

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club

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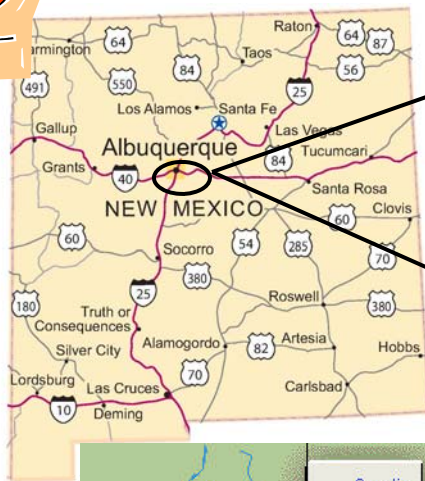
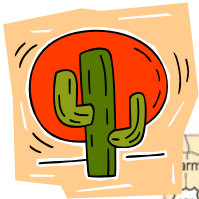


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March 22-25, 2010



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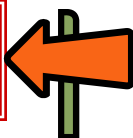
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~ President's Message ~

I am so happy that the holidays are upon us, for they are a time to gather together, sharing memories while enjoying the warmth of children, friends and family. In recognition of this time of year, I would like to extend the good wishes of the FCOC Executive Board to each and every one of you for health and happiness in the coming year, no matter what your faith or religion, as we all live under the embrace of one God.

Because we have an extraordinary number of memberships that expire at the end of the year, there has been one significant achievement that I would like to call to your attention. You now have the ability of renewing your membership electronically through PayPal. Establishing this program has been ongoing for several years, but after some initial implementation problems, I am pleased to say it is now up and running due to the tireless efforts of Steve Batorson, Rick Kennedy and Mary Costigan. If your membership will expire at the end of the year, please go to www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org and click on the Membership tab. Please note that we have yet to formalize a program for new (first time) members to join and pay their dues using the PayPal method, but hope to have that resolved before our First Quarter Newsletter is published.

Unfortunately, the work members of the FCOC Executive Board accomplish on behalf of the membership is behind the scenes and usually goes unnoticed, so I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of this hard working team. Bob Smellie must be recognized for the great work he does in pulling our newsletter together; Rick Kennedy is doing double duty as Treasurer and Webmaster, and is now in the process of developing a complete new web site for your use. Katherine Henley is working hard to establish new coordinators in the mid-west and western areas and has Tom James working with her in California. Mary Costigan as our new VP Membership has been working on the PayPal Program is selling shirts and plaques and is our current Alternate Director. Barbara Knudson has to gather all the notes and comments from our business and executive board meetings and put them together so they become a permanent record of our club activities; while Steve Batorson continues to oversee all of our programs and develop methods to make our club functions even better. Roy Hopper must be recognized for his work as our National Director and representation of our Chapter at all FMCA Governing Board meetings held at each Summer International Conventions, and we can't forget to thank our Spiritual Leaders, Ken and Dorothy Hawk, our Care Person Carol Julian and Historians Ron and Arlene Griffith. Each and every one of them has made significant contributions to the needs and well being of our club. There is another member of our Executive Board who really works behind the scenes on your behalf, and that is Jennifer Edwards. Jennifer is the Marketing & Communications Manager for FCCC, is a non-voting member of our board, and our direct liaison with FCCC. We could not do without her. Last but certainly not least are the individuals who deserve the highest of accolades are those who have stepped forward and volunteered to make our rallies the successes they are, starting with the Rally Masters, Assistant Rally Masters and their respective team members. Thank you all!

Another item of significance has been the number of inquiries regarding the Chrysler Affiliates Reward Program received over the last three months, and I am interested in knowing who might have purchased a Chrysler product and their experience. If you would, please send your email to rsliger@cfl.rr.com telling me what you purchased, how you were treated by your dealership, and if there are any problems with the process that we should address to make it easier for those who might purchase a Chrysler product in the future.

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~ President's Message ~ cont.

In the 3rd quarter newsletter we asked members to give us their views on a possible change to the FCOC website "name." This change would only affect what is typed in to access the FCOC website. This would not have any effect on the name of the club. Comments from members ranged from "the shorter and simpler the better" to leave the name unchanged, with the majority of comments favoring **fcocrv.org**.

Before we finalize any decision we would like to put the change for the website name to a vote at the upcoming business meeting to be held at the upcoming FCOC National Rally to be held in Amarillo, TX this coming March, following the FMCA convention.

In closing, we are at the time of the year when some of our members winterize their coach in preparation for the winter, while others head south for the warmer areas of our great country. No matter what your plans are for the coming months, we wish you and yours the very best and look forward to seeing all of you somewhere down the road, possibly at the FCOC Amarillo National Rally in the great state of Texas where Steve Batorson and Barbara Knutson will be your Rally Masters. (Is anybody ready to try and eat a 24 ounce steak – you will have your chance at Amarillo.)

Happy Holidays!

