

# Freightliner Chassis Owners Club

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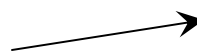
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**Note !**



## ~ President's Message ~

What a year this has been travel wise! With the FMCA scheduling their International Conventions in Albuquerque and Redmond, we had the opportunity to reunite with many of our friends who live in the mid-west and far-west of our great country. While at the FMCA gatherings, it was interesting to talk to the vendors to hear what the outlook was for their businesses this year. Albuquerque had a weather problem to deal with and the location of vendors across town from where the coaches were parked was of concern to many of the attendees. On the other hand, there did not seem to be any problems at Redmond, and the vendors were very positive regarding their sales. One vendor I spoke with indicated he had completely sold out his inventory, had another shipment coming by FedEx and that had already been sold. After the hustle and bustle of the FMCA, it was nice to get together with our own members at the FCOC rallies in Amarillo and Harrisburg, which were both very well attended. The Rally Masters and their Assistants (Steve Batorson/Barbara Knutson at Amarillo, and Steve Batorson/Jerry Sweeney at Harrisburg) did outstanding jobs and are to be congratulated for their efforts.



Speaking of Rally Masters, we really need some of our members to step up to the plate and sign on as Assistants. We have a very small number of people who are willing to do these jobs, and it would be helpful if more of our members would volunteer. Please do not think that we would assign any one to a Rally Master job without previous experience or training. It has been our philosophy that the first step to having a good Rally Master is to provide training first as an Assistant Rally Master. Besides the experience that is gained by working hand in hand with an experienced Rally Master, we also have a document on our web site entitled "FCOC Rally Master Handbook" which provides in detail many of the steps to follow to ensure a successful rally. This guidance is not intended to be followed step-by-step but is provided as an aid to anyone who is interested in the job.

We have one other job out there that needs to be filled and that is Caravan Coordinator. A lot of us like to go in to the FMCA International Convention as part of a group, so that we will be parked together and have the ability to socialize underneath the Freightliner tent. Charlie and Ruth Hoffstetter retired a couple of years ago, and out of the goodness of his heart Charlie has continued to set up the caravans for us. This job isn't difficult but it does require some planning and coordination. As with the handbook for Rally Masters, there is also a document on our website that sets forth the requirements for our Caravan Coordinator. If you are interested in the job, I would encourage you to talk with me, Steve Batorson our Senior VP/Wagon Master, or Charlie Hoffstatter himself just to get an idea of what is involved.

The last item I would like to mention is an action that took place during the Business Meeting at Harrisburg. A motion was made from the floor to award the former Past President (Ken Hawk) a lifetime membership in the club. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Many of you know that Ken has worked tirelessly for our club over many years and served as President for six years, and he certainly deserves this tribute.

In closing, I wish you and yours "fair winds and following seas."

Best regards,

Ron Sliger



## ~Sr. Vice President's Message~



I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on a few things that have happened in the last quarter. We had a great rally from the feedback I have received in Harrisburg. We had 80 coaches in attendance and some pretty good weather to go with it. The resort was located on the Willamette River and there are some pictures of this in this newsletter. We picked the Harrisburg Youth Program for the charity to donate to and I am very thankful to the generous giving of all those who purchased the tickets that ran the total to \$1296 that we donated to them.

We used local talent for the entertainment both for the Red Hat and the high energy group (Phoenix Player Traveling Show) that entertained us with their vaudeville act.

As the rally master with my wife Kim, I would like to thank Jerry and Sandy Sweeney as assistant rally masters, and all the captains and volunteers that gave of their time and efforts to make this a successful rally. I also would like to thank the staff of the River Bend Resort for being so accommodating. If you are ever in this area check them out.

We have the next FCOC national rally planned for Myrtle Beach March 19<sup>th</sup> – March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 starting after the FMCA International rally being held in Perry GA. Barb Knutson has signed on to be the Rally Master.

At this time we are planning on our summer rally to be held at the Sunset Lakes Resort in Joslin, IL. This will be following FMCA being held Madison, WI. There will be more information on this rally in the next newsletter.

FMCA has announced that they are going to one FMCA International rally per year starting in 2012 due to low attendance and losing money. They have canceled the spring rally 2012 scheduled for Pomona, CA and will be holding a summer rally in Indianapolis, IN. 2012. If they feel the economy has recovered enough they may go back to having two rallies at sometime in the future. This would be beyond the 2012 timeframe.

