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Note !



~ President's Message ~

Best regards,



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 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 hope everyone had a good holiday season to close the 2010 year.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead starting with the FMCA Spring Rally in Perry, GA. followed by our FCOC National Spring rally in Myrtle Beach.

The summer rally for the FMCA will be in Madison, WI.. in August followed by our rally that as of now we don't know where. We have not been able to secure the camping facility we were trying to use at a cost that allows us to hold our line on registration at or close to the \$300 dollar mark that the club members asked for in the survey.

I would like to thank some of the members that have sent me messages about facilities that we can look into for our rallies.

We have several places that we have contacted and as of this writing we are still working on this. We will post it on the website when we get a contract signed. We will also have time to publish it in the first quarter newsletter several months before the rally will take place.

I would like to announce that back by popular demand will be the pizza party that was previously held at the FMCA rallies. *The Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation will be funding this event in Perry and it will be held in Seminar 10 (Georgia building), on Tuesday, March 15 at 5:30pm . There will be no business meeting just a get together of FCOC members and guests.*

Steve Batorson

Thanks !



Driven By You

THE FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB WEBSITE HAS MOVED~

The new web address for the Club's website is 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. 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

As we come to the close of another year, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation finds itself even stronger than when the year began. With more than a 50% market share in January, 2010 you may wonder how we could improve our overall position.

First, the dedication and determination of our people here in Gaffney and across the country drive our success. Without their efforts we would not have been able to sign Newmar to a multi-year exclusivity contract on their high volume product. Nor would we have won back all the Fleetwood business we lost in 2009. Both were big wins for FCCC during 2010.

Over the year we were also able to strengthen FCCC's position with our other OEM customers by executing long term exclusivity agreements with Forest River (Coachmen and Forest River brands), Thor Motor Coach (Damon and Four Winds brands) and Winnebago (Itasca and Winnebago brands). At the same time we were able to increase our position with Tiffin Motorhomes.

While others were burrowing in to ride out the downturn, FCCC was aggressively pursuing growth in our addressable markets and our efforts have paid off. We expect to see strong market share growth next year as a result of our most recent conquests along with the retention of our existing customer base.

Second, we are humbled by the confidence our OEM customers entrust to us. Our open and honest dealings with them have led to mutually beneficial relationships that will continue to grow. We are honored that they have chosen to buy our products and we work to earn their business each day.

Finally, you, the users of our product continue to push us to improve and provide an enhanced motor home experience. We truly are "Driven By You" and your feedback on our product is invaluable as we design, test, and ultimately release products and services to the market, some of which were on display at the recent RVIA show in Louisville. At the show we launched a new cut away cab product for the Class "C" market and a new initiative named "24/7 Direct". You'll hear more on both those products during 2011.

We are fortunate to have such an active group of owners and appreciate your trust in our company. I can assure you we will never take that trust for granted.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season. Hermisia and I look forward to seeing you at the FCOC rally in Myrtle Beach.

Safe travels,

Bob Harbin



Driven By You

FMCA CORNER



As you read this, the Holiday Season has come and gone. I hope you and yours had a wonderful Christmas and may your New Year be a Happy and Healthy one.

On November 16th we were shocked to learn that FMCA's National President, Charlie Schrenkel*, has an incurable blood disease and submitted his resignation effective immediately. Judy Czarsty, Senior Vice President, will take over the helm as Acting National President.

Just a reminder that Medex will expire Dec. 31, 2010 and will be replaced by FMCassist effective January 1, 2011. You can find the information and new membership cards on FMCassist in your December issue of "Family Motor Coaching" magazine starting on page 36. Also, information is available on the website www.fmca.com under Benefits.

FMCA named a new Executive Director. Mr. Bradford Koshland has been hired to serve as Family Motor Coach Association's Executive Director.

Brad has a master's degree in administrative science from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey, and a bachelor of arts degree from Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. He is a certified public manager and brings with him a broad background in management.

Brad will officially begin work as FMCA executive director on January 3, 2011.

