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2nd Quarter, 2009

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March 2009 FMCA Perry GA Rally



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Were You there?



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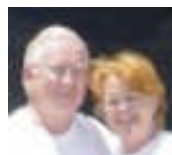
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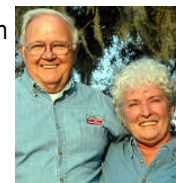
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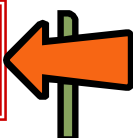
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Note ! New Phone
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~ President's Message ~



To all of our FCOC friends,

The first quarter of 2009 has been very busy for our Club. We have installed new officers to fill vacancies created by the untimely passing of Bill Buck and resignation of Priscilla Buck, updated our Bylaws, promulgated our Standing Rules, and in conjunction with FCCC, are in the process of revising procedures for handling of membership applications and renewals. We are also looking to update our website to make it easier to navigate and more interesting for our membership. Following the LazyDays rally, the Executive Board meeting also produced some changes that will affect our organization. First, we split the responsibilities of the Vice President Area Operations in two because we have learned that one person cannot adequately cover the entire United States. Using the Mississippi River as the dividing line, we now have a Vice President Area Operations - East and a Vice President Area Operations - West. The other change involved the location of future FCOC Business Meetings. Instead of conducting our Business Meetings during the FMCA International Convention, we will have the meetings during the FCOC National rallies. We will continue to have a caravan in to the FMCA International Conventions and will erect the Freightliner tent for social gatherings of our members, but will no longer provide a pizza party, free beer, wine, etc., at the FMCA due to the elimination of sponsor funding.

The economy has had an adverse impact upon not only the FMCA membership, but upon our membership as well. At the end of 2008 we had 4,825 active members but only have 4,189 as of April 1, 2009. We have 585 members who have yet to renew memberships that expired during the first quarter of 2009, and another 1,401 members whose memberships expired during 2007 and 2008. Rest assured we will be contacting these people and encouraging them to renew their membership. Recognizing the difference between the decrease in number of new members and the number of chassis manufactured by FCCC is easy. Understanding why we have lost so many members in such a short time is not. We have conducted a membership survey designed to help us conduct better rallies, and you will find a synopsis of the results elsewhere in this newsletter. However, questionnaires don't always provide the answers we need. A better method is the personal touch. Each and every one of us needs to become a recruiter, an ambassador and an advocate for the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club, to bring back those who have not renewed their membership and to recruit new members when ever and where ever possible. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see an article which outlines the many benefits available to our Club members. Keep a copy with you and when the opportunity arises, don't be shy about telling your RV friends of the benefits we enjoy as members of FCOC. Finally, you can be assured that the Executive Board will continuously review the impact of the shrinking membership and its effect upon the club's finances.

In closing, I want to thank Rally Masters Pete and Alice Pizzano, and Assistant Rally Masters Bob and Judy Stewart, for the great time we had at LazyDays. The only people who were disappointed were the members of the team that came in second in the Bean Bag Baseball game. Can you believe they were ahead 19 to 7 and still lost!

President,

Ron Sliger





Driven By You

Dear FCOC Members,

Hopefully many of you are now well into your summer travels, enjoying the warmer weather and looking forward to upcoming rallies. While the economy continues to struggle and the motorhome industry remains in a slump, I believe we are starting to see signs of life. Many of our OEMs are restarting production and economists are predicting a third-quarter turnaround, although quick results are not expected. A sluggish recovery looms, but I feel we all share the opinion that any positive notions are welcome at this point.

If our experience at the FMCA rally in Perry, GA, last March was any indication, things really do appear to be ramping up. Perry was very well attended given the current state of the motorhome industry. We saw a large amount of traffic both in our display area and throughout the fairgrounds. Our service technicians were so busy we had to call additional team members down from Gaffney to handle the many requests.

Also while in Perry, Tiffin, our largest OEM, enjoyed a highly successful launch of its new product, the Allegro RED. This new motorhome is built exclusively on Freightliner rear-engine diesel chassis and the introduction received a lot of positive attention.

Speaking of positive attention, our hybrid-electric ecoFRED chassis is being featured this summer during the annual RV tour by the Herzog family, spokespeople for RVIA. On their 10th summer tour, the Herzogs will be driving around the country for 50 days on a Winnebago Adventurer Hybrid, powered by ecoFRED. Aside from being featured on *Good Morning America*, the RV will travel to many campsites and garner significant attention on the road.

And, for those of you in the market for a new motorhome on a Freightliner chassis, we are currently in the process of launching a financing program with Daimler Truck Financial, another subsidiary of Daimler Trucks North America. In a time where RV financing is very difficult to secure, we hope this program will help buyers realize their dreams of owning a new coach.

For now, let's focus on the positives, look towards the future and hope that the RV industry slowly but surely bounces back in the near term.

I look forward to seeing you in Bowling Green, OH.

Sincerely,

Bob Harbin

President, Freightliner Custom Chassis



Driven By You

From the Senior VP



I have a few things I need to address this quarter. First, I was appointed to head a committee at the Perry Business meeting to review Article V of the Standing Rules. At that time I asked for volunteers and I would like to thank those who offered their services. After giving the question considerable thought, I decided to go outside the club for a totally independent review. I contacted two Congresswomen, one currently serving and one retired, both expert and experienced parliamentarians to review some issues concerning a business meeting held in August of 2006 and the following of Roberts Rules.

