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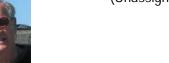
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Note! New Phone Number



~ President's Message ~



I am looking forward to a number of upcoming events this year, the first of which is that winter will pass. I know the weather has been poor all over the country, and as a result there will be no sympathy coming from those of you residing outside of Florida, but I can tell you Florida has not lived up to the motto of "Sunshine State" lately.

Our first and most important goal for 2010 is continuing to increase the number of area rallies outside of the National FCOC rallies, and have been trying very hard to get the Area rally program off the ground. In the past few months, small area rallies have occurred and are planned on the West Coast, the Midwest and shortly, we will start having them again on the East Coast. Tom James had his first Western Area Rally at the Jackson Rancheria RV Resort in Jackson, California, and has a rally scheduled in April at the Sportsman Club of Joshua Tree, California. Katherine Henley, the Vice President Area Operations - West will have a rally at the Boot Hill RV Resort, Alamogordo, New Mexico prior to the Albuquerque International Convention. Last but not least, Karen and Dave Jacobs are now planning their first rally for the Southeast area which will be publicized in an upcoming newsletter and on our website. Because of the efforts of Tom, Katherine, Karen and Dave, we are starting to provide opportunities for our members from all over the country to get together and renew old friendships without travelling great distances. To make the program even better, it would be nice if we could get some volunteers to step forward as Area Coordinators for those areas that are currently unassigned. I speak specifically of the Eastern Area, Great Lakes Area, Northwest Area, Rocky Mountain Area and South Central Area. If you are interested, please contact our Vice President for Area Operations - West, Katherine Henley at nannywanttoqo@aol.com. The more we all work together, the better our club becomes.

I am also looking forward to the two FCOC National rallies that will follow the FMCA International Conventions in Albuquerque and Redmond, Oregon. It seems like a long time has passed since we had a National FCOC rally in the Midwest or on the West Coast, but 2010 will be the year. The economy has caused many of us to reduce our travel schedules, which is why we are looking forward to Amarillo and River Bend where we expect to renew many friendships, and have the opportunity to visit many new and beautiful locations on our way to and from these rallies.

In closing, I just want to let all of you know that Dorothy Casada, our past National Director, has passed away. She was a great friend and will be missed by many of us.

President

Ron Sliger



KEEPING IN TOUCH IS REALLY IMPORTANT

We know that our membership is mobile, and the change of seasons causes many to relocate to warmer climates. We also understand that our members relocate their permanent homestead from time to time. Before you move your permanent address or "head south" for the winter, everyone knows it is necessary to notify our local Post Office of the address change. It would be helpful if you would go one step further and go to our website at www.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org, click on the Keeping In Touch tab, and make the necessary changes to your address in our club database. If you have not established a password in the Keeping in Touch database, use your ZIP Code as your password, and don't forget to put the letter 'F' in front of your FMCA number.

If do not have a specific destination in mind when you depart, I would like to suggest you change your preference in our database to receive your quarterly newsletter by electronic means (you can always change it back when you return home to your permanent residence). To do otherwise means that the Post Office will send the club a bill for address changes they have on file (which have not been entered in **our** database), or return the entire newsletter to the club together with a bill when there is no address change on file and the Post Office determines they cannot deliver the newsletter. Both of these events cost the club unnecessary money, time and effort.

For those members who do not have access to the Internet, please call Ron Sliger on (321) 704-0695 and I will make the change(s) for you. Your assistance in keeping our database updated and our mailing costs down will be sincerely appreciated.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP USING



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,

As we move further into 2010, we look towards a better motorhome market than we saw in 2009. Last year was remarkable, and one we'd all like to forget.

However, despite the market challenges, FCCC finished strong in 2009, meeting and exceeding each of its sales and business goals. At year-end we were on the right side of the ledger and will continue to remain strong and stable, whatever the economic conditions.

FCCC currently remains at the top of its game with a 54% market share in Class A diesel motorhomes. We also recently secured several long-term exclusive sales agreements with premiere coach manufacturers such as Newmar, Damon and Forest River. FCCC might have once been seen as offering a middle-of-the-road or "economical" product; however with our chassis now driving some of the highest-end motorhome models in the industry, I believe we have solidified our position as a high-quality chassis for the luxury RV market.

