, NC. It is about 100 miles from the FMCA rally site. It is moved to Tom Johnson's Rally Park at his Camping Center. It is in the mountains with a lovely view. Directions will be at the end of article.

There are some other changes also. The tours to Cat, Michelin, and Freightliner have been changed. All 3 in one day was too much. We have split the tours into 2 groups. One will go to Cat and Michelin. One group will go to Freightliner. When you fill out your Application please indicate if you want to go to both tours. That would mean that you would be touring both Monday and Tuesday. If only one or the other is desired, just check the one you want. **THERE IS LIMITED SEATING ON THE TOURS. GET YOUR APPLICATION IN EARLY.** Also there are safety instructions from CAT. Please be aware that shoes must be worn for all tours. And ladies please read about purses. You must follow the instructions to go on the tour. These are for your safety and are firm. They are in the newsletter and online.

The deadline for receiving the applications is August 1st. Please send early as we have a 1 week delay in receiving mail. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

We will be sending out email or regular mail out to all the folks that have applied already. We want to make sure everyone knows about the changes.

Any questions about registration or tour information please call: The Assistant Rally Masters: Rick & Donna Kennedy at 410-353-6224. Email: rickkennedy100@hotmail.com.

We have more good news! If you want to arrive early you can. Tom Johnson Rally Park will honor the rally rate from August 15th to August 28th. That rate is \$19 per night. To arrive early, call your rally masters: Clint and Jill Baumann at 216-970-6247. Do not call the rally park for early arrival. Arrangements to stay after the rally can be made while you are here.

While you are at the rally park you are asked to use only 1 air conditioner at a time. With so many coaches we will be close to maximum for the park.

Please look at new agenda for changes. Thanks to all.
Clint & Jill Bauman Rally Masters.

Directions:

2695 Highway 70 West, Marion, NC 28752

From the East: Travel west on I-40 to Exit 86. Turn right off exit. Travel six miles to intersection of US Hwy 70 at third traffic light. Turn left and follow 70 w for 2 miles. Dealership is on the left. Pass the 2 entrances to the dealership go to next street on the left (Resistoflex Road). Turn there. Go to the park entrance on the left.

From the West: Travel East on I-40 to Exit 72. Follow US Hwy 70 East. You will pass through the town of Old Fort. Then go about 8-9 miles. There will be a traffic light. (corner of NC 80 and US Hwy 70) About 50 yards after the traffic light you will turn Right on Resistoflex Road. Signs will be posted. Go to park entrance on the left

The Latest Word ...

Update on the Truck Stops of America program.

We are wanting to get the latest updated list of members and then the TA folks will put our name on a card and send them out. It should happen the first part of June. See the Presidents letter page 3.... *Thanks for your patience.*



Post Rally Aug. 2006



Homecoming Rally #2

August 18th to the 23rd Marion, NC

5 NIGHTS CAMPING, FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND PLENTY OF LIVELY ENTERTAINMENT.

IT'S ABOUT 100 MILES WEST OF CONCORD, NC

ARRIVE EARLY IF YOU LIKE. YOU MAY ARRIVE ON AUGUST 15TH AT THE RATE OF \$19 per NIGHT. IF YOU WANT EARLY ARRIVAL CALL: CLINT AND JILL BAUMANN AT 216-970-6247.

DO NOT CALL RV PARK!!!

FRIDAY 8/18 ARRIVE, PARK, COME GET YOUR RALLY DOCUMENTS
5:00 PM HAPPY HOUR / BYOSTS (Bring your own snacks to share.)
6:00 PM DINNER
7:15 PM OPENING CEREMONY
ENTERTAINMENT: **THE NEW DAWN SINGERS**

SATURADAY 8/19 8:00 AM BREAKFAST
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM SEMINARS BY: CUMMINS, CATERPILLAR
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM FIRE & LIFE SAFETY BY MAC McCOY
12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK ON YOUR OWN EACH DAY EXCEPT THOSE ON TOUR.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM SENINAR: FRIEGHTLINER FOR ALL
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM PRECISION ELECTRONICS, AND PRECISE SATELITE
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM FREIGHTLINER FOR LADIES GIVEN BY RHONDA
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ALLISON TRANSMISSION
5:00 PM HAPPY HOUR / BYOSTS
6:00 PM DINNER
7:15 PM ENTERTAINMENT: **RON & KAY RIVOLI**

