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~ President's Message ~



Good Afternoon FCOC Friends

By now you know the problem at the Hawk house. Well the latest report is 3 Chemo's down and 3 more to go. It is half over and we can see the end and the good news is that Dorothy is gaining ground every day. She is tough and a fighter and doing well on that recovery road.

Recovery of a given disease is a natural progression of a person. The rate at which people recover is dependent on many factors. One main factor is the support and Prayers of this wonderful group of FCOC. We had never realized the number of survivors in FCOC. We never expected you to send so many cards and e-mails prayerfully wishing her well. We thank you all for making her recovery eventful and fast. In turn, we wish all the survivors continue on a positive path for sustained recovery.

Since the Perry and Lazy Days rallies, I have received many comments on how people responded to an emergency void of the president. First let me thank the Rally Masters Pete & Alice Pizzano and ass't Rally Masters Roy & Kathy Hopper for the great job at the Lazy Days rally. A wonderful time, entertainment, and food was all done well. I am very proud to be associated with those four that ran the rally.

A great job was also mentioned of the Ex VP, Bill Buck. Bill had done a wonderful job filling in for me. A personal thank you to Bill and Priscilla Buck for doing such a fine job.

Our club is growing at a tremendous rate. The database shows 6,308 active members. Because of this large number we need to make a change in how we do the dues renewal process. Currently it is calendar year. The Board of Directors has suggested having the renewal date the same as the first registration date to join the FCOC. Currently Kathy Kyzer gets approx 4000 renewals between Dec and Feb. Kathy was over 6 ft tall and we have worn her down to 4'6" with this workload. Starting after the business meeting in Redmond, when this is approved, we will start all new memberships on their registration date and have them up for renewal either 1 year or 5 years after their original registration. At the end of 5 years it will pretty well even out the workload.

The database is being upgraded and will again need your help. Another page in this newsletter, Chuck Belba explains how to get on and make changes. One important item that needs further explanation is the "E-mail opt-in " check box. Be sure to check this box to be a part of the communications of FCOC. We have this database secure to all outsiders. We need to communicate with you over different important matters so, please check the "E-mail opt-in " check box " box and give us permission to e-mail you regarding matters of your club. These changes will be complete with the next 3-4 weeks so watch for information on the web-site.

Notes of importance are the two rallies coming up. (#1) Redmond is the FMCA International Convention at which time we hold our business meeting, on the 14th of August. We will be electing new officers and that note is also in this newsletter. And we will be updating the by-laws for the registration issue. Of course there will be a **Party** after the Business meeting. Watch the FMCA guide for the location of the meeting and party.

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(#2) Yakima Fair Grounds is the location of the FCOC rally immediately after the FMCA Convention, "*Yakima Mountain*". Be sure to register for this one it will be a lot of many good things. We have the food arranged, entertainment and a few side trips that we hope you will enjoy. We don't have a Rally Master so Bill Buck, Priscilla Buck and I have been planning this one from afar.

Any questions let us know. **We still need help for a Rally Master for this one.**

As it stands right now, for sure I will be at the business meeting in Redmond and not able to attend the Yakima rally. HOWEVER, if the timing is right, I will be able to bring Dorothy and myself to both rallies. The Dr has indicated that she will try to work it out. We are very anxious to be with you all again.

Thanks again for your prayers and support

Ken Hawk

President



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

FYI! Ken,

Just a note to say how easy it was to purchase my new Dodge van. As a member of FCOC, my wife and I used the discount plan to purchase the van. It was very easy and the salesman was very nice. Their was no hassle of the salesman going to the manager for a better price. He laid the numbers out and it took only a few minutes to get the deal done.

Thanks for this great benefit.

Allen and Norma Blake



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THE LEADER AT EVERY TURN™

Hello FCOC Members,

We have been busy at FCCC working with our OEM partners on new model introductions with the new EPA 07 engines. Along with the new engines there have been some new chassis configurations like the new XCL recently introduced by Winnebago that offers a new concept for pass through storage on their high end lines. Standard with chassis with the 07 engines will be the lowered engine position allowing for a flat or near flat bedroom floor. On chassis with the rear radiator we have made the fan clutch standard which provides about a 1.5 mpg improvement in fuel economy.



Engine ratings have changed with the EPA 07 engines. Cummins has increased the displacement on the ISB to 6.7 liters and has ratings available from 300hp/620 lb ft torque to 350hp and 750 lb ft torque. There is also a rating of 340hp 660 lb ft torque. Cummins also increased the horsepower rating for the ISC to 360 hp and the ISL to 425hp. Allison has also upgraded the 1000 and 2000 series transmission to a 6 speed for this year.

