

# Freightliner Chassis Owners Club

*"15 Years of Great Associations ... 1995 - 2010"*



2nd Quarter, 2010

# Freightliner Flyer

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August 11, 12, 13, & 14, 2010  
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~ And ~

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August 15th - 19th 2010 @ River Bend Resort  
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**Note !**



## ~ *President's Message* ~



The first piece of information I have to share with you this quarter, involves actions that took place during the Business Meeting at Amarillo, Texas on 26 March. I brought before the membership a number of items, included therein were two changes to our Bylaws and one to our Standing Rules. They were (1) Article VI.2 to conform with FMCA organization, add Immediate Past President as non-voting member to the Executive Board; (2) Article VI.2, paragraph 3 to add VP Webmaster, and VP Operations (both East and West) to the article as they were not established when the Bylaws were approved; and Article VI.2, paragraph 6 to establish interim order of precedence when Senior Vice President position is vacant. The Standing Rules change pertained to photographs taken during an FCOC event. All of these actions were approved by the membership in attendance, but as quietly pointed out to me by Joe Costigan, our club Parliamentarian after the meeting had adjourned, the proposed changes were not properly advertised as prescribed by Article VIII – Amendment of Bylaws and were therefore “null and void.” It was my error and I apologize, so you will see these same proposed amendments before the membership at the River Bend Resort meeting. I should also mention that I have appointed Joe Costigan as Chairman, Bylaws Committee to ensure that we process any and all proposed changes to our Bylaws and Standing Rules in a proper and orderly manner.

There were a number of items I thought our membership might find interesting that came out of the Executive Board meeting at Amarillo on 31 March. (1) The Senior Vice President has taken over all responsibilities of the VP Communications position which has been vacant since January 2009, and it will be recommended at the next Business Meeting that the position be dissolved. (2) Responding to many requests that we consider going back to Myrtle Beach, SC following the March 2011 FMCA International Convention, the Executive Board has asked Rick Kennedy to visit the campgrounds in Myrtle Beach to determine if any would be suitable to accommodate an FCOC National Rally. (3) We are looking at many ways to prevent having to raise our club dues and one of them is to bring in additional advertising for our Quarterly Freightliner Flyer and on our website. To do this it was recommended we establish a position on the Executive Board for Vice President Business Development, and I appointed Tom James to temporarily serve as Vice President Business Development. Tom will be responsible for developing additional income for the club by way of advertising. (4) An audit of the club's finances was conducted during the Amarillo rally and our account was found to be in order. (5) Based upon preferences expressed by our members and confirmed by the Executive Board, Business Meetings of the FCOC will continue to be conducted during our FCOC National rallies. (6) Our new website name, **fcocrv.org**, was approved.

We have learned that FMCA will conduct the spring International Convention at Perry, Georgia 14-17 March 2011 and the summer event at Madison, Wisconsin from 10-13 August. If you happen to know of any campgrounds, within a day's drive of Madison, that could accommodate from 50 to 100 coaches, all with water, sewer and 50/30 amp service, please let our Wagon Master (Steve Batorson) know. Any information submitted should include name of point of contact, telephone and email address. Personally, I thought we had a great rally at Sunset Lakes in July 2008.

Based upon the many positive comments, the Amarillo Rally run by Steve Batorson and Barbara Knutson proved to be a lot of fun and was a huge success. Steve will be the Rally Master again at River Bend and have Jerry Sweeney as his Assistant Rally Master. There is no doubt that everyone who attends will have a great time and enjoy the trip to Oregon. I hope to see you there.

President

*Ron Sliger*



## ~Sr. Vice President's Message~



First I would like to provide an update on the subject of returned newsletters. We are steadily getting better with around 60 returned from the last mailing. I will again remind members they can use a computer to log on to the club website at [www.fcocrv.org](http://www.fcocrv.org) and then update their personal information in "Keeping in Touch." In checking a returned newsletter it was discovered that a member told me they had updated their information over the phone. I checked and in our database that is used for mailing it had not been changed. It turns out they called FMCA and updated their address. The problem is FMCA does not tell us when they update their records so the problem was we still sent the newsletter to their old address (the only one we knew about). So if you want your mailing address updated by phone please call VP Membership, Mary Costigan, Senior VP Steve Batorson or President Ron Sliger and we will gladly change the record for you (all three are listed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this newsletter).

As Wagon Master I have recommended that we hold our 2011 spring rally following the FMCA in Perry, GA., at the Ocean Lakes Family Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. The arrival date will be March 19 with a departure date of March 23. We last had a rally in Myrtle Beach in 2005 and it was a very popular place and many of our members have asked to return to that area again.

The 2011 summer rally will be held with the arriving date of August 14<sup>th</sup> and leaving August 18<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure where at this time. We haven't formalized the contract as of this writing, but will have it for the next newsletter.