SUNDAY 8/20 8:00 AM BREAKFAST
9:15 AM RELIGIOUS SERVICES WITH RON AND KAY RIVOLI
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM GARAGE SALE: BRING ALL YOUR EXTRA STUFF
FOR SALE, ONE MANS JUNK IS ANOTHERS TREASURE
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM RED HAT SOCIETY TEA, PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED
5:00 PM HAPPY HOUR / BYOSTS
6:00 PM DINNER
7:15 PM ENTERTAINMENT: **WILLIE & COMPANY**

MONDAY 8/21 7:30 AM FIRST TOUR BUS LEAVES TO GO TO CATERPILLER PLANT
THEN MICHELIN. YOU WILL GET YOUR SCHEDULED TIME
AT REGISTRATION
7:45 AM BREAKFAST
8:30 AM SECOND BUSES LEAVE. ONE TO MICHELIN THEN CAT, ONE TO
FREIGHTLINER.
**** THOSE GOING ON TOURS WILL HAVE LUNCH AND
WATER ON YOU BUS. DO NOT FORGET SAFETY INFO!!
9:00 AM FOR THOSE NOT GOING ON TOUR, THERE WILL BE
VENDOR SEMINARS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
5:00 PM HAPPY HOUR / BYOSTS
6:30 PM DINNER
7:45 PM ENTERTAINMENT: **RON & KAY RIVOLI**

TUESDAY 8/22 SAME AS MONDAY UNTIL 6:00 PM
6:00 PM DINNER
7:15 PM ENTERTAINMENT: **COMEDIAN FRANK HAYES**

WEDESDAY 8/23 **GOODBYES & SAFE DRIVING**
YOU MAY STAY UNTIL AUGUST 25TH AT THE \$19.00 PER NIGHT RATE.
ARRANGMENTS FOR LEAVING LATER CAN BE MADE DURING THE RALLY.





HOME COMING RALLY #2

August 18—23, 2006

Tom Johnson Rally Park
2695 Highway 70 West, Marion, NC

Pilot (First Name) _____ (Name Tag) _____

(Last Name) _____

Co-Pilot (First Name) _____ (Name Tag) _____

(Last Name) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

FMCA# _____ Mfg. of MH _____ Model _____

Year _____ Length _____ License. # _____ State _____

Is This Your First FCOC Rally ? _____

Will you help with: Registration _____ Seminars _____ Meals _____ As Needed _____

We have only 300 sites reserved, So get your reservations in Now !

Deadline: August 1st, 2006 * Make check Payable to FCOC for \$295.00 and send to :

Jill & Clint Bauman
414 N.W. Knights Av. #614
Lake City, Florida. 32055
410-353-6224

All Calls about registration :

Rick & Donna Kennedy
216-970-6247



Factory Bus Tours are planned and space is limited, check your choices. If that tour schedule is full we will schedule you for the other day if possible.



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|--------------------------|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | August 21st Freightliner tour | * _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | August 21st Caterpillar & Michelin Tire Facilities tour | * _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | August 22nd Freightliner tour | * _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | August 22nd Caterpillar & Michelin Tire Facilities tour | * _____ |

* Number of persons for each tour See page 15 for safety dress code for tour @ Caterpillar.

Happenings @ FMCA Pomona CA March, 2006...



The Get-to-gether in Tucson !

The Get-to-gether in Tucson !



More Fun together @ Tucson Post Rally





Safety Guidelines

Safety is very important at **Caterpillar**. We want to ensure that your visit with us is informative, interesting, enjoyable, and safe. Caterpillar asks that you help us to maintain our great safety records for visitors by reading and adhering to the following guidelines:

Dress and Personal Items

Visitors must be at least 12 years old.

No shorts allowed.

Complete foot covering is required.

