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~ President's Message ~

Dear FCOC Friends,

All of you know that Ken Hawk, and Dorothy too, will be a "tough act" to follow. We all need to be grateful for the wonderful job Ken and Dorothy have done during the past six years. During Ken's tenure the club has grown dramatically. The Keeping in Touch member database is up and running. FCOC Areas were established and are starting to become active and provide rallies closer to where our members live. An on-line Dealer Evaluation was also implemented on the club's web site. But don't worry that Ken and Dorothy will disappear. We plan to keep both of them busy with the club as their time and health permit. As we've often heard Ken say, "Keep your fork - there's more to come."



I appreciate the confidence you showed by electing me. I will, together with the other Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Officers, work tirelessly to make this fantastic club even better. But we all need to realize that it is really the members that make the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club the wonderful organization that it is today.

To help make our club even better, the Keeping in Touch data base is being enhanced. You will be able to specify that you wish to receive the newsletter via the internet. To do so you must have a valid email address and also Opt-in to receive electronic communications. The newsletter will not be sent directly to you. Instead, when the newsletter is available, you will receive an email, containing a link to the newsletter. You will not receive a paper copy of the newsletter when you elect to receive an electronic copy.

While many "behind the scenes" changes are being made to the database, there are two that you will notice. The first is the change to the user interface. It will be much easier on the eyes. The second change will be the ability for members to share their skills. We all know that FCOC members, **volunteers**, are the backbone of our club. Without volunteers nothing happens; no rallies, no newsletter, or no "pizza party" after the business meeting. Please take a moment to tell us what talents you have to share to make the FCOC even more successful.

As you know, areas have been established within the FCOC. Martin and Joetta Sherlock, in the Southeast Area, have already held two rallies and are planning more. Bob and Dottie Horrigan, in the Northeast, are planning a rally. As summer approaches other areas will be holding rallies. In order to know where and when the areas are planning rallies, please visit the club's web site. As the areas ramp-up their activities, it will not be possible to include all of their activities in the Freightliner Flyer. But every activity will be on the club's web site - www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org. So check out the area rallies, register, make new friends, and have a great time

While talking about changes to the Keeping in Touch database and FCOC Areas, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the support given our club by the Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation. The creation and enhancements to the database have been funded by FCCC. They have supported the National FCOC rallies and will continue their support. If you have attended a National FCOC Rally you have seen the chassis, the trailer, the service team, the parts, and, hopefully, attended the Knowing Your Chassis seminar. Those of you with a valid email address have received e-blasts announcing rallies. These e-blasts were funded by FCCC. They are committed to support area rallies too. Area rally support will be based on the number of attendees and the proximity to other events that FCCC is attending. However, all areas are receiving financial support from Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation. So when you have the chance, please thank FCCC for their support.

Many changes have happened in the past year, but we are working diligently to plan and implement additional changes. Plans include the capability to renew membership and pay dues on-line, register and pay for rallies on-line, and a referral rewards program for signing up new FCOC members. We are investigating insurance and extended warranty programs for club members. There are also plans underway to increase the number of e-blasts to notify you about up-coming rallies.

Just remember that the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club is your club. We, the FCOC Officers are committed to making this club serve your needs. So please let us know what you would like us to change. We cannot be successful unless you are happy.

Sincerely,
Bill Buck



Two New Vice President Positions Created

Two new Vice President Positions were created at the FCOC Executive Board meeting held in Tucson, Arizona following the FCOC National Rally. The two positions are Vice President of Area Operations and Vice President of Communications. These new offices require nominations and elections that will be held at the summer Rally in St. Paul, MN, in July 2008. Their duties and responsibilities follow.



The Vice President of Area Operations is responsible for coordinating activities among the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Areas. All of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Area Coordinators will report to this officer. Area activities shall be planned, in many cases, in conjunction with other events. For example, it may be beneficial to schedule an area rally immediately before or immediately after another event such as an FMCA Area Rally. This scheduling may allow Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) to provide a higher level of support if they will also be participating in the associated event.

This officer is the communication conduit between each area and FCCC. When an area coordinator desires support or gifts from FCCC, such requests will be made through the Vice President of Area Operations.

This officer is responsible for "consistency" of operation among the areas. While it is not expected that every area will conduct its operations in an identical manner, areas should share and adopt successful practices and tools from other areas. The Vice President of Area Operations is responsible for making these practices and tools available to all areas.

The Vice President of Area Operations is responsible for the maturation of each area. That is, as an area becomes more active and desires to elect officers, such as FMCA Areas do, this officer will assist in that process.

The Vice President of Communications is responsible for coordinating all communication activities within the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club. These communications methods include, but are not limited to, the Freightliner Flyer Newsletter, the club's website as well as electronic communications such as e-blasts (mass email distribution).