The 340hp ISB has become a very popular option for the FRED chassis. In addition to Tiffin, Gulfstream and Safari, we now have Newmar, Damon, Triple E building on Fred and are working with a couple of other OEMs for a Louisville debut.

The FCCC team will be out in Redmond for the FMCA rally and at the FCOC rally in Yakima in August. My intention is to stay in a coach with our FCOC owners at both events. I look forward to getting a chance to meet many of you and welcome your comments. I encourage you to seek me out at these events and let me know what is going on from our customers' perspective. I am especially interested in where you see our opportunities for improvement.

Joining us in Redmond and Yakima will be Jonathan Randall, our new Director of Sales and Marketing replacing Dean Schaper, who is retiring at the end of August after many years of outstanding service to FCCC and FCOC.

I hope that all of your summer travel plans are working out well.

Best Wishes,
Bob Harbin



THE LEADER AT EVERY TURN™

A retirement dinner was held for Mr. Dean Schaper at the Marriot Hotel in Spartanburg, SC. on June 22nd, 2007.



Dean officially retires at the end of this Month but has agreed to stay on for 6 more weeks to complete the year's busy schedule of Conventions and an FCOC rally.

The picture is of Dean receiving a desk set from FCOC President Ken Hawk for Appreciation of his dedication and year's of service and support to FCOC.

HELP WANTED

Your club needs volunteers. We need a few people to volunteer for some duties that really are not too difficult. Your team of officers will help in any way we can.



Currently we need a Rally Master for Yakima Washington FCOC Rally. This one should be easy except that you would have to check to see that things are done correctly. Most of his work has been done, such as Rally Sites, Caterer, and all we need is to contact the Entertainment people for confirmation.

We also could use help in the area of AREA CO-ORDINATER. This is the job of a person that would run an area such as a small FCOC group. The job would be to appoint Rally Masters and hold small rallies in their respective area. Again, your FCOC team of officers will help in any way possible.

To apply or inquire about the job, call the Volunteer Co-coordinator Rick Kennedy. (410) 353-6224 e-mail fcocvol@hotmail.com
Thank You in Advance

A Great Time!

Freightliner Florida Frolic Review

The Freightliner Florida Frolic Rally ended placing a few feathers in our cap. The rally was the largest rally in the clubs history. The executive officers of Lazy Days and Freightliner joined us for dinner and entertainment. The manager of Rally Park said we were the most orderly and co-operative group they have ever had at the park. The accomplishments and compliments are the result of the rally co-ordinators, the many volunteers and those that attended the rally. We all earned what we got, a very enjoyable, well fed, educational, gift rewarding, and entertaining rally.

On our arrival date we had a welcome party. We had soft drinks, Beer, Wine, tea and a delicious spaghetti dinner by Luptons Caterer. The entertainment was Richy & Franky whose performance earned them a standing ovation and 15 minutes more of their performance. We started the rally with a bang that lasted the entire four days.

Sunday morning we had biscuits and gravy. The gravy was a special recipe prepared by the caterer. Following breakfast we had an ecumenical service follow by a Catholic Mass. Two seminars were held prior to carpooling to Boggy Bottom for a picnic. The pavilion was beautifully decorated. The weather was perfect for a stroll along several trails. People also took tram rides around the park.

Before the Bar-B-Q Mr. Ralph Lupton gave a brief talk about the history of the area surrounding Boggy Bottom. We were fed Bar-B-Q pork ribs, chicken, potatoes salad, cole slaw, baked beans, toasted garlic bread, various soft drinks, brownies with ice cream and whipped cream.

On the return trip some people stopped at Parksdale Farms for a strawberry shortcake. How did they manage to eat another thing??? The day was not complete. That evening we enjoyed another social hour, dancing and the presentation of gifts.

Monday was another busy day. Breakfast and lunch in the café, seminars, sightseeing, coach viewing and vendor shopping. The seminars were filled and there were a lot of helpful exchanges of ideas on how to correct or improve a motor coach's operation. At 4 o'clock all business activities stopped. It was social hour and the rec-hall filled with thirsty people as tubs and barrels of drinks rolled out for them to choose their beverage. Friends sat at round tables sharing family stories, health problems and acquaintances. Briefly the master of ceremonies gave an update on the rally. The evening dinner was roast beef, mashed potatoes, with beef gravy, green beans almandine, bread, tea, coffee, and strawberry shortcake.

The evening entertainment was the hot-lips trio. Humor, music, and the beautiful voice of the female singer held the attention of everyone. This was the second the evening's entertainment got a standing ovation. Of course encore followed.