Ron Sliger

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP USING **PayPal**

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club is proud to announce that members can now renew their membership using PayPal.

If you go to our website, <http://www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org>, and highlight the membership button, it will direct you to "FCOC Dues" where you can either pay by check, or highlight the PayPal button and pay with PayPal account. If you don't have a PayPal account, it is very easy to sign up for one by using one of your major credit cards. By doing so, you can fill in the Membership Application, which can be filled in on your computer, give us the Subscription number that you receive when paying by PayPal and email to Mary Costigan, Acting VP Membership at mary.costigan@yahoo.com. Your membership will be processed quicker, and you will receive our new FCOC Membership Card, which you can use at participating Oasis Dealers for parts and labor discounts. Your card will also be good for receiving employee discounts at all Daimler/Chrysler dealers for a new vehicle. Why wait, if your membership is coming up in the next couple of months, receive your new membership cards, and start using it for major discounts. One visit to your Oasis dealer will more than pay for your membership.



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Driven By You



Dear FCOC Members,

I hope you all had a safe and healthy 2009. This year was a tough one for the motorhome industry and business in general, but I think we have seen the worst and are looking towards 2010 to bring brighter days to the RV market.

As 2009 draws to a close, I'd like to take a minute to reflect on FCCC's accomplishments throughout 2009.

- In 2009 we continued to lead the industries in all of our business segments. FCCC is still the market share leader in Class A diesel motorhomes with more than 53 percent of the market, diesel walk-in van with more than 90 percent, and stripped-rail diesel commercial bus with more than 90 percent.
- We achieved our highest market share ever of 58% for the Class A diesel motorhome market in September.
- FCCC celebrated its achievement as the first chassis manufacturer and company in the trucking industry to achieve a Zero Waste to Landfill status in the United States.
- FCCC won several environmental achievement awards through various business and regional association partnerships.
- FCCC received federal funding through the Department of Energy Clean Cities grant applications for 140 alternatively fueled chassis as part of \$32 million awarded to Daimler Trucks North America LLC, our parent company.
- We continued to launch innovative products to our respective business segments including the hydraulic hybrid for walk-in van and the new MC-L for the motorhome industry.

We had a successful showing at the National RV Trade Show, more commonly known as RVIA, where we introduced a new, lighter-duty front engine diesel chassis, announced air disc brakes are now standard on all of our rear-engine chassis, and assured RV dealers that we are invested in their business and the industry as a whole. FCCC continues to offer the highest quality motorhome chassis and we believe 2010 will be a fresh start to more successful times.

My wife and I look forward to seeing you at the next FMCA International Rally in Albuquerque in March!

Sincerely,

Bob Harbin

Bob Harbin



Driven By You

Senior Vice President's Message



By the time you receive this the holidays will be over and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable season, and are looking forward to a great 2010.

I have had many inquiries during the year about the structure of our club and how the FMCA ties into it so I will try to explain it briefly so all will know. First the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) <http://www.fmca.com> is our parent club that you must be a member of before you can be a member of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC) <http://www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org> which is a chapter (sub club) under the FMCA. The FMCA is made of 10 areas that cover the entire United States and Canada. Most of the areas in FMCA are named after geographical areas of the US and comprised of chapters in that geographical area. The FCOC is in the International area due to us having member's nation wide. The abbreviation for this area is INTO and I'm sure many have seen this on correspondence and asked what it stood for, by the way Sonny Gillespie is the area VP. So to summarize, FMCA is our parent club, INTO is an area of the FMCA, FCOC is in the INTO area.

Now with that behind me you have read in numerous newsletters that we want you, the members to go to the Keeping in Touch database and keep it updated. One of the things that I discovered is members are updating the information in the FMCA database and are under the impression that updates ours. This is not true. We only at year end get a file from FMCA and then have to do hand comparisons and try to figure out what changes have been made. Sometimes we can and sometimes we cannot. Our third quarter newsletter probably returned 50 for bad addresses for which they could not be delivered. Due to the cost when this happens and we don't get a valid forwarding address we are going to mark the mailing address as BAD, and until the member contacts us with a valid address we will not try mailing out to them again. There are numerous ways and contacts to get this fixed which our goal is after all. Mary Costigan is the VP of Membership, I am the Senior VP and both of us have our contact information inside the front cover and if you get the information to us either of us can update the database. The other way to fix it is go to the database Keeping in Touch, and update it yourself. http://www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org/keeping_in_touch.htm

I attended the First Western Rally near Sacramento in Oct. and in listening to the attendees have decided to give a seminar hopefully hands on at the next two rallies. It is much easier to show than to tell.

