

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club

"10th Anniversary 1995 - 2005"

4th Quarter, 2006



Freightliner Flyer

www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org

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at one of the

**International
Conventions**

FMCA's Convention
Perry Georgia
March, 2007

FMCA's Convention
Redmond, Oregon
August, 2007

Post Rally "Florida
Freightliner Frolic"
March, 2007

Or

FCOC Post Rallies

Post Rally
Northwest Area
"To be
announced"
August, 2007

And

Area Rallies

INTO "Intrigue-
'007' Rally"
Harrington, DE.
April, (2)007

in **2007 !**



Happy New Year
to each in the
FCOC
Family !





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~ President's Message ~



To All FCOC Members;
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year:

To my friends and fellow RV'ers who are members of the most wonderful group of people in the entire world. It is my pleasure to sit again and write a note about what is happening with our club. There are so many good things on the table and many more to come. To start with, and maybe you already know, FCOC is the largest chapter in all of FMCA. This results from the wonderful efforts of many people, our Freightliner corporate friends, and best of all you the members of this great club. It takes teamwork and cooperation to grow the way we have. I personally thank all of you involved in this growing process..

There are a few items that we must cover. The progress of "Keeping in Touch" is going along well. You will be happy to know that the number of returned newsletters has been reduced by almost half. That is the good news!!! We still need your help with the database and updating your personal information. I can identify when a member has not been on the database by seeing that your zip code is the same as your password. So far we have seen about 1/3 of the 6000 members update their information, but we need everybody to log on and then change your password. Remember, all libraries have computers for you to use. Log on the FCOC website, "freightlinerchassisownersclub.org" then scroll down to membership and click on the "Keeping in Touch" button. Log on using your FMCA Number as your user name. Then enter your zip code as your password. Make the necessary changes and click on "Save Changes". Don't forget to change your password too.

We have been discussing the opportunity of having Freightliner LLC do more for the club. Well, you might have noticed that we have the opportunity to get financing through the same folks that Daimler/Chrysler uses. They are working on a package to present to us, hopefully in Perry, or at Lazy Days. But in the mean time, if you are interested in getting a rate from D/C Finance, you may call Tony Sippel at (864)487-1700 or fill out the application on the Freightliner.com website. A note of consideration is that financing is determined by the person's credit-worthiness, (is that really a word?) So keep in mind you still have the chance to be more competitive than with a regular bank or finance company. This is just another added benefit we have as FCOC members.

Another note of concern has surfaced its ugly head. I am going to remind you to be especially careful of repair facilities. I mean all repair facilities, even the Freightliner dealers. When we enter their shop, we have an automatic level of confidence and trust that they will do right by us. Well they all won't!!! All repair facilities should be handled with caution, especially regarding their billing. Follow good business practices and ask for a written estimate before any work is done. If they won't cooperate, then take your business elsewhere.

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I can't be too strong about this subject because a few of our members have been taken advantage of when they have trusted, and to me this is just not right. So even in a breakdown emergency situation, and I know this may be difficult, make every effort to get a written estimate and request an update if the estimate is going to change. Get your point across that you will pay no more than the written estimate. Be sure and find out if the repair is under warranty and what the warranty covers, parts, labor and what all. Have the repair shop mark on the estimate what is covered under warranty. Who's warranty? Freightliner, a third party warranty or what? Be sure the warranty is approved before the bill is presented. Remember Gaffney closes at 5:00 PM Eastern time. If there is not time to get Freightliner's approval, then wait until the AM when Gaffney is open, to close the bill out. This way you should not have to pay for any service that may be under warranty.

Now I ask a favor of you. Over the holidays, when others may have a little too much to drink, drive carefully and remember you are driving a 40,000 lb bullet. 90% of Motor Home accidents are usually caused by the other car or truck. So I ask, consider every move you make and do it cautiously and consider the other guy. Be safe in your travels and say a prayer that we all get to our destinations safely.

Take Care and I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks for your support

Ken Hawk

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



A Special Thanks

This note is to try to express the gratitude that I feel about the Officers that are leaving their office of FCOC. We all have life experiences and most are very memorable occasions. To work with people you like and can get along with is truly a pleasure. I just want to thank those folks; Katherine Henley the executive VP and Pete Palasota the treasurer, and Pat Tomme the Caregiver, for a job well done. The FCOC is going to miss the caliber of these people and you will understand that they have raised the bar a level in their performance with this club. All of this club has been made better because of these three. I know they have not left the club and we will see them at some rallies. When you see them, just say "Thank You" on behalf of all of us.



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To: FCCC-ALL

The New Year starts on a positive note at FCCC. We left the annual RVIA show in Louisville pumped up with confidence that 2007 will be another strong year for FCCC. Our Powerliner III prototype chassis with a 500 horsepower ISM and tag axle was a big hit. In addition we heard positive forecasts from several of our large OEM's for all of our current products and our FRED chassis continues to gain momentum.