Safe Travels,

Ray Hopper

National Director, FCOC



Driven By You

* Charlie Schrenkel

We have been saddened to learn that Charlie has been diagnosed with an incurable blood disease, and resigned as President, Family Motor Coach Association effective 17 November.

On behalf of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club, the Executive Board extends our sympathy to Charlie and his wife Jean, and wish him the very best as he faces the challenges ahead.



IMPORTANT SERVICE NUMBERS

Freightliner 24/7 Help Line	(800) FTL-HELP
Freightliner Chassis Corporation	(800) 385-4357
Freightliner Service Center, Gaffney, SC	(864) 206-8613
Caterpillar Engine Support	(800) 447-4986
Cummins Engine Support	(800) 343-7357
Allison Transmission	(800) 524-2303
Michelin Tire	(800) 847-3435
Mercedes Engine Support	(313) 592-4268
Domestic Corporation	(800) 544-4881
Norcold Corporation	(800) 543-1219
Onan Generator	(800) 888-6626
Aqua-Hot Heating	(800) 685-4398
Shurflo	(800) 762-8094
Tiffin Motorhomes Parts/Service	(256) 356-0261

FCOC Logo Shirts and Eggs				
SHIP TO:	Item	Qty	Price Each	Total
FMCA #	Logo Shirt (SM)		\$ 15.00	\$
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: "FCOC" and send check to: FCOC, c/o Mary Costigan, Logo Merchandise 1905 Victoria Farms Road, #340 Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404 Cell: (951) 452-2999 E-Mail: mary.costigan@yahoo.com	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.





FUN IN MYRTLE BEACH

Registration Form

(Registration Deadline -February 28, 2011)

FCOC Spring Rally - March 19th thru 23rd 2011

Ocean Lakes Family Campground

6001 S. Kings Highway

Myrtle Beach, SC 29575



Rally Master: Barb Knutson (561) 703-5284

Asst. Rally Master: Steve Batorson (520) 444-6772

Business Meeting

Monday Evening Dinner Luau & Entertainment

Crafts

Educational Seminars

Freightliner Trailer & Techs

Red Hat Tea

FMCA #: _____

Pilot: _____
Last Name First Name Nickname for Badge

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

Will you have a guest(s) attending the rally? If so, name(s) and age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST. _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail: Address: _____



If arriving early - Contact Ocean Lakes directly (877) 510-1113
Tell them you are with the FCOC - Rate will be \$35/day also please notify Barb or Steve so you won't have to change campsites!

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

Please specify any special meal requirements: _____

First Time at FCOC rally? Yes: ☐ No: ☐ Handicapped Parking? Yes: ☐ No: ☐

Red Hat Tea Yes: ☐ No: ☐ Crafts Yes: ☐ No: ☐

Mfg of Coach: _____ Length: _____

Would You Like to Volunteer to help with the rally? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please make check payable to FCOC for \$300.00, this covers campsite, 4 dinners and 3 breakfasts per person (add \$94.00 for each guest over the age of 14 to cover food and entertainment)), and mail to:

Steve Batorson

4505 N. Sanders Rd. , Tucson, AZ 85743

Date Received: _____ Confirmation Sent: _____

Area West Summer Rally

The Area West rally held in September was enjoyed by all 19 coaches in attendance. There were four (4) couples one(1) single who had never attended an FCOC sponsored rally.

The tour was very interesting of the East Texas Arboretum. Those that took the long walk in the woods to the suspended bridge got the chance to view the beautiful surroundings up close, while those who opted for the short route checked out a very old house with all the associated antiques at the facility.

A second tour was of the Fish Hatchery and it was very educational and exciting with the very inform guide.

Several participated in a Wii bowling game and the competition made the game very exciting for both bowler and spectators. The finals pitted the top players in keen competition and the lowest score plays challenged each other in a playoff.

A luncheon was served at Beans and Burgers and all wished Carol Townsend a Happy Birthday with a sing a long .

On Sunday a we had a short devotional given by Olsen Massey and special music on the harmonica by Ken Hawk.