One other thing I would like to share is a great RV newsletter that comes out every Saturday morning with some very good and timely information. I recommend you sign up and he will send it to you every week on Sat. morning. Good tip and recall information is just part of it. He also has some publications pertaining to the RV lifestyle available for sale. <http://www.rvtravel.com>

Steve Batorson





Schedule 2010

Dates:	Event:	Location:
March 22-25, 2010	83rd FMCA Int'l Convention	Albuquerque, NM
March 27-31, 2010	Nat'l <i>FCOC</i> Rally "Toolin' into Texas"	Fort Amarillo RV Park & Resort Amarillo, TX. (See page 11)
August 11-14, 2010	84th FMCA Int'l Convention	Redmond, OR
August 15-19, 2010	Nat'l <i>FCOC</i> Rally	River Bend Resort Harrisburg, OR
April 22-25, 2010	<i>FCOC</i> Western Area Rally	Joshua Tree, CA (See page 22)

Plan to Attend!

Check the web site for the latest information on upcoming Rallies
<http://www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org/>

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Membership Application

Renewal: _____ New Member: _____

FMCA #* _____ OR FMCA Application Date _____

*Applicant must have an FMCA # or have applied for FMCA membership.

Name _____

First name Last Name Nick Name

Co-Pilot _____

First name Last Name Nick Name

Primary Phone (____) _____ Secondary Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Chassis Manufacturer: (circle one) Freightliner Oshkosh John Deere

Manufacturer of Motor Home: _____ Model: _____

Year _____ Length _____ VIN of Chassis (last six digits): _____

Purchase Date _____ Are you the original purchaser:

Send to: Freightliner Corporation
c/o FCOC
552 Hyatt St.
Gaffney, SC 29341



FMCA CORNER

I regret to inform you that after over 12 years as FMCA's Executive Director Don Eversmann has resigned.



President Charlie Schrenkel has appointed a Management committee to oversee the day to day operations of FMCA until a new Executive Director can be found. The members of the committee are Charlie Schrenkel, F140050, National President; Judy Czarsty, F79148, National Sr. Vice President; Wil Young, F207019 National Treasurer; Bobby Donald, F107800, Western Area Vice President; and Allen Rein, F214273, Rocky Mountain Area Vice President.

President Schrenkel has also appointed an Executive Director Search Committee to find a replacement for Mr. Eversmann. They are Ross Boyer, Chairman, F268985, Great Lakes Area Vice President; Tom Eller, F189521 Southeast Area Vice President; and Judy Keppler, F283131, Northwest Area Vice President.


The new recruitment campaign for 2010 is called **A DOZEN DOSE IT**. For each 12 new family members signed up by a chapter FMCA will award that chapter with a Recruitment Prize Package filled with gifts that can be used for door prizes at our next rally. To help kick start the program each chapter president will be mailed five (5) free FMCA membership certificates to assist chapter members in their recruitment efforts.

To all, safe travels.

Respectfully Submitted

Roy Hopper

Roy Hopper, National Director



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Into The Albuquerque **FMCA Convention**

Charlie & Ruth Hoffstatter Caravan Organizers
Phone # 512-567-1499 or 888-218-0008
E-mail folkoak@gmail.com



On Saturday, March 20th, 2010, we will be assembling at the parking lot of the Santa Ana Star Casino in Bernalillo, NM. for our caravan into the Albuquerque FMCA Convention. We have use of an area in the Casino Parking lot until 11:00 AM. **Overnight parking will be permitted on the night of the 19th.** Our entry time slot into the FMCA Convention is 11:00 AM. If you will be coming in on the 20th arrive at the parking lot by at least 9:45 AM so we can hand out the necessary materials. If you need to pick up FMCA entry credentials from the FMCA Will Call area, you will need to do that before coming to the Casino. Since it is about 10 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. At 10:00 we will have a short meeting to go over entry and caravan details. We will be leaving the Casino grounds around 10:30 AM for our journey into the Convention parking area.

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

We need a volunteer to be tail gunner with a cell phone. If you would like to do that please contact Charlie Hoffstatter on or before we meet on the 20th.

The Santa Ana Star Casino address is 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Rd., **Bernalillo, NM. 87004**

The phone number is (505) 867-0000

The directions to the Santa Ana Star Casino are as follows:

Coming from the North or South on Interstate 25

- Leaving Interstate 25 at Exit 242 and proceed West on Hwy. 550 about 3 miles. The Casino will be on your right. We will have signs up directing you to the correct parking lot.
- We will be looking for you there !!!
- Many thanks to Edward Troxclair of the Santa Ana Star Casino.
- Contact us if you will be going @ 512-567-1499 or toll free 888-218-0008 or at our Email address folkoak@gmail.com
- We especially **need to know** if you are planning to stay overnight on the night of the 19th.



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.

TOOLIN' INTO TEXAS

FCOC SPRING RALLY

Come join us in Amarillo at Fort Amarillo RV Park and Resort following the FMCA National Rally. The dates of the rally are March 27th - March 31st, 2010. We have planned a Rally that should be a good one. We will be doing some new things at this rally that we have not tried before. Barb Knutson the assistant Rally Master has set up a crafts seminar for exchanging the how to do's of different crafts that some of our members are willing to share, I will be giving a seminar on our website and the database, and show the FCOC yahoo site to those who haven't experienced it yet. We have a trip to the River Breaks Ranch and they will give us a wagon ride tour and a demonstration in team roping, and then a BBQ to top it off.