No sandals, open toes or high-heeled shoes.

Cell phones, cameras, purses, handbags, backpacks, waist packs, briefcases or satchels are not allowed in factories.

Safety glasses will be provided and must be worn at all times. These will fit over your prescription glasses.

Sunglasses are not allowed.

Special Needs

- Visitors with walking casts, orthopedic devices, and crutches must notify Caterpillar and make special arrangements for safe transportation within our facilities.
- Canes are allowed within our facilities and visitors using them need not make special arrangements as above unless their walking ability is severely limited by distance. For Security reasons, name badges must be worn at all times while visiting our facilities.

Mapleton Foundry Tours:

All previous conditions apply and in addition:

Expectant mothers and **pacemaker wearers** should inform Caterpillar before they take their tours in order for the director to set up a tour that can avoid the electronic microwave areas.



FCOC Business Meeting - March 28, 2006 at Tucson, Arizona

The business meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm by President Ken Hawk. Ken welcomed the 227 members present and thanked them for attending. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Carolyn Morris, the club's Spiritual Leader, offered a prayer and mentioned that there were four club members needing our prayers.

President Ken set the tone for the meeting by saying "Everything we are doing here today is designed as the beginning to a lot of things so Keep Your Fork!" He said that he would explain what that meant later.

Ken then introduced the club's officers. He first asked Katherine Henley, Executive Vice-President, to stand. Katherine welcomed everyone and asked that past Rally Masters and Assistant Rally Masters stand and be recognized. Ken thanked Katherine for her involvement in past rallies and for the great job she had done. He then introduced the remainder of the club's officers.

President Ken asked Priscilla Buck, the club's Secretary, to read the minutes of the last business meeting held in Minot, ND. Since these minutes had been published in the newsletter, Priscilla requested that the reading of the minutes be waived. A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion, the motion carried and the minutes, as published, were accepted.

Pete Palasota gave the Treasurer's report covering the period from August first, 2005 to February twenty-eight, 2006. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Chuck Belba, Vice-President of Membership, discussed changes to the FCOC by-laws. He discussed a letter received from FMCA in June of 2005 that requested changes to our by-laws. The major change was to voting requirements. This requested change was to allow both the "pilot" and "co-pilot" the right to vote versus one vote per coach. Chuck said that in the past, regardless of the wording in the club's by-laws, both the "pilot" and "co-pilot" have had voting power. Since the other "house keeping" changes to the by-laws had been posted on the FCOC web-site, Chuck asked the President to request a motion to waive further reading of the changes and accept the changes as posted on the web-site. A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Chuck then announced that the club's membership was 5,720 coaches. He then stated that he expected that the number would drop because of non-renewals. Chuck was hopeful that the new "Keeping In Touch" program will increase membership retention.

Dorothy Cassada, the club's National Director, then gave her report. She attended the FMCA Presidents Forum and learned that the last FMCA International Rally had the lowest net loss indicating the FMCA is on the right track. She also attended the International Area meeting and reported that the International Area Rally will be held in Gillette, WY from June thirtieth to July third, 2006.

President Ken then moved on to new business. He first discussed "Keeping In Touch" program which is an on-line membership database which is accessible from the freightlinerchassisownersclub.org web-site. Access to the database is on the Membership page. Complete instructions for accessing and maintaining your membership information will be posted on the Membership page.

Ken emphasized that each member's information is private and cannot be viewed or changed by anyone except that member. He also emphasized that each member will now have the capability and responsibility to keep their information current. Over time this database will provide many benefits for FCOC and its members. The most immediate benefit will be up-to-date mailing addresses for the newsletter. Reducing the number of returned newsletters will reduce costs as well as keeping members informed about club activities.

Ken now explained why we needed to "Keep Our Forks". There was a little 99 year old lady who had a fork in her pocket after dinner. When asked why, she replied "I keep this fork in my pocket because I know there is something (desert) better to come." And, before she passed away, she requested that a fork be placed in her pocket before she was laid to rest as she was sure that something better was yet to come. The "Keeping In Touch" will allow better things to come. The database is expected to be on-line within a few weeks.