The long range plan is to have the newsletter editor and the web master report to the Vice President of Communications. This will not take effect, however, until the current editor and web master relinquish their offices. This officer is responsible to work with the newsletter editor to establish the publication schedule for the newsletter. This officer will also assist the newsletter editor in acquiring articles for publication in a timely manner.

The Vice President of Communications will assure that National and Area activities, such as rallies, are promoted in a timely and cost effective manner, using the appropriate mix of media, so as to notify the greatest number of members.

The Vice President of Communications is responsible to assure that all of the FCOC's communication methods are reliable and cost effective. This officer will also investigate and propose new communication methods as appropriate.

The functions of the Vice President of Area Operations are currently being fulfilled by Bob Smith. The functions of the Vice President of Communications are being accomplished by Steve Batorson.

Disclaimer

FCOC is not to be held responsible for personal statements, opinions, or representations advanced in papers, chapter newsletters, web site, in discussions at any meetings or its Internet site and Discussion Forums, or the validity of statements contained in any advertisements or printed material of the FCOC chapter of the International Area of FMCA.





THE LEADER AT EVERY TURN™

Dear Club Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying a prosperous 2008. And if you are, you're having a slightly better year than the RV industry is experiencing right now.



The first few months of the year finds the industry in a bit of a slump as a result of what might be termed the perfect storm. That being the confluence of a sluggish (some say recession) economy, high fuel prices, diminished consumer confidence, and ever tightening credit standards.

True, shipments are off for the year, but a recent round of meetings with our OEM partners signaled resilience toward today's market and excitement for what's ahead in 2008, including several new models and floor plans built on FCCC Chassis. Our relationships as well as our market share remain strong in the industry.

I'm also pleased to tell you about a change you'll be seeing in the next few months. Last year many of you participated in a survey discussing what's important to you, and what you expect, from your chassis manufacturer. In fact, some of that information will be shared with you in this, or future installments of the FCOC newsletter. Based on your answers along with input from our OEM customers, the leadership team at FCCC decided it was time we rechanneled our efforts on our OEM and end user customers. As a result, you'll see more communication from FCCC around the ride & handling benefits of our products along with messaging about our service network and service experience. And rest assured, we know that in order to tout these attributes, we need to concentrate our efforts on ensuring we remain best in class in these categories or improve to become best in class while not losing any of the other current advantages we enjoy today.

Along with this, you'll also see an updated logo that falls more in line with Freightliner lineage as well as a new tagline. Yes, we are still "THE LEADER AT EVERY TURN", but decided it was time to shine the spotlight on our customers. Starting April 1, FCCC's new tagline will be "Driven By You." A blinding flash of the obvious, I know, but a clear message to our customers that our reason for being is to fulfill your expectations.

There will be more to share in the months ahead regarding products and our branding strategy. For now, it may be a slow RV market, but FCCC shows no signs of slowing.

Bob Harbin



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Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Business Meeting

Pomona, California – February 27, 2008



The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by President Bill Buck. There were approximately one hundred and fifty members present. After general announcements were made, John Andrews gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill then mentioned that Ken and Dorothy Hawk were sorry that they were unable to be in Pomona but were planning to attend the post-rally in Tucson. Ken wanted everyone to know how thankful both he and Dorothy were for all of the cards, emails and prayers.

Bill introduced the FCOC officers present; Chuck Belba – VP of Membership, Tom James – Treasurer, Priscilla Buck – Secretary, Ron Sliger – Executive VP, Dorothy Casada – National Director, Bob Smellie – VP Newsletter and Ginny Belba – Nominating Committee Chairman. Next Charlie and Ruth Hoffstatter were recognized. Charlie and Ruth have been FCOC's caravan leader's for many years but are retiring and are looking for a replacement. Ron and Arlene Griffith, the FCOC Historians, were also introduced.

Jay Blumenthal, the FMCA International Area Vice President, was recognized. Jay invited everyone to attend the INTO Rally in Oshkosh, WI to be held June 12-15, 2008. Jay reminded everyone that the FCOC will be providing security at the INTO Rally. If you plan to attend the INTO rally and are willing to help with security please contact Bill Buck at billb01@comcast.net.

Bill recognized and thanked all of the veterans present, first timers, and past Rally Masters and Assistant Rally Masters. Also recognized were those who volunteered at the Freightliner booth, assisted at the business meeting, and at the social gathering.

Sonny Gillespie, the Vice President of Security for the International Area, was introduced. Sonny stated that he plans to run for Jay Blumenthal's position as Jay cannot run for a third term. He asked for FCOC's support.

Tony Sippel, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation's RV Product Manager introduced the FCCC support team and other vendor personnel.

Bill asked that the reading of the minutes from the business meeting in Redmond, Oregon be waived as they were previously published in the newsletter and on the club's web site. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading. There was no discussion and the motion passed. Bill asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none. The minutes were accepted as published.