We will also have the Freightliner Trailer and technicians there to answer questions and do light service that is permitted. You can also buy filters and supplies from the trailer at a discount. They will present the "Knowing your Chassis" seminar also. One note, when this newsletter was being put together Freightliner was looking into holding a "Camp Freightliner" class after the rally at the same park. If you have not been through this class I highly recommend it to gain knowledge of your chassis even if you don't do any work on your own. It will give you the knowledge to communicate with someone you take it to for service. Check the FCCC website for the classes and how to sign up for them.

<http://www.freightlinerchassis.com/mhMain.asp?page=CampFreightliner>

We have moved the location of this rally so there are only around 50 sites available. So if you plan on attending get your application in early. If we receive applications over the limit we will go by earliest postmark for the waiting list.

If you have any questions please contact us and we will try to answer them as best we can.

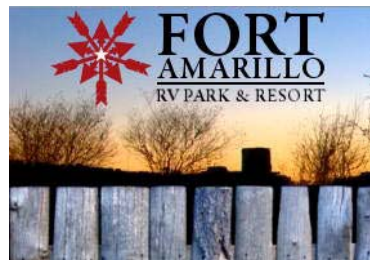
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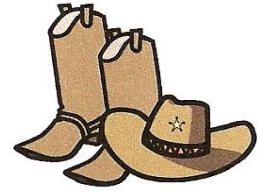
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YA'LL COME!



TOOLIN' into TEXAS
Registration Form
(Registration Deadline – March 1, 2010)
FCOC Spring Rally - March 27th - 31st 2010
Fort Amarillo RV Park & Resort
10101 Amarillo Blvd., West
Amarillo, Texas 79124



Business Meeting

Ranch Visit & BBQ

Crafts Seminar

Educational Seminars

Freightliner Trailer & Techs

Red Hat Tea

FMCA #: _____

Pilot: _____
Last Name First Name Nickname for Badge

Co-Pilot: _____
Last Name First Name Nickname for Badge

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: _____

**If arriving early - Contact Fort Amarillo directly (866) 431-7866
Tell them you are with the FCOC - Rate will be \$18/day**

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

Please specify any special meal requirements: _____

First Time at FCOC rally? Yes: _____ Handicapped Parking? Yes: _____

Red Hat Tea Yes: _____ Craft Seminar Yes: _____

Mfg of Coach: _____ Length: _____

Please make check payable to FCOC for \$295.00, add \$50.00 for each guest over the age of 14, and
mail to:

Steve Batorson
4505 N. Sanders Rd. , Tucson, AZ 85743

Telephone (520) 682-8661 or (520) 444-6772

Email: SVP@freightlinerchassisownersclub.org

Date Received: _____

Confirmation Sent: _____



Get It In Writing

We recently heard from a member who, while on the road, scheduled an appointment with a Freightliner dealer for some general service which included lubrication, oil and transmission change, tire pressure adjustments, and test strips for both engine and generator cooling systems. After the service was completed and the bill was presented, our member was shocked to learn the dealer's labor rate was \$145/hour and each job was a minimum of ½ hour or \$72.50. He ended up spending as much at this dealer as it would have cost for an entire M3 at the Gaffney Service Center.

Our member indicated that this excessive labor rate was not posted, an estimate was not offered, and he did not think to ask for one. The reason for his complacency was that he had over the years received service from six different Freightliner dealers in the Western United States, none of which had charged this exorbitant labor rate.

The lesson we all need to learn from this member's experience is that (1) Freightliner dealers, even if they are part of the Oasis network, are independent and can charge any labor rate they want, (2) you should verify the labor rate with the service writer, even if it is not posted, and (3) **always ask for a written estimate.**



Take Note!

WE NEED A HISTORIAN

Butch and Arlene Griffith have been our Historians since 2006 and have developed many friendships with our members over the years. For multiple reasons, Butch and Arlene have found it necessary to curtail their travels over the last couple of years and have not been able to participate in our rallies as they would like. While they are reluctant to relinquish Historian position, they feel that it is in the best interest of the Club if someone else assumes the responsibility.

Duties of the Historian listed in our Standing Rules (FCOC SR ARTICLE IX, E) are:

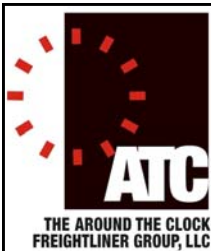
- Record events and activities whenever he/she is present at FCOC events. This record should contain a brief caption/description of the event, the date, and if a photograph is taken, the names of people in the photograph. (Names should be taken at the time the photo is taken.)
- Be responsible for historical documents regarding the formation of the club, many of which are irreplaceable.
- If the Historian is unable to attend, he/she should make arrangements to have a substitute photographer take the photos and forward them to the Historian.