FCCC is by far the largest diesel motorhome chassis builder. Our market share of the Class A diesel market is currently over 54%. The diesel share of the Class A motorhome market has exceeded 50% in 2006.

Our Oasis dealer program has expanded to 84 Freightliner dealers strategically located throughout the US. We are continuing to expand and improve the Oasis program and appreciate your feedback on all of our service centers.

To better accommodate our customers that return to the factory we opened our new 6 bay service facility in July of this year. It has been well received by our customer base including many of you from the owner's club. The overnight parking area adjacent to the facility is also a nice improvement from our previous accommodations. Many of our visitors take advantage of the daily FCCC plant tour to see first hand how we construct chassis.

The FCOC plays an important part in our growth strategy. We appreciate the support of the club and look forward to continued feedback from you, not only about our service efforts, but about all aspects of our business.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the FMCA Rally in Perry Georgia as well as the FCOC Rally in Tampa Florida this March. We will also be at the Redmond Rally this summer.

I look forward to meeting many of you at these events!

Sincerely,
Bob Harbin



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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 an FMCA # _____ or Applied
for #. Application Date _____

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

Send to: **FCOC c/o Kathy Kyzer**

552 Hyatt St. Gaffney, SC. 29341

(864) 487-1700

Membership Reminder for 2007

Hi Everybody,

This is a friendly reminder that your membership dues for Freightliner Chassis Owners Club are due 12/31/06.

Please Take Action On This Notice.

Your very important FCOC membership will expire Dec. 31st. 2006. PLEASE take the time and send your dues in as soon as possible.

Dues are:

\$10 for 1 year in US dollars

\$45 for 5 years in US dollars

Please consider the 5 yr. option! This saves you money and this saves us a lot of yearly paperwork.

Please Complete the Membership Renewal Form Above and Mail To:

FCOC c/o Kathy Kyzer

552 Hyatt St. Gaffney, SC 29341



~Check Out the "2007" Schedule~



- FMCA's "77th International Convention"

March 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2007

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter

Perry, Georgia



- FCOC Post Rally

"Florida Freightliner Frolic"

March 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2007



Lazydays Rally Park, Tampa, Florida

- INTO "Intrigue '007' Rally"

April 19, 20, 21 & 22, (2)007

Harrington, Delaware

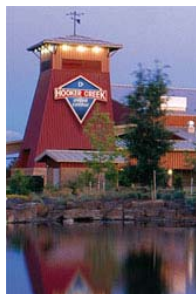


- FMCA's 78th International Convention

August 13, 14, 15 & 16, 2007

Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center,

Redmond, Oregon



 **SCHEDULE** 

Take Note !

FCOC—Caravan into the Perry FMCA Convention
Charlie & Ruth Hoffstatter will be the Caravan Leaders
Phone # 1-888-218-0008
E-mail crvacc@yahoo.com

On Saturday, March 17, 2007 we will be assembling at the Perry High School grounds for our caravan into the FMCA Perry, GA. Convention Center. We have use of the High School 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 school. Our entry time slot into the Convention is 1:30 PM. Arrive at the High School at least by 11:00 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 High School grounds around 12:45 PM for our journey into the Convention Center. We will monitor CB channel 7 during our caravan travels.

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 North Perry Pkwy (SR11) East 1/2 mile, turn South on US 41 (Macon Rd.—SR11), go 1 1/2 miles South then turn East onto North Ave., go 2/10ths. of a mile East on North Ave. and watch for FCOC direction signs.

We will need a volunteer to be tail gunner with a cell phone. If you would like to do this please contact Charlie Hoffstatter on or before we meet on the 17th. 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 TO FREE 888-218-0008 OR AT OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS crvacc@yahoo.com

Many thanks to Darrel Albritton and 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.



Next FCCC Rally ~ 2007!



March 24th to March 28th 2007

A common expression "Hey! What's New?" The answer is included. 3 FCOC members, Rick Kennedy Registrar, Roy Hopper Assistant Rally Master, and yours truly Pete Pizzano, Rally Master and are concentrating on the March 24th–28th 2007, *Florida Freightliner Frolic Rally* at Lazy Days Rally Park in Seffner Florida. Lazy Days is located off I-4 exit 11.

Rick Kennedy is a very busy registrar, sending out confirmation letters and notes, making bank deposits and staying in constant contact with the Rally Park. Roy Hopper is busy writing to RV support industries asking for gifts for our goody bags and raffle items. The task of the registrar is a demanding job. To lighten Rick's job we ask that you register early. It pleases us to say every thing is smoothly coming together. The caterer is under contact, the picnic is scheduled, and the entertainment is in order.