Their conclusion was that Article V was brought up at a meeting and voted on. The question of whether the second part of the business meeting was announced correctly as a continuation of the first part does not come into consideration, because the minutes of that meeting (both first and second parts) were published, and those published minutes were approved at the following business meeting with no comments. Therefore, the contents of those minutes were accepted as being correct, including Article V. As Chairperson of the Review Committee, with the information from those experts reviewing the documentation, I recommend to the members to accept Article V as written in the approved Standing Rules.

OK now on to the rallies for next year. We have two very nice parks for our rallies next year. **We need rally masters for both of them. Please contact me or President Ron if you would like to help the club out as a Rally Master.** The Spring rally will be held after the FMCA rally in Albuquerque, NM. We will have our FCOC rally in Amarillo, TX at the Oasis RV Resort, March 27-31, 2010. The summer rally will follow the FMCA summer rally in Redmond, OR. Our Rally will be held at the brand new River Bend Resort August 15-19, 2010 located in Harrisburg, OR. right on the Willamette River about 120 miles from Redmond.

Finally, I would like to mention that we have standardized the e-mail addressing for the club officers to make it easier for you to contact us. This is reflected on the inside cover of this newsletter.

Steve Batorson
Senior VP

Note!

At the St. Paul, Minnesota business meeting on July 17, 2008, it was announced that the Executive Board decided the position of Webmaster should be an appointed position, rather than an elected position. Almost one year has gone by since this decision was made and the Executive Board has been determined that the initial decision should be reversed. Accordingly, the position of Webmaster shall be an elected office.

The new Vice President Webmaster will be Rick Kennedy. Nomination and election will be held at the business meeting during the FCOC National Rally at the S&H Campground, Greenfield, Indiana.



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Note from Daimler Truck Financial,
financial services partner of
Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation



RV Financing Available - Rates as low as 6.87%** APR

Dear FCOC Members,

As we all know, the current economic situation has impacted many aspects of the American lifestyle, including the RV community. Many fellow RVers wanting to purchase a new motorhome have struggled to find financing. Traditionally, many have relied on financing sources such as home equity lines of credit or RV loans. However, many lenders have closed or reduced home equity lines of credit and many established RV lending institutions have exited the RV finance market entirely. While some may have experienced these difficulties, RV financing is, indeed, still available.

Daimler Truck Financial is the captive financial services partner for Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC). This is a role we take seriously. As we are both subsidiaries of Daimler AG, a global organization owning such brands as Mercedes-Benz and Freightliner, our sole purpose is to ensure that we are supporting our brand partners, such as FCCC, with financing options for its customers. FCCC and Daimler Truck Financial are working together to provide FCOC members access to extremely competitive financing.

We are pleased to announce a finance program for new RVs riding on an industry-leading FCCC chassis. Some of the flexible financing terms available include*:

1. Highly competitive rates, currently as low as **6.87% APR****
2. Up to 240 month repayment terms, even on as little as \$50,000
3. Up to 180 days until first payment
4. Quick turnaround time, from approval to funding, usually within 3-5 business days
5. Unparalleled customer service
6. Easy transaction process

If you would like more information on current rates and program terms, or would like to submit an application online or obtain a quote, please visit www.essexcredit.com/fccc. Of course, you can also contact us by phone at (866) 377-3940 and reference program "FCCC".

Regards,

Keith Courtney
Sales Manager
Daimler Truck Financial

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Daimler Truck Financial



Schedule 2009-10

Dates:	Event:	Location:
July 20-23, 2009	82nd FMCA Int'l Convention	Bowling Green, OH Bowling Green State University
July 24-29, 2009	Nat'l FCOC Rally (only 125 spaces available)	S & H Campground Greenfield, IN
January 20-24, 2010	INTO Area Rally	Quartzsite, AZ
March 22-25, 2010	83rd FMCA Int'l Convention	Albuquerque, NM
March 27-31, 2010	Nat'l FCOC Rally	Oasis RV Resort Amarillo, TX.
August 11-14, 2010	84th FMCA Int'l Convention	Redmond, OR
August 15-19, 2010	Nat'l FCOC Rally	River Bend Resort Harrisburg, OR



Check the web site for the latest information on upcoming Rallies

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

AND THE WINNER IS:

Harold and Phyllis Watson were the winners of the \$100 Rally Questionnaire. Harold and Phyllis received the FMCA at Perry, GA



fuel card for responding to the Membership fuel card at the FCCC Trailer while attending the

We learned some interesting things as a result of the questionnaire, and thought you would find the responses interesting.

- 57% of our members do not attend the FMCA prior to the FCOC rally.
- 55% of our members do not attend an FCOC rally.
- 49% preferred that a rally last four (4) nights.
- 48% preferred a rally that cost between \$250 and \$300.
- 66% would be willing to eliminate breakfast to reduce rally costs.
- 87% were in favor of offering a 10% discount for early registration.
- 90% were in favor of sites being assigned based upon date of registration.
- We were split on organized games. 50% said yes, and 50% said no.
- 84% were in favor of **NOT** having entertainment every night following dinner.
- 41% were in favor of having at least four (4) hours of free time during one of the rally days.
- Preferred start time for dinner was 6:00 pm.
- 40% were not aware that FCCC provides some limited service during the rally.