Files and records currently held by Butch and Arlene would be transferred to the new Historian upon acceptance of the position. If you are interested, please contact Butch and Arlene by email at Historian@freightlinerchassisownersclub.org and get their perspective on the position. Butch will in turn submit his recommendation for the new Historian to the Executive Board via the President for confirmation.

Visits & Memories



Brenda and Ron Sliger visiting with Priscilla Buck during a trip she made to Orlando to see her brother who was in a nursing home, but has since passed away.



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Dallas, TX

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Dallas, TX 75241

For more information go to: atcfreightliner.com

Freightliner Chassis Questions

In addition to the information in the Newsletter and Web site there are a number of sources for technical Information about your Freightliner chassis.

Contact Freightliner Customer Assistance Center at (800) 385-4357 or fccservice@daimler.com

(Be sure to include your VIN in the email)

In addition, visit the FCOC Yahoo Discussion Group to learn more about your FCCC chassis and technical discussions at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FCOC>

WESTERN AREA RALLY



First Western Area Rally

The Western Area had a Rally hosted by Tom and Marlyse James on Oct. 30th – Nov 1st. It was held at the Jackson Rancheria RV resort in Jackson, CA. There were 30 coaches that attended the beautiful facility. Friday evening arrival day we had hot hors d'oeuvres by the pool with Tracey telling us about all the wineries and things to see in Amador County. Saturday morning we enjoyed a continental breakfast and a presentation by Michelin tire and a service tech from the Sacramento Freightliner dealer. Saturday afternoon was free time to explore the area attractions. Saturday evening was a delicious meal cooked onsite by two of Tom and Marlyse's children and spouses. This was costume a party that was very interesting and imaginative to say the least. Tom gave out all kinds of door prizes, and a good time was had by all. Sunday morning there was a continual breakfast and then departure by 11:00am unless you chose to stay longer.

By my count of the registrations over half the attendees had never been to a FCOC rally of any kind. It is great to see new faces and from the sounds of it we will see them again at another Western rally. Watch for the next one coming soon.

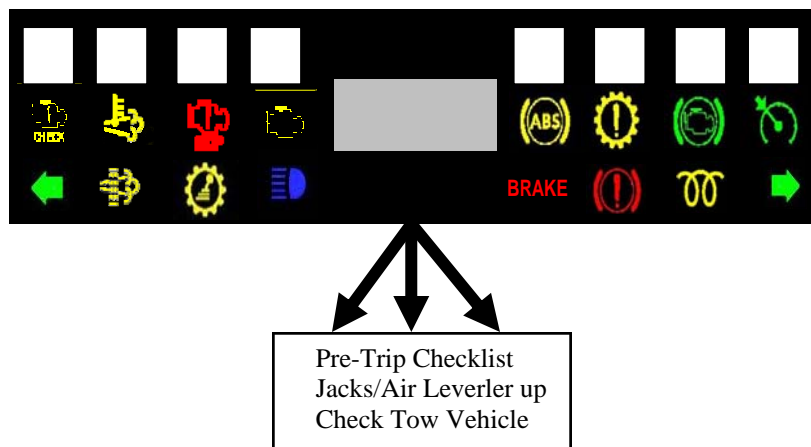


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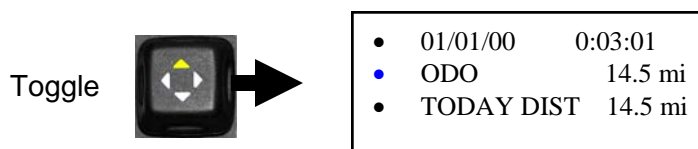


There have been inquiries to our Customer Support Department and CAMP Freightliner Classes on how the New Pollak Dash or Light Bar Control Unit (L.B.C.U.) dash functions for RVs with a rear-engine diesel can be accessed. One of the most common questions seems to be, “How I can get to my fuel economy information?”

When you turn the ignition switch to the “run” position, several things take place. The dash does a diagnostic check, chimes sound and the lights on the LBCU run through a bulb check. Then there is a “check list” noted on the LCD screen:



If you wish to skip the “check list”, just press the toggle to the right of the dash for more than 3 seconds and the screen will change to the “favorites” menu. Below is an example of the “favorites” menu...**yours may vary.**

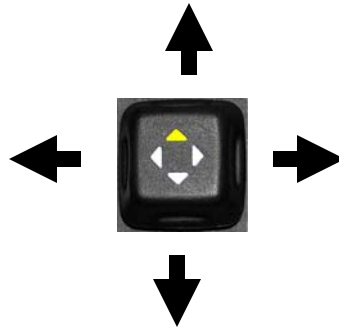


Driver’s “favorites” categories consist of nine options the driver can select from. Only three can be viewed at one time. The nine Categories are:

NOTE: (in each category is a [sub menu of choices](#))