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Minutes ...

Ken next talked about the Ambassador's Club. Ambassadors are FCOC members who have made the extra effort to enroll new members, have worked diligently to support the club, and have represented FCOC in an extremely positive manner. Also, Ambassadors should have attended two, or more, FCOC rallies. Ken encouraged members who feel they should be an Ambassador to approach any of the club's officers and ask about becoming an Ambassador.

Ken continued by saying that in addition to representing FCOC to fellow RV'ers, the Ambassadors will be tasked with calling on motor home dealers who sell coaches on Freightliner chassis's. The intent is that each Ambassador will become the liaison between FCCC and five or six dealers. As such, the Ambassadors will assure that the dealers have the needed tools, such as FCCC brochures, literature order forms and training material, in order to better sell coaches on Freightliner chassis's.

Ambassadors will be given business cards, a pen and pencil set, and eventually shirts. For each dealer call the Ambassador will receive a \$50.00 gas card.

Finally Ken talked about the need for an FCOC "volunteer co-coordinator". This person's responsibility will be to assure that when people volunteer to help, and the vast majority of members do volunteer, that they are actually put to work. Too often people volunteer but are not given a job. This creates two problems. First, people stop volunteering, and second, the camaraderie created by working together on a common goal is not realized. Volunteers make a club like FCOC successful so it stands to reason that more volunteers will make FCOC more successful. Ken requested that anyone interested in this position talk with any of the officers.

At 12:50 pm President Ken asked for a motion to close the meeting. A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pricilla Buck, Secretary

Ambassador News

The FCOC Ambassador program is still going strong with members signing up people at every location possible. We are told that a couple ran into a FCOC Ambassador at a Wal-Mart store. That to me is really talking up this wonderful club. They did join and are now members and were glad they shopped at Wal-Mart that week end.

So keep on talking with potential members on Freightliner chassis that don't belong to our club... Sign Em Up !! Great Job.

The other part of the Ambassador program is on going and we are selecting Dealers for each Ambassador. You should be hearing from FCCC about information of these dealers. If you want to select a group of Motorhome dealers to call on in your area, call me and we can get it done. Lets make this a tremendous success. Ken Hawk (214) 244-4307



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

June, 2006

The members of the nominating committee have met during recent rallies, communicated by Email, regular mail, and by phone. We have discussed our duties to the membership and have made recommendations to the Executive Board. Since we meet only twice each year and not all members of the committee are present at all meetings, it is difficult for us to communicate with the members to the extent that we would like. We would request that anyone interested in serving the club in any of the leadership positions, please let members of the Nominating Committee know of your interest.

We have recommended, and continue to recommend to the Executive Board that they consider expanding the number of people on the Board by adding additional Vice-President positions. This action would not require a change in the by-laws and would be beneficial to our ever-growing club for obvious reasons. The committee recommends a Vice-President in charge of rallies and a Vice-President in charge of long-range planning. If anyone has any ideas regarding this re-structuring, please contact any of the officers with your ideas.

We have an election coming up at the August 2006 business meeting. There are two officers that are up for re-election and have given us notice that they do not wish to run for another term. Katherine Henley, who is currently the Executive Vice-President and Pete Palasota, currently our Treasurer are both retiring from office.

Dorothy Casada who is currently our FMCA National Director, is up for re-election and have indicated that she would like to continue for another term.

Based on the above information, the Nominating Committee would like to present the following as our recommended slate of officers for the upcoming election at the business meeting in August 2006 at Charlotte, NC.

Executive Vice-President	Bill Buck
Treasurer	Tom James
National Director (FMCA)	Dorothy Casada
Alternate Director (FMCA)	Roy Hopper

The responsibilities of each office have been discussed with these nominees, and they have all indicated a willingness to serve the FCOC club in these capacities.