Tuesday, the final evening of the rally, our dinner chicken cordon blue, carrots, brownies in chocolate sauce, whipped cream, tea and coffee. At every meal, those with hearty appetites were invited back for seconds. Mark Ralston the man of many voices and costumes sang and walked among the audience. Mark was also asked to come back for an encore.

When the gifts were passed out and the lucky winners of the Freightliner and Fantasy Tours were presented their gift certificates, it was time to make a final presentation.

The club presented to the **Lazy Days Partners Foundation** a check for **\$2655.00** to be used in the construction of five homes for children of high risk situations and will be placed in a child friendly safe haven.

For you who did not attend, Freightliner Florida Frolic, you missed a great rally. But, another FCOC rally is already on the planning board. Start preparing your plans to meet in Redmond, Or. And then on to Yakima fair grounds right after.

Pete & Alice Pizzano

Don't miss Yakima Mountain Rally!



 **Freightliner Chassis Owner's Club**
join today!

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Membership *Renewal* Application

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Date _____ Applicant must have an FMCA # _____ or Applied
for #. Application Date _____

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~Check Out the "2007" Schedule~



- FMCA's 78th International Convention

August 13, 14, 15 & 16, 2007

Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center,

Redmond, Oregon

- FCOC "Yakima Mountain" Post Rally

August 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21 2007

Yakima State Fair Park

Yakima, Washington



Area Rallies

- Midwest Area Rally

September 12,- 16, 2007

Delaware County Fairgrounds

Manchester, Iowa "Shine on Harvest Moon"



Register for
these events
online at
www.fmca.com

- South Central Area Rally

September 25,-28, 2007

Missouri State Fairgrounds

Sedalia, Missouri

"Trailhead Rendezvous"



- Rocky Mountain Area Rally

October 3,-6, 2007

San Juan County Fairgrounds, McGee Park

Farmington, New Mexico

"San Jaun Serenade"



FYI!

How You Get Your Newsletter and “Keeping in Touch”!

READING THE INFORMATION ON YOUR NEWSLETTER LABEL

I receive a few contacts from members every month and a many contacts toward the end of the year; all asking, “When are my membership dues up for payment?” or, “Am I paid for this year?” The label of your newsletter has the answer to what year your dues are paid up to. I enclosed my address label as a sample.

F235429 Exp. Dec.31, 2009
CHARLES GINNY BELBA
624 ROYALVIEW ST
DUARTE, CA 91010-1345

The first thing to check is your F-number so as to be sure that it is correct. What follows that is the date and year your dues will expire. I obviously will have to pay my dues before 12/31/09. The rest of the label is the name, address and zip. Please check for proper spelling. If you find anything not quite right, correct it at the “keeping in touch” access point under membership at our website, **freightlinerchassisownersclub.org**, or please contact me by E-mail, letter, or call me and I will update the database for you. We really strive to not only keep the database current, we do want it to be accurate.

I was chatting with someone recently who told me that they move around two, three or more times a year, so he was reluctant to keep “bothering” us with changes. My response was that it wasn’t a bother to correct an address, but it was a problem to get a newsletter returned with or without a new forwarding address for four reasons.

1. You didn’t get your newsletter.
2. The club has to pay .75 to \$2.06 cents when the newsletter is returned to me.
3. I have to enter the changes or enter that the current address is a bad address.
4. Until the address is corrected, no further newsletters will be mailed to you at that bad address.

Remember you can go into the database at our website at: **freightlinerchassisownersclub.org**, then go to **membership** and click on the “**keeping in touch**” button. The first time you access your membership profile, the **password** is your five character zip code or your seven character (includes space) postal code. You should change your password once you have logged into the system. Our Canadian members have been having a problem signing in. The database folks are working on this problem as I write. They hope to have the sign in process for our Canadian members working very shortly, so the sign in as described above will be effective very soon.

Once logged in, **please update your information** in each of the categories across the top of the screen. Most important, is to remember to click ‘**Save & Continue**’ after you’ve made changes under any of the categories.

The bottom line is we volunteered to do this job (that means to do it right) and we cannot do it unless we get an assist from you, so please if you have a change of address, correct it in the database. If for any reason you want us to correct the database, notify us and we will put that change in wearing a smile and we will thank you for taking the time to help us.

Any changes should be sent to:

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DUARTE, CA 91010-1345

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“Keeping in Touch”



“E-mail Opt-In” for E-Mail Communication

As our club grows in size we need to learn to work smarter – not harder. There are a number of reasons to contact members via e-mail. However, your Board of Directors is very aware that some club members do not want to receive email from the FCOC.