1. Date and Time-[Date Numerical + time / Date in Text + time / Time only](#)
2. Odometer – [No sub Menu](#)
3. Compass and Temp (If installed optional) – [North, South, East, West, and outside temperature](#)
4. Today Info – [Distance, Time, Fuel, Fuel Economy, Average Speed, Idle Time](#)
5. Leg Info - [Distance, Time, Fuel, Fuel Economy, Average Speed, Idle Time](#)
6. Trip Info - [Distance, Time, Fuel, Fuel Economy, Average Speed, Idle Time](#)
7. Engine Info – [Road Speed, Rpm, Oil Pressure, Inst Fuel Econ, Fuel Used, Eng Hours, Eng Temp](#)
8. Transmission Info – [Gear selected and Transmission Temp](#)
9. Generator Hours (If installed optional) – [No sub menu](#)

Toggle Switch



Select the category desired by using the up/down arrows on the toggle switch. Then, hold down the right arrow of the toggle switch for three seconds to access the sub-menus within each of the nine categories. (In order to exit the sub-menu section, click (or hold for 3 seconds) the left arrow on the toggle switch). If you'd like to get fuel economy information, just highlight one of the following sub-menus:

1. Today: Today Dist, Today Time, Today Fuel, Today Fuel EC, Today AVSPD, Today Idle Time
2. Leg: Leg Dist, Leg Time, Leg Fuel, Leg Fuel EC, Leg AVSPD, Leg Idle Time
3. Trip: Trip Dist, Trip Time, Trip Fuel, Trip Fuel EC, Trip AVSPD, Trip Idle Time
4. Engine: Road Speed, Engine RPM, Oil Pressure, Instant Fuel Economy, Fuel Used, Engine Hours, Engine Temp

In any of these fields you can get instant fuel economy information, but notice each one has a different purpose: today, leg, trip and engine. If you are just curious about what your fuel economy is while you're driving, go to the "engine" screen and it will tell what your fuel economy is as you're driving. This is what the screen should look like in the "engine" screen:

• INST FUEL EC. 10.1

- ODO 43204.5 mi
- TODAY DIST 14023.5 mi

A screenshot of a vehicle's engine screen. It shows a list of items with blue bullet points. The first item is 'INST FUEL EC. 10.1' in blue text. Below it are two items with black bullet points: 'ODO 43204.5 mi' and 'TODAY DIST 14023.5 mi'.

If you're tracking your daily fuel economy usage, go to the "today" screen and find the information that has been recorded that day, as long as you have not zeroed out or reset the mileage in that screen. If you want to know your fuel economy during a particular leg of a trip or the entire trip, you can utilize those menus for that information.



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ARE YOU GETTING YOUR MAIL

Approximately a year ago we started a program that allows us to send emails to all FCOC members. We have tried to limit the number of messages sent out so that they do not become annoying or viewed as spam.



We have limited the emails to items such as information about upcoming rallies, reminding members about expiring memberships, and requesting volunteers during the FMCA Conventions, etc. Most, recently we sent notices out to members announcing the Oasis Dealer Discount program that is mentioned on page 18 of this newsletter.

While the emails are reaching a number of our members, we think that a number of members may not be getting these notices.

If you did not receive the Oasis Dealer Discount notice that went out at the end of July 2009, there are a couple of things that you can do to hopefully make sure you receive future emails.

First, if you have changed your email address since you last renewed your membership, go to the Keeping in Touch section of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club website, <http://my.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org>, to make sure we have your current email address.

If your email address is correct, there is the possibility that for some reason your email server or your computer security program is blocking the incoming email. One possible step would be to update your email address book. Since all of our messages are sent from the same email address, admin@fcocnews.com, adding this address to your address book may correct the problem. Also, if your email program gives you the option to identify an address as a “trusted” sender doing that will increase the likelihood of receiving email from FCOC.

If you have any comments on the above, or the FCOC website please let me know at webmaster@freightlinerchassisownersclub.org.

Discount Program

Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) and select Freightliner Oasis dealerships around the country have initiated a program offering members of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC) special pricing on service and service parts.

The program offers FCOC members the following discounts:

- 10% off posted labor rates
- Small fleet parts pricing on parts used during service



In order to receive this discount, you must first identify yourself as an FCOC member when scheduling service, noting that you would like to receive the discount from the FCOC program, and show them your current, valid FCOC membership card as proof of membership.

In developing the Oasis Dealer Discount Program all Oasis Dealers were contacted and invited to participate. Participating in the Oasis Dealer Discount Program is a business decision made by each individual Oasis dealer.

If your local Oasis Dealer is not on the list of participating dealers we would encourage you to contact them and let them know of your desire to have them participate in the program. Dealers wishing more information about participating in the program should contact Jonathan Randall, (864) 206-8631 (864) 206-8631 at Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation.

The following is a list of currently participating Oasis dealerships.