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### *THE FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB WEBSITE HAS MOVED~*

The new web address for the Club's website is [www.fcocrv.org](http://www.fcocrv.org). As noted in a previous edition of the Freightliner Flyer, we have been working to create a new website with a new appearance, in order to make it easier for our members to navigate through the tabs and read. Rick Kennedy, our Webmaster, has been appreciative of the comments received from our members regarding the new site, and has used your comments to further enhance the contents. If you have any comments regarding the new site, please contact Rick at [webmaster@fcocrv.org](mailto:webmaster@fcocrv.org). If you have problems viewing the site, be sure to include which web browser (e.g. IE8, IE7, Firefox, etc.) you are using.

### **Returned Emails**

On May 17, 2010 we sent email out to all of our members for whom we have email addresses to announce the change in the Club's website. Of the 3,081 emails that were sent out, over 1,000 emails were returned due to invalid email addresses. This means that over one-third of our members are not receiving this useful means of communications. As a way of trying to make sure we have correct email addresses, we are going to send an email on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you DO NOT receive this email please send an email to the following address [emailupdate@fcocrv.org](mailto:emailupdate@fcocrv.org). Include in the body of the email your FMCA Number, and your correct email address. Once we receive your email, we will update your email address on our records.

### **Disclaimer**

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## Driven By You



Hello FCOC Members,

I hope you're enjoying your spring and are ready for summer, including any RV travel you have planned.

We've certainly had a busy spring in Gaffney and I'm happy to paraphrase Mark Twain in saying that during the first part of 2010, stories of the RV industry's demise are greatly exaggerated.

According to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), total RV shipments rose an astounding 97% in the first quarter of 2010 versus the first quarter of 2009. That's right, 97%! While that pace is not expected to last through the remaining three quarters of the year, the forecast shows 2010 will show more than 40% improvement across the entire RV industry versus 2009 with the largest gains coming in Class A and Class C motorhomes. At the same time, diesel continues its climb in preference, accounting for 54% of retail class A purchases year-to-date.

This is, of course, good news for the RV industry and Freightliner Custom Chassis. We continue to see our share of the diesel market at over 50% and expect that to grow with the announcement of our newest customer.

If you haven't already heard, I'm pleased to inform you that we recently announced a new two year agreement to provide Newmar chassis exclusively on three of their products. Starting with Newmar model year 2011 units, FCCC will be the exclusive chassis supplier for the Ventana, Dutch Star and Mountain Aire models. We're very excited to be working with Newmar again and look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with them.

At the same time, we've come to long term agreements with several of our other partners including Coachmen, Damon, Forest River, Four Winds, and Triple E. Tiffin and Winnebago remain very important customers for FCCC and we look forward to growing our business with Entegra, Jayco's Class A motorized division.

All in all, things look good for the RV industry and FCCC alike.

Hope to see you at the FMCA rally in Oregon or here in Gaffney,

*Bob Harbin*

Bob Harbin



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## FMCA CORNER



As I write this, we are getting ready to leave for Redmond OR via Red Bay AL for some minor work on our motor home. Then a few stops to visit family and friends along the way.

There has been a lot of miss-information floating around about what FMCA is doing with member benefits. Yes, FMCA is looking for a new provider to replace MEDX at the end of 2010. The EVAC Benefits Special Committee had five companies that sent proposals for consideration. Each member of the committee ranked these proposals from highest to lowest. The results were that Global Underwriters of Cincinnati Ohio was rated highest and MEDX was ranked lowest. Your FMCA Executive Board will recommend Global Underwriters to replace MEDX at the Governing Board meeting in Redmond OR to be our EVAC Company for 2011 and possibly beyond.

The Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage that FMCA provides to all members has a new provider, Chartis Insurance, effective May 1, 2010. This coverage has been enhanced to include an additional paralysis benefit. You can purchase additional coverage through the NEW "FMCA Years" Plan that will replace the Loyal-Years Plan. The Hartford Insurance Company, effective April 1, 2010, canceled the Loyal-Years Plan. The "FMCA Years" Plan will again reward you with a similar program but with better benefits. Look for information on this program in the near future.

**ANNOUNCING A NEW MEMBER BENEFIT:** FMCA has partnered with GMAC Insurance to give our members specialized insurance protection at exclusive rates. Watch for upcoming ads in *Family Motor Coaching* magazine and on FMCA.com.

**A DOZEN DOES IT.** FMCA is asking each Chapter to sign up 12 new members during 2010. We all need to work on this one to hit our goal. Starting with the April issue of *Family Motor Coaching* magazine there is a \$10.00 off coupon to help you with recruiting. This runs through September 30, 2010.

I hope to see a large number of you at Redmond OR at the 84<sup>th</sup> International Convention August 11- 14, 2010 and then at the River Bend Resort in Harrisburg OR from August 15-19, 2010.

Safe travels,

*Roy Hopper*

National Director, FCOC..... **and the latest word from the President of FMCA...**

### FMCA Enhances AD&D & Emergency Medical Evacuation Benefits

Dear FMCA Members,

I am writing to tell you about new and improved member benefits that are coming your way. The Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage that FMCA provides to all members has a new provider, Chartis Insurance, effective May 1, 2010. This coverage has been enhanced to include an additional paralysis benefit.