To identify members who want to receive e-mail, and, at the same time honor the wishes of those who don't, the club's **Keeping In Touch** data base will be adding an “Email Opt-In” function. While the final implementation was not complete at the time the news letter went to press, the “Email Opt-In” check box is expected to be on the Preferences/Misc tab. There will be a “more” button which will display the following text, or very similar text, and provide more information about what it means to “Email Opt-In”.

“By checking the “Email Opt-In” check box you are giving The Freightliner Chassis Owners Club your permission to send to you communications via e-mail. These communications may include, but are not limited to, dues renewal reminders, requests for help at a rally you have registered to attend, or notification of upcoming club events. In no case will your e-mail address ever be sold or provided to any other organization.”

Please take the time to review, and correct if necessary, your personal information. At the same time please Opt-In if you would like to receive e-mail from the club. To review your information, go to the Membership Page on the club's web site at

<http://www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org>.

Click on the “Red Button” and follow the instructions. Thank you for helping us be able to work smarter



Heads Up ...this one will effect us All ! Proposal to Amend the FCOC Bylaws

The FCOC Board of Directors is recommending that the membership period be changed from the current calendar based membership year to an anniversary based membership year. Currently, every member (except those in years 2, 3 or 4 of a five year membership) must renew their membership in January of each year. As the club continues to grow in size, the workload required to process renewals is becoming unmanageable.

An anniversary based membership year will distribute the workload throughout the year. When a new member joins FCOC, their membership will extend until the last day of the month in which they joined the following year. For example, if a member joins the club on June 18th, 2007 for one year, they will need to renew their membership on June 30th, 2008. In time this change will distribute member's renewals throughout the year and even out the workload. Note that FMCA, credit card companies and DMV's in most states already use anniversary based renewals.

There are other minor proposed changes to the bylaws to correct grammar and spelling errors and to provide additional clarification. The marked-up bylaws are available for review on the club's web-site (<http://www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org>) on the Bylaws Page.

The members of the nominating committee have communicated by Email, and by phone, and are proposing a slate of officers to be elected at the *August business meeting in Redmond,*

Oregon. In accordance with the by-laws, we have three officers whose terms are expiring at the end of 2006. **Ken Hawk (President), Priscilla Buck (Secretary), and Chuck Belba (V.P. of Membership).**

Ken has communicated to the Nominating Committee that he does not wish to continue for another term. Priscilla Buck has agreed to serve another term as Secretary and Chuck Belba has agreed to serve another term as V.P. of Membership.

Bill Buck, currently our Exec. V.P. has agreed to move into the office of President. That will leave an opening for someone to fill the unexpired term for Exec. V.P.

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers for the election coming up at the August 2007 business meeting.

President: Bill Buck

Once this vote has been taken and provided Bill is elected as the new President – the committee will then nominate for: **Executive-Vice President: Ron Sliger**

Then the vote will take place for

Vice-President Membership: Chuck Belba
Secretary: Priscilla Buck

All nominees have been contacted regarding their responsibilities and have indicated a willingness to serve the club.

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.

Each office will be voted on separately. If anyone is nominated for an open office and accepts the nomination, that person will be given a few minutes to address the membership regarding their qualifications and desire to serve the club.

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 all 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 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 additional administrative ideas and involvement would be most beneficial to our ever-growing club.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Belba,

Chair, on behalf of the members of the Nominating Committee:

Raymond (Bud) Trash
Albert Moore

Bob Tomme
Ted Lokenberg

Bob Reed
Gerry Deheer

Hal Croyts

Attention ...

**Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Southeast Area
Members ...**

FCOC Members Residents of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida

My name is Martin H. Sherlock and I have been appointed the FCOC Southeast Area Coordinator. There will eventually be 9 FCOC Area Coordinators, one for each of the 9 geographic area of FMCA. Currently the primary function of the Area Coordinator is to arrange for a number of FCOC area rallies to be held in each area on a yearly basis. This will allow for members in the area to get together at rallies that are close to their local residences but all FCOC members are welcome as well as any Motorhome on a Freightliner Chassis. When I volunteered to serve the SE Area, I promised to hold a SE Area rally this fall but we have run into some logistical problems that have prevented us with contacting each member in the area. I still plan on a rally in late September or early October and I need assistance in setting up and planning this rally. I plan on holding 4 rallies in 2008, one each calendar quarter and would like to get the locations selected so that they can be published in the 4th quarter Freightliner Flyer. Now is the time to volunteer your services for whatever you want to do. If you have ideas for a rally lets set it up now and have a lot of fun while we are doing it.