Our model-year changeover will occur this May, where we will begin manufacturing our new 2010 chassis models. These chassis will feature new EPA-mandated 2010 engine technology, but will not impact motorhome owners much. The only additional requirement will be infrequent fill-ups of a solution called Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF). DEF is used to treat the carbon dioxide output of the engine, decreasing exhaust emissions significantly.

We have heard from several members of the RV community that they are worried about this new system: DEF is complicated to deal with; it's toxic and you need special equipment to handle it; it's expensive and requires extra maintenance; it will leave you broken down on the side of the road if you run out. These are myths that simply are not true. RVers will have ample time (between 350-700 miles) of warning lights letting them know they need to fill up before the DEF will run out. DEF is non-toxic and non-flammable, much like windshield washer fluid. DEF will be available on fuel islands at all major travel centers across the country such as Pilot, TravelCenters of America, Love's, etc. or will be available for purchase in jugs at these and other auto supply centers (Wal-Mart, AutoZone, etc.). DEF has a long shelf life and there are no extra maintenance steps required by motorhome owners regarding the new engine technology. DEF will most likely follow the cost of diesel fuel per gallon and for each gallon of fuel used, only 2% of a gallon of DEF is used, enabling many, many miles between DEF fill-ups.

RVers should not be wary of this new technology. It has been in use for years in Europe, utilized in over 300,000 engines currently on the road there, and is now the standard for all 2010 models in the North American trucking industry. The motorhome industry can take heart knowing that RVs featuring this new technology emit significantly less emissions than prior models, contributing to the betterment of the environment.

As we progress down the road of new technology, I look forward to seeing you at the next rally!

Sincerely,

Bob HarbinBob Harbin



Senior Vice President's Message

First hello to everyone, I hope the Winter was kind to you and you are ready for a Summer of traveling.



I have a few things that I would like to inform you of. The first is FMCA has formalized the Spring rally to be March 14th - 17th, 2011 in Perry, GA. We are now looking into where we can hold our National rally to follow this one. I have had many requests to go back to the Myrtle Beach area where we last had a rally in 2005. The rally was a great success by the looks of it with about 225 coaches attending it. So we are trying to see where, and if there are resorts that can accommodate our group. Realistically with the club shrinking some and the economy slow we would plan for 150 coaches. That is still a good size rally.

FMCA has not published where the summer rally is to be held next Summer. We were told at a meeting in Bowling Green, OH last year that it would be Madison, WI. However as of this date that hasn't been confirmed. I will update this in a future newsletter. We are looking for rally masters for both of the upcoming rallies, so if you are interested in being either a rally master or assistant rally master please contact myself or Ron Sliger. Our contact information is on the inside cover of this and every newsletter.

I was the rally master for the Amarillo rally and one of the requests that came up numerous times is when we would start taking payment for rallies, either by PayPal or credit card. We are looking into this, however at this point in time I don't see it happening in the near future. The reason for this is cost. We pay a flat amount to PayPal plus a percentage of about 2.5%. The credit card is even more expensive averaging around 4%. So if you are charging \$300 for a rally the cost to the club, or the increase in rally fees would be about 8 to 12 dollars per coach. Most members given the choice would rather buy a stamp.

Once again I would like to mention if you have changed your address, phone number, or e-mail address please go to Keeping in Touch in the Freightliner website and update your information. If you are not one to use the web contact either Mary Costigan (VP of membership), or myself and one of us will be happy to update your information.

I hope to see you at our summer rally in Harrisburg, OR.

Safe traveling to all.

Steve Batorson









Schedule 2010

Dates:	Event:	Location:
April 22-25, 2010	FCOC Western Area Rally	Joshua Tree, CA
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
March 14-17, 2011	85th FMCA Int'l Convention	Perry, GA
March, 2011	Nat'l <i>FCOC</i> Rally	To Be Determine

Plan to Attend!

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

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FMCA CORNER

The Governing Board at the summer meeting in Bowling Green OH elected to keep Medex through 2010, and asked the Executive Board to look for other resources that could provide the same type of service at less cost. The committee has several companies that have expressed an interest in providing the same coverage and service that FMCA members have enjoyed in the past.