Next the Treasurer's report was given by Tom James. Bill asked if there were any questions. There were none so the Treasurer's Report was filed as read.

The National Director's report was given by Dorothy Casada. FMCA stated that membership and revenues are declining. FMCA requested that everyone make an effort to recruit new members.

Ginny Belba, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, spoke about the upcoming elections in Saint Paul, Minnesota this summer (July 14-17, 2008). The positions for election are Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Vice President Webmaster, Vice President Newsletter, National Director and Alternate National Director. These two-year positions will take effect January 1, 2009. If you are interested, or you know of any club member interested, in running for one of these offices please contact Ginny Belba at xmayers@msn.com. Ginny thanked the current members of the Nominating Committee; Bud Trash, Hal Croyts, Gerry DeHeer, Ted Lokenberg, Al Moore, Bob Reed and Bobby Tomme. In addition to nominations for officers, she asked for volunteers to run for a position on the Nominating Committee.

Business Meeting ... Continued

Ron Sliger talked about the need for Rally Masters and Assistant Rally Masters. He described how the Rally Master's Handbook will be invaluable when planning a rally. He volunteered his help to anyone who runs a rally. Ron then talked about the upcoming FCOC Rally, to be held in Tucson, Arizona. He also talked about future FMCA and FCOC rallies. (Please visit www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org for details on up-coming rallies.)

Bill talked about the nine FCOC areas. The purpose of these areas is to provide more rallies, closer to where members live. Currently six of the nine areas have coordinators. Coordinators are still needed for the Western, Great Lakes and Rocky Mountain Areas. If you are interested in being an Area Coordinator please contact Bill (billb01@comcast.net) or Ron Sliger (rsliger@cfl.rr.com). Information about area activities is available on the club's web site.

Future enhancements planned for the web site and database include the ability to pay dues on-line, register and pay for rallies on-line and receive the Freightliner Flyer newsletter electronically.

President Bill introduced Jonathan Randall, Marketing Manager for FCCC. Jonathan thanked everyone for their patronage and advocacy of FCCC. Jonathan updated everyone on Gaffney's progress. During 2007 FCCC introduced the EPA mandated engines. Production targets for commercial business were met. RV production, however, was slightly below expectation. In spite of a soft RV market, FCCC held an almost 52% share of the diesel chassis market. Tiffen introduced tag-axle chassis on both the Phaeton and Allegro Bus lines. Gulf Stream introduced the tag-axle chassis on their Tour Master. Four Winds also used that chassis. Damon and Newmar introduced new products on the FRED chassis. FCCC is also introducing higher capacity chassis to support larger coaches.

Jonathan spoke about the organizational changes within North America. Daimler-Chrysler is now Daimler. FCCC is a division of Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA). Freightliner Trucks, Sterling Trucks, Western Star Trucks and Thomas Built Bus are other divisions of DTNA. Daimler still owns 19.2% of Chrysler. For the time-being, the Affiliate Rewards car purchase program will continue.

Lastly Jonathan talked about a survey done by FCCC to determine what was important when choosing a chassis. About five hundred FCOC members responded and the results were; first was quality and durability, second was ride and handling and finally service. FCCC has set goals to satisfy these demands.

Tony Sippel then spoke about FCCC's need for additional Ambassadors. Currently FCCC has two couples – one couple covering the east coast and the other couple covering the west coast. These Ambassadors represent FCCC at shows and rallies. If you would like more information please contact Tony by telephone at (864) 206-8588 or email (anthonysippel@freightliner.com).

Bill reminded the members about the FCOC cook-out the following afternoon and then asked if there was any additional business. There was no further business. Bill asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Secretary,
Priscilla Buck





Schedule 2008! & 09

Dates:	Event:	Location
June 12-15, 2008	INTO Area Rally	Oshkosh, WI
July 14-17, 2008	80th FMCA Int'l Convention	St. Paul, Minnesota
July 19-23, 2008	Nat'l FCOC Rally	Joslin, IL (Sunset Lakes Resort)
	2009	
March 16-19, 2009	81st FMCA Int'l Convention	Perry, GA
March 21-25, 2009	Nat'l FCOC Rally	Lazy Days, Seffner, FL
July 20-23, 2009	82nd FMCA Int'l	Bowling Green, OH
July 24-28, 2009	Nat'l FCOC Rally Convention	CERAland - Columbus, IN

National Director's Report

Dorothy Casada

The FMCA Convention in Pomona, CA was not as well attended as it should have been. FCOC is the largest chapter in FMCA and its attendance was down also. The final convention count was 3,213 coaches (2,332 family coaches and 881 commercial coaches.) It was a good convention, too bad so many people missed it.