For the observant, note the rally dates have been changed. We delayed the starting date by one day and extended the rally. The reason was to allow for a more leisure trip from Parry GA. To Tamps (Seffner) Fl.

The rally will start on Saturday with a spaghetti dinner accompanied by some light music. Sunday we will car-pool to Boggy Bottom for a picnic and a restful afternoon of walks, games and hay-rides. Eat a light breakfast on Sunday and make room for a Bar-B-Q dinner picnic that will quench the appetite of the most hearty.

We suggest on Monday or Tuesday or both days, you will find time between the seminars to visit Parksedale Farms for a strawberry shortcake or a shake. On Monday evening we will have a Luptons catered dinner and the music of Hot-Lips. Alice and I have seen them perform and know they'll have you tapping to the beat. Tuesday evening, the final night, Dinner by Luptons and the humor of Mark Ralston. Watch out ladies! Mark is a handsome young entertainer who likes to roam about the audience for fun and frolic.

Driving lessons are available. Lazy Days sponsored seminars, other various seminars and the Freightliner Master Seminar instructor, Larry Doer. Every time I attend one of Larry's talks I learn something new.

Those requiring special meals, please inform us of your food limits the day of registration. We will inform Luptons and will make all attempts to adjust your meals for you.

Ladies, you are not forgotten!! We have crafts and the Red Hat Society scheduled. There is 3 months of planning before March. We are sure that we will have more exciting and entertaining things to do.

Looking Forward to see you there
Pete & Alice Pizzano





Freightliner Frolic Rally Agenda

Florida Freightliner Frolic

3/24/07 through 3/28/07

Saturday 3/24/07 Arrival time 12:00 noon

12:00 – 4:00 PM Registration
Lazy Days office, get site and park .
Come to Recreation Hall and register with
Freightliner Representatives.
4:00 – 6:00 PM - Social Hour Freightliners Wel-
come Party.
6:00 – 7:00 PM - Spaghetti Dinner
7:00 – 8:30 PM - Entertainment

Sunday 3/25/07

8:00 – 9:00 AM - Coffee and Donuts- Main Hall
8:00 – 12:00 AM - Devotion
9:00 – 11:00 AM - Vendors and Seminars
11:00 – 12:00 Noon - Travel to Boggy Bottom - Pic-
nic Car Pool - map provided.
12:00 – 4:00 PM - Chicken & Ribs - games
Putting green, Nature Walk, Dance,
See Florida as ***Ponce de Leone*** saw it.
6:00 – 7:30 PM - Bingo - Main Hall

Monday 3/26/07

7:30 – 9:00 AM - Breakfast - Sales Building
8:30 – 10:30 AM - Driver Education - Classroom
9:00 – 11:30 AM - Seminars and Vendors
11:00 – 1:00 PM - Lunch - Sales Building
1:00 – 4:00 PM - Seminars and Vendors
4:00 – 5:30 PM - Social Hour
5:30 – 7:00 PM - Dinner - Roast Beef
7:00 – 8:30 PM - Entertainment - **Hot Lips**

Tuesday 3/27/07

8:00 – 9:00 AM - Breakfast - Sales Building
8:30 – 10:30 AM - Driver Education - Classroom
9:00 – 11:30 AM - Seminars and Vendors
11:00 – 1:00 PM - Lunch - Sales Building
1:00 – 4:00 PM - Seminars and Vendors
4:00 – 5:30 PM - Social Hour
5:30 – 7:00 PM - Dinner - Chicken
7:30 – 8:30 PM - Entertainment - **Mark Ralston**

Wednesday 3/28/07

8:00 – 9:00 AM - Breakfast - Sales Building

Day of Departure

Larry Dorer and Freightliner will be available to
explain parts and operation of the displayed chas-
sis.

Barney Alexander has invited everyone who
wishes to sit in on the Driver Education class may
do so.

Driving is limited to only those who have signed up
and reserved a spot.

All Driving spots at this writing are filled....!





Registration Form

(Registration Deadline March 1, 2007)

FCOC Tampa, Florida Rally — March 24 to 28th 2007

Lazy Days Rally Park

6210 County Road # 579

Seffner, Florida 33584

(800) 905-6627

Rally Includes

10 Meals	Door prizes	Full Hook-ups	Offsite Picnic
Welcome Social	RV Displays	Student Driving*	Vendors
Red Hat Tea	Ice Cream Social	Entertainment	Bingo
Daily Newspaper	Hot Tub	Tennis	Seminars

Freightliner Tech Service and Good Fellowship

*Lazy Days has a free Student Driving course available for those staying at Lazy Days. You must contact Lazy Days DIRECTLY for more information or to attend this course.