The executive board will be meeting on this subject to come up with a plan for our club. We by our rules are to have two business meetings a year and we will have to make a decision on how we are going to do this. We have a year to figure this out.

*Steve Batorson*

### **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.

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## Driven By You

*There has been a lot of talk lately about the divergent technology paths applied by engine companies to meet the EPA 2010 emissions standards that went into effect this year. FCCC's engine supplier, Cummins, along with the overwhelming majority of diesel engine makers for RV and commercial trucks have decided to use Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) which uses Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) to treat exhaust and meet emission standards. In fact, only one supplier, Navistar / Monaco, has decided to use extreme Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR). Over the past several months there has been a great deal of discussion about the technologies, and much misinformation has been spread, particularly with regards to SCR. Below, in place of my normal comments, is a recent blog post on RV Business authored by Tony Sippel highlighted the benefits of SCR and dispelling any misunderstandings about SCR and DEF.*

*Safe travels,*

*Bob Harbin*

The 2010 U.S. EPA trucking and motorhome regulations have recently gone into effect, and RV drivers need to know what these changes mean for them when purchasing a new coach.

Currently, the EPA regulates fuel particulate matter (PM) and nitrous oxide (NOx) or invisible emissions. While the EPA has long regulated sulfur in fuel, recent concerns surround regulating PM and NOx emissions.

In order to address the mandatory EPA regulations surrounding PM and NOx, FCCC added a second catalyst to its exhaust system. Following in parent company Daimler Trucks North America's footsteps, FCCC is utilizing Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology. FCCC 2010 technology includes a diesel particulate filter (DPF), which works in tandem with the SCR catalyst to reduce the amount of exhaust emitted from the vehicle engine. After exhaust leaves the engine, it travels through the DPF catalyst and is stripped of carbon and particulate matter. Next, the exhaust travels through the SCR catalyst. Here, the catalyst works to convert the NOx into harmless nitrogen and water vapor. In between the DPF and SCR catalysts, FCCC has added a 13-gallon tank containing diesel exhaust fluid (DEF). The DEF mixes with the exhaust system, generating ammonia, which works with the SCR catalyst to convert the NOx. The overwhelming majority of RV manufacturers will be utilizing the proven SCR technology.

How do these new vehicle changes affect you? The following 2010 engine benefits provide an explanation regarding DEF specifics and additional performance and motorhome features:

**Better performance** – The 2010 EPA regulations will not limit the range of horsepower and torque available. The new 2010 engines will be available in a range of horsepower and torque options to best fit your motorhome needs. Power density – the amount of performance for a specified vehicle size and weight – also contributes to overall increased vehicle performance. New 2010 vehicles have top power density because of lower heat rejection levels and smaller cooling system losses.

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Driven By You

**Better fuel economy** – Pilots operating a 2010 motorhome will receive better fuel economy because the DPF increases vehicle efficiency and less fuel is used for regeneration.

**DEF simplicity** – DEF is a non-toxic, non-flammable solution that is safe to handle and easy to use. The solution poses no serious risk to humans, animals, equipment or the environment if properly handled. Refilling the DEF tank is as easy as refilling your vehicle's windshield washer solution. The tank holds enough diesel exhaust fluid to operate the motorhome for about 13,000 miles.

RV drivers are able to monitor their vehicle's DEF levels through two different dashboard monitoring capabilities – an additional light and a new gauge. The RV's DEF tank light will activate when the RV's DEF level has between 350 and 700 miles of fluid left. A smaller gauge also has been added to the overall fuel gauge to measure DEF levels.

Projected DEF prices will parallel fuel prices, fluctuating between \$2.50-\$3.50 per gallon. DEF is available for purchase at all major truck stops including Pilot, Flying J, TravelCenters of America and Love's. Pilots can also purchase DEF from any Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation distributor location.

**Better for the environment** – The new 2010 vehicles meet "near zero" emission standards and reduce the motorhome's carbon footprint.

**Proven solution** – Although this technology may be new to America, this is a proven solution successfully utilized in Europe since 2006. Well over 300,000 engines already have SCR technology, and the 2010 regulations are minimal changes to the current 2007 engine solutions.