Click [here](#) to download a .pdf listing of the Oasis Discount Dealers

Baltimore Freightliner 2723 Annapolis Rd., Baltimore, MD 21230 Service Manager: John Blottenburger (410) 685-4474 (410) 685-4474	Orlando Freightliner 2455 S. Orange Blossom Trail Apopka, FL 32703 Service Manager: Bob Diroff (407) 295-3846 (407) 295-3846
Ocala Freightliner 3950 W. Highway 326 Ocala, FL 34482 Service Manager: Scott Pauley (352) 840-0070 (352) 840-0070	River States Truck & Trailer 3959 N. Kinney Coulee Rd. LaCrosse, WI 54601 Service Manager: Scott Erickson (608) 784-1149 (608) 784-1149



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Oasis Discount Dealers (Cont. from page 18)

<p>Dallas Freightliner & Western Star 4200 Port Blvd. Dallas, TX 75241 Service Manager: Jason Graham (800) 580-2620 (800) 580-2620</p>	<p>Truck Country of Wisconsin 2401 Progress Way Kaukauna, WI 54130 Service Manager: Michael Gleiter (800) 236-5271 (800) 236-5271</p>	<p>Truck Country Quad Cities 2350 W. 76th St. Davenport, IA 52806 Service Manager: Frank Dalen (563) 445-5870 (563) 445-5870</p>
<p>Ft. Worth Freightliner, Sterling & Western Star 1804 NE Loop 820 Ft. Worth, TX 76106 Service Manager: Mike Morrison (800) 580-9101 (800) 580-9101</p>	<p>Truck Centers, Inc. 2280 Formosa Rd. Troy, IL 62294 Service Manager: Chas Voyles (800) 669-3454 (800) 669-3454</p>	<p>Delta Truck Center 1082 S. Harlan Rd. French Camp, CA 95231 Service Manager: Ed Cullom (800) 400-4161</p>
<p>Tulsa Freightliner, Sterling & Western Star 5104 W. 60th St. Tulsa, OK 74107 Service Manager: David Housh (918) 445-5300 (918) 445-5300</p>	<p>Fyda Freightliner Pittsburgh, Inc. 20 Fyda Dr. Canonsburg, PA 15317 Service Manager: Bob Bodkin (800) 393-2556 (800) 393-2556</p>	<p>Oklahoma City Freightliner & Western Star 5301 I-40 West Oklahoma City, OK 73128 Service Manager: Bobby Boyd (877) 621-0428 (877) 621-0428</p>

Greetings to all the FCOC Folks and your families. It is a pleasure to write with the Christmas Holiday so close in your rear view mirror.

This past year has been a tough one for many. Many have had some serious health problems and I am happy to report that the folks mentioned in my last note are on the good road to recovery. Let us pray for a happy and healthy year.

As you probably know, Dorothy and I are doing well in the recovery department and are planning to be at the Albuquerque FCOC rally. We have had many blessings our way. This fabulous club of caring people is just amazing. The cards and e-mails have been continually sent to us. We appreciate the cards and letters and of course the Prayers. We do know that prayer power works.

The last 2 months have gone by quickly and it is time to mention some FCOC members that need our prayers and cards.

Ann Fletcher had successful surgery. She is recovering at home and has a great attitude. Dan, her husband told me that they will be at the FCOC rally in Albuquerque. I asked him if she would be up to it and he stated, hey that is 3 months away. Their address is 204 Huntcliff Dr. Columbia, SC. 29229-3383

Jo Becker, had successful surgery and she is recovering nicely. The Becker's both George and Jowere very helpful at the Indiana FCOC Rally. Their address is, Quail Run RV Resort. Site # 10 P.O. Box # 2319 Arizona City, AZ. 85123-2319

Bobby Tomme had knee surgery on Dec 5th or so. After some interesting days in the hospital, after surgery, he is now completing his recovery at home. I asked Bobby if the operation included making him a little taller, He said no! Bobby and Pat's address is 418 Dawn St. Longview Tx. 75604

We had a loss in our FCOC family. Mr. G.A. Schaefer passed away in mid September. Please pray for his wife, Mary Sue for peace and understanding and knowing G.A. is in a better place. May the good Lord be with you during this difficult time. Mary Sue's address is PO Box 313 Crystal City, MO 63019

May the good Lord Bless us and be with us during this post Christmas season and throughout the entire year.

God Bless

Ken & Dorothy Hawk

Spiritual Leaders FCOC

Cell phone laws differ in other states

(Reprinted from Riverside California Press-Enterprise, June 15, 2009)



Q. Inland residents often drive to the neighboring states of Arizona, Nevada and Oregon for summer vacation. How do cell phone laws differ in neighboring states? How common are cell phone laws for motorists nationwide?

A. California has one of the strictest cell phone driving laws in the nation. In California, all drivers are required to use a hands free device when talking on the phone. Motorists younger than 18 are not allowed to drive while using a cell phone at all, and texting is banned for all California drivers. In contrast, Nevada does not have any laws regulating cell phone use while driving.