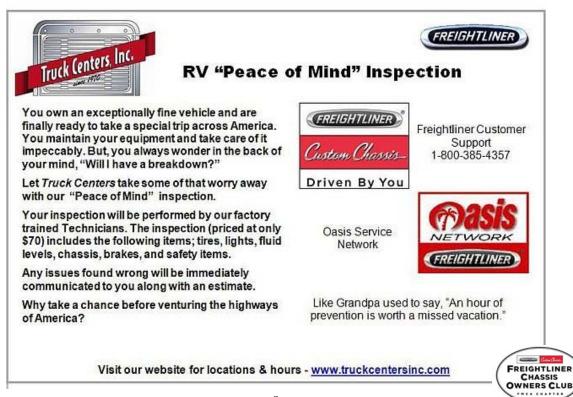
The results of the National Directors' vote on the \$5.00 dues increase was 322 for and 91 against; the motion passed. Therefore, on April 1, the yearly FMCA dues will increase from \$35.00 to \$40.00 per year. However, "The pay for Four (4) years and get the Fifth year free" will remain in effect.

The "A DOZEN DOES IT" Campaign is in full swing. For each 12 new FMCA members we sign up under the FCOC name, the club will receive a gift box of FMCA logo items that can be used for door prizes at our rallies. To help with this, FMCA has given each chapter five (5) free membership applications to help get us started. If you have a prospective member and a Free Year will help get them on board, e-mail or call Ron Sliger for a free application while they last. Please, if they have a Freightliner chassis under their motorhome, sign them up for our club. The rate is \$10.00 for one year or \$45.00 for five years. The application is in the newsletter; feel free to copy it as many times as you need.

Safe travels,

Ray Happer

National Director, FCOC



Dear FCOC Members and families;

This last Quarter has been a very busy time. First I want to express my gratitude to all of our members. I want to thank you for your interest and concern about other members with some serious health situations. I know that Prayer Power really works.

It was a sad day in February when our member Mrs. Dorothy Casada passed away. Dorothy went to her home with the Lord in early February. Ed and Dorothy were Charter members of FCOC. Dorothy was the first National Director of FCOC and served in that capacity for fourteen years. She did a wonderful job attending every meeting that FMCA had and reported back to our club. Most of those meetings were very long but she was dedicated and stayed with the job. Dorothy was a caring person, and we shall miss her at our rallies. Her smile was contagious and when she drove around in her scooter, you could see her coming. We continue to offer prayers to Ed, and wish him well to be able to cope with his loss. God Bless you Ed, from all of your friends in FCOC.

As I mentioned, this last quarter has been busy with members suffering from accidents and a variety of other health issues. If you would like to send a card, I have included their address.

Bob Tomme is recovering from surgery. He and Pat are doing fine back in East Texas.

418 Dawn Street, Longview, TX 75604

George Becker is recovering from surgery and is doing well. His wife Jo is doing her best to keep him in line. Tough job but he is following orders.

Quail Run RV Resort. Site #10 14010 So. Armada Blvd. Arizona City, AZ 85123

Larry Carstensen is recovering from surgery in the hospital in Tucson. After a scare or two he is doing well and Charlene will make sure he listens to the doctor.

St Mary's Medical Center 1601 West St Mary's Road, Tucson, AZ 85745

Suzanne Rash is recovering from a fall and is in the hospital. She will be there until mid March or so and is doing well. Suzanne and Shelby have been active in FCOC, filling in by taking pictures at the rallies. Baylor Garland 2300 Marie Curie, Garland, TX 75042.

Ray Easter started his treatment in mid March. He will be in Florida for eight weeks. His wife Phyllis will try to slow him down during this medical period.

Flamingo Lake RV Resort, Site #89 3640 Newcomb Rd. Jacksonville, FL. 32218.

Clara Johnson passed away February 24, 2010. She went in the hospital for a bad cold or flu and passed away in the hospital. Please keep Lonnie in your prayers to help him understand his loss. God Bless you Lonnie from all your friends in FCOC. Lonnie had been in the hospital and was released shortly before Clara passed away.

9614 Arvin, Houston, TX. 77078.

This group of members needs our extra prayers. I am confident your caring, loving, attitude will help these members return to good health ASAP. Always Say a Prayer.

I thank the good Lord that he has been gracious to our membership. We know he is with us at all times. Then we should stay attentive to all our spiritual needs. May God bless you and help us to be mindful of his presence in our lives This last series of events has brought a few things to mind. The Lord has told us he will be with us always and give us peace, comfort and protection. I really feel good about this however I am going to ask you to do some simple things. This life of ours is more demanding than ever before. In this time in our lives we all need to help in every way we can. To me it means that we should be especially attentive to our spouse and pay attention to help, care, steady and protect them from potential harm in our daily activities. Sometimes when a simple flu bug bites we should be extra careful.