After the rally several of the participants caravanned to Shreveport, LA for the FMCA Six States Rally.

I want to thank my assistants Glen and Janice Massey for all their hard work.

I am checking on a May, 2011 rally in Branson, MO. Be sure and check the next Freightliner Flyer Newsletter or web site at www.fcocrv.org for more details.



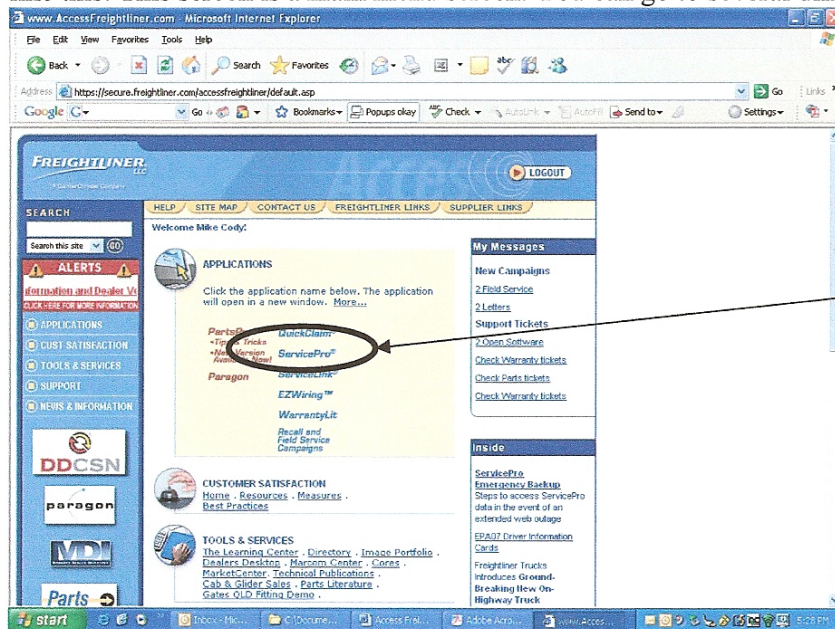
**Watch for an Area Rally !
in your Area!**

Tec Tips

NOTE: See the 2nd Qtr Newsletter 2010 for the 1st part of this presentation!

OK, Now that everyone has signed up for “AccessFreightliner.com “

LET’S DO SOME NAVIGATION THRU THIS, When you sign in it will take you to a page that looks a little like this: This screen is a main menu screen. You can go to several different screens from here.



FROM HERE YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO:
PARTS PRO, SERVICE PRO, EZWIRING
RECALL AND SERVICE CAMPAIGNS
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Service Pro Screen; it will have the most
information and locations you can use