You can purchase additional accident coverage through the NEW "FMCA Years" Plan that will replace the "Loyal-Years" Plan some of you have purchased in past years. The Loyal-Years Plan offered AD&D insurance as well as accident hospital benefits, accident outpatient benefits and accident recuperation benefits; the amount of coverage was determined by the number of years you had been a member of FMCA. That program was cancelled by the Hartford Insurance Company, effective April 1, 2010, and you should receive notice from Hartford of non-renewal when your policy term expires. Our "FMCA Years" Plan will again reward you with a similar program but with better benefits. Look for information on this program in the near future.

Another bit of good news is that the Emergency Medical Evacuation benefit (currently provided by MEDEX, which will expire on Jan. 1, 2011) is being replaced with a new and improved program that is fully funded by FMCA and can provide up to a \$109 value to you. Information about this new plan also will be forthcoming.

Finally, some of our members recently have received a confusing and inaccurate e-mail from a third party, who no longer represents FMCA, stating that the AD&D and emergency medical evacuation (MEDEX) coverage are being terminated, and that members should contact this individual. Please disregard this information. All coverages for FMCA members are being continued with no lapse in coverage.

Safe travels to all and I look forward to seeing you at our International Convention in Redmond, Oregon, Aug. 11 to 14, 2010: "REDMOND ROCKS."

Sincerely,


Charlie Schrenkel  
National President





## Schedule 2010



August 11-14, 2010	84th FMCA Int'l Convention	Redmond, OR Deschutes Co. Fair & Expo Center
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 GA Nat'l Fair & Agricenter
March, 19-23, 2011	Nat'l <i>FCOC</i> Rally	Ocean Lakes Family Resort Myrtle Beach, SC
August 10-13, 2011	86th FMCA Int'l Convention	Madison, WI Alliant Energy Center
August 14-18, 2011	Nat'l <i>FCOC</i> Rally	To be Determined

Check the web site for the latest information on upcoming Rallies

<http://www.fcocrv.org>

### Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Membership Application

Renewal ☐ New ☐

FMCA #\* \_\_\_\_\_ OR FMCA Application Date \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Applicant must have an FMCA # or have applied for FMCA Membership*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name Preferred First Name

Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name Preferred First Name

Primary Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Chassis Manufacturer: (circle one) Freightliner Oshkosh John Deere

Manufacturer of Motor Home \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. VIN of Chassis (last six digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_ Are you the Original Owner Yes ☐ No ☐

Dues are \$10 a year or \$45 for five years.

Send to:

Freightliner Corporation  
c/o FCOC Membership  
552 Hyatt Street  
Gaffney, SC 29341



## **PROPOSED STANDING RULE CHANGES**

### **PAGE i**

FCOC SR ARTICLE VII - STAFF OFFICERS, delete "A" VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS..... 6

FCOC SR ARTICLE VII - STAFF OFFICERS, re-letter remaining starting with "A" ..... 6

### **PAGE ii**

Change FCOC SR ARTICLE XVI – GENERATORS to FCOC SR ARTICLE XV – GENERATORS

Add FCOC SR ARTICLE XVI – PHOTOGRAPHS .....12

### **REVISE FCOC SR ARTICLE I – INTRODUCTION:**

Change domain name listed in paragraph B to [www.fcocrv.org](http://www.fcocrv.org).

### **REVISE FCOC SR ARTICLE II – MEANING OF STANDING RULES:**

Remove underline beneath the first sentence of the paragraph.

Delete first sentence of the second paragraph which is a repeat of the first sentence in paragraph one.

Delete "Vice President" and insert "President in the last paragraph of the article.

### **REVISE FCOC SR ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Transfer responsibilities of Vice President Communications from FCOC SR ARTICLE VII – STAFF OFFICERS to FCOC SR ARTICLE VI, subparagraph B (Senior Vice President).

### **REVISE FCOC SR ARTICLE VII – STAFF OFFICERS**

Delete subparagraph A - Vice President Communications and all associated responsibilities.

Add new subparagraph A - Vice President Business Development with following responsibilities:

Be responsible for coordinating all advertising and marketing activities on behalf of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC) with potential advertisers, e.g., Original Equipment Manufacturers, Freightliner and Freightliner Oasis Dealers, as well as outside potential advertisers. Advertising media available include the Quarterly Freightliner Flyer and the FCOC website, as well as static exhibits or displays, banners, handouts, E-blasts for time sensitive information, etc., at FCOC rallies. Rates for all advertising will be developed by the Vice President Business Development, and approved by the FCOC Executive Board.

Maintain communication with all advertisers, ensuring information disseminated by FCOC media means is accurate and up-to-date, advertising start/renewal dates are maintained, and that benefits derived from the advertiser are made known to our club membership.

Coordinate advertisements with the Senior Vice President and the Webmaster to ensure that all advertising is maintained in the Freightliner Flyer Newsletter and on the FCOC website. The Senior Vice President will communicate advertising information to the Vice President Newsletter Editor.