I need Rally Masters and Assistants, some one to accept registrations, lots of people to provide information on available site all over the four state area, ideas for meals and entertainment, and any other ideas that you would like to see in an FCOC rally. I can not and will not do it all but I will work with all of you to make these rallies a reality. If we can have 4 rallies in each area plus our normal 2 in the international area that would provide 38 FCOC rallies a year. Then FCOC would not only be the largest chapter of FMCA but also the most active.

I can be reached by mail at 2922 45th Avenue NE, Naples, FL 34120-8410; E-mail at **fluffymozart@aol.com**; or by phone at (239) 304-2061. If you call and get the answering machine, tell me you are an FCOC member and leave your name and phone number. I will return your call as soon as I get the message. E-mail should include FCOC in the reference line as I normally delete all messages from anyone that I don't know.

“Yakima Mountain” 2007 Tentative Agenda

Tentative Rally **Agenda** for Post FMCA FCOC Rally
 “ Yakima Mountain” at Yakama Fair Grounds.

Friday 8-17 12:00 to 5:00 PM Arrive and registration
 5:00 to 6:00 PM Happy Hour
 6:00 to 6:45 PM Welcome & Introductions
 of Special Guests, FCCC
 7:00 to 8:15 PM Dinner
 8:30 to 10:00 PM Entertainment

Saturday 8-18 7:30 to 9:00 AM Full Breakfast
 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM ** Tours, wine
 Tasting, Etc.
 ** Other local attractions
 10:30 to 1:00 PM Red Hat Society Lunch
 5:00 to 6:00 PM Happy Hour
 6:15 to 7:30 PM Dinner
 7:30 to 10:00 PM Entertainment
 Door Prizes

Sunday 8-19 7:30 to 9:00AM Full Breakfast
 9:15 to 10:15AM Church Service
 Kay Rivoli
 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM **Tours, local activities
 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM Vendors Open
 4:00 to 5:00 PM Presidents Q & A
 5:00 to 6:00 PM Happy Hour
 6:15 to 7:30 PM Dinner
 7:30 to 10:00 PM Entertainment
 Door Prizes

Monday 8-20 7:30 to 9:00 AM Full Breakfast
 9:00 to 11:00 AM Freightliner /Know
 Your Chassis
 11:00 to 12:00 PM around the Chassis
 Q & A
 12:00 to 1:00 PM Lunch
 1:00 to 5:00 PM 1PM to 2PM Caterpillar
 1PM to 2PM Cummins
 2PM to 3PM Michelin
 3PM to 4PM Brake Switch
 5:00 to 6:00 PM Happy Hour
 6:15 to 7:30 PM Dinner
 7:30 to 10:00 PM Entertainment
 Door Prizes

Tuesday 8-21 7:30 to 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast

** Local Attractions and activities; Fly Fishing,
 Rafting, Ag tours, Local Indian custom Dancing,
 Indian National Museum, Casinos.

While our Rally is in Yakima, the Western Arts
 Show, Blues & all that Jazz Festival will be of
 interest also.

** Wine tours are scheduled and reservations
 are needed to reserve the bus.
 List your desire on your application or tell Rick
 Kennedy.



Address:

State Fair Park

Yakima Valley SunDome

1301 S. Fair Ave.

Yakima, WA 98907

Farewell to All !

Be Safe and Thanks for coming!

FCOC Caravan to the Redmond 2007 FMCA Convention

Charlie & Ruth Hoffstatter Caravan Organizers

Phone # 512-567-1499 or 888-218-0008

E-mail-- crvacc@yahoo.com

On Sunday, August 12th, 2007, we will be assembling at the parking lot of the Redmond High School in Redmond, Oregon for our caravan into the Redmond FMCA Convention grounds. We have use of the High School Parking lot until 1:00 PM. Overnight parking will **NOT BE PERMITTED** on the night of the 11th. Our entry time slot into the FMCA Convention is 1:00 PM. Please arrive on the 12th at the parking lot by at least 11:30 AM so we can hand out the necessary materials. If you need to pick up FMCA entry credentials from the FMCA Will Call area, you will need to do that before coming to the High School. It is about 4 miles from the High School to the FMCA Convention site. I would recommend that you go to the Will Call area the day before or early on Sunday morning. At 12:00 PM 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 FMCA Convention parking area.

We will use CB channel 7 to communicate during the caravan.

We need a volunteer to be tail gunner with a cell phone. If you would like to do that please contact Charlie Hoffstatter before we meet on the 12th. or contact the caravan leader on the 12th.

The Redmond High School address is 675 SW Rimrock Dr., Redmond, Or. 97756

The phone number is (541) 923-4800

The directions to the Redmond High School are as follows:

Coming from the North, South or East go to intersection of US Hwy 97 and Hwy 126 (SW Highland Ave.) in the center of Redmond. Take Hwy 126 west 2.4 miles and then turn right on SW Rimrock DR. High School parking lot will be on your left shortly after turning onto SW Rimrock DR.