As a reminder, if anyone wishes to nominate a candidate for any of the above offices, they may do so at the August Business meeting. A motion from the floor, followed by a second and acceptance by the person nominated, will place that person on the ballot. Once the nominations are closed, the election will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Belba, Chair, Nominating Committee



Florida Freightliner Frolic

March 23rd to March 28th 2007

Sit back and relax and let the program for the March FCOC Rally at Lazy Days Rally Park rest with me. Most of the meals, the picnic and the entertainment are already in place. A little polishing, and tying of loose ends, and we will insure a top notch Freightliner Owners Club rally.

Two songs keep floating through my head. One song is about "Palm Trees Are Gently Swaying", "Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Ole Kit Bag". I would like to put these two songs together and make a parody of them, something like, "PACK UP YOUR FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS" "JOIN US AT LAZY DAYS WHERE THE PALM TREES WILL BE GENTLY SWAYING IN THE WARM FLORIDA SPRING BREEZE"

Lazy Days Rally Park has 299 sites with all amenities, rating it among the top campgrounds in the country. A large recreation hall with a stage and sound system has recently been renovated. All roads and sites are paved. The heated pool and hot tubs are immaculate. Every day except Sunday there is a breakfast and lunch served. The park provides a shuttle bus to carry the residents to the main office and cafeteria.

One can spend a whole day visiting new or used RV coaches, Cracker Barrel. Flying J and Camping World are adjacent to the park and well within walking distance.

Within a 1 hour radius of the Park are casinos, Busch Gardens, Cypress Gardens, Sea World, Disney World, Water World, Beaches, golf courses, and Plant City, the strawberry capitol of the world. There is so much to see and do, you may want to stay a few extra days and take advantage of all the attractions.

We have 200 sites reserved for the FCOC Rally. This 4 1/2 day rally has many surprises in store for you. No, I cannot tell what they are: they are surprises!!! Soooo, pack up your freightliner chassis and join us "where the palm trees are gently swaying".

Look forward to seeing you in Florida at the FCOC Rally!!!!

Pete and Alice Pizzano
Rally Masters



New C93 Light Bulbs . . .

Have you encountered one of these new light bulbs ... maybe your porch light burned out and you went to change it. A CEF 93...what? Looks like a regular 1146 or 1156 bulb...but is says CEF 93 and made in China. I tried to find this bulb at auto parts stores, Wal-Mart...no one carried this bulb!? Having been 'burned' in years past by substituting an 1156 for a 1141 and melting my porch light fixture...I was a little cautious about getting the right bulb. The fixture had stamped on the back plate, substitute was a 1003 bulb. So I tried the smaller 1003LL which I hoped would not melt things. It worked ok but seemed to burn out faster than the C93. Well I finally made time to research light bulbs and compare specs. Here is the result.

Bulb	Amps	Light Out-put MSCP	Energy Used Watts	Life Avg. Hours	Watts < over C93	Remarks
C93	1.04	15	13.3W	700		New bulb used in outside RV lights
1003LL	0.94	15	12W	400		RV recommended replacement for C93
1093	1.19	15	15.2W	1,000	7%	Good replacement only 1.9W more & much
1142	1.44	21	18.4W	1,000	38%	Old standby bulb easy to find at any auto parts
1141	1.44	21	18.4W	1,000	38%	Old standby bulb easy to find at any auto parts
1156	2.1	32		1,200	100%	Old standby bulb but too hot - could melt your fixture

Yes, the 1003 would not melt the fixture, but look at it's avg. life...only 400 hours! The data reveals a much better choice, the 1093 AND they are available at most stores that sell auto parts. The old regular 1141 and 1142 are brighter and probably will work fine in most RV light fixtures also. But be careful with the 1156 or 1157...they are too hot for most RV light fixtures, they are designed for tail light fixtures.

Hope this helps remove the mystery of the C93 bulb.

Rudy Morris
FCOC Webmaster



Member News & Updates

In the past few Months, there have been many members that need our prayers or a note or card. I will put there name and address after their event. It is extra special to receive cards and notes from others that show their concerns, Love and Prayers. If there are some we have missed, please notify the Care Person Pat Tomme or the Spiritual Leader, Carolyn Morris.