Now You Know !

Plan to Attend !

The **FCOC** Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 25th,
2009
from 4 to 5 pm . @ S & H Campground, Greenfield, IN.

FCOC - Caravan into the Bowling Green, Ohio FMCA Convention

Caravan Organizers: Charlie and Ruth Hoffstatter
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On Saturday, July 18th, 2009, **Caravan Leader Roy Hopper**, (cell 772-559-3322) will assemble us at the Bowling Green High School grounds for our caravan into the FMCA Bowling Green Convention. We have use of the high school parking lot between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. There is to be **NO OVERNIGHT**

PARKING allowed at the school. Our entry time slot into the FMCA Convention is 1:00 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 get your FMCA package and be back by 11:45 AM. At 12:15 PM we will have a short meeting to go over entry and caravan details. We will be leaving the High School grounds around 12:40 PM for our journey into the Convention.

- We will monitor CB channel 7 during our caravan travels.
- The high school address is 530 W. Poe Rd., Bowling Green, Ohio., 43402
- The directions to the high school are as follows:



Coming from the east or west on Hwy 6 go to Interstate 75 and head north to Exit 181. If coming from the south or north on Interstate 75 go to exit 181. From exit 181 go west 1.7 miles on East Wooster St (Hwy 64). At Main St. (Hwy 25) turn right and go north for 3/4 of a mile. Turn left onto W. Poe Rd. and continue 0.3 miles west on W. Poe Rd. The high school will be on your right. We will have signs near the high school to direct you to the parking area.

We will need a volunteer to be tail gunner with a cell phone. If you would like to do that please contact Charlie Hoffstatter on or before we meet on the 18th. Also some help will be needed at the high school in order to get everyone parked in preparation for the caravan.

CONTACT US IF YOU WILL BE GOING @ 512-567-1499 OR TOLL FREE 1-888-218-0008 OR AT OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS folkoak@gmail.com

Many thanks to Wendy Stram at the Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Center and the Bowling Green High School for allowing us to use their parking lot.

We will be looking for you there !!!

Note:

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

The City of Bowling Green is going all out to welcome all FMCA members. There will be a mixer in the downtown area of Bowling Green on Sunday.

BG's Summer Bash – FMCA Welcome Event - Community Mixer Sunday, July 19th from 12 - 5 PM Downtown, Bowling Green.



BG invites you to their historic downtown, dine on picnic fare or in one of our restaurants, shop the sidewalk sales and retail stores. Visit vendor booths, and go on a historic walking tour or listen to live entertainment. You will be greeted by the Bowling Green Convention & Visitors Bureau and the friendly community of BG. For more information call the CVB at 800-866-0046 or visit our website at www.visitbgohio.org.



BACK HOME IN INDIANA

July 24th to July 29th 2009

On your mark,

get ready,

get set,

go to Greenfield Indiana, to S & H Campground !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



This is a rustic campground with down home atmosphere, built in the midst of cornfields. We will be having the usual seminars planned, plus a few surprises, (you don't want to miss this).

The Rally will have 4 full days of exciting things to do with something for everyone and tours galore. We will have breakfast, lunches, and dinners in no particular order, with dinner usually the last meal.

Greenfield is an old town with old time shops and attractions. Much time and money can be spent in Greenfield.

The Campground offers, swimming, putt-putt golf for a fun contest, and even canoes or rowboats for races in the lake. For the fisherpersons, you can get a prize for the largest fish caught. No license required.

Entertainment every night with many unexpected venues, with much anticipated hilarity. There will be opportunities to win valuable?? prizes.

Now down to business. ~ From Bowling Green Oh. (FMCA) rally is 212 miles away, along some of the most beautiful country highways in the nation.

If you want to know more about the Campground and what they have to offer as extras, log on to shCampground.com.

Your Rally Planners are: Ken & Dorothy Hawk, and Ed & Lois Shinkle. We can use all the help we can get. Please join us have some fun. Watch for more details on our web site. A registration form is there also.

www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org.

The registration fee is \$295.00. The club will be holding the Annual Business Meeting during the rally here at Greenfield Indiana, plan to attend.

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Voting Time!

Ballot 2009



June, 2009

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 July business meeting in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Ron Sliger after fulfilling the vacated term of the late Bill Buck, has agreed to serve another term as President, and Barbara Knutson agreed to do the same for the vacated Secretary position. Chuck Belba has decided not to let his name stand for another term as Vice President of Membership. Mary Costigan has agreed to replace him as Vice President of Membership, and Joe Costigan has agreed to put his name in nomination for Alt. National Director. We would like to thank Chuck and Ginny Belba for all they have done for the Club.

The Nominating Committee submits the Following slate of officers for the election coming up at the July 2009 business meeting.

President:	Ron Sliger
Vice- President Membership:	Mary Costigan
Vice-President Webmaster	Rick Kennedy
Vice-President Area Operations—West	Katherine Henley
Alt. National Director:	Joe Costigan
Secretary:	Barbara Knutson

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 July 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 invite anyone interested in serving the Club in any of the leadership positions, to please let members of the Nominating Committee know of your interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry DeHeer,
Chair, on behalf of the members of the Nominating Committee:



Needed!