Notify the FCOC Treasurer of successful advertising opportunities, and direct all advertisers to send their "donation(s)" direct to the FCOC Treasurer. The Vice President Business Development will also provide a report to the FCOC Executive Board during each meeting.

### **REVISE FCOC SR ARTICLE VII – STAFF OFFICERS**

Change title of subparagraph B to read: VICE PRESIDENTS AREA OPERATIONS – EAST AND WEST

Add new paragraph 1 to read: The VP Area Operations East is responsible for all Area Coordinators east of the Mississippi River, and the VP Area Operations West is responsible for all Area Coordinators west of the Mississippi River.

### **REVISE PARAGRAPH 7 FCOC SR ARTICLE VIII – AREA COORDINATORS**

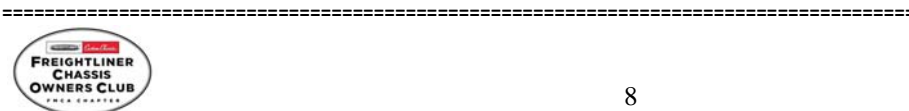
"In consideration of the level of support by Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC), it is the preference of the Club membership that only motor homes built on a Freightliner chassis in Gaffney, SC or a Daimler product be authorized to attend FCOC National rallies. Recognizing that there could be exceptions to this rule, e.g., seminar presenters, vendors, officers from other Chapters/organizations of FMCA, etc., attendance to any FCOC National rally by other than a club member owning a Freightliner chassis can only be authorized by the FCOC President."

### **REVISE FCOC SR ARTICLE IX – SUPPORTING STAFF MEMBERS**

Change domain name listed in subparagraphs A, B, C and D to [www.fcocrv.org](http://www.fcocrv.org).

### **ADD FCOC SR ARTICLE XVI – PHOTOGRAPHS**

Any photographs or reproduction of same, taken by an authorized agent of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club at an FCOC function, may be used for advertising, marketing and printed promotional material associated with the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club.



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## **PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES**

### **ADD THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS TO FCOC BYLAWS ARTICLE III – MEMBERS:**

Associate Member status will be offered to those FCOC members, who after being in good standing with the club for a minimum of five (5) year's, purchase a Daimler product, that is not on a Freightliner Custom Chassis built in Gaffney, SC.

The term good standing means being an FMCA and FCOC member, dues paid in full, and meeting all other provisions set forth in the Bylaws of this Chapter.

Associate Members will be afforded the right to hold office and vote in this Chapter. Technical service from Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) will not be available to Associate Members who do not own a coach built on a Freightliner Custom Chassis at Gaffney, SC.

### **CHANGE PARAGRAPH 2 OF FCOC BYLAWS ARTICLE VI.2, – TERMS OF OFFICE TO READ:**

All elected officers are members of the Executive Board. The Immediate Past President shall be a "non-voting" member of the Executive Board.

### **CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3 OF FCOC BYLAWS ARTICLE VI.2, – TERMS OF OFFICE TO READ:**

The election for President, Secretary, Vice President Area Operations - West, Vice President of Membership, and Alternate National Director shall occur on odd numbered years. The election for the remaining elected officers (Senior Vice President, Treasurer, Vice President Area Operations - East, Vice President Business Development, Vice President Newsletter Editor and National Director) shall be on even numbered years. The term of office shall commence on the day following the election.

### **CHANGE PARAGRAPH 4 OF FCOC BYLAWS ARTICLE VI.3, – RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS TO READ:**

Only Full Members, **Associate Members**, Life Members, or Honorary Members, who have advanced from one of these classes, have the right to hold office in this Chapter. To be eligible for election to an office in this Chapter, a person must own at least one-third (1/3) of an FMCA approved motor coach.

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### ***Staway Ranch Rally***

Come join us for an FCOC Area Rally prior to FMCA's South Central Area Rally being held in Shreveport, LA.

We will be gathering at the Staway Ranch RV Park in Murchison, TX from **September 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>**. Activities will include:

- 3 tours – Tyler Rose Garden, a fish hatchery, and the Black Beauty Animal Sanctuary,
- Wii games
- Plus, plenty of fellowship

The rally will also include 2 catered dinners and a breakfast.

If you would like to join us, please go to [www.fcocrv.org](http://www.fcocrv.org), click on **Club Activities**, then click on **Area Activities** and download the registration form. Mail your complete registration form, along with your check for the rally fee of \$150.00 to:

Olen & Janice Massey      *Registration deadline is August 24, 2010. Space is limited to 25 coaches.*  
3621 Greenhollow Dr.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Henley, at (214) 704-2437.





## **FCOC Caravan FMCA Convention Redmond, OR**

Charlie & Ruth Hoffstatter, Caravan Organizers  
Phone # 512-567-1499 or  
888-218-0008  
E-Mail [folkoak@gmail.com](mailto:folkoak@gmail.com)

On Tuesday, August 10th, 2010, we will be assembling in the parking lot of the Redmond High School in Redmond, Oregon for our caravan into the Redmond FMCA Convention. We have use of the High School Parking lot until 1:00 PM. Overnight parking will NOT BE PERMITTED on the night of the 9th.