I attended FMCA's president Connie Pool's session where she reported on the present status of FMCA. Membership is down as is the magazine advertising revenue. Some belt tightening is being done.

The International Area is having their area rally in Oshkosh, WI June 12-15, 2008 The summer FMCA Convention will be in St. Paul, MN July 14-17, 2008 Plan to Attend.





From the Nominating Committee to the Membership

Elections for the following officers will be coming up at the next Business Meeting in July 2008. The terms of office for these positions will be for two years, beginning January 2009.

Executive Vice-President	Ron Sliger (Ron was elected last year to fulfill the remaining 1 year of the position vacated by Bill Buck when he was elected President.)
Treasurer	Tom James
V.P. Newsletter	Bob Smellie
V.P. Website	Rudy Morris

These people have agreed to serve another two-year term and the nominating committee nominates them for reelection to their existing positions.

Also, the positions of FMCA National Director and Alternate National Director are up for election this year. This is also a two year term to begin January 2009.

The Nominating Committee places the following persons on the ballot for election. They have been contacted and have agreed to serve if elected.

National Director	Roy Hopper
Alternate Director	Mary Costigan

The Executive Board has expanded the board by adding two new positions; Vice-President of Area Operations and Vice-President of Communications. President, Bill Buck, has discussed descriptions of the duties of these new positions in the newsletter.

The nominations by the Nominating Committee for these positions are:

V.P. Area Operations	Bob Smith
V.P. Communications	Steve Batorson

Additionally, there are several of the Nominating Committee members who have elected not to continue, including myself as Chairperson.

Gerry DeHeer, Bud Trash (or Wanda), and Al Moore will continue and do not need to be re-elected at this time. However, there are 5 or 6 opportunities for people that are interested in serving on this committee.

Those that have expressed an interest so far are:

Linda Slycord, Barb Knutson, Charlene Williams, and Bud Munzer. Nominations for these positions will be from the floor and anyone interested in this position can be nominated at that time. The membership will elect the committee members, and then the committee will meet and elect a Chairperson.

I regret that I will not be able to attend the meeting in July.

Gerry DeHeer has agreed to present the nominating report with the proposed slate of officers in my absence. I thank you all for the opportunity to serve the club in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Belba, Chairperson



Hawk "Roast" @ Tucson!!!



Dear fellow FCOC'ers.

The Tucson Rally was wonderful. I had a mountain top experience at the last FCOC rally. It is important that I tell the story.

Bill Buck our President told me that we should make every effort to attend this rally. I wondered why it was so important for us to be there. Well I soon found out.. We arrived late at the rally park on Monday afternoon and checked in for the evening meal and entertainment. To our surprise, there were a few people that normally do not attend our rallies. The first folks for me to see were Dean and Rea Schaper to welcome us. Boy this was strange. Dean retired earlier last year and we did not expect him to be there. At the cocktail hour we met more of those that surprised us. Asking questions, we found out that this was to be a ROAST of Ken & Dorothy Hawk. After dinner is when it started;;; Bill with the help of Ron Sliger and Tony Sippel, invited some folks that had worked with us to help this club grow.

Bill opened the roast by having Dorothy and myself sit up front and after giving Dorothy a beautiful bouquet of flowers, the instructions were as follows. Bill stated that people could say anything and it did not have to be the truth, but it had to be believable. Wow!!! I thought this was going to be rough. Well Bill started out by telling everyone that when Art Tobin and I met Bill and asked him to join FCOC, his comment was that he did not want to join because he questioned a club that would accept people like him. He is now President as you know. The rest is history. Ron and Brenda Sliger shared some experiences we had in Alaska and those were pretty easy on us. The other guests that made arrangements to be there (Thanks Tony Sippel) were Dan Murphy from Allison, Jeff Morris and Alex Manzonelli from Michelin, Kevin Goen from Cummins, Larry Doer, FCCC Bob Harbin, President of FCCC, and then Dean and Rea Schaper. They were all pretty easy on us especially when we are as short as we are. Many times they told me to stand up, and I was standing up. Alex from Michelin was the tallest, he is about 8'10" and you know I never exaggerate. I told him that I was that tall then I got married, and now I am 5' 3/16" tall.