Rally & Assistant Rally Masters

Our club is always on the lookout for individuals who would be interested in volunteering as either a Rally Master or as Assistant Rally Master. To aid in the process of understand the processes involved in these jobs, we have developed the Rally Master Rally Planning Guide and an Excel program to assist in budget development.

The intent of the Rally Master Rally Planning Guide, is not to require that you follow each and every step listed in the document. Instead, it is a guide, and the individual Rally Master can use any or all of it as needed.

We need Rally Masters and Assistant Rally Masters for the two rallies to be held in 2010, the first at Amarillo, Texas and the other is tentatively scheduled to be held at the River Bend Resort, Harrisburg, Oregon.

If you are interested, please contact our Senior Vice President, Steve Batorson on (520) 444-6772 or by e-mail at sjbators@us.ibm.com.





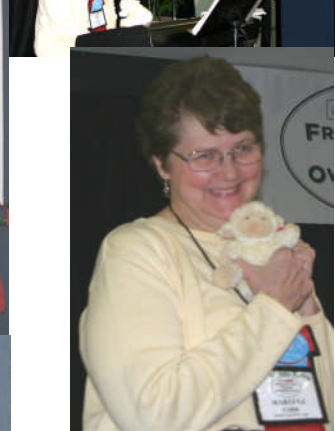
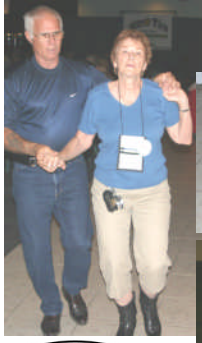
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Starting to Gather ! & Renew Freindships

Welcome to Lazydays !

More Pictures of the fun @ Lazydays!







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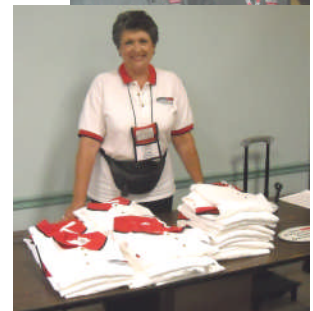
Let's Eat !



Winners?



Redhat Society Activity



Minutes of

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Business Meeting

Perry, Georgia - March 18, 2009

President Ron Sliger called the meeting to order at 5:23p.m. There were approximately 275 members in attendance. Ron asked for a moment of silence in Memory of President William (Bill) Buck. Bill will be missed by all, also we will miss having Priscilla at our meetings. Gerry DeHeer gave the invocation.

All First time attendees were asked to stand and be recognized, also the Perry volunteers for all their hard work. Ron Also thanked the people who are helping with the Pizza Party and who helped sign in the members. He, also thanked Kathe Letulle from the CAT Club.

President Ron Sliger introduced the Officers present, Tom James – Treasurer, Steve Batorson – Acting Senior Vice President, Barbara Knutson–Acting Secretary, Roy Hopper – National Director and Mary Costigan – Alt National Director.

President Ron Sliger introduced Bob Harbin President, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation and his wife Hermisia. Mr. Harbin said that Freightliner is doing well and they are now building a new Hybrid Chassis. He then introduced Jonathan Randal, who introduced the Freightliner support team.

President Ron Sliger thanked Ed and Lois Shinkle who drove 160 miles from their home in Ohio to Indiana and brought Bill and Priscilla back to their home to observe the Christmas holidays with them. He then thanked Tony Sippel who was in Indiana on vacation, he left his family to drive Bill and Priscilla and the coach back to New Hampshire after the holidays.

Ron introduced Sonny Gillespie International Area President and his wife Carol. Sonny will hold an old fashioned rally at Quartzite, AZ in January, 2010. Sonny and Carol asked members if they see a coach that does not have the FMCA egg on it to see if they belong and if not asked them to join. FMCA needs new members!

To make the meeting run smoother, Ron asked the members to please wait to be recognized before speaking and please state your name when making a motion.

Minutes of the St. Paul, MN meeting were published in the 3rd Quarter Newsletter. Ron asked that the reading of the minutes be waived. A motion was made and seconded, there were no further discussion. Motion carried. Ron asked if there were any corrections, there being none the minutes were accepted as published.

Next the Treasurers report was read by Treasurer Tom James. We have available cash on hand of \$103,303.07. The report will be included in the next newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Report. Motion carried.

National Director Roy Hopper reported that there were four Candidates for President of the FMCA, being Nelson Stubbs, Charlie Schrenkel, George Schipper and Bob Beers. There are three candidates for Vice President, June Davis, Judy Czarsty and Hollis Dick. There is one candidate for Treasurer, Bernie Dorbin. The election will be held in Bowling Green this summer at the FMCA Rally.

Senior Vice President Steve Batorson is wearing many hats, Vice President of Communications and also he is in charge of Rallies. Steve asked for a show of hands how many people get the newsletter on line and how many still get the newsletter in the mail. Steve said the newsletter is the largest single expense in the club. Members are encouraged to get the newsletter on line to cut down on postage. He also told the members that he was sorry that the dues were not posted from Dec to Feb 2009 as Kathy Kyzer at Freightliner is no longer working there, but the checks have now been cashed and members will get their new membership cards in the next week or two. He also, thanked Ron for taking on the job of President.