FMCA # _____

Pilot: _____
Last Name First Name Name Tag

Co-Pilot: _____
Last Name First Name Name Tag

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip Code _____

Primary Phone # _____ Other Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Are you a military veteran: Pilot - Yes ___ No ___ Co-Pilot - Yes ___ No ___

In order to recognize special dates, please indicate any birthdays or anniversaries occurring during the dates of the Rally: _____

First time at FCOC rally? Yes ___ No ___ Handicapped Parking? Yes ___ No ___

Red Hat Tea: Yes ___ No ___ Can you help during the Rally? Yes ___ No ___

Mfg of Coach _____ Model _____ Length _____

We have 200 sites reserved. Make check payable to FCOC for \$295.00 and Mail to:

Rick & Donna Kennedy
158 Rainbow Drive #5878
Livingston, Texas 77399

Email: rickkennedy100@hotmail.com
Phone: (410) 353-6224

MISSION STATEMENT

- To utilize the club rallies and make new friendships. To re-kindle past friendships for personal and 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 our members training and information available to be safer more intelligent drivers of motorhomes.
- To benefit from an inter-relationship between the Freightliner Corporation and Club members in securing superior service from selected motorhome dealers.
- To represent the Freightliner Corporation as a true Ambassador, utilizing manufacturers as assets and directors to purchase new motorhomes.
- To remember God created us all equal just that some have more expensive toys.



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Getting to Know newly elected Board members ...



Executive Vice- President

Bill was born and raised in Western Massachusetts. He served four years in the military and was stationed in Japan for much of that time. After returning to the states he worked for a number of computer companies in various capacities such as field engineering, engineering management, software quality management and strategic planner. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Boston University in Business and Engineering Management. He retired in 2000.

Bill joined FCOC in 2003 and prior to being elected as Executive Vice President, was the club's Operations Manager. He and his wife Priscilla, were the Rally Masters for the FCOC Rally in Myrtle Beach in the Spring of 2005.

Bill

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Treasurer

Tom was born 2/23/36 and enlisted in the Army July 1958. Served in Korea in 1958 and Japan 1958 / 1960. Married Marlyse in Sacramento, CA July 31, 1964.

They have three children, two girls and a boy. Tom was a driver for Loomis Courier Service for five years and a Manger for ten years.

Bought a Dairy Queen in 1977 and sold it in 1991. In the 1980's Tom became President of the Chamber of Commerce in North Highland CA. and also President of North Highland Lion Club.

Started a trucking company in 1990 and became a franchise of Adcom Worldwide in 1992 in Sacramento, CA. with 5 employees. He built the business up to be number six out of forty offices. Their son is operating the business since 2006 and Marlyse and I set off to travel.

In 2002 Marlyse retired as a nurse after 47 years and we took off to Europe for 30 days.

If you are ever in the California, Sacramento area, give us a call, see you in Perry GA.

Tom & Marlyse



INTO Intrigue - '007'

INTERNATIONAL AREA RALLY, HARRINGTON, DELAWARE
APRIL 17TH THRU THE 23RD

You may or may not realize that the FCOC is a chapter of the International Area of FMCA. And as you may have read in this newsletter, FCOC has been asked to help out at that rally. We have been asked to assist the rally with the Security of the rally. Jay Blumenthal has asked us to have a group of our members to gather and help out. We will need aprox. 75 couples to fill the slots that will work for about 2-3 hour shifts. This is not really difficult to work this, all you have to do is check badges at the designated places. Our club did this before at Claremore Oklahoma and had a good time and had some fun as a result.

Soooooooooooo, I am asking for *help* in representing FCOC at the international rally.

The particulars for this duty is as follow;

The security volunteers should arrive on the 17th in the AM.

The general parking starts on April 19th.

The opening ceremonies on the 20th.

We work on the 19th AM thru the 23rd when everybody departs.

We have a volunteer dinner on the 19th and our club will be recognized at the evening entertainment on the 22nd.

The best way to register for this rally, I am told is by phone to FMCA. Be sure to inform FMCA that you are a volunteer for the rally from FCOC. They will try to park us together. If you want Hook-ups, mention that and the charge will be \$25.00 rather than the normal \$50.00 for non volunteers. So be sure and mention FCOC Volunteer and Hook-ups and register early.

Please also e-mail our FCOC Volunteer co-ordinator, Rick Kennedy. This way I will know who is coming. (410) 353-6224 E-Mail "fcocvol@hotmail.com" E-mail preferred

Any Questions, Call Rick or me (214)244-4307

Thanks for your help.....Ken Hawk

F.V.I.