Take Note!

the "Camp Freightliner experience"!

Because we are always listening to our customers, we'll be holding a Camp Freightliner class at the Riverbend Resort in Harrisburg, OR, August 19th & 20th, 2010, on the heels of the FCOC rally being held after the FMCA rally in Redmond, OR. Now, RVers who have been waiting for a West

Camp Freightliner Details for Harrisburg, OR

Cost of Training

\$100.00 for single attendance or \$150.00 for driver and co-pilot for the two-day class. Pay at time of training by check, cash or charge card.

Campground (\$26 per day during the class, normal rates after that).

Please contact River Bend Resort at (541) 995-9995 to make reservations.

Address:

23650 Peoria Road Harrisburg, OR 97446

Web site:

www.visitriverbendresort.com

Meals

Freightliner will provide lunch for both days of the class. After the first day's class, the Freightliner Customer Support Department will host a 5:30 dinner at the Service and Training Center for all participants and traveling companions, with an opportunity to meet and get to know the staff of our Customer Support group.

Training Materials

Freightliner will provide all supplies for the class, but we would like for you to bring the following items, if you have them:

Operators / Maintenance Manual, Warranty Manual and Engine Manual.

2010 Class Dates:

June 21 - 22

(The class status in this schedu	ıle is updated regularity; all	classes are held in Gaffney,
S,C, unless otherwise noted.)	June 24 - 25	September 27-28
April 12 - 13	July 12–13	September 30 October 1
April 15 - 16	July 15–16	October 11–12
April 19 - 20 FRED	July 26-27	October 14–15
	July 29-30	November 1-2
May 17 - 18		November 4–5
May 20–21	August 19–20 Riverbend August 23–24 FRED	Resort, Oregon
June 7 - 8		
June 10—11	September 13–14	

September 16–17

^{*} This class immediately follows the FCOC Rally; classes will start at 8:00 am both days. No open-toed shoes or sandals can be worn. (Tennis shoes are OK.)



Happening In Harrisburg

FCOC Summer Rally

Come one come all it's Summer Rally time in Oregon. Our rally will be held in the small town of Harrisburg, Oregon. This is about a three hour drive in your motorhome from the FMCA Summer rally in Redmond. Harrisburg is about 40 miles South of Salem, and the River Bend Resort that's located on the Willamette River, where we are holding the rally. We have 80 spaces reserved and could go higher if we fill these.

All the usual things will be in place, including the Freightliner trailer, technicians, chassis, seminars, entertainment, food, and the always popular social hours.

One more thing is that the Freightliner Chassis Corp. is conducting a Camp Freightliner right after our rally at the park (Limited enrollment). For all those asking when the class was going to be held out West again, here is your chance to catch it. To sign up contact Freightliner directly.(Also check out page 10 of this newsletter)

http://www.freightlinerchassis.com/mhMain.asp?page=campFreightliner

The registration form for the summer rally should be up on the web when you read this and should be one you can actually click on, fill it out on your computer, and then print the completed form and send it in. Our goal is to get this all electronic so it can be filled out and then use PayPal if you choose to for payment.

Jerry and Sandy Sweeney have signed on to be the assistant Rally Masters, and Kim and I are going to be the Rally masters again for this rally. I have included a check box on the registration form if you would like to either be a Captain or a volunteer to help out with the various activities at the rally. This is a very good way to meet some new friends and long lasting relationships.

Cutoff on registration will be August 1st ,2010

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

Rally Masters

Assistant Rally Masters

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Jerry cell 703-232-7328

Jerry e-mail jerrylsweeney@gmail.com
Sandy cell 703-283-6960

Sandy e-mail jerrylsandy@gmail.com



HAPPENING IN HARRISBURG

Registration Form (Registration Form (Registration Deadline –August 1, 2010) FCOC Summer Rally - August 15th - 19th 2010 River Bend Resort 23650 Peoria Rd.