Nominating Committee Chairperson, Gerry DeHeer gave the committee report. The two people were appointed by President Sliger need to be confirmed to the position. A motion was made by Homer Hawks and seconded by Sandy Baker to nominate Steve as Senior Vice President, the motion carried with a majority vote. Then a motion was made by T. Ford and second by Sandy Baker for Barbara Knutson for Secretary. The motion carried by a majority. Then Chairman Gerry DeHeer gave the report of the nominations that will be held in Bowling Green, Ohio. The report will be included in the Second Quarter newsletter.

There was no old business.


New Business: We need to accept the Bylaws as promulgated on the club website. A motion was made by Jerry Kline and seconded by Jerry DeHeer to accept the bylaw changes. The Motion carried by greater than a two-third (2/3) majority. The FCOC Standing Rules as presented on the club website, must be brought to a vote. President Ron Sliger before bringing the Standing Rules to a vote, proposed that we refer FCOC SR Article V – Reimbursement of Club Officers from the Standing Rules and refer the article to a Special Committee for review. Ron made Senior Vice President Steve Batorson chairperson of the committee and asked for volunteers to help on this committee. A motion was made by D. Elliott and seconded by George Bradbury to accept the Standing Rules as written excluding Article V. The motion carried by a two-thirds majority vote. The drawing was held for the \$100.00 dollar gas card. The card was won by Harold Watson. There being no new business, a motion was made by Homer Hawks and seconded by Gerry DeHeer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m. The next business meeting will be held in July in Bowling Green Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Knutson,

Secretary



FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 (Main Operating Account)			
			
INCOME			
RALLY			
RALLY FEES COLLECTED (NET OF REFUNDS)	47,598.00		
VENDOR FEES COLLECTED	-		
MANUFACTURERS CONTRIBUTIONS	12,000.00		
OTHER RALLY RELATED INCOME	-		
TOTAL RALLY INCOME		59,598.00	
OTHER INCOME			
DUES COLLECTED	46,599.00		
ADVERTISING INCOME	4,000.00		
INTEREST EARNED	119.60		
ANY OTHER INCOME	19,000.00	*	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		69,718.60	
TOTAL INCOME			129,316.60
EXPENSES			
RALLY			
FOOD	51,404.99	**	
CAMPING	-		
ENTERTAINMENT	3,610.00		
TOURS	-		
ANY OTHER RALLY EXPENSES	4,359.39		
TOTAL RALLY EXPENSES		59,374.38	
OTHER EXPENSES			
NEWSLETTER	28,272.26		
OFFICE AND POSTAGE	1,578.12		
OFFICER REIMBURSEMENTS	16,444.47		
ANY OTHER EXPENSES	7,641.27		
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES		53,936.12	
TOTAL EXPENSES			113,310.50
INCOME OVER EXPENSES OR (EXPENSES OVER INCOME)			16,006.10
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE			
			34,841.92
INCOME OVER EXPENSES OR (EXPENSES OVER INCOME)			16,006.10
TRANSFER TO AREA CHECKBOOKS			(21,029.90)
ENDING CASH BALANCE			29,818.12
* Includes \$18,000 contribution from FCCC for Area Clubs			
** Rally fees include Camping and Caterer			

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!

There are a lot of people out there driving a Freightliner chassis that are not members of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC). Your Executive Board realizes that you may not be aware of all these benefits, so we thought it would be beneficial to highlight these benefits for you, should you happen to be talking with someone who is not a member of our club.

- The first year's membership in the FCOC is free with the purchase of a new motorhome built on a Freightliner chassis.
- The club is open to owners of John Deer, Oshkosh and Freightliner chassis.
- We have more than 5,000 members and are the largest chapter in the FMCA.
- Membership dues in the FCOC are \$10.00 per year, or \$45.00 for five (5) years.
- We have two National FCOC rallies a year following FMCA International Conventions. These rallies include but are not limited to:
 - *Freightliner chassis display.
 - *Freightliner Service trailer.
 - *Freightliner Service technicians.
 - *Technical presentation by Freightliner staff.
- We have a quarterly newsletter that contains technical information pertinent to your Freightliner chassis.
- You can receive a 5% discount on parts at labor at the FCCC Gaffney, SC Service Center. You also can receive this discount when purchasing parts from the Freightliner Service Trailer at our National FCOC rallies.

As a member of the FCOC, you are eligible for purchase discounts on all new Chrysler vehicles (except Dodge Viper and Mercedes Benz.)

**DO YOU HAVE A TECHNICAL QUESTION,
CONCERNS OR REQUIRE SERVICE ON YOUR FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS?**

The Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation located at Gaffney, SC, has a technical staff that possesses a wealth of knowledge concerning your Freightliner chassis. To obtain an answer on any technical question concerning your Freightliner chassis, you can contact one of the FCCC staff by contacting the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FTL-HELP (1-800-385-4357).