Coming in from the West (Sisters) take Hwy. 126 (SW Highland Ave.) 18 miles east. Then turn left on SW Rimrock DR. High School parking lot will be on your left shortly after turning onto SW Rimrock DR.

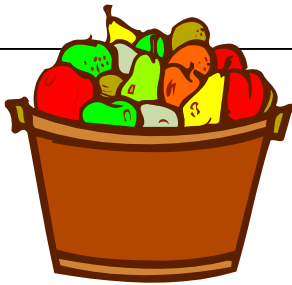
We will be looking for you there !!!

Many thanks to Karen Tompkins at Redmond High School.

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

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.



YAKIMA MOUNTAIN FCOC RALLY

Registration Form

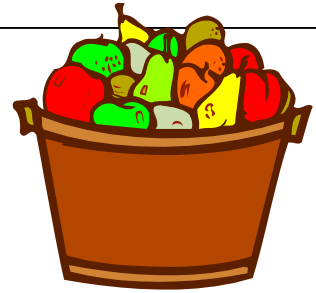
(Registration Deadline August 1, 2007)

August 17th to August 21st, 2007

Yakima State Fairgrounds

1301 S. Fair Ave.

Yakima, WA



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 _____

(Registration confirmations will be sent to the e-mail listed above, otherwise confirmations will be mailed)

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

Do you have any special meal requirements: _____

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 with full hook-ups. Over's will still have electric, water and pumper truck.

Make check payable to FCOC for \$295.00 and Mail to:

Rick & Donna Kennedy

Email: FCOCVol@hotmail.com

158 Rainbow Drive #5878

Phone: (410) 353-6224

Livingston, Texas 77399

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Request parts for pick-up at Yakima Rally, August 17, 2007

Name: _____ FMCA No. _____

Coach Mfg: _____ Model: _____ Engine: _____

Engine Number, if available: _____ Vin Last 6 digits _____

Filter Number: Air: _____ Oil: _____ Fuel: _____

Special services desired, time permitting: _____

Service Techs can spend 1 hour on elective service. ¹⁶Be sure to confirm requested service upon arrival.

~Learn about Your Chassis~

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August 2007

West Coast Classes *in Yakima, WA* at FCOC Rally

You Choose!

Yakima #1 21st and 22nd

Yakima #2 23rd and 24th

Hours are 8am to 4pm

Fee includes lunch each day and Dinner the 1st night
Cost is \$100 per person or \$150 per couple

To Enroll Call
Mike Cody at FCCC Gaffney
864-206-8738

or

See FCCC website...
www.freightlinerchassis.com

*Congratulations
FCOC members!*



April 18, 2007

Freightliner Club
c/o Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Pizzano
4712 Coachmen Road
New Port Richey, FL 34655

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pizzano:

On behalf of the Lazydays Partners Foundation, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$2,600.00 that was presented by you on behalf of the Freightliner Club. These funds will be earmarked for the Lazydays House that will be built in the emergency shelter complex being developed by the Kids Charity of Tampa Bay.

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Lazydays Partners' Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are 100% tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Once again, thank you so much for your continued support of our Foundation.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Philp".

Dana Philp, President

~Announcement ~

May 7, 2007

Jonathan Randall to replace retiring Dean Schaper as Freightliner Custom Chassis' sales and marketing director

GAFFNEY, S.C.—*Jonathan Randall* has been named by Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) as its new director of sales and marketing. Randall will replace *Dean Schaper*, who is retiring at the end of June 2007.

Randall will begin his new position June 1 and comes to FCCC from its parent company, Freightliner LLC, where he most recently served as Director of Product Marketing for Freightliner Trucks. Prior to joining Freightliner in November 1999, Randall held senior management positions in the transportation sales and service arena.

Schaper is retiring after 12 years as FCCC's director of sales and marketing. He joined the company when it purchased the chassis division of Oshkosh in 1995, where he was serving in a similar capacity. During his tenure heading up FCCC's sales and marketing efforts, Schaper helped engineer strong, continuous growth in each of its four product markets—RV, Walk-in van, School Bus and Shuttle Bus.

"We immensely appreciate the leadership and direction Dean has provided to FCCC during his time here," says Bob Harbin, president of FCCC. "We also are looking forward to Jonathan picking up where Dean left off and ensuring the future success and vitality of Freightliner Custom Chassis."