For additional information regarding 2010 EPA regulation vehicles, please contact Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation or your RV dealership. Also, feel free to post any questions here, and we'll be sure to follow up with answers

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## *Pilot and Flying J Merge*



Recently, Pilot and Flying J truck stops completed a merger of the two companies into a new single company called Pilot Flying J. Since many of our members use the Flying J RV Real Value card to save money on fuel purchases, we contacted Flying J's loyalty card office to determine what effect the merger would have on that service. The answer received was "In the future, it is our intention to expand the existing loyalty programs to all Pilot Flying J locations, but for the time being, the RV Real Value program will continue to be honored at all Flying J locations but will not be accepted at Pilot locations."

As part of the merger agreement, a number of Flying J stores were sold outright to Love's and will be converted to Love's Travel Stop & Country Stores. Love's does not offer a similar RV loyalty program, so those converted locations will no longer offer RVers a fuel discount.



FCOC Logo Shirts and Eggs				
SHIP TO:	Item	Qty	Price Each	Total
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Name	Logo Shirt (M)		\$ 15.00	\$
Address	Logo Shirt (L)		\$ 15.00	\$
City ST Zip	Logo Shirt (XL)		\$ 15.00	\$
Check #	Logo Shirt (XXL)		\$ 17.00	\$
Checks payable to: <b>"FCOC"</b> and send check to: <b>FCOC, c/o Mary Costigan, Logo Merchandise</b> <b>1905 Victoria Farms Road, #340</b> <b>Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404</b> <b>Cell: (951) 452-2999 E-Mail: mary.costigan@yahoo.com</b>	FCOC Logo Egg		\$ 20.00	\$
	Ladder Bracket*		\$ 5.00	\$
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**FCOC Logo Ladder Eggs Discontinued**, by Mary Costigan

Until further notice, we will no longer be selling our FCOC Logo Ladder Eggs. We have had some of our members experiencing problems with their eggs with the lettering coming off, which has not been resolved. As soon as we have figured out why the Logo Eggs are having this problem, we will let you know that they are available again.

## 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.

Check for the closest participating Oasis Dealer in the club's website at **www.fcocrv.org**. We encourage you to contact your Freightliner dealer ask them to participate in the program by calling Jonathan Randall, FCCC Gaffney, SC at (864) 206-8631.



## FMCA CORNER



As I write this, I'm sitting on the balcony of the Crater Lake Lodge in southern Oregon looking out over beautiful CRATER LAKE some 700 ft. below. The Redmond and Harrisburg Rallies have come and gone. So it's back to work to inform you, the members, of the decisions your FMCA Executive Board and Governing Board made at Redmond.

The INTO officer election results are Sonny Gillespie, National Vice President; Alfred F. Vormittag, Senior Vice President; David S. Barr, Dick Lowman, David F. Piper, and George Schremp, Vice Presidents; Maxine Schremp, Secretary; and Jerry Sweeney, Treasurer.

### FMCA Governing Board Meeting Redmond, Oregon August 11, 2010

59% of the chapters were represented at the Governing Board Meeting. Wil Young, National Treasurer, indicated that through the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months of 2010, FMCA had a loss of \$1,202,499, with the Albuquerque rally accounting for \$416,000 of that loss. He indicated that **IRS form 990** must be filed by each chapter for the 2010 tax year. FMCA has retained Bank of America/Merrill Lynch as primary investment advisor with The Windsor Group as the secondary investment company. FMCA decided to write off as bad debt, royalties owed by FMC that amounted to a tax refund of \$1,352,784.

### Bi-Law Amendment Changes Approved

The term of office for FMCA National President, SR. VP, Secretary and Treasurer was changed to a maximum of two 2-year terms (total of 4 years in a lifetime). A term of service less than one year in any of the above positions shall not count as part of the lifetime maximum.

The FMCA fiscal year was changed to start Oct. 1 and end Sept. 30. This will take effect Oct. 1, 2011. **Note** that the fiscal year for areas and chapters are not affected by this decision.

If, after nominations are closed, there is only one candidate for a national FMCA office, the chair can call for a voice vote or acclamation.