Our entry time slot into the FMCA Convention is 1:00 PM. Please arrive on the 10th at the parking lot by at least 11:30 AM so we can hand out the necessary materials. If you need to pick up FMCA entry credentials from the FMCA Will Call area, you will need to do that before coming to the High School. It is about 4 miles from the High School to the FMCA Rally site. I would recommend that you go to the Will Call area the day before or early on Tuesday morning.

At 12:10 PM we will have a short meeting to go over entry and caravan details. We will be leaving the High School grounds about 12:45 PM for our trip into the FMCA Convention parking area. We will use CB Channel 7 to communicate during the caravan.

We need a volunteer to be tail gunner with a cell phone. If you would like to do that, please contact Charlie Hoffstatter on or before we meet on the 10th.

The Redmond High School address is:

675 SW Rimrock Dr.  
Redmond, OR 97756

The phone number is (541) 923-4800

Many thanks to Karen Thomkins at Redmond High School.

CONTACT US IF YOU WILL BE GOING @ 512-567-1499 OR TOLL FREE  
888-218-0008 OR AT OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS [folkoak@gmail.com](mailto:folkoak@gmail.com)

**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.

### ***Directions to Redmond High School***

#### **Coming from the North, South or East:**

- Go to intersection of US Hwy 97 and Hwy 126 (SW Highland Ave.) in the center of Redmond.
- Take Hwy 126 west 2.4 miles
- Turn right on SW Rimrock Dr. – High School parking lot will be on your left shortly after turning onto SW Rimrock Dr.

#### **Coming in from the West (Sisters):**

- Take Hwy. 126 (SW Highland Ave.) 18 miles east.
- Turn left on SW Rimrock Dr. – High School parking lot will be on your left shortly after turning onto SW Rimrock Dr.

# ***Let's Get Together !***

# Mid - West Area Rally



Katherine and Larry Henley hosted the first Mid - West Rally at the Boot Hill RV Resort in Alamogordo, NM. Ten coaches attended, two being newcomers. After registration on Tuesday, we toured the "Heart of the Desert Pistachio Farm", sampling pistachio wines, ice cream, candy and flavored nuts. The evening activities continued with social hour, dinner and Card Bingo. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with breakfast, sight seeing and a fun afternoon of Wii Bowling. After dinner the fun continued with Blurt cards, Pokeno, bean bag (horse shoes) and a birthday celebration for those with March birthdays.

Pampered Chef representative, Kathleen Lindley, put on an interesting and fun presentation while cooking a delicious lunch for the ladies, while the men met to discuss what men discuss..

Though our numbers were small, we had a wonderful time and because we were few we had better opportunity to get to know each other.





Yes... that's white stuff!



Where's the sunshine?  
Burr! This is Albuquerque?  
In March ...



Caravaning into "Albuquerque Fiesta"



FCOC~ Bus Pickup~ Hangout!



FCCC booth with FCOC members  
The Fellingham on duty!



# Toolin into Texas







Red Hats and "Dreaming of Chocolate"

## Proposed Nominations ~ August 2010



The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers to be elected at the August Business meeting to be held at Harrisburg, Oregon.

Senior Vice President -	Steve Batorson
Treasurer -	Rick Kennedy
Vice President Newsletter Editor -	Robert Smellie
Vice President Business Development -	Tom James
National Director -	Roy Hopper



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

As a reminder, if anyone wishes to nominate a candidate they may do so at the August Business Meeting. A motion from the floor, followed by a second and acceptance by the person nominated on the ballot would be required. Once the nominations are closed the election will follow.

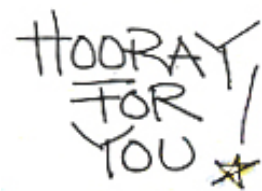
Each office will be voted on separately. If anyone is nominated from the floor they will be given a few minutes to address the membership regarding their qualifications and desire to service the club.

Since we meet only twice each year and not all members of the committee are present at all meetings, it is difficult for us to communicate with all the members to the extent that we would like. We would request that anyone interested in serving the club in any of the leadership positions, please let the members of the Nominating Committee know of your request.

Respectfully submitted

Gerry DeHeer  
Chair, on behalf of the members of the Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee  
Barbara Knutson – Linda Slycord – Raymond (Bud) Trash –  
Bud Munzer – Charlene Williams – Al Moore



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### EXECUTIVE BOARD SECRETARY

Back in April when faced with some family health issues, Barbara Knutson submitted a letter resigning her position as FCOC Secretary. Conversations with Barbara revealed that there might be a solution to the problem, so acceptance of the resignation was purposely delayed. The club did start a search for a potential replacement and appreciates the responses from the membership to fill this critical position on the Executive Board. The issues have been resolved, and Barbara has withdrawn her resignation.