"Jonathan's experience in Marketing and, prior to that, in business development and service initiatives in Freightliner's Customer Support Division—will make him an outstanding asset to FCCC as it continues to grow," adds Jack Conlan, Freightliner's senior vice president of customer support and former president of FCCC, where he served with Schaper for seven years. "Dean led many great initiatives and has been critical in growing and strengthening the FCCC brand across all markets."

Please note:::

There is a dealer service report card on the web-site. Please fill out your report, either good or bad. Freightliner needs to know how you drivers are being treated. They can't fix what they don't know. They want any feedback. This was the reason this club was started to give FCCC feedback. 6000 members means nothing unless we let them hear from us. If I get a note or e-mail, I will forward it to FCCC. They want to know what is going on.....

Tec-knowledge!

Ride Height Adjustment

The Ride Height specification and measurement procedures previously contained in this article have been updated and removed from here and can be found on the FCOC website.

http://www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org/ride_height.htm



Chassis Maintenance Info

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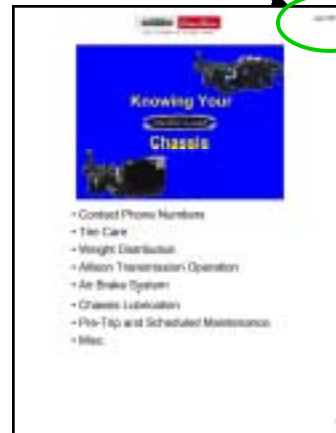
**This is the FCCC Maintenance Presentation
Lots of good info...parts numbers, filters, etc.**

Allow us to introduce you to your Freightliner chassis. Like any good friend, your chassis needs some attention. When properly cared for, it won't let you down. It will remain loyal and dedicated to serving you better. Once you've been thoroughly introduced, you'll know how to properly care for and maintain your chassis.

In [this presentation](#) of *Knowing Your Freightliner Chassis* (updated April 2007), you will learn helpful tips and facts that can aid you in maintaining your chassis' high performance capabilities.

Tips include:

- Tire Care
- Brake System Maintenance
- Scheduled Maintenance
- Freightliner Genuine Parts
- Pre-trip Inspection
- Allison® Transmission Operation
- Trip Odometer and Odometer Operation
- LCD Information Center
- Auxiliary Air Supply
- FCCC Service Locations
- FCCC Warranty
- Freightliner Custom Chassis Owners Club



Taking time now to learn about your chassis will save lot of time farther down the road. Preparation is key to a successful experience.

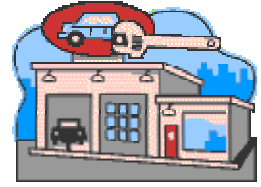
Let's get you acquainted with [your Freightliner chassis](#) ...

You can download the file *Knowing Your Freightliner Chassis.pdf* by going to FCOC's website and choose the Tech Tidbits button on the left hand column and choosing the "Click Here" button.

You will need [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#), version 5 or higher, to properly view and print.



Up-date on Repair Facilities. repairs



This note is again about the dealers we have to take our motor homes to for repair. I have received many notes and e-mails about the treatment people have received at some of the repair facilities.

In this newsletter is a current list of Freightliner Oasis Dealers. I strongly suggest that you consider using one of these dealers for your repair. Please don't just go blindly in and expect anything but what you ask for. Get an estimate. If they won't give you one, go else ware.

One member went to a Freightliner dealer and asked for an estimate on finding an air leak. They told him they don't give estimates on trouble shooting problems. You know what I would have done??? I would have taken it to Billy Bob's auto repair, Post Office, and Tire repair, before I would enter into this arrangement. He left it there and waited for the repair and noticed the sign on the wall, \$80.00 per hour with a one hour minimum. The problem was identified and it was an air dryer loose and leaking. It took all of 45 minutes. He went to pay the bill, thinking he got off pretty good and was presented a bill for \$400.00 He was then told he had to pay it. There was no discussion on the issue. (Well isn't that special?)

This customer called Gaffney and they told him that it was in order and they could not do anything because they have no control over the dealer. Well folks we do have control. I'm sorry it is our money they are toying with. I am going to make a suggestion. It works most of the time especially when you believe you are being taken advantage of. I use a credit card for the reason of disputing the charge. Most credit cards offer this same service. In this case, this is what I would have done besides taking it else ware. Even the campground might have suggested a local repair facility. Anything but \$400.00.

The game of life is to see how many marbles you can keep on your side of the line. If we can't get help when we need it, then we need to protect ourselves. My suggestion is to be careful no matter where you go for repair.
Hope this never happens to you.