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Part Numbers

Part Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
Engine Oil Filter		
Cummins B5.9L	Fleetguard	LF 3349
Cummins C8.3L, ISC, ISL, ISM	Fleetguard	LF 3000
Cummins ISL (Used after Jan 2005)	Fleetguard	LF 9009
Cummins ISB	Fleetguard	LF 3970
Cummins ISB 02	Fleetguard	LF 3729
Caterpillar 3126, 3126B & 3126E	Caterpillar	1R-0739
Caterpillar C7	Caterpillar	1R-1807
Air Cleaner Element		
Cummins B5.9L; ISB; Cat 3126, 3126B&E, C7	Farr	End Inlet 114500-003
Cummins B5.9L; ISB; Cat 3126, 3126B&E, C7	Farr	Side Inlet 114880-003
C8.3L	Farr	Side Inlet 099842-009
Cummins ISC & ISL	Farr	Side Inlet 062891-001
Cummins ISM	Farr	Side Inlet 062891-002
Fuel Filter (Engine Mounted)		
Cummins B5.9L & C8.3L	Fleetguard	FF 5052
Cummins ISB	Fleetguard	Spin-On FS19519
Cummins ISB	Fleetguard	Top Load FS19579
Cummins ISB 02 In Line Strainer	Racor	RAI-025RAC10
Cummins ISC & ISL Remote Mtd.	Fleetguard	Spin On FS1022
Cummins ISM	Fleetguard	Spin On FS1003
Caterpillar (Secondary Engine Mtd)	Caterpillar	Spin On 1R-0759
Caterpillar C7 (Secondary - Engine Mtd.)	Caterpillar	Spin On 1R-0751
Caterpillar (Fuel/ Water Sep)	Caterpillar	198-6378
Caterpillar (Fuel/ Water Sep) 2 Mic	Alliance	ABP-32FRT03
Caterpillar C7 (Fuel/ Water Sep) 30 Mic	Alliance	ABP-S3226FL02
Cummins ISB 02 FWS Remote	Fleetguard	Spin On FS19596
Fuel/ Water Separator - Remote Mtd	Fleetguard	FS1242
Fuel / Water Separator - Remote Mtd 30 Mic	Alliance	ABP-32FRT01
Cooling System		
SCA Coolant Filter 8 to 20 Gallons	Fleetguard	FG WF2071
SCA Liquid 1 Pint Bottle	Penray	PIC 3000 16
Coolant Test Strips	Fleetguard	FG CC2602B
SCA Pre Charged Antifreeze 1 Gallon	Alliance	OWI ALA003
Transmission Filter		
Allison 1000, 2000 & 2000MH	Allison	Spin On 29537268
Allison MD3060, 3000MH, HD4060, 4000MH	Allison	Internal 29540493
Allison 3000MH & 4000MH Deep Sump	Allison	Internal 29540494
Allison MT643 (Remote Mounted)	Fleetguard	Spin On LF3342
Air Dryer Filter		
Midland or Haldex Pure Air Plus	Haldex	Kit# DQ6026
Haldex PUEst Filter Kit	Haldex	Kit# DQ6050
Haldex PUEst Purge Valve Kit	Haldex	Kit# DA331115
VC & VCL Chassis	Chicago Rawhide	T224
Hydraulic Filter		
In Line (Rear Radiator w/ TRW Gear) 25 Mic	Freightliner	14-16028-000
Metal Tank (Side Radiator Only)	Fleetguard	80972A
Plastic Tank (Side Radiator Only)	Vickers	V0191B1R05



A special Thanks

Pat and Bob Tomme accepting a Plaque thanking them for their service to FCOC as the Caregivers. They worked with us for 4 years. On behalf of FCOC we thank them for their continued support and special service to members in need.



A place for good Service !

One of our members had some work done here and over the years they have performed excellent service ...

James & Julia Robertson visited the below repair facility and found that the work was performed well and they were given a time for the completion and all was superior. James suggests that anybody in this area would do well to stop in for any kind of motor home service. James also suggests that you call ahead and make an appointment and be sure to inform the people at this facility that you are a member of FCOC...

James & Julia

Note !

FOR ALL YOUR AUTOMOTIVE, DIESEL, RV, TRAILER & 4X4 SERVICE NEEDS	FOR ALL YOUR AUTOMOTIVE, DIESEL, RV, TRAILER & 4X4 SERVICE NEEDS
WWW.2033MOTORSPORTS.COM	WWW.2033MOTORSPORTS.COM
JEROME PARKER CUSTOMER OPERATIONS MANAGER 2033 FM 929 WEATHERFORD, TX 76088 817 341 2033 2033MOTORSPORTS@GMAIL.COM	CHUCK EDWARDS HEAD HONCHO OWNER 2033 FM 929 WEATHERFORD, TX 76088 817 341 2033 2033MOTORSPORTS@GMAIL.COM

We need to be aware of reputable repair facilities in any part of the country, so I ask our membership to let the editor know when you are treated well and courteous.

Thanks *Ken Hawk*

For what its worth!