Then Katherine Henley got up, you know she was the Executive VP for me and the club for most of my years of service. She brought a story with her from the Tomme's and it goes like this. We three couples were parked together and for some strange reason, I decide I needed to change the oil in our coach. So Bobby, Larry and me get a 5 gallon bucket and Dorothy suggested that we put a plastic bag in the bucket then it would not be so messy and I could use it again. Great idea, in goes the plastic bag. I then slid the bucket under the coach, warmed up the engine so all the oil would come out, and proceeded to open the drain plug.. You guessed it, it went Plump right clear into the 5 gallon bucket. Oh well I'll get it later. Then as I am laying there waiting for all the oil to come out, I was thinking, boy this is a motor home eh? yep and it's all mine.. Boy am I lucky. I look to the top of the bucket and can't see the oil as yet so I lay back down and start thinking. Let's see, 22 quarts of oil.. What!!!! 22 quarts will not fit in a 5 gallon bucket, just then I looked at the top of the bucket and yep! the oil is on it's way out of the bucket and out on to the ground. 22 quarts just will not fit in a 20 quart bucket.. A few laughs over this and the FCOC crowd laughed as well. Boy did I feel stupid. Then I reach in the bucket and get the oil plug and I do get it but with a slightly oily black color on my arm all the way up. Larry comes over and tells me that I did not have to reach in there because the plug is magnetic and any steel rod or long screwdriver would have attached it for me. Oh well, stupid again. The evening went on with the vendors present gave Dorothy and me some very nice gifts for our service.

Next time you see us, ask to see the beautiful glass plaque engraved from FCOC as well as FCCC. We will be happy to show them off, Wow, then gifts from Michelin, Allison, Caterpillar, and Cummins, This party was a great experience, and they all said that Dorothy and I helped them, well, not true. They helped both of us and this club grow to be where we are today.

I want to thank all of the people that attended and presented for us. I will never forget this wonderful experience of working with them all and the many fine people that make up Freightliner Chassis Owners Club.

Thank you to all the great people that came along for the most wonderful ride of our lives.

We will always love you all.

Ken & Dorothy Hawk



Gathering @ FMCA Pomona CA

Holding Area



Caravaning



Evening Entertainment



*Being Together
@ the Coachs*



friends !



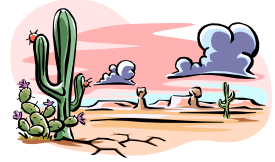
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*Well
Done ?*

food !



Post Rally Trails to Tucson





Pictured from right to left are Steve Batorson, Assistant Rally Master, Ms. Erin McIntire, Director of Development, Ron Sliger, Rally Master, and Roberta Quiroz, Development Specialist.

Not only was the FCOC National Rally at Beaudry RV Resort, Tucson, Arizona a huge success, the generosity of our rally participants was also outstanding. For the Tucson rally, we selected the Ronald McDonald House as our designated charity, and through the tireless efforts of Charlene Williams and the exceptional generosity of our rally participants, we collected a significant amount of money for this worthwhile organization. On 7 March, representatives from the Ronald McDonald House of Charities were presented with a check from the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club in the amount of \$1,510.00.



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March 12, 2008

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Dear Ron,

On behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona, we would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$1,510.00. Your thoughtful donation makes a difference in children's lives by keeping families close when they need them most.

For 27 years, we have provided a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children receiving medical treatment in Tucson. During our service to the community, more than 5,000 families of seriously ill children laid their heads on our pillows, fixed a warm meal in our kitchen, and found support from staff and other families enduring similar crises in their lives.

As we welcome a new era of Ronald McDonald House at our new, larger location, we look forward to many more years of serving families in need. Unfortunately, there will never be a lack of need for the love and support that we are able to provide. We are so thankful for the support that we receive from friends and donors like you who make our work possible.

RMH provides an atmosphere of encouragement, nurturing and hope at a time when families are undergoing one of the most stressful ordeals they can endure. The real uniqueness of our mission is found not in caring for bodies, but in caring for hearts and souls.

Thank you for opening your heart to help children and families,

Diana Sheldon
Executive Director

Erin McIntire
Director of Development

In compliance with Internal Revenue Service requirements, we declare that no goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tucson is a qualified charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Great to meet you three. Thank you so much for thinking of us!

Way to GO : FCOC-ers



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Registration Form

Joslin, Illinois — 19 - 23 July 2008

Sunset Lakes Resort

2700 - 290th Street, North

Hillsdale, IL 61257

(800) 747-5253

Rally Includes

Welcome Social

Sunday Cook-out

8 Meals

Workout Room

Canoes

Red Hat Tea

Tennis

Seminars

Paddle Boats

And the Very Best

Volleyball

Freightliner Tech Service, together with Good Fellowship

FMCA # _____ (Have you updated the FCOC Database within the last three (3) months? If not, do so now.)

Pilot: _____
Last Name First Name Nickname

Co-Pilot: _____
Last Name First Name Nickname

Will you have a guest(s) attending the rally? If so, name(s) and age: _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip Code _____

Primary Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address: _____
(Registration Confirmations will be sent to the e-mail address above, otherwise they will be mailed.)

If you are arriving early or want to stay beyond the rally dates, you must contact Sunset Lakes Resort by calling (800) 747-5253. The special rate for early arrivals up to three (3) days and for those who stay beyond the rally dates for up to three (3) days will be \$25.00/night.