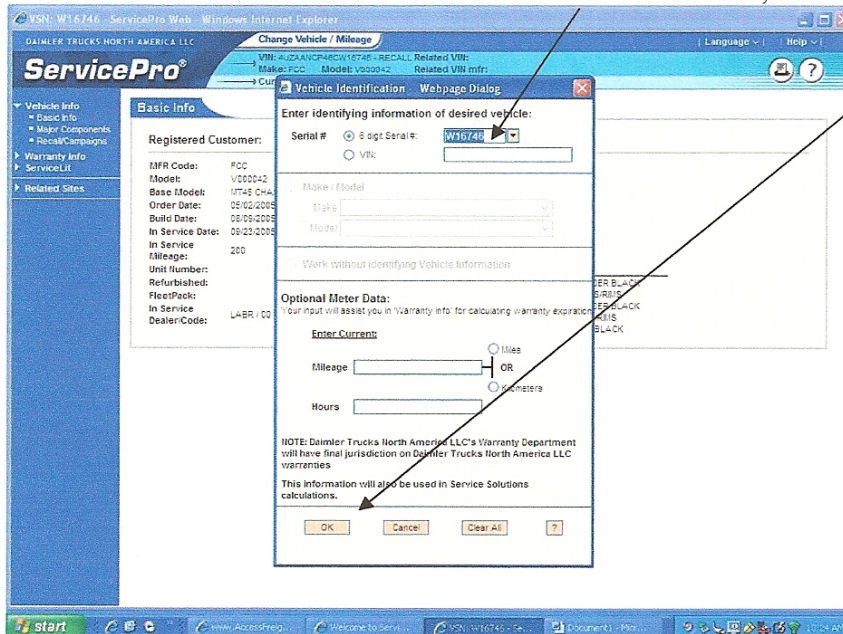
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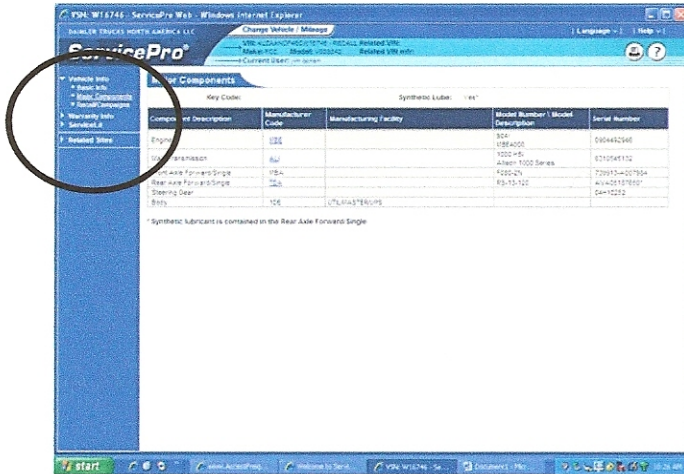
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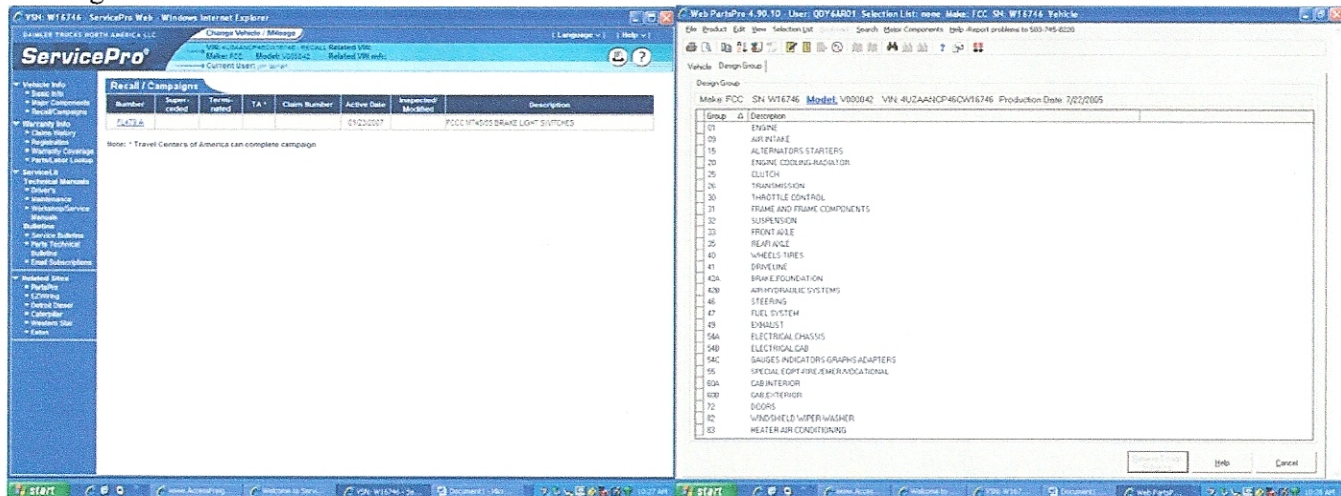
It will open the next page and you will be able to get your basic information, build and deliver date, delivery mileage and who its registered to. You can get the rear axle rating, wheel base, front and rear axle weight ratings. If you will look on the left side of the screen you will notice some different screens you have access to. Major components you will be able to see your serial numbers on the Engine, Trans, axles, and etc. Recall and Campaigns if you have any done. Service Literature, for manuals(operators, maintenance, workshop)