There is also a 6-bay Service Center at Gaffney with 20 electric sites, and there is water and a dump site on location. The Service operates from 8:00 to 4:30 pm EST. You can go to <http://www.freightlinerchassis.com/mhMain.asp?page=svcReqForm> to arrange for service, and <http://www.freightlinerchassis.com/mhMain.asp?page=svcPartsReqForm> for parts information or parts needed outside of FCCC normal chassis warranty repairs. The telephone number for the Service Center is 1-864-206-8683.

If you would like to obtain downloadable copies of routine maintenance work performed on the Freightliner RV chassis, go to: <http://www.freightlinerchassis.com/mhMain.asp?page=service> and you will find a list of the forms in question.

Just remember, that 1-800-FTL-HELP is the answer to all of your technical questions concerning your Freightliner chassis.

Tech Note! Air Dryer Maintenance is Imperative to Keep Your RV Running Smoothly

So it's now time to change the air dryer on your RV chassis. To begin, there are a couple of things you must keep in mind. First, what is an air dryer, and second, what does it do?

The air dryer is designed to collect and remove air system contaminants in solid, liquid and vapor form before they enter the brake system. The air dryer consists of a replaceable desiccant cartridge, coalescent filter, purge valve, check valve and Turbo-Saver Valve. The desiccant cartridge, coalescent filter, and purge valve housing assembly, which includes the heater and thermostat assembly, can be serviced without removing the air dryer from the vehicle. You should only need three to four inches of clearance.

The air dryer works like this: contaminated, wet compressed air at up to 160°F (71°C) enters from the air compressor and into the air dryer through the inlet port. The Turbo-Saver Valve, in the closed position, forces the compressed air through the coalescent filter, where water droplets and contaminants are removed from the air stream. The compressed air then moves through the desiccant cartridge bed, and the remaining moisture is removed.

When the reservoir reaches the governor cutout pressure, air pressure from the governor unloading port enters the air dryer. This signal from the governor causes the Turbo-Saver Valve to shift, close and block the inlet, while simultaneously causing the purge valve to open. The sudden opening of the purge valve permits the pressurized air in the coalescent filter sump to flush moisture and contaminants from the housing.

Now that you know the purpose of an air dryer, you also must know that the filters inside the component need to be serviced.

Freightliner Custom Chassis uses two types of air dryers on its rear engine diesel chassis. The first design is the Midland Pure Air Plus, which needs to be serviced every 18 months. The other design is the PURest air dryer by Haldex. The Haldex air dryer was built on chassis on or after Nov. 28, 2003, and has a scheduled change interval of 36 months. On the next page are images of both air dryer designs on our chassis to help you determine which product you have on your RV.



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Figure 1. The Midland Pure Air Plus. The air dryer is equipped with a spin-on desiccant cartridge that is scheduled to be changed every **18 months**. Inside, the coalescing filter should be changed every **18 months**.

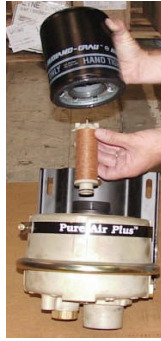


Figure 1.



Figure 2.

Figure 2. The PURest Air Dryer by Haldex. This air dryer has a cover that is bolted down with four bolts and has a multi-treatment cartridge inside. This air dryer has a **36-month** change interval.

The majority of air dryers on a FCCC chassis are located either on the right or left frame rail (behind the rear axle). Look under the coach and you will find the air dryer in one of those locations. Now before you change any filters think about the following questions. Where do you operate your chassis? Where is it stored? Do you live in a high humidity climate? If you live in a high humidity environment, you may have to change your filter more often than the manufacturer recommends because of the high moisture content.

To ensure safety, please follow these specific procedures.

1. **PARK THE RV ON A LEVEL SURFACE, CHOCK THE TIRES AND STOP THE ENGINE.**
2. **THE AIR TANKS MUST BE BLED OF ALL PRESSURE ANY TIME YOU WORK ON THE AIR SYSTEM.**
3. **PULL ALL THREE LANYARDS UNTIL NO AIR IS HEARD HISsing FROM THE AIR TANKS. YOU MUST HAVE 0 PSI.**
4. **NEVER USE THE HYDRUALIC LEVELING JACKS ON THE MOTORHOME TO SUPPORT OR GIVE YOU HEIGHT TO GET UNDER THE MOTORHOME.**
5. **USE APPROVED JACK STANDS OR RAMPS TO GIVE YOU CLEARANCE TO WORK UNDER THE MOTRHOME. SERRIOUS INJURY OR DEATH MAY OCCUR.**

Other Safety Precautions:

When working on or around air brake systems and components, observe the following precautions.

1. Chock the tires and stop the engine before working under a vehicle. Depleting air system pressure may cause the vehicle to roll. Keep hands away from brake chamber push rods and slack adjusters, which may apply as air pressure drops.
2. Never connect or disconnect a hose or line containing compressed air. It may whip as air escapes. Never remove a component or pipe plug unless you are certain all system pressure has been released.
3. Never exceed recommended air pressure, and always wear safety glasses when working with compressed air. Never look into air jets or direct them at anyone.
4. Don't disassemble a component until you have read and understood the service procedures. Some components contain powerful springs, and injury can result if not properly disassembled. Use the correct tools, and observe all precautions pertaining to use of those tools.
5. Replacement hardware, tubing, hose, fittings, etc. should be the equivalent size, type, length, and strength of the original equipment. Make sure that when replacing tubing or hose, all of the original supports, clamps, or suspending devices are installed or replaced.
6. Replace devices with stripped threads or damaged parts. Repairs requiring machining should not be attempted.