**MEDEX** will remain in effect through Dec. 31, 2010. At 12:01 AM, Jan. 1, 2011 our **New Medical Evacuation Plan, FMCAssist**, will take effect at a savings to FMCA members of \$148,000. There are many new and better coverages that I do not have the space to go into in this article. But watch the Family Motor Coaching magazine for all the details, later this year.

**Optional International Travel Medical Coverage** can be bought immediately by FMCA members for **medical** benefits during International travel. Contact FMCA for details.

**Mail forwarding** will be reduced by \$2.00 to a total of \$8.00 per month effective as soon as feasible.

Safe travels,

*Ray Hopper*

National Director, FCOC







## Schedule 2011



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	Sunset Lakes Resort Joslin, IL

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mode \_\_\_\_\_

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



## *~ Our Concerns for Others ~*

Dear Fellow Members of FCOC;

I hope this note brings with it the experiences of a wonderful summer. It seems like this summer brought with it some challenges that had to be dealt with. The inconsistent weather, like, more rain than we know what to do with, the costs of traveling, fuel cost, campgrounds costs up, trying to make it through this economic slowdown. The test we put our motor home through with the higher than normal temperatures, but, all in all, it seems we survived. We thank the good Lord for this experience, success and survival of the summer.

The last note indicated that the folks that had some major difficulties had pretty well outlasted the problems. This means to me that the Lord has been watching over all of us. The other belief I have is that "Prayer Power Works" The Hawk family is a good example because of all the prayers you sent for us. Dorothy is doing fine, our daughter is doing fine and for me, I received a note from my Dr. a month or so ago that I was 100% cured of leukemia and had no indication of cancer at all. So, I hope you understand that with this entire club praying for the Hawk's, we can truly say that "Prayer Power Works" God bless all of you.

Over the last few weeks I have been made aware of the attempts of some to take God out of everything we do. Schools, government buildings, public meetings, and much more. I went to a service in Wichita Falls Army base. The pastor was telling the audience that even if others try to take God away from us, his suggestion was to never pass up the opportunity to say a prayer. Double meaning of ASAP, (As soon as possible) or to us, (ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.)

Another important message of late was brought to my attention. I am aware of many people being believers, but are they really followers? How do they act, Talk, and lead by example. Character is how we act, or behave when only God is watching. Then you become a follower. "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it" Prov.3:27. Please send us information on members or their relatives that need prayers or additional attention.

Looking forward to the last quarter of 2010, I wish you all the best in happiness and safety with families, friends and all you do. Remember we have God orchestrating our lives toward success and being a follower.

God Bless to all  
Ken & Dorothy Hawk  
Spiritual Leaders FCOC



**After the Rally;** This is a sad note of the family of our FCOC President. Ron Sliger . Ron was notified after the rally that his Son, Gregory had passed away. At this time, I ask you to send prayers for the Sliger Family of comfort, courage, and confidence that their Son and Brother is resting comfortably in Heaven with our lord. Ron has asked in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society in honor of Gregory Sliger.



## FCOC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Western Area Rally in Joshua Tree, CA

April 22 – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The Second Annual Western Area Rally was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Tom & Marlyse James and Joe and Mary Costigan were WagonMasters. Good thing Tom had Joe and Mary as Assistants, because 2 weeks before the Rally, Tom and Marlyse's Motorhome burned up. So they were moteling it that weekend. Check with Tom, and find out why you need to have "FULL REPLACEMENT" value on your Motor Home Insurance. We were all greeted by heavy winds and some rain on the first day, but that didn't dampen our spirit. Some of our attendees came in a day early. At registration, all participants received beautiful Red, White and Black bags supplied by FCCC. They were chuck full area information supplied by the California Welcome Center and goodies.