#1 **Karen Diddich**, Brain Surgery. Surgery successful and she is recuperating at home Address is 1336 Edgehill Ave. Ashland, Oh. 44805

#2 **Art Tobin**, Operation for Aneurism & Back Surgery He is recuperating at home. Address is 2111 N. 50th. Street Hollywood, Fl. 33021

#3 **Karen Carpenter**, Surgery and recuperating at home. Address is 506 Glenwood Ave. Media, Pa. 19063

#4 **Leroy Verrett**, Leroy injured his back helping dismantle the FCOC tent at the FCOC Tucson Rally. He had a back injection with Superglue, He is recuperating at home 926 Crystal Hill Rd. Hot Springs, Ar. 71913

#5 The **Mother of Bill Buck**, passed away in May in New Hampshire. Our Prayers go out to them understanding this loss. 55 Northrup Dr. Brentwood, NH. 03833.

#6 Past President FCOC, Mr. Doug Johnson passed away in May of a lung disorder. Cards can be sent to **Sheryl Johnson**, One Tourquay Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909-5073 Include Sheryl in your prayers for understanding.

#7 Former members, Joe & **Nancy Durrance**. Nancy had suffered a blood clot to her lung. She is now home and recuperating. Home address is 704 Cox Drive, Selmer, TN. 38375-2363 Three weeks later, Their son, Justin Durrance, 27 was involved in a head on collision. He is just out of ICU but still recuperating and needs our prayers. Send cards to the address above.

#8 Please include Regie Tobins sister **Peggy** in your prayers. She has colon cancer and is resting at home. Address cards to 2111 N. 50TH Street,

#9 **Larry Henley** is recovering from knee surgery and is recuperating at home. Send cards to 3114 E. Main St. Grand Prairie, TX. 75050

#10 **Bob & Uwarda Smellie** have a new attachment for their coach to make it easier to enter and exit for Uwarda. Our continued Prayers are with them both. Address for cards is 1508 Lost Lake Dr. Keller, Texas 76248

“Special Announcements”

- **Leroy Verrett has married Unice and now are Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Verrett. Congratulations to the happy couple.**
- **Ken & Dorothy Hawk are proud Great Grandparents for the second time. Millie W Herzog weighted in at 9lbs 11 oz. on May 10th.**





Red Hat Society



This is not an article about transmissions, engines, brakes, or all the usual stuff. This is about recipes, quick tips for cleaning or other household jobs that we still have to do while we are on the road. If you will send along your hints and recipes, we will share them with others.

At the Tucson Rally, some ladies in red hats were treated to a delightful program by Cheri Romanoski speaking on the wonders of prickly pears. What started out as an interim project to fill in time has become a company that requires the labors of her family and a small crew of Mexican helpers. The company produces several prickly pear products including prickly pear marmalade, prickly pear candy and prickly pear syrup.



The fruit that grows on the bush-like cacti is what is used in her products. Since the fruit ripens from late July to late September, August is her busiest month with most of the hard work coming during the month of August. The fruit is removed from the plant with tongs and placed in buckets (while wearing gloves, of course) and transported to her facility. The company still has not become mechanized so there is still a lot of hand labor involved in producing the tasty jellies and candies.

Here is some information that she shared:

Cooked juice: Without removing peel or stickers, cut washed pears in large pieces and put in large kettle with water to barely cover. (Use less water for stronger-flavored jelly.) Boil until tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Press with potato masher and strain through two or three thicknesses of cheesecloth. Skin, seeds and stickers are removed during this process. Discard cloth. At this point, juice may be frozen.

Making Jelly: To 2-1/2 cups juice in a large kettle, add 1-3/4-ounce package powdered pectin. Bring to a fast boil, stirring constantly. Add 3 tablespoons lemon or lime juice and 3-1/2 cups sugar. Bring to a hard boil. Cook for 3 minutes at a rolling boil. Remove from heat, skim and pour into sterilized jelly glasses and seal. If you have more juice that needed for a batch of jelly, freeze for later use in other recipes.

The name, address and telephone number of Cheri's is:

Cheri's Desert Harvest
1840 E. Winsett
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Hope to see you all in Charlotte, N.C. in August 2006!

Arlene Griffith

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