USE THIS PROCEDURE IF YOU CAN NOT SERVICE THE FILTER ON THE CHASSIS FOR THE MIDLAND PURE AIR PLUS

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface and chock the tires. Drain the air reservoirs.
2. Remove the air dryer.
 - 2.1 Mark and disconnect the air lines from the air dryer, and note the position of dryer ports relative to the vehicle. You should have a Steel Braided Hose from Engine Air compressor and a 1/4 inch silver air line from the governor and a 5/8 inch black line to the wet tank.
 - 2.2 Unplug the vehicle wiring harness from the heater/thermostat assembly.
 - 2.3 Loosen the mounting strap locknut. (1 and 2)
 - 2.4 Remove the 3/8 inch bolt from the bottom of the dryer. (3 and 4)
 - 2.5 Remove the air dryer from the mounting bracket. (5)

Installation:

1. Position the air dryer through the mounting strap and bracket as noted in "Removal."
2. Insert the 3/8 inch bolt and lock washer into the bottom of the dryer and tighten the bolt **20 to 25 lbf · ft (27 to 34N·m)**. See Fig. 1.
3. Tighten the air dryer mounting strap locknut **50 lbf · in (565 N·cm)**.
4. As referenced earlier in "Removal", connect the airlines to their appropriate ports on the air dryer.
5. Connect the vehicle wiring harness to the air dryer heater and thermostat assembly connector. Plug it into the air dryer connector until the lock tab snaps in place.
6. Test the air dryer. Start the engine and let the air pressure build to 100 psi. Turn off the engine, and check for leaks. Restart the engine, and let the air build to remove pressure. You will hear the purge valve open and expel a large volume of air and then stop. Turn the engine off and recheck for leaks. If air is not leaking, you're finished.
7. Remove the chocks from the tires.

Check the FCOC Web Site for service of the PURest Air Dryer by Haldex. www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org

A Special Thanks to All !

Tribute(s) for William B. Buck

Gifts received In Memorial of William B. Buck Jr.

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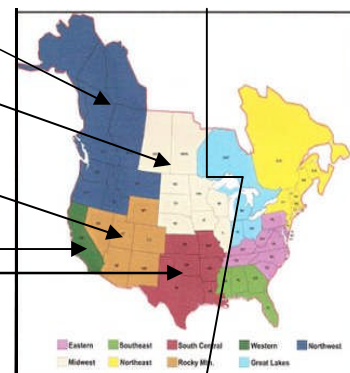


A Note from the Desk of our NEW VP-Area Operations—West ...

I am pleased to serve on the board of FCOC again. The new position of VP Operations West is to help members west of the Mississippi River with small rally's. There are Five (5) areas South Central, AR.,KS.,LA.,MO.,OK.,TX. Midwest, IA.,IL., MB., MN., ND.,NE.,SD.,SK.,WI., Northwest, AB., AK.,BC.,ID.,MT.,OR.,WA. Rocky Mountain, AZ.,CO.,NM.,NV.,UT.,WY. and California. I need leaders in each area to hold small group gatherings. Hopefully in Sept. we will be having one in the Midwest, watch for the e-blast, and possibly before the FMCA National in Albuquerque, NM the Rocky Mountain Area can meet together for a few days of fellowship. I need to hear from anyone interest in working with me in one of the areas mentioned.

Safe Travel,
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Spiritual Comments

Dorothy & I have been appointed Spiritual Leaders for our club. We are very proud and pleased to take on this important responsibility. Carolyn Morris was the Spiritual Leader for at least 4 years and will be a hard act to follow. She will be missed at that job. Thank you Carolyn.



In the last 2 years, the Hawk house has been a bee hive of activity. We have been dealing with the big "C". With the help of you with your prayers, we are in remission. With the good Lord watching over us and the benefit of modern medicine, we can say we are survivors.

Our Daughter came to visit us from Guam, It was learned that she too was fighting that same big "C" She will be with us until after the chemo treatments.

The reason I mention these things is to tell you how blessed we feel. We know that what has helped us recover is a belief called "PRAYER POWER" Dorothy and me thank you folks for your prayers and cards and calls giving us great support. Knowing that you people care and the presence of prayer has made the difference. I know that Prayer Power Works. If it wasn't for prayer power, neither of us would be here. It is the confidence you gain when people show they care. Plus of course the good Lord on your side. Always be thankful for the blessings we have received.

Now 2 things, #1 if you have a situation in your household or family, or even a friend, never forget the power of prayers. Share this with us, your club members and we will also join you in prayer.