Harrisburg, Oregon 97446



Business Meeting

Self Guided Wine & Covered Bridge Tours

Crafts

Red Hat Tea

Educational Seminars	Freightliner Trailer & Tec	ns	Red Hat Tea
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CHRYSLER AFFILIATES REWARD PROGRAM

In the 4th Quarter President's Message, I indicated an interest in knowing who might have purchased a Chrysler product and their experience. The first response I received was from Jon Hormell who purchased a Jeep Liberty a few years ago using the Chrysler Affiliates Reward Program, and said the process was very simple to use. He provided the FCOC Code Number to his dealer, and configured the vehicle the way he wanted. Unfortunately, the vehicle he wanted was not in stock but another dealer had the vehicle and faxed Jon's dealer a copy of the invoice. The invoice had 3 prices on it. The dealers price, the Chrysler Affiliates Reward Program price and the Chrysler employee price. Jon paid 99% of the dealers invoice price proving that the program works, and drove away a satisfied FCOC Member.



ATC Freightliner

Offers FCOC members a 10% discount on labor as well as fleet pricing on parts.

Locations in: Oklahoma City, OK

Tulsa, OK Fort Worth, TX Dallas, TX

At their new location at:

4200 Port Blvd. 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 fcccservice@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





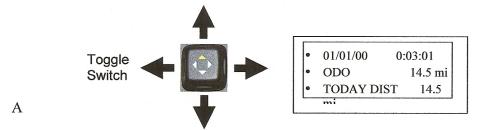
Note: Continued from the previous Newsletter 4th Qtr 2009 ...

Some Freightliner Custom Chassis RVers have made inquiries to our Customer Support Department and while at Camp Freightliner classes on how the new Pollack dash or Light Bar Control Unit (LBCU) functions. This dash is for RVs with a rear diesel engine. One of the most commonly asked questions seems to be, "How do I change my checklist information?"

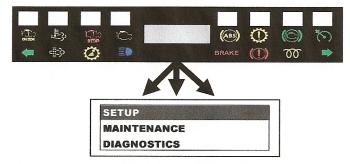
When you turn the ignition switch to the "run" position, several things take place. The dash does a diagnostic check, chimes sound and the lights on the LBCU run through a bulb check. Then there is the "checklist" noted on the LCD screen:



You cannot make changes here. You must go through the checklist or 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:



From this screen you must hold the toggle switch to the right till the screen changes to this:



Now highlight "setup" and push toggle switch to the right to enter "setup". The screen will turn into this:



Technical Article FREIGHTLINER Custom Chassis Note: Continued from page 14 ... Driven By You From the "Favorite Use Display" and once the "Park Brake" is set: to return to previous step To add up to 10 different and Select Items to be displayed in personalized items the checklist menu at the end of the list Setup, Maintenance and Jacks/Air Leveler Up Diagnostics ✓ Check Tow Vehicle Press ✓ Tire Pressure MAINTENANCE 19 times DIAGNOSTICS Press to select Look for empty lines or remove Setup Menu SET TIME AND DATE Press **CONFIGURE CHECKLIST** for next item Hold SELECT METRIC/ENGLISH Type personal option, characters will appear in Configure Checklist Press this order: . / 0-9 : ; < = > ? @ A-Z ← \ → ↑ _ ↓ a-z { SET TIME AND DATE to save **CONFIGURE CHECKLIST** ! " # \$ % & '() * + , -SELECT METRIC/ENGLISH As many times Press

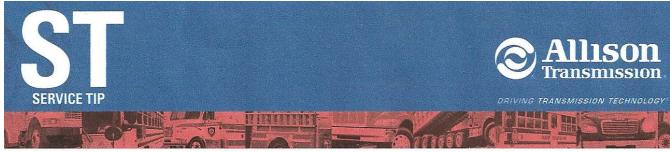




Plan to be here after the FMCA 84th International Convention at Redmond OR. Join us for "Happening in Harrisburg" August 11-14, 2010. See pages 11 & 12 of this newsletter.

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#1099M Page 1 of 21 Take Note!

SUBJECT:

Transmission Fluid/Filter Change Recommendations—DEXRON® no longer approved Specification—Adding the release of TES 389 Fluids for MY2010 Prognostics

TranSynd® is the only approved fluid for EV 40/50 Drives

EQUIPMENT AFFECTED: A

All Commercial On-Highway Products AT 500 Series, MT 600 Series, HT 700 Series 1000 and 2000 Product Families Transmissions

3000 Product Families Transmissions (includes B300/400 and T200/300) 4000 Product Families Transmissions (includes B500 and T400/500)

EV 40/50 Drives

Introduction:

Optimum performance and reliability of heavy-duty automatic transmissions can be noticeably influenced by the type of fluid used and the frequency with which that fluid is changed. Allison Transmission has designed extensive programs including specifications and tests to verify the quality of fluids and consequently have specific fluid and filter change recommendations. Due to field studies, changes in emission requirements, vehicle design, and operating environments, Allison Transmission has realigned recommended fluid and filter change intervals. Heavy-duty Automatic Transmission change intervals have been revised to more closely match today's operating environments. Allison has also created a new automatic transmission fluid specification, Schedule One TES 389. The new Allison specification gives OEMs and customers another approved fluid choice. Allison C4 fluids and DEXRON® fluids are no longer approved for Commercial On-Highway products.