DaimlerChrysler says: "Diesel good for America"

DaimlerChrysler said that diesel must play a big part in solving the fuel crisis in the USA. "Diesel will be good for America, and biodiesel makes diesel better." He said that diesel engines provide 30% better fuel economy and 20% less CO2 emissions. He also pointed out that biodiesel would use 20% plant based fuel that had been grown in the USA, not imported from the Middle East. According to the American government's own figures, if diesel had a 33% share of cars and pick-ups, the U.S. would reduce its oil consumption by up to 1.4 million barrels of oil per day. That would mean it could stop importing oil from Saudi Arabia altogether. Reuters
9/11/2006

ULSD ?

Cleaner diesel fuel is coming to the U.S.! Refineries started producing it June 1, and it is required to be at retail facilities by October 15. There is a new resource that addresses these questions: www.clean-diesel.org. Here are some excerpts from that site that respond to questions we've received:

Q. How will ULSD fuel affect the power and fuel economy of existing diesel cars, trucks and non-road engines and equipment?

A. Under typical operating conditions, there should be no noticeable impact on overall power using ULSD fuel. Fuel economy may be reduced slightly because the process that removes sulfur also can reduce the energy content of the fuel.

Q. Will ULSD fuel affect the performance of my vehicle?

A. Engine and vehicle manufacturers expect ULSD fuel to be fully compatible with the existing fleet, including 2006 and earlier model year vehicles. In some instances, the introduction of ULSD fuel to older vehicles may affect fuel system components or loosen deposits in fuel tanks. As part of a good maintenance program, owners and operators of existing cars, trucks and buses are encouraged to monitor their diesel-powered vehicles closely for potential fuel system leaks or premature fuel filter plugging during the change-over to ULSD fuel.

Q. Will I need to put an additive in my fuel tank to replace the lubricity that was provided by the higher sulfur content?

A. Like Low Sulfur Diesel fuel, ULSD fuel requires good lubricity and corrosion inhibitors to prevent unacceptable engine wear. As necessary, additives to increase lubricity and to inhibit corrosion will be added to ULSD fuel prior to its retail sale. With these additives, ULSD fuel is expected to perform as well as Low Sulfur Diesel fuel



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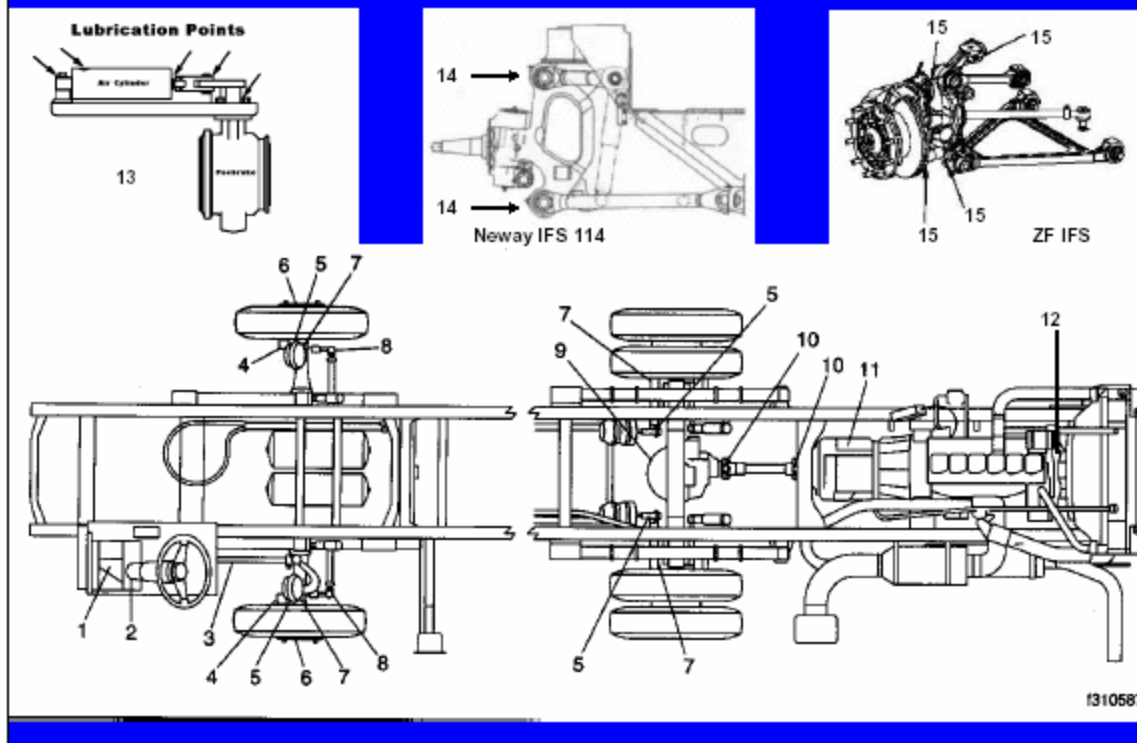
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Scheduled Maintenance



One very important area of regular, scheduled maintenance, is the lubrication of various points on the chassis steering, braking and suspension systems. The above chart points out these locations. The lubrication intervals and lubricant specifications are listed in your owners manual and on the attached pages for your particular chassis. Lubrication does not have to be performed by a authorized service dealer, but the dates and mileage of lubrication and general service should be recorded for future reference.