#2 Please feel free to contact us either by phone or by e-mail and we will return your call or e-mail and include you request in our prayers. Phone 214-244-4307. E-mail kenhawk@airmail.net

FCOC Members that need prayer for support and recovery:

- #1 The wife of our deceased President, Priscilla Buck for support under these trying times.
- #2 Carmen Aurigema, passed away a short time ago. Pray for support of his wife, Lynn.
- #3 Donna Samuels, Recovering from a broken hip.
- #4 Julia Robertson, recovering from thyroid surgery.
- #5 Ed & Jackie Laugher for their Son recovering from injuries in an auto accident

I know there may be more situations of our club members, so please keep all of them in your prayers. If you have any others that could use some extra support from prayer, please call me and I will include them in prayer and list them in the newsletter.

The bible verse that explains our motive is 1 TIM 2:1 I urge that Requests, Prayers, Intercessions and Thanksgiving be made for everyone. NIV

Thank You all for your support

Ken & Dorothy Hawk



FMCA International Area

INTO

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A RALLY AT QUARTZITE, AZ?

Sonny Gillespie, President of the FMCA International Area has proposed having a rally in Quartzsite, AZ in 2010. What do you think?

He would like to have an old-fashioned rally where we would use our motorhome as they were intended. Sonny would secure entertainment, food, ice cream social, games, etc. Chapters would park together like we used to do.

If you are interested in attending a rally at Quartzsite, just send an e-mail to president@freightlinerchassisownersclub.org or a note to our FMCA Mail Box at:

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club,
4100 N Wickham Road
Unit 102, #147

WE ARE ESTABLISHING AN AUDIT COMMITTEE

Article IV, paragraph 7 of our Bylaws requires that "An annual audit of the Chapter's financial books and records shall be completed and reported to the membership by an audit committee of not less than three (3) members."

I would like some members who have previous experience as a CPA or a financial management background to volunteer for the FCOC Audit Committee. It would be appreciated if interested members would submit their name, background and email address to me at rsliger@cfl.rr.com. If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (321) 704-0695.

THE LOCATION FOR ALL FUTURE BUSINESS MEETINGS HAS BEEN CHANGED

At the Executive Board meeting held on 26 March 2009 following the LazyDays rally, the Board members voted to start conducting our Business Meetings at our FCOC National rallies, rather than during the FMCA International Conventions. We still plan on having caravans into the FMCA and will plan to erect the Freightliner tent for social activities. However, there will not be a pizza party at the FMCA and those who gather at the tent will need to bring their own drinks and snacks.

The next Business Meeting will be conducted in July during the FCOC National rally at the S & H Campground, Greenfield, Indiana.

Contacting the Right Place!

This is a story I want to convey to our members about our club and what a great asset it has been to my wife and I. On a recent trip from FL. to our home in N.Y. our M.H. broke down due to a fan bearing failure. What should have been a 2-3 day stay at the Freightliner service garage our coach occupied a service bay for 10 days. It would have been longer had it not been for the resources of the FCOC. When the garage informed me, after 7 days, they were unable to locate a certain part needed to complete the repairs, I called the officers hotline listed on the FCOC website. That call put me in touch with Ron Sliger. A few minutes later I was explaining my dilemma to Joe Patterson at Freightliner in Gaffney. Ten minutes after our discussion ended Joe informed me the needed part would be at the repair shop the next day at no shipping expense to me. My wife and I want to express our gratitude to Ron and Joe for their quick response and help in time of need and to Freightliner and the FCOC for making these services available. Derek Tisack



Needed!

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where you live.

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*Area Coordinator
West*

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tors:
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tors:
Bob Smith
Phone # 828-829-6501
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At the FCCC Factory Service Center in Gaffney, SC,

A new display area is being created to showcase FCCC and the FCOC. FCCC is asking for pictures of members at FCOC events or on the road in scenic places with your motorhomes; postcards describing your lifestyle and travels; typed or hand-written letters describing good times you had at FCOC events or satisfaction with service performed by Freightliner dealers; typed or hand-written testimonials about FCCC's products; the benefits of being a member of the FCOC or your experience with FCCC as a company.

In order to get this display up and running, please send Jennifer Edwards your pictures, postcards, stories or letters at 552 Hyatt St., Gaffney, SC 29341. Be sure to check out the display area next time you are in Gaffney, SC!

**Please note that the pictures and letters you send will be on display, in public, for all to see.*





FCOC SHIRTS ON SALE FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!

FCOC has new shirts as shown. They are 7.0 ounce, pre-shrunk 100% cotton. They are from the Gildan Manufacturer. They also have our new FCOC Logo on the left. We put them up for sale at the Convention in Perry, GA and they went like hot cakes. Also had them available at FCOC Lazy Daze Rally in Florida. We have a limited amount of shirts left. These shirts were a one time only purchase, since the Manufacturer was discontinuing this shirt. We bought as many as we could. We have Small, Medium, Large, Xlarge and XXLarge. Sorry, they didn't have 3XXX's. Don't be sorry you missed this opportunity to get your shirt. They are true to size and will be available at the FCOC Rally in Greenfield, IN. The price is \$15, and the XXLarge is \$17. I will have them with me at the Convention in Bowling Green. If you are not going to the FCOC Rally, we can make arrangements to get them to you in Bowling Green. Please e-mail me if you want me to save a shirt(s) for you. My e-mail address is mary.costigan@yahoo.com. We have a very short supply of Small's and Medium's, which I just re-order because we ran out. If either of these sizes are the ones you want, please let me know ASAP. Mary Costigan

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