Model Year 2009 and 2010 Prognostics:

Prognostics that monitor and maximize fluid and filter life, were offered in Model Year 2009 for 1000/2000/3000/4000 Product Families Transmissions. 3000/4000 Product Families Transmissions began using Prognostics with serial numbers 6510822005, 6520099957, 6610257671, 6620007438. 1000/2000 Product Families Transmission Prognostics were first available in July of 2008 (MY2009). MY2009 Allison Prognostics must only be used with Allison Approved TES 295 fluids.

January 2010 Allison Prognostics are compatible with TES 295 and TES 389 approved fluids in 3000/4000 Product Families Transmissions starting with TCM calibration CIN <u>4C</u> or later (<u>4C</u>-xxxxx-yyy-z) and all January 2010 1000/2000 Product Families Transmissions.

All 3000/4000 Product Families Transmissions utilizing Prognostics require the use of Allison High Capacity filters. All 1000/2000 Product Families Transmissions utilizing Prognostics require the use of Allison control main spin-on filter, P/N 29539579. 1000/2000/3000/4000 Product Families Transmissions may or may not have this feature "enabled" or turned ON. This option requires that the OEM provide the wiring necessary and the feature enabled in the TCM. Refer to the appropriate operator's Manual for the methods of identifying if Prognostics is enabled.

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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 you 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

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Ocala Freightliner 3950 W. Highway 326 Ocala, FL 34482 Service Manager: Scott Pauley (352) 840-0070 (352) 840-0070 Orlando Freightliner 2455 S. Orange Blossom Trail Apopka, FL 32703 Service Manager: Bob Diroff (407) 295-3846 (407) 295-3846

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)

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

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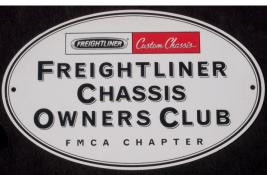


"There are a few steps that you can take to reduce the aging effects from long-term RV storage. Before putting your RV into storage or a non-use period, thoroughly clean your tires. Then cover the tires to block direct sunlight and ultraviolet rays. Store your RV out of a high ozone area. Failure to take these steps can cause early deterioration and shorten the life of your tires. NOTE: When vehicle is stored, tires should be inflated to maximum inflation pressure as indicated on the sidewall of the tire.

Before removing your vehicle from long term storage, thoroughly inspect each of its tires. This means a close examination of each tire's tread area and air pressure. If your pressure checks indicates the tires have lost air during storage, be sure to inflate them to the correct pressure for the current load before putting the unit into service."

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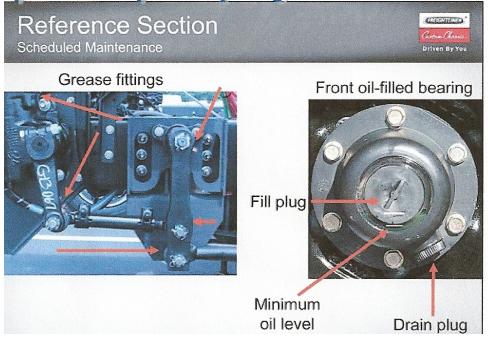




Now available to FCOC Members are our new FCOC Club Shirts, Logo Eggs and Brackets. The shirts are made of a pre-shrunk 7-ounce 100% cotton pique. The shirts are running true to men's size. The color of the shirts are white with the collar and cuffs in a red and black stripe, which matches our FCOC logo colors, and are very attractive. The sizes available are Small, Medium, Large, XLarge and XXLarge. The shirts are \$15.00 each, and the XXlarge are \$17.00 each. We also have our club Logo Eggs for \$20 each and their accompanying brackets at \$5.00 each to hang on your ladder. Please see the order form below. If you have any questions, please contact me, Mary Costigan at (951) 452-2999 or email me at mary.costigan@yahoo.com.