No.	Text Ref. No.	Components	Remarks	Total
1	46-05	Steering Gear	One Grease Fitting	1
2	46-04	Steering Shaft	Three grease fittings; lubricate both universal joints and the slip joint spline	3
3	46-01	Drag Link & Bell Crank	Two grease fittings per drag link; one on each end, and one on bell crank housing	5
4	33-01	Knuckle Pins	Two grease fittings; one on top and one on bottom of knuckle pin. Lubricate both sides of axle.	4
5	42-05	Automatic Slack Adjusters	One Grease Fitting; Lubricate both sides of front and rear axle	4
6	33-04	Grease Lubricated Wheel Bearings, Front Axle	Inspect, repack and adjust inner and outer bearings on both sides of front axle	
7	42-04	Brake Camshaft Bracket	One grease fitting; Pump in grease until it appears at the slack adjuster end of the bracket. Lubricate both sides of the front and rear axles.	4
8	33-02	Tie Rod	One grease fitting; one on each end of tie rod	2
9	35-01	Rear Axle	Check fluid level; add fluid if low (35-02)	
	35-02		Change fluid when required (35-01)	
10	41-01	Driveshaft	Three grease fittings; lubricate both universal joints & slip joint spline	3
11	26-02	Automatic Transmission	Change fluid when required (35-01)	
12		Caterpillar Fan Drive Pulley	One grease fitting; on top of fan drive pulley on Engines built prior to 1/03/03 Note: 3126E Serial # HEP15357 & above, and all C7's, and all side radiator NO Grease fitting.	1
13		Pacbrake Exhaust brake	Lubricate the five points indicated	
14	32-04	Neway Ind. Front Susp.	Two grease fittings; One on top & bottom of knuckle post, lubricate both side of suspension	4
15		ZF Ind. Front Susp.	Four grease fittings; one on top and bottom steering knuckle, and one on top and bottom control arm. Lubricate both sides of suspension.	8

One solution to the battery discharging on the Toad

There has been several comments on the FCOC newsgroup about the battery discharging on the Toad while towing, particularly Chrysler products. It has been stated that some owners manuals say you have to disconnect the negative cable while towing. This means that you have to re-set your radio settings and possibly other settings as well which could be a bother.

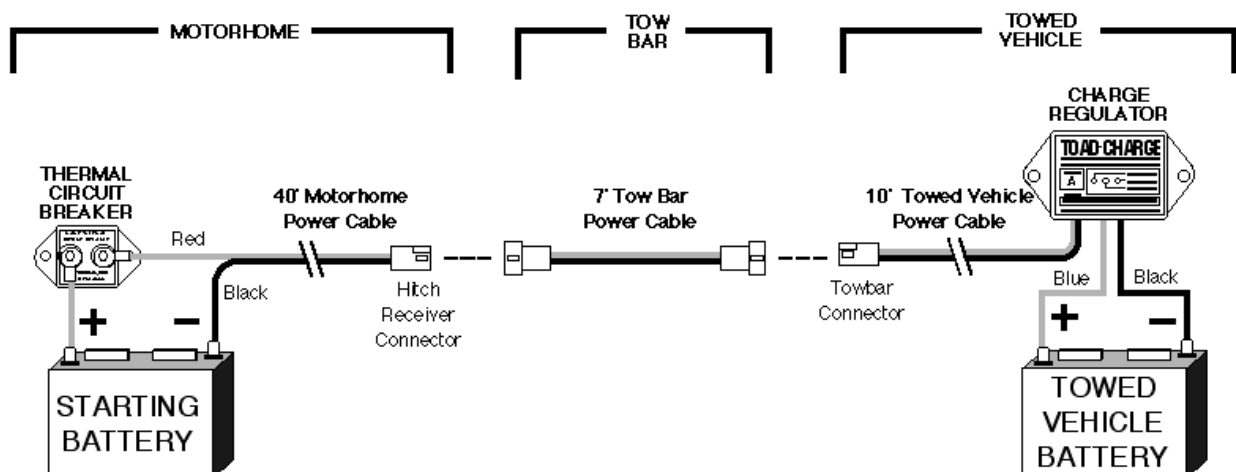
I have set up a system that seems to work without disconnecting anything. I remembered the setup I used when I was pulling a trailer: a hot wire was run between the tow vehicle and the trailer which kept the trailer battery charged as it was towed. I asked a manufacturer of pickup campers if such a system would work and was told that he set them up often. The only thing you have to watch out for is that if both the motor home and the toad engines run at the same time, the separate alternators can cause problems. His fix was to install a solenoid isolator which cut the connection if both engines were running. The solenoid isolator is basically a starter solenoid from the days that cars had push buttons to actuate the starter. It has two terminals for a heavy circuit and a small terminal for the control.