Our first night was heavy hors-d'oeuvres, followed by Name Bingo. There were 7 different versions, and in each version, players put in .50 cents per person. The winner of that game would receive what was in the pot. One participant, Annita Harris won the pot twice. How could she be so lucky. Friday, we gathered at 6:30 AM, for a catered Breakfast, which included Oatmeal, Cinnamon Rolls, Breakfast Burritos, Scones, Fruit Platter, a variety of juices and gourmet coffee. The early breakfast allowed us time for our 8:00 AM Base Tour. The tour was only \$4.50 per person, which included the tour and a buffet lunch on base. We were driven around in their bus to

different areas of the base. We were surprised to find out that the; 29 Palms Base was approximately 100 square miles. We were shown many areas where the marines trained for Iraq, with scenery resembling their desert and towns. Incredibly, the base had its own recycling plant, which more than paid for itself. Recycling not only aluminum cans and paper, but all their artillery used rounds, blown up vehicles, whatever is used for training, is collected and sorted, then melted down and sold. This maintains the base, pays for their expenses to run a base, making it self sufficient. Really interesting. That evening, our caterer served a wonderful Tri-Trip & Chicken dinner. Nothing was planned for that evening, because it was such a long day, so many retired to their coaches after dinner. But the die hards got together to play Mexican Train.



like we had on Friday. Following that Breakfast, Ron Anders of the Freightliner Chassis Corporation gave a seminar on Knowing your Chassis. After the Seminar, Mary showed about 15 people how to make landyards using the aluminum pop tabs and pony beads, which were all in the Red, White and Black to match the FCOC colors.

Following the landyard making class, many of the attendees went to see the Pioneertown, where old movies sets and shoot out movies were made in the 40's and 50's. A potluck that evening was followed by prizes for the Best Theme Costumes and Decorated Motorhomes. We also had an exchange of White Elephants and door prizes. Again that evening, the die hards got together for more Mexican Train.

Sunday Morning, our hook up day, we had a variety of fruit, muffins and pastries, and also served coffee hot chocolate and tea. All were wished a safe return to their destinations. Some stayed over to take in more of the sites.

Until next time. Happy Traveling. Mary Costigan





## Gathering ...

of the FCOC coaches to Caravan into the FMCA Rally at Redmond OR.



Follow the leaders ...



Round them Up !



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Movem Out !!



Tent Boss



Hanging Out -Team FCCC !



Hey ! Whats under the lid ?



Gathering @ the FCOC Tent-FMCA Redmond OR

Enjoyable time had by All !



## On to Harrisburg and River Bend Resort ...

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Where Were You Parked ? 80 Coaches Strong !



Follow the Tent for Friendship !



# Happenings in Harrisburg, August 2010



# Minutes

## Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Business

### FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB MEETING AUGUST 18, 2010, HARRISBURG, OREGON

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by President Ron Sliger. There were 75 members in attendance. President Sliger asked Mary Costigan to give the Invocation, following which Jerry Sweeney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sliger introduced the Board Members present: Senior Vice President Steve Batorson, Vice President Membership Mary Costigan, Vice President Area Operations–West Katherine Henley, National Director Roy Hopper and Alternate National Director Joe Costigan. President Sliger also announced that Kathy Ward was acting as temporary Secretary in place of Barbara Knutson, who was not available.

All first time attendees, Veterans, Rally Masters, Assistant Rally Masters and River Bend Volunteers were asked to stand and be recognized.

President Sliger introduced our Honored Guest, Sonny Gillespie and his wife Carol. Sonny is the Vice President of our FMCA International Area.

President Sliger made a general announcement asking that members turn off their cell phones and provide their name when making a motion, second, etc.

Minutes of the 29 March, 2010 Amarillo, Texas Business Meeting were published in the newsletter and on the FCOC website. President Sliger asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Since there were no corrections, the minutes were approved as promulgated.

Tom James gave the Treasurer Report. The club overall Account Balance as of June 20, 2010 (including Rally Funds was \$103,651.94. A motion was made by Jim McCracken and seconded by Dave Barr to accept the report. Motion passed.

Steve Batorson gave the Senior Vice President Report. He talked about the validation of e-mail addresses, and the fact we get so much material back due to wrong e-mail addresses. He asked the membership to please keep their e-mail address updated thru "Keeping In Touch" in our data base. Steve also gave an overview of the River Bend Rally. Steve announced that the spring FMCA International Convention will be held March 14-17, 2011 in Perry Georgia. The spring FCOC rally will be March 19-23, 2011 at Ocean Lakes Campground, Myrtle Beach, S.C. The summer FMCA International Convention will be held in Madison, WI, August 10-13, 2011. The summer rally for FCOC will be announced soon. Steve announced that we are in need of Rally Masters and Assistant Rally Masters, and asked that any members interested in conducting a rally, to please contact him.