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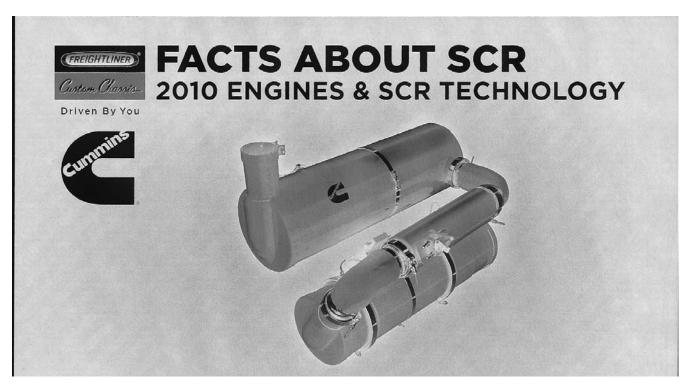
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^{*} See page 12 of "Know Your Chassis" (Jan. 2009) freightlinerchassisownersclub.org, tech tidbits/topics ...





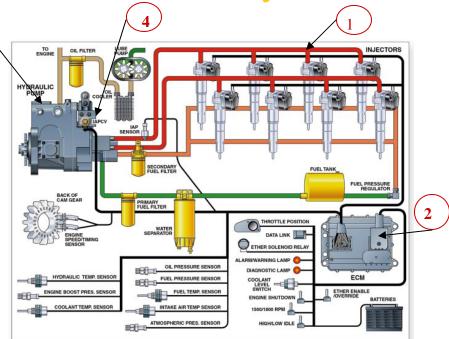
- What is NOx?- Oxides of nitrogen (NOx) is an exhaust element that contributes to acid rain. Smog and greenhouse gas levels. This environmental pollutant is a byproduct of the high-temperature diesel combustion process. The hotter the combustion temperature, the more NOx is created.
- **EPA 2010 Solution**—The SCR process uses a catalytic reaction to convert diesel NOx emissions into benign nitrogen gas and water, which are present in the air we breathe. This technology is proven to meet EPA 2010 emissions standards, requiring NOx levels from new trucks to be reduced to almost zero.
- Proven Reliability—Cummins 2010 engines use the same architecture and base engine as 2007 engines.
- Engine Maintenance & Wear—With SCR, engine maintenance intervals will remain the same as 2007 engines, with one additional service point: the DEF filter. This filter will only need to be changed every 200,000 miles and can be changed in minutes. Plus, with SCR, engine components last longer due to less heat generated and fewer contaminants resulting in longer overall engine life.
- Engine Fuel Efficiency & Power—SCR allows the engine to function at higher and more optimal combustion temperatures, providing increased fuel efficiency and power compared to in-Cylinder EGR. Through extensive testing, Cummins realized a 5-9% fuel economy advantage with SCR versus In-Cylinder EGR solutions. There is significant loss of performance for an engine using In-Cylinder EGR—as much as 50-100 horsepower, depending on platform. It will take a higher-displacement In-Cylinder EGR engine to do the same work as an SCR engine.
- Engine Weight—Both SCR and IN-Cylinder EGR add weight. A good portion of the additional weight of SCR comes from DEF, whereas In-Cylinder EGR requires additional weight in the form of cooling packages and additional engine hardware.
- Regeneration Cycles—SCR will have fewer regeneration cycles, with less manual stationary regenerations required. Improved regeneration rates of SCR mean less fuel burned and more time on the road. With In-Cylinder EGR, regeneration cycles will occur more often.

Caterpillar's HEUI Fuel Systems

A close look at the HEUI System

The HEUI fuel system consists of four basic components:

- 1. HEUI Injector Uses hydraulic energy (as opposed to mechanical energy from the engine camshaft) from pressurized engine lube oil for injection. The pressure of the incoming oil (800 to 3300 psi) controls the rate of injection, while the amount of fuel injected is determined by the ECM.
- 2. Electronic Control Module (ECM)
 This sophisticated on-board computer precisely manages fuel injection and other engine systems. The HEUI injector solenoid is energized by an electronic signal generated in the ECM. Using input from multiple sensors, the ECM's dual microprocessors use proprietary software and customer-supplied performance parameters to



- 3. High Pressure Oil Pump The variable displacement axial pump features a built-in reservoir to immediately supply oil at cold starts.
- **4.** Injector Actuation Pressure Control Valve This electronically operated valve controls oil pump output and injection pressure.

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