In order to recognize any special events in your life occurring during the month of **July 2008**, e.g., birthday or anniversary, please indicate the event and the date: _____

Please specify 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 _____

Would you like to tour the John Deere Museum, and the John Deere Harvester Works? Yes ___ No ___

Would you volunteer to be a Rally Master or Assistant Rally Master for future Rallies? Yes ___ No ___

Please make your check payable to FCOC in the amount of **\$310.00** for the rally, **or \$315.00** (\$ 5.00 added for bus transportation for two) if you want to tour the John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline. If you have a guest over 14, please add **\$100.00** to cover the cost of meals. Mail your check to:

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Date Received: _____ Confirmation Sent: _____

NOTE: Sunset Lakes Resort only has 30 amp service. Honey Wagon service will be available. All amenities at Sunset Lakes Resort are free: paddle boats, canoes, mini-golf, tennis, swimming, etc.



I request the following parts for pick-up at Sunset Lakes Resort from the Freightliner Truck:

Name: _____ FMCA No. _____

Coach Mfg: _____ Model: _____ Engine: _____

Engine Number, if available: _____

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

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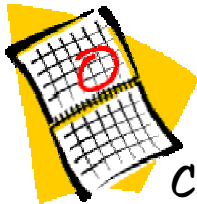
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Note!

To all FCOC club members a note to let you know that the information about the "Christmas in July" National rally and the registration form are now out on the FCOC website. This takes place Sunset Lakes Resort a five star resort in Joslin Illinois July 19-23.

Below is the link to the FCOC website for more information.
http://www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org/rally_info.htm



Caravan to the 2008 Summer FMCA Convention in St. Paul

Charlie & Ruth Hoffstaffer Caravan Organizer

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

E-mail crvacc@yahoo.com

On Saturday, July 12th, 2008, we will be assembling at the parking lot of the Mystic Lake Casino in Prior Lake, MN for our caravan into the St. Paul FMCA Convention. We have use of an area in the Casino Parking lot until 12:30 PM. Overnight parking will be permitted on the night of the 11th. This will be dry camping and NO levelers. Our entry time slot into the FMCA Convention is 2:00 PM. If you will be coming in on the 12th arrive at the parking lot by at least 11:00 AM so we can hand out the necessary materials. If you need to pick FMCA entry credentials from the FMCA Will Call area, you will need to do that before coming to the Casino. Since it is about 34 miles from the Casino to the FMCA Rally site I would recommend that you go to the Will Call area the day before or really early on Saturday morning. Coaches that do not have their FMCA credentials at the time we leave the parking lot will not be able to go with us. Sorry FMCA rules. At 11:30 we will have a short meeting to go over entry and caravan details. We will be leaving the Casino grounds around 12:30 PM for our journey into the FMCA Convention parking area.

The Casino has five restaurants and I am told that the food is great. You may want to partake while you are there.

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 on or before we meet on the 12th.

The Mystic Lake Casino address is 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd, Prior Lake MN 55372

The phone number is 1(800) 262-7799

The directions to the Mystic Lake Casino are as follows:

I-35 W from the North:

Take I-35 W South to Cty. Rd. 42, right lane (Exit 1). Turn right, follow Cty. Rd. 42 West approx. 9.3 miles to Cty. Rd. 83. Turn left at Cty. Rd. 83 go South, follow approx. 2.6 miles to Cty. Rd. 82 (154 St.), turn right, then a mile turn right on Mystic Lake Blvd. and head north into the complex.



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I-35 from the South:

Take the I-35 E right lane (Exit 88A) then quickly after that right lane (Exit 88B) to Cty. Rd. 42. Turn left and then take Cty. Rd. 42 West approx. 9.5 miles to Cty. Rd. 83. Turn left at Cty. Rd. 83 go South, follow approx. 2.6 miles to Cty. Rd. 82 (154 St.) turn right, then a mile turn right on Mystic Lake Blvd. and head North into the complex.

I-35 E from the North East:

Take the I-35 E (Exit 88B) to Cty. Rd. 42. Turn right and then take Cty. Rd. 42 West approx. 9.4 miles to Cty. Rd. 83. Turn left at Cty. Rd. 83 go South, follow approx. 2.6 miles to Cty. Rd. 82 (154St.). Turn right, then a mile turn right on Mystic Lake Blvd. and head North into the complex.

The Casino complex is approximately 15 miles from the Interstate.

FCOC will have signs up directing you to the correct parking lot once you get down to Cty. Rd. 82 We will be looking for you !!!

Many thanks to Tom Seaburg and his staff at the Mystic Lake Casino.

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

WE ESPECIALLY NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO STAY OVER NIGHT ON THE 11TH.