Vice President Membership Mary Costigan gave the membership report. As of January 1, 2010 we had 9,181 total members. Active members 3,745, Open Membership 601, Pending Membership 4, Suspended Membership 4619, Unknown 120 and Cancelled 100 for a total 9,181. Mary is also in charge of selling FCOC merchandise, and reported that we have sold 120 logo shirts since the first of the year. At the Harrisburg rally we sold 50 shirts and 3 egg brackets. We have sold 39 Logo Eggs and had to replace nine eggs due to defect, so we are not selling the eggs any more.

Roy Hopper National Director gave his report. The Results of the INTO National Officers Election results are: National Vice President Sonny Gillespie, Senior Vice President Alfred F. Vormittag, Vice Presidents, Dave S. Barr, Dick Lowman, David F. Pipe and George Schremp. Secretary Maxine Schremp and Treasurer Jerry Sweeney. The FMCA Governing Board Meeting was held August 11, 2010, with 59% of the Chapters being represented at the meeting. Will Young, National Treasurer, indicated that for the first six months of 2010 FMCA had a loss of \$1,202,499, with the Albuquerque rally accounting for \$416,000. The 2011 budget was approved with a \$91,570 deficit. Roy also discussed some FMCA Bylaw and Policy and Procedure changes, and the new Medical Evacuation Plan entitled "FMCAssist."

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Joe Costigan, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee gave the Bylaws Committee report. He noted that all proposed changes to our Bylaws and Standing Rules were published in the 2nd Quarter 2010 Newsletter and on the FCOC website.

The Chairman, Bylaws Committee announced that proposed changes to our Standing Rules are being addressed again because no announcement was made in the Newsletter or on our website before the vote at the Amarillo Business Meeting. President Sliger requested a motion to accept the changes to the Standing Rules. A motion was made to accept the proposed changes by Bob Richardson and seconded by Dave Fellingham to accept the proposed changes as written and published in the newsletter and on our website. . The motion passed with 51 members voting “Yes” and two members voting “No.”

The Chairman, Bylaws Committee announced that the proposed changes to our Bylaws were being addressed again because no announcement was made in the Newsletter or on our website before the vote at the Amarillo Business Meeting. President Ron requested a motion to accept the Bylaws changes as published. A motion was made by Bob Richardson and seconded by Jerry Sweeney to accept the proposed changes as written and published in the newsletter and on our website. The motion passed with 58 members voting “Yes” and 8 members voting “No.”

Gerry DeHeer submitted the report for the Nomination Committee. Nominations were as follows: Senior Vice President – Steve Batorson, Treasurer Rick Kennedy, Vice President Newsletter Editor – Bob Smellie, Vice President Business Development –Tom James and National Director Roy Hopper. A motion was made by Bill Campbell and seconded by Larry Ward to elect Steve Batorson as Senior Vice President. Motion passed. A motion was made by Dave Barr and seconded by Joe Costigan to elect Rick Kennedy as Treasurer. Motion passed. A motion was made by Joe Costigan and seconded by Lois Knuth to elect Bob Smellie as Vice President Newsletter Editor. Motion passed. A motion was made by Larry Henley and seconded by Dave Barr to elect Tom James as Vice President Business Development. Motion passed. A motion was made by Dave Barr and seconded by Steve Batorson to elect Roy Hopper as National Director. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** There was no Unfinished Business carried over from the Amarillo, Texas Meeting.

**New Business:** Vice President Area Operations-West Katherine Henley gave a report on Area Rallies that had been held and on upcoming events that were planned for the Southwest area.

A motion was made by Ed Shinkle to award the former Past President (Ken Hawk) a lifetime membership in the club. The motion was seconded by Tom Leonard. Motion passed.

There being no new business a motion was made by Larry Henley and seconded by Larry Ward to adjourn the meeting at 5:15p.m. Motion passed. President Sliger then announced that the next Business Meeting would be held at Ocean Lakes Family Campground, Myrtle Beach, S.C in March 2011, and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Ward/Barbara Knutson  
Secretary

An addendum is attached showing changes to our Standing Rules and Bylaws approved by the membership.