In Arizona, only school bus drivers are restricted from using them while driving. In Oregon, drivers can talk on their cell phones without using a hand-held device: drivers younger than 18 who hold a learners' permit, or intermediate license, are not permitted to drive and talk on cell phones at the same time, however, drivers younger than 18 who hold a learner's permit, or intermediate license, also are not allowed to text while driving.

Laws in Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania authorize local governments to ban cell phone use while driving. Chicago and Santa Fe are among cities that have adopted these bans. In these states, it may be difficult for motorists passing through to know cell phone laws, so it is probably wise to avoid talking on the phone at all while driving. Local governments cannot prohibit cell phone use in Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Utah. Text messaging is banned for all drivers in 13 states, including Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia and Washington, as well as the District of Columbia. Novice drivers are banned from texting in Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas. and West Virginia.

To research cell phone laws by state, go to www.iihs.org/laws/cellphonelaws.aspx.

Misc. Info

A New Chapter is Forming

Jerry Sweeney (F360476) is trying to start a new chapter called the Veterans Chapter. It will be open to all FMCA members who have served in the military. Not just retired military but any military service, male or female and regardless of which branch they served in. It can be the Reserves, National Guard, etc.

Any one interested should contact Jerry at jerrylsweeney@gmail.com. If you would like to talk with him face to face, we expect to see him at the March 2010 FCOC Amarillo rally, and he will be the Assistant Rally Master at the River Bend rally in August 2010.



Congratulations!

New Southeast Area Coordinators

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Executive board to announce that we have new coordinators for the Southeast Area, Dave and Karen Jacobs. The following is some back ground and their contact information. Please support and join them in the Southeast area rallies and meet them in person.

Steve Watorson

Senior VP

Dave and I are excited to be the newly appointed Southeast FCOC Area Coordinators. We both have recently retired and have been looking forward to hitting the road! We are leaving tomorrow for 6 weeks on the west coast. This will be our first return visit since we moved from the Southern California area to Chattanooga, TN 6 years ago. The big highlight of our trip will be seeing the Rose Parade and attending the FMCA Western Area Rally. We may even stay over for the INTO Area Rally just because now we can! If you plan to be at either of these events, let us know; we'd love to meet you.

As new area coordinators, we have much to learn, but we have always enjoyed a challenge. We hope that each of you will join us in this new adventure. We need ideas, volunteers and Rally Masters. We will welcome any support you are willing to give and promise our goal is to make it fun! Our plan is to "hit it hard" right after we return from California. So if you're interested in being a Rally Master or an Assistant Rally Master, know of a great campground for a rally or just willing to help out where needed, please let us know.

Looking forward to meeting you -----

Dave and Karen Jacobs djacobs_1@comcast.net and kjacobs_5@comcast.net
F323787, (423) 785-9424 1092 Constitution Drive Chattanooga, TN 37405



Freightliner Chassis Owners Club 2nd Annual Western Area Rally

Joshua Tree, California

April 22 - 25, 2010

Please join us for a fun filled weekend, Thursday to Sunday in Joshua Tree. Please check flyer for details on Rally. We would like to point out some of the sightseeing available in and near Joshua Tree. Of course, you have the Joshua Tree National Park in Twenty-nine Palms; Gubler Orchids 15 miles away near Landers; the World Famous Palm Springs Follies, where the cast members are between the ages of 56 and 86; Nearby in Yucca Valley, the famous Pioneer town, where numerous TV and Motion Pictures were filmed, with such stars as Gene Autry and the Cisco Kid, you will be able to walk down A Main Street as it was in 1950". A walking tour guide will be included in your welcome package. There are numerous sightseeing opportunities, too many to mention. Come early or stay later. At the Sportsman's Club where we will be camping, Sunday night is their BIG Bingo Night. You will not run out of things to do. Our Rally will also be full of fun and comraderie.

(See the Registration form on page 22)





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FCOC Logo Shirts and Eggs Now Available



We have FCOC Club Shirts, Logo Eggs and Brackets available while supplies last. The shirts are made of a pre-shrunk 7-ounce 100% cotton pique.

The shirts are running true to men's size. The color of the shirts are white with the collar and cuffs in a red and black stripe, which matches our FCOC logo colors, and are very striking. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a limited supply of these shirts because they are discontinued, so we



have been able to buy these shirts at a reduced price and are passing the savings on to you, so once they are gone, we will not be able to get anymore. We sold many at the rallies in Florida and Indiana, where some sizes ran out, but I was able to get a supply of the more popular sizes, Small, Mediums and Large, to fill our fast dwindling supply of shirts. If you are interested in buying these shirts, please fill out the order form (see top part of page 17) and mail to me, as soon as possible. First come, first served. We also have our club logo Egg for sale. Eggs are \$20 and the ladder holder is \$5.00. All items are pictured above. If you have any questions, please contact me, Mary Costigan, at (951) 452-2999 or email me at mary.costigan@yahoo.com.

Truck Country Oasis Locations



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Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-3417
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