We are glad to have her back on the job.

**Minutes!**

## Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Business Meeting Amarillo, Texas – March 29, 2010

President Ron Sliger called the meeting to order at 3.36p.m. There were approximately 100 members in attendance. President Sliger asked Gerry DeHeer to give the invocation. President Sliger led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

All First time attendees and Veterans were asked to stand and be recognized. All volunteers were also, recognized and the Past Rally Masters.

President Sliger introduced the Officers present, Senior Vice President-Steve Batorson, Secretary-Barbara Knutson, Treasurer-Rick Kennedy, Vice President Webmaster-Rick Kennedy, National Director-Roy Hopper, Vice President Membership-Mary Costigan, Alternate National Director-Joe Costigan and Vice President Operations - West Katherine Henley.

President Sliger introduced Ron Anders from from FCCC, who thanked everyone for buying a Freightliner Chassis. Bob Harbin, President of FCCC was in attendance on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

President Sliger made some general announcements to make the meeting run smoothly. Please wait to be recognized before speaking and to please state your name when making a motion.

Minutes of the Greenfield, Indiana rally were published in the Newsletter. President Sliger asked that the reading of the minutes be waved. A motion was made by Gerry DeHeer and seconded by Joe Costigan, there being no further discussion and no corrections that the minutes are accepted as published.

Treasurer read the financial report and is attached to the minutes. Motion was made by Ernie Ward and Seconded by Larry Henley to accept the report. Motion passed.

Senior Vice President reported that the FMCA Spring Rally will be held in Perry, Georgia, and we are looking into going back to Myrtle Beach, SC for our spring rally. The summer rally for FMCA will be in Madison, WI. We are still working on the FCOC rally. Our next rally will be held at River Bend Resort in Harrisburg, OR in August, 2010. We are looking for Rally Masters and Assistant Rally Masters for 2011 rallies.

National Director reported that the Dues for FMCA will increase by \$5.00 effective April 1, 2010. The membership for FMCA has dropped by 28,000, over the past four years. It was announced that Jerry Sweeney is running for Treasurer for the International Area. We will be getting a new firm to replace MEDEX, since they did not wish to negotiate their contract. See attachment.

Vice President – Membership reported that we 3809 active members, 158 who have filled in the application but have not mailed in the dues yet. 604 open members and 4650 members suspended for non-payment of dues. Mary Costigan gave a report that 251 club shirts have been sold so far.

President Sliger asked Gerry Deheer chairman of the Nominating Committee to give the nominating report. These candidates will be voted on at the August, 2010 Business Meeting. Senior Vice President – Steve Batorson, Treasurer – Rick Kennedy and Vice President Newsletter Editor Bob Smellie. Motion was made by Gerry Deheer and seconded by Larry Ward to accept the nominations. The motion passed.

There was no old business from the Bowling Green business meeting.

### New Business

The club recently had a new tri-fold for membership printed which Included pictures of some of our members. Before we could publish the form, we had to get permission from the members in the photos, in order not to have to go through that again it was recommended that we put in our Standing Rules that any member attending FMCA/FCOC events could have their picture published. Proposed change to SR Article XIII will read: Any photograph or reproductions of same, taken by an authorized agent of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club at an FCOC function, may be used for advertising, marketing and printed promotional material associated with the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club. Motion was made by Dean Singer and seconded by Larry Ward to accept the Motion. Motion passed.

Proposed change to the Bylaws Article VI.2”

Following an election, the experience and historical knowledge of the outgoing FCOC President has not always been available due to a number of factors. This has resulted in the Executive Board being denied historical information that could be pertinent to operation of the club. To correct this oversight and to follow the organizational structure of FMCA, it is proposed that the FCOC Past President be added to the FCOC Executive Board as a non-voting member. Motion was made by Dean Singer and Seconded by Laurie Singer. Motion Passed. Due to the death of President Bill Buck we will have Ken Hawk as Past President.

Proposed change to Bylaws Article VI. Section 2

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The offices of the Vice President Webmaster, Vice President Area Operations – East and Vice President Area Operations West are not included in the Article. Accordingly, it is proposed that Bylaws Article VI, Section 2 be modified to read:

The election for President, Secretary, Vice President Webmaster, Vice President – Communications, Vice President Area Operations – West, Vice President - Membership and Alternate National Director shall occur on odd numbered years. The election for the remaining elected officers (Senior Vice President, Treasurer, Vice President Area Operations – East, Vice President Newsletter Editor and National Director) shall be in even numbered years. Motion was made to accept by Sandy Sweeney and Seconded by Dave Felleningham. Motion passed.

Proposed change to Bylaws Article VI.2 paragraph 6:

The article provides an order of succession for the vacant Senior Vice President position to cover the period of time before an election can be held and need to be updated to include new officers on the board.

Modify Bylaws Article VI.2 for succession to read: Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President Communications, Vice President , Vice President Area Operation Area Operations-West, Vice President Area Operations - East, Vice President Newsletter Editor, National Director and Alternate National Director. Motion made by Rick Kennedy and seconded Tom James. Motion Passed.