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### PROPOSED STANDING RULE CHANGES

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#### 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

Delete paragraph 1 which reads: Is the direct supervisor of Area Coordinators.

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 **Communications** **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.



## ***Tire Matching – What's Really Important***

In a perfect world, a motor home owner would change all tires on an axle at the same time. This approach ensures proper "matching" of tire height and tread depth to give the best performance from all the tires. Michelin's recommendation is for both tires on the front axle to be the same size and load range and match within 4/32" in tread depth (this is also true if you have a tag axle). For the drive axle which uses two tires "dualled-up" on each side, it's important the two tires next to each other be within  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter. This works out to be 4/32" in tread depth for tires which are from the same manufacturer and tread design. Not matching these dual tires can lead to the taller tire taking more of the load and the short tire is free to skip around since the rolling circumference of the two is set by the larger tire. This can lead to uneven wear on this shorter tire and possibly a dangerous overload on the tall tire.

Drive axles have an additional consideration on tire matching which involves the differential in the axle. The differential is designed to compensate for the different turning radius on the inside and outside tires in a turn. This feature is intended to be used only intermittently as your coach is only turning for short periods of time compared to straight line driving. Extended operation of this feature of the differential could possibly lead to axle damage. The  $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter and 4/32" tread depth rule of thumb also applies here.

But what happens if you need to change one tire - perhaps as a result of a tire being damaged by a road hazard? At a minimum, make sure the new tire matches the same size and load rating as the original tire. Keep two tires next to each other in a dual fitment within  $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter or 4/32" in tread depth. Both tires from the same manufacturer and tread pattern are best. If necessary, you can use two different brands of tires. However, it is very important that you ensure the size, load range and general tread depth of the two tires be as close as possible. If you are in a situation where matching tires two dual tires can't be done, consider moving one of your front axle tires back to match-up the dual and place the new tire on the front.

A final thought on tires, consider incorporating a periodic examination of tire tread depths into your routine maintenance program. Once or twice a year, use a tread depth gage and record the depth of each tread groove. This can give you an early indication of mis-alignment or a mechanical issue such as worn shock absorbers. It's not unusual for one of the front tires to wear a bit faster than other and all of the rear axles tires to have a slight variance in tread depth of one to two 32nds of an inch. But a front axle tire wearing much faster on the inside ribs compared to the outside ribs suggests further investigation should be done. Please check our websites [www.michelinrvtires.com](http://www.michelinrvtires.com) or [www.michelintruck.com](http://www.michelintruck.com) for additional tire information.



## RADIATOR CLEAN OUT METHODS BY FCCC

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Dear Campers it has come to the attention of FCCC that the cleaning method suggested of the Radiators and Charge air cleaners are being questioned because of the radiators being made of ALUMINUM and PLASTIC and the cleaning product suggested. (Simple Green).

This product Simple Green is a effective cleaner and it is also biodegradable and when the Directions are followed limiting the contact time and rinsing well, Simple Green will not discolor or oxidize aluminum and is non corrosive, this product has been used for many years to clean aluminum, with no ill effects, it does not provide corrosion protection.

In military testing the product did cause discoloration and some oxidation when allowed to soak for many hours. It should also be noted that the mixture given is 3 parts hot water and 1 part simple green. Put this mixture in portable one gallon bug sprayer and apply to the outside of the radiator and to the outside of the charge air cooler and rinse thoroughly, repeat this process till rinse water becomes clear.

We have contacted the makers of simple green, Sunshine Makers, Inc about this and they have responded to FCCC with this information below:

**Because of the possibility of misuse or improper rinsing we have developed another product that has been tested on metals, alloys, plastic, rubber, etc. This is the best re-tail product that we offer for cleaning aluminum. The product is called Simple Green Pro HD. It is readily available at Home Depot. This product formulation is based on the same formula as our Extreme Simple Green Aircraft & Precision Cleaner and is actually faster acting, more aggressive and also provides corrosion protection during the cleaning process. The dilution ratio will be the same that you are currently using, and it does require a rinse, but it is much safer for aluminum. This product is also safe for plastic, rubber, painted and gel coated surfaces, carbon fiber, and will not discolor anodized aluminum.**

They recommend the use of Simple Green Pro HD, you will be able to recognize it by the purple color and Label at Home Depot.