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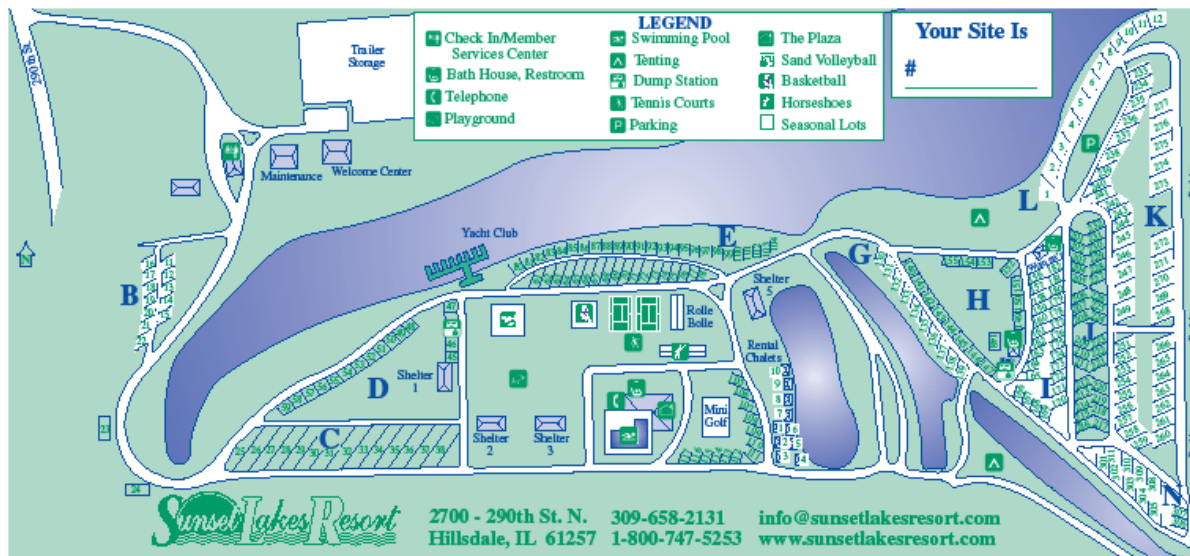
When registering for the FMCA Convention make sure you register for General Parking Area. This will allow you to run your generator from 7:00 AM till 11:00 PM.



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- General store
- Snack bar
- High-speed internet access

***We are Growing ... Rallies Across the USA
Contact Your FCOC Area Coordinator for Schedules,
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- ***Eastern Area*** - EA- Coordinators:
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E-mail cljjohnst@aol.com
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- ***Great Lakes*** - GL- Coordinators:
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FCOC PRE-RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

Rally Dates: 21-25 March 2009 – Lazy Days, Seffner, FL - Limited to the first 200 Coaches

Rally Dates: 24-28 July 2009 – CERAland, Columbus, IN - Limited to first 150 Coaches

DATE SUBMITTED: _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____ CONFIRMATION SENT: _____

FMCA# _____ (Have you updated the FCOC Database within the past three (3) months? If not, do so now.)

Pilot: _____

 Last Name First Name

Co-Pilot: _____

Last Name	First Name
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Your Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Primary Phone # _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Your E-mailAddress: _____

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

If you are interested in attending any one of these rallies, please indicate your preference by checking the desired box(s)

Lazy Days :

CERAland*: ☐

(*) Note: CERAland is the Cummins Employee Recreation Area

And send this form to: Rick Kennedy 158 Rainbow Dr. #5878, Livingston, TX 77399

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Please mail your pre-registration form to the above FCOC Registrar.

Are you willing to be a Assistant Rally Master for one of these rallies? Yes _____ No _____

Are you willing to be a Captain for either of these rallies? Yes _____ No _____

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There is *no obligation* attached to this advance registration form. We just need to get an idea of how many members plan to participate in each rally.

Approximately six (6) months before each rally, a formal registration form together with other information appropriate to the rally will be posted on the Freightliner web site, and promulgated in the Freightliner Flyer.

SERVICE LIFE FOR RV/MOTORHOME TIRES

The following recommendation applies to RV/Motorhome tires. Tires are composed of various types of material and rubber compounds, having performance properties essential to the proper functioning of the tire itself. These component properties evolve over time. For each tire, this evolution depends upon many factors such as weather, storage conditions, and conditions of use (load, speed, inflation pressure, maintenance, etc.) to which the tire is subjected throughout its life. This service-related evolution varies widely so that accurately predicting the serviceable life of any specific tire in advance is not possible.

That is why, in addition to regular inspections and inflation pressure maintenance by consumers, it is recommended to have RV/Motorhome tires, including spare tires, inspected regularly by a qualified tire specialist, such as a tire dealer, who will assess the tire's suitability for continued service. Tires that have been in use for 5 years or more should continue to be inspected by a specialist at least annually.