Proposed change to the Internet Address of FCOC:

An article was published in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Newsletter asking the membership to vote on changing our Internet Address from: [WWW.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org](http://WWW.freightlinerchassisownersclub.org). The majority of responders recommended we change the freightlinerchassisownersclub.org to [www.fcocrv.org](http://www.fcocrv.org) and the change will be announced in an upcoming newsletter and e-blast.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ernie Ward and seconded By Larry Ward. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30p.m. The next business meeting scheduled to be held at the FCOC National Rally, River Bend Resort, Harrisburg, Oregon in August 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Knutson

Dear FCOC Members and Families

## *~Our Concerns for others~*

June 2010

I am very happy to report that we only know of 1 of our members going in for surgery on June 14. George Becker is in Arizona and scheduled to go in the hospital on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. Last quarter he had surgery and has 2 new knees and is doing well. So please put George on your prayer list for a successful surgery.

I am going to identify the others mentioned in the last newsletter and their current status.

Bob Tomme is doing well after surgery, Larry Carstensen is now on the right track after a few bumps in the road, but now on the road again. Suzanne Rash is recovering well and we pray that she not be so prone to falling. Ray Easter has had his treatment in Florida and is home after an 8 week treatment. Ray is President of the Mid-South Roadrunners and is ready for the next rally. He commented that he really did not have any reaction to his treatment and all went well. Considering the above progress, Prayer Power does work.

A special congrats to Ed & Lois Shinkle they celebrated 50 years Anniversary on May 15<sup>th</sup>. God Bless you both and continue to take care of each other.

I have not been made aware of any sickness or health problems and I like this note. It means to me that as mentioned on my last note, that we should be especially attentive to our spouse. The simplest little things could be disasters to either of us.

If any of our members know of a person or couple that could use our prayers, please let me know. You know me, "Prayer Power Works"

This is my request for this newsletter. The summer is upon us and we are planning trips to rallies, family visits, general sight seeing and what ever. Important is the power of prayer. Be comforted in knowing that our Lord is with us always even until the end of the earth. You can count on him to be present in all situations and I pray that he make your journey a safe one and healthy and happy one so you can return home in good condition.

Let us all Pray for all the Armed Forces , Men & Women, that they be safe and free from danger. We must remember that they are fighting for our Freedom. Bless Them. All.

May the Lord Bless and Keep you

Take Care

Ken & Dorothy Hawk Spiritual Leaders FCOC



# 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 if 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.

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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. La Crosse, WI 54601 Service Manager: Steve Kemp (608) 791-4692 (608) 791-4887



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## ***Oasis Discount Dealers*** (Cont. from page 18)

<p>Dallas Freightliner &amp; Western Star 4200 Port Blvd. Dallas, TX 75241 Service Manager: Jason Graham (800) 580-2620</p>	<p>Truck Country of Wisconsin 2401 Progress Way Kaukauna, WI 54130 Service Manager: Michael Gleiter (800) 236-5271</p>	<p>Truck Country Quad Cities 2350 W. 76<sup>th</sup> St. Davenport, IA 52806 Service Manager: Frank Dalen (563) 445-5870</p>
<p>Ft. Worth Freightliner, Sterling &amp; Western Star 1804 NE Loop 820 Ft. Worth, TX 76106 Service Manager: Mike Morrison (800) 580-9101</p>	<p>Truck Centers, Inc. 2280 Formosa Rd. Troy, IL 62294 Service Manager: Chas Voyles (800) 669-3454</p>	<p>Delta Truck Center 1082 S. Harlan Rd. French Camp, CA 95231 Service Manager: Ed Cullom (209) 983-2400</p>
<p>Tulsa Freightliner, Sterling &amp; Western Star 5104 W. 60<sup>th</sup> St. Tulsa, OK 74107 Service Manager: David Housh (918) 445-5300</p>	<p>Fyda Freightliner Pittsburgh, Inc. 20 Fylde Dr. Canonsburg, PA 15317 Service Manager: Bob Bodkin (800) 393-2556</p>	<p>Oklahoma City Freightliner &amp; Western Star 5301 I-40 West Oklahoma City, OK 73128 Service Manager: Bobby Boyd (877) 621-0428</p>
	<p>Truck Country 119 State Road 11 Shullsburg, WI 53586 Service Manager: Andrew Miller (608) 965-4462 (800) 362-1313</p>	<p>Freightliner of Knoxville 1413 Everett Road Knoxville, TN 37932 Service Manager: Stacey Brown (800) 241-0138</p>

### ***HOW TO KEEP YOUR PARKING BRAKE FROM BEING RELEASED ACCIDENTALLY***

We have received two responses regarding a device to prevent the parking brake from being accidentally released. Following are ideas from Joe Crawford (F363846) and Don Geegan (F213068):