Still use the portable bug sprayer and keep the solution mixture the same, 3 parts hot water and 1 part Simple Green Pro HD. spray on the outside of the radiator and spray on the outside of the charge air cooler and rinse thoroughly repeat as necessary till clear water comes out. Hope this will help settle the debate on Simple Green usage on Radiators and charge air coolers.

Another subject that comes up in the FALL is when I store my Motorhome should I use a fuels Stabilizer and or a Algae eater?

### *Diesel Fuel Tank Maintenance*

This is for informational purposes only individual circumstances may vary. Motorhome Diesel fuel tank maintenance is important, it provides both a chance to save time and money, as well as the opportunity to insure the use of reliably high quality fuel. The key to good fuel maintenance is insuring consistently good fuel for good engine performance. Water vapor condensing in diesel fuel tanks creates conditions for microbial growth and ultimately severe microbial contamination of the fuel system. Microbes are dependent on this water contamination for growth.



Fuel degradation is a direct consequence of microbial contamination. Changes in fuel color are a great indicator that this contamination has occurred. Reduced combustion efficiency, elevated pour point and cloud point, poor detergency and increased corrosion of fuel components, and plugged fuel filters are just a few of the negative effects of microbial growth in fuel tanks.

Microbial contamination of fuel is caused by two main groups of microorganisms: bacteria and fungi. Just like all living things, these bacteria and fungi require two main things to survive, food and water, ( " What???? " in the fuel tank ), fuel is their food. Since oil and water don't mix, the best place for these living things to congregate is the fuel-water interface (typically formed at the bottom of the fuel tank).

Treating the fuel or keeping the tanks full of fuel is the first key to keeping fuel clean and microbe free -- the less water available, the less opportunity for fuel algae to develop and thrive. The best way to keep fuel tanks fresh and clean is to avoid contamination in the first place. Below are few tips:

- A. The most effective practice in storing your motorhome is to minimize exposure of diesel fuel to water.
  - 1. Keep the fuel tank full when storing
- B. Add a fuel stabilizer
- C. Biocide selection is based on several variables including:
  - 1. Water/fuel solubility.
  - 2. Compatibility with fuel and other additives.
  - 3. Compatibility with other system components.
  - 4. Regulatory and industry approvals.

A good fuel stabilizer such as :

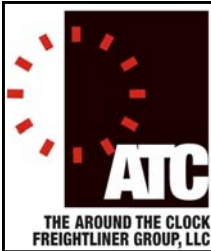
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## Redhat Society Activity

### Harrisburg Red Hat Antique Dress & Fashion Show By Kathy Hopper, Red Hat



Sixty-one of our FCOC women enjoyed a delightful antique fashion show presented by Sue Hall, a local Junction City lady and her ten fashion models. The many outfits complete with accessories ranged from 1850 pioneer dresses complete with sunbonnets, an 1884 antique wedding dress with veil and fan, Roaring 20's flapper dresses, to a 1959 prom dress formal.

After a snack of cookies, chocolate candies and beverages Miss Wanda (Trash) read the "Freightliner Women" poem written by FCOC member Lana Proemsey. Everyone went home with a Red Hat prize including one for the club member married the longest..

## *Looking Ahead!*

### **FUN IN MYRTLE BEACH**

Come and join in the fun at our Spring Rally to be held in Myrtle Beach, S.C. at the Ocean Lakes RV Resort March 19<sup>th</sup> thru March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. We are planning a flea market, craft show (bring your crafts to sell), this will be held at each persons site so bring anything you might want to sell.

There will be seminars including Knowing Your Chassis presented by Freightliner personal, we will present a class on the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club website and the Keeping in Touch database so you can keep your information (address and phone contacts) up to date. We will also have other seminars planned. Our very popular social hour every evening will be held in the facility's meeting hall rather than the Freightliner Tent due to some restrictions by the state of SC.

The Freightliner trailer and their technicians will be present for minor service and discounted part sales. We are currently in the process of finding entertainment for one evening as we just learned our first choice of The Dixie Stampede, is closing down operations due to depressed tourism in the area. We still have time to find another form of entertainment and will publish this in the next newsletter.

Barb Knutson Is the Rally Master – Cell (561) 703-5284  
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