I connected a 30 amp fuse to the positive terminal of the engine battery of the motor home and used 10 ga. wire to the solenoid isolator and on to the trailer connector. The control circuit I used was the tail lights; I tow with my lights on so the tail lights work to control the solenoid. A ground wire was also connected to the case of the solenoid to ensure a good electrical ground. I purchased a 7 to 6 wire trailer connection for the pigtail to the toad. It contains two 14 ga. and four 16 ga. conductors. I used the 14 ga. connectors for the +12v and the ground wires and the 16 ga wires for the lights (one wire was not used). The +12v terminal was connected to the positive terminal of the toad battery also using 10 ga. wire.

The hook up procedure doesn't have to change; Hook up the toad, including the auxiliary braking system, normally. Then, after you turn off the toad's engine and before you start driving off, turn on the lights of the motor home causing the solenoid to pull in to supply the toad with 12 volts from the motor home. When you stop, remember to turn off the lights before you disconnect the toad so that the solenoid drops the connection before you start the toad's engine.

Larry Carstensen

Editors Note! ... There is a commercial solution on the market that might be considered. It is marketed by LSL Product called "Toad Charge". It is the same idea that Larry presents above but uses a Charge Regulator to control the voltage to the toad battery and a circuit breaker for protection.. See www.lslproduct.com/ToadChargePage.html



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Ladies of FCOO

From the kitchenyummm!

Recipe

Submitted by jackie laughter

CHICKEN PARMESAN

2 boneless skinless chicken breasts pounded thin
cup seasoned dry breadcrumbs
cup grated Parmesan
teaspoon paprika
1 egg beaten with cup water
2 tablespoons olive oil (evoo)
1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce or spaghetti sauce
oregano dry or fresh to taste
1 cup shredded mozzarella

Combine bread crumbs with Parmesan & Paprika. On wax paper dip chicken in breadcrumb mixture, then egg mixture then back to breadcrumbs

sprinkle 1 teas evoo into baking dish and place chicken in dish & sprinkle with evoo.

Place in microwave on high for 2 min.,
then turn chicken & cook 2 more minutes.

Top with tomato sauce and Oregano. Cook on high for 3 - 4 min.
or until sauce is hot.

Sprinkle with Mozzarella and let stand covered 5 min. until
cheese is melted.

Serves 4 ENJOY!



Ladies of FCO

Here we are again at the end of another year of making new friends, seeing new places and learning new things. We are really blessed to be able to travel and enjoy the lifestyles we have earned. What a difference between our grandparent's lifestyle and ours! As we are preparing to turn the calendar page to a new year, may we always be thankful for what we have and be willing to share with those who are not as fortunate.

Here are some great truths about growing old.

1. Growing up is mandatory; growing old is optional.
2. Forget the health food. We need all the preservatives we can get.
3. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
7. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Lazydays in Tampa, Florida March 24-28, 2007. The rally will be a fun time to visit with old friends, meet new friends and learn new things which will help to keep us young and happy. I hope your holidays will be happy and the new year will be filled with nothing but love, happiness, and friendships!

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Musing on Aging

How do I know that my youth has been spent?
Because my "get up and go" got up and went.
But in spite of all that, I'm able to grin
When I think where" my get up and go" has been.
Old age is golden, I've heard it said;
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed;
My ears in the drawer, my teeth in the cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up.
Ere sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself
"Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?"
But I'm happy to say as I close the door
My friends are the same as in days of yore.
When I was young my slippers were red;
I could kick up my heels right over my head.
When I grew up my slippers were blue,
But then I could dance the whole night through.
Now I am old, my slippers are black;
I walk to the corner, and puff my way back.
The reason I know my youth has been spent,
My "get up and go" has got up and went;
But I don't mind really, when I think with a grin
Of all the places my "get up" has been.
Since I've retired from life's competition
I busy myself with complete repetition;
I get up each morn and dust off my wits,
Pick up the paper and read the obits;
If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead
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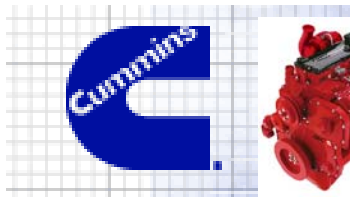
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