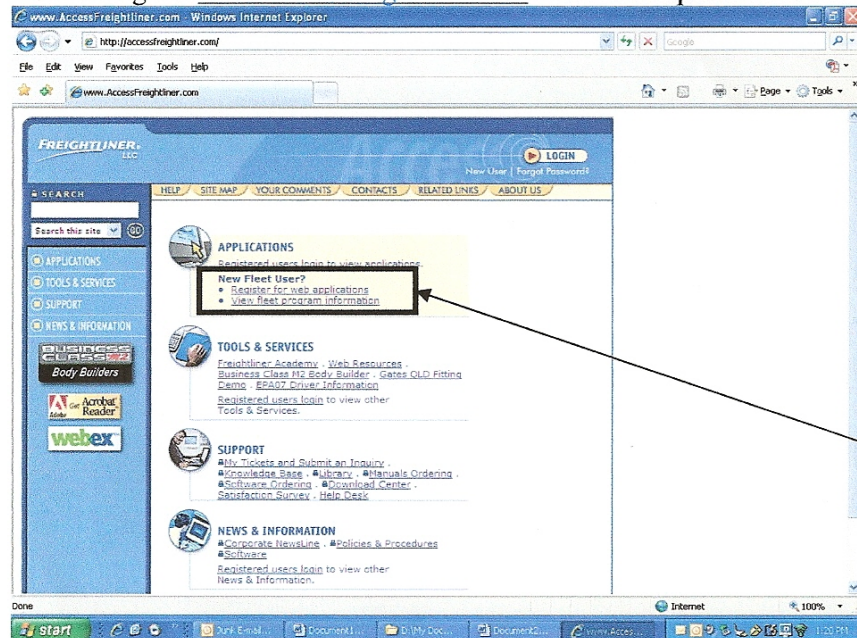
1. Joe cut a piece of rubber garden hose about 3/4 inch long (depending on distance between knob and console). He then slit the hose lengthwise so it will fit perfectly around the shaft between the parking brake knob and the console.
2. Don made some PVC pipe pieces just for this purpose and would be happy to send a member one for free. You can contact Don by email at [djgeegan@verizon.net](mailto:djgeegan@verizon.net)

### ***AQUA-HOT SERVICE AVAILABLE AT REDMOND***

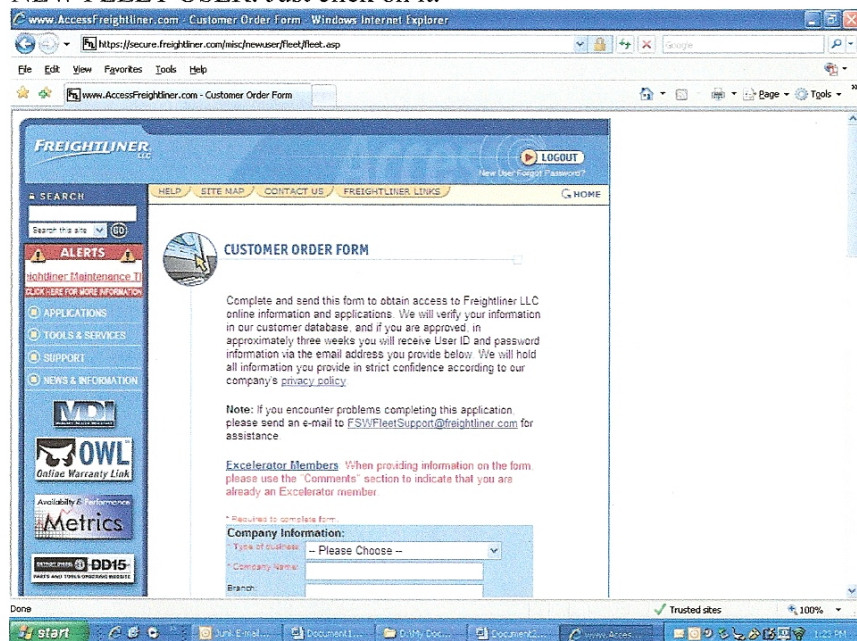
A former Aqua-Hot employee with ten years experience will be available at Redmond to provide service to your system. Contact John Carrillo on (970) 518-3085 or by email at [elitemobileservice@yahoo.com](mailto:elitemobileservice@yahoo.com) to set up an appointment.

How many people have signed up for ACCESS FREIGHTLINER? Ever needed a schematic, part or just need to know some information on your chassis? This will be the 7th year for Camp Freightliner and it still is surprising how many people are not signed up for this. I would like to encourage everyone who has a Freightliner Custom Chassis RV please sign up. You may be asking what the benefits to this are. If you needed a schematic for you chassis, part numbers, serial numbers on components, operators and service manuals, even workshop and recall information, you can get it. Please remember that some electrical belongs to the Body Builder and Freightliner can not show those schematics on your chassis because we did not build the body. So below you will find some instructions.

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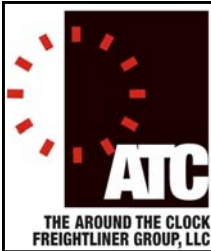
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