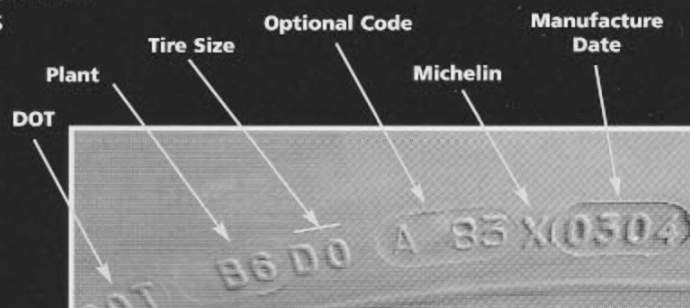
Consumers are strongly encouraged to be aware not only of their tires' visual condition and inflation pressure, but also of any change in dynamic performance such as increased air loss, noise or vibration, which could be an indication that the tires need to be removed from service to prevent tire failure. It is impossible to predict when tires should be replaced based on their calendar age alone. However, the older a tire the greater the chance that it will need to be

replaced due to the service-related evolution or other conditions found upon inspection or detected during use.

While most tires will need replacement before they achieve 10 years, it is recommended that any tires in service 10 years or more from the date of manufacture, including spare tires, be replaced with new tires as a simple precaution even if such tires appear serviceable and even if they have not reached the legal wear limit.

For tires that were on an original equipment vehicle (i.e., acquired by the consumer on a new vehicle), follow the vehicle manufacturer's tire replacement recommendations, when specified (but not to exceed 10 years).

The date when a tire was manufactured is located on the sidewall of each tire. Consumers should locate the Department of Transportation or DOT code on the tire that begins with DOT and ends with the week and year of manufacture. For example, a DOT code ending with "0304" indicates a tire made in the 3rd week (Jan) of 2004.



You Can Find More Information @ www.michelinrvtires.com
Or Michelin's Guide for Proper Use and Maintenance

Support full-timers' voting rights

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 was intended to make it easier for all Americans to register to vote and maintain their registration. Yet in some U.S. states, persons who live full-time in their RVs have been denied the right to vote in federal elections. The reason? They have no permanent, stationary home address.



Dear FMCA member:

FMCA has mailed letters to every member of the U.S. Congress, urging them to amend the National Voter Registration Act to make it clear that full-time RV residents must be provided the right to register to vote.

We urge you to support this effort. On FMCA's Web site, we've posted a sample letter for you to copy and send to your state's two senators and your state representative(s).

[View sample letter](#)

If we are successful in this endeavor, it will mean a great deal to a large portion of our membership ...

Approximately 13,000 FMCA family members (about 26,000 people) reside full-time in their motorhomes. Because of their mobile lifestyle, they often use mail drops or friends' or relatives' addresses to receive mail, obtain necessary licenses and register to vote.

So please, send your letter today. Any form of correspondence is an additional piece of information your members of Congress may use to make their decision when voting.

[Send letter now](#)

FMCA has partnered with the Escapees RV Club on the issue of voting rights. So for those of you who are also members of that organization, you may also receive a note from them.

On behalf of all our membership, thank you.

Connie Pool, F140306
FMCA National President



Ladies of FCOC

TRAILS TO TUCSON



RED HAT MEETING

At the Trails to Tucson Rally at Beaudry RV Resort on March 4, 2008, the ladies of the Red Hat Society met at the Montgomery Grill in the resort center. Priscilla Buck and Brenda Sliger were the hostesses. The energetic group enjoyed their tea or coffee and cheesecake while George Eddington from the AARP Information Center spoke on the problem of identity theft.

Some points discussed were:

Be careful with credit cards by

Reviewing each monthly statement

Asking credit card company to stop sending blank checks with their statements

Keeping credit card pin numbers in safe place

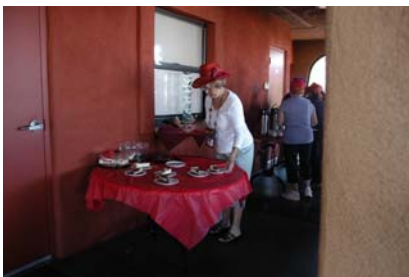


Never giving credit card information over the telephone.

Other suggestions

Get credit report

Don't order over telephone or on-line with credit cards

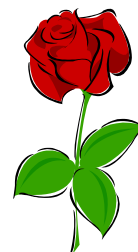


Take carbon copies of receipt

Use secure mailbox

Use shredder

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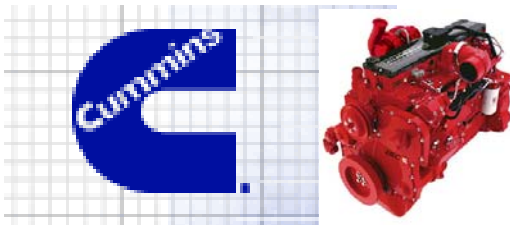
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