Ken Hawk


Prayer for Safe Travel

Bless us on our journey, Oh God. Keep all systems running smoothly.
Steer us clear of all danger. Signal us of Your provision every step of the way.
Keep us alert when we are tired. Give us patience when the trip gets long. Mile after mile, open our eyes of the beauty of Your creation, allow us to enjoy the company of others and let us give You thanks when we safely reach our destination.

Amen

Excerpt from Portal of Prayer

Oasis Freightliner Service Centers

DEALER NAME	ST	DEALER NAME	ST	DEALER NAME	ST
Empire Truck Sales	AL	Truck Center of Morton	IL	Freightliner of Knoxville	TN
BarloWorld	AR	Truck Ctr of Mt Vernon	IL	BarloWorld	TN
Barloworld Truck Center Inc.	AR	Truck Ctr of Springfield	IL	Smokey Mountain Truck Center	TX
Barloworld Truck Center Inc.	AR	Truck Center of Troy	IL	Amarillo Truck Center	TX
Freightliner Arizona	AZ	Hill Truck Sales	IN	Dallas Freightliner	TX
Los Angeles Freightliner	CA	Freightliner of Evansville	IN	Ft. Worth Freightliner	TX
Los Angeles Freightliner	CA	Duckett Truck Center	KY	Lubbock Truck Sales Inc.	TX
Bakersfield Truck Center	CA	Martin Truck Center	LA	Freightliner of Odessa	TX
San Diego Freightliner	CA	Baltimore Freightliner	MD	Freightliner of San Antonio	TX
M & M Coach	CA	Barr Freightliner	MD	Bryan Freightliner, LP	TX
Fresno Truck Center	CA	Wolverine Ftl. Westside	MI	Houston Freightliner	TX
Sacramento Truck Center	CA	Freightliner of Kalamazoo	MI	Beaumont Freightliner	TX
Delta Truck Center	CA	Grand Traverse Diesel	MI	Corpus Christi Freightliner	UT
Transwest Trucks	CO	St Cloud Truck Sales	MO	Freightliner of Utah, LLC	WA
Transwest Truck Trailer RV	CO	Kansas City Freightliner	MO	Valley Freightliner Inc.	WI
Freightliner of Southern Connecticut	CT	Springfield Freightliner	MO	River States Truck and Trailer Inc.	WI
Freightliner of Hartford	CT	Truck Centers Inc.	MS	River States Truck and Trailer Inc.	WI
Orlando Freightliner	FL	Empire Truck Sales	MT	Truck Country of Iowa Inc.	WI
Lake City Freightliner	FL	Rocky Mountain Truck center	NC	Truck Country of Wisconsin Inc.	WI
Ocala Freightliner	FL	Charlotte Freightliner	NM	Truck Country of Wisconsin Inc.	WI
Sterling Trucks of Tampa	FL	Albuquerque FTL	NV	Truck Country of Wausau	WI
Walsh Freightliner	FL	Las Vegas Freightliner	OH	Truck Country Wisconsin	WI
Empire Truck Sales	FL	Hans' Freightliner	OK		
FTL of Chattanooga	GA	Oklahoma City FTL	OK		
Peach State Ford truck Sales Inc.	GA	Fleet Service Center	OR		
Atlanta Freightliner North	GA	Portland Freightliner	OR		
Freightliner of DesMoines	IA	Portland Freightliner	PA		
Truck Country of Iowa Inc.	IA	Fyda Freightliner of Pittsburg Inc.	SC		
Truck Country Quad Cities	IA	FCCC Service Center	SC		
Truck Country of Cedar Rapids	IA	Christopher Trucks	SD	 <p>Our customer assistance line gives you access to service and support information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 1-800-FTL-HELP.</p>	
Harrison Truck Centers	IA	Eddie's Truck Sales	TN		
For complete address and phone numbers go to "freightlinerchassisownersclub.org"					

Red Hat Society



The ladies of the Red Hat Society happily motored to the Parksdale Strawberry Farm for a tasty treat while attending the Florida Freightliner Frolic Rally in Tampa, FL. The farm is well known in the area but has also had famous visitors from further away. One of the posters in the dining area features George H. Bush enjoying a bowl of strawberry shortcake.

If you are fortunate enough to attend one of the FCOC rallies, please make sure to sign up for the Red Hat Society. The ladies have a good time getting to know one another, share "road" stories, trade recipes and household shortcuts, dress up, and, of course, tea! If there is a point of interest for the ladies in the general area, the Grand Mom or the Rally Master will organize a trip away from the rally.

Again, if you are attending the Yakima Mountain FCOC Rally, August 17 - 21, 2007, please sign up when you register. Hope to see you there!

Ladies of FCOC



Enjoyable Time for
All !



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