MAJOR COMPONENTS LOOKS LIKE THIS:

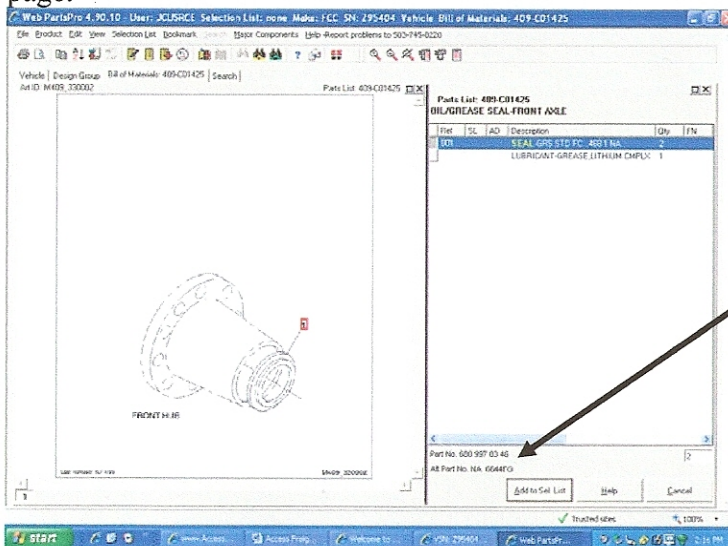


Now click on the Related Sites and you will find Parts Pro, E-Z Wiring. Now when you click on Parts Pro it automatically populate the screen with all the parts that Freightliner Custom Chassis put on you Chassis. PLEASE NOTE: Freightliner did not build the Engine or Transmission so we only list the parts FCCC put on the Engine and the Transmission.

The Parts Pro screen will look like this one.



Now if you click on a group "Engine" It will open different BOM-Bill of Materials that FCCC uses. If you click on a part in the description it will highlight it and the part number FCCC used will be in the lower middle of the page.



More to follow we have just scratched the surface.

Area Rally@ Sacramento CA.

Sacramento One day Rally/Seminar

Tom James has contacted the GM of the Sacramento Truck Center (a Freightliner dealer in Sacramento that Tom is acquainted with) about Co-Hosting a **one** day rally and seminar at the dealer location.

This will be held April 29- May 1st.

Arrival would be Friday the 29th evening before 5:00pm, with dry camping on Sacramento Truck grounds.

Saturday the 30th schedule:

From 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Lawrence from the Sacramento Truck Center will put a motor home on the lift so everyone can see and explain how things work on the chassis and can tour the shop.

From 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm a Hot Dog lunch with drinks will be furnished by Sacramento Truck Center.

From 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm will be a Michelin tire Seminar.

From 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Ron Anders will be presenting the "Knowing your Chassis" seminar.

If the ladies don't want to attend the seminar car pooling to Old Sacramento for shopping and lunch is an option.

From 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm will be a BYOB cocktail hour.

Around 6:00pm a barbeque dinner will be served onsite.

Sunday morning everyone will head home.

Contact Tom James for further information regarding this event.

Tom's Phone number is 916-870-9322, e-mail VPBD@fcocrv.org



**SACRAMENTO
TRUCK
CENTER**

Fun in Myrtle Beach

The Myrtle Beach rally at Ocean Lakes Family Campground is coming together nicely. Barb has worked very hard so you can come and enjoy the rally.

One thing we published in an earlier article was we were planning on a visit to the Dixie Stampede. Well hard times have come to them and they are no longer in business so that will not be happening. We are having a Laua theme for one of the dinners with the food and entertainment slanted that way. Hawaiian dress is encouraged.

As we get closer to the rally date we will be posting the schedule on the website.

There is a registration form in this news letter that can be sent in, or you can download one from the website.

The space allotments in this park are done on a contract basis. So the way I am handling it is on a first come first served basis. They rented us a block of 125 spaces each with a reservation number assigned to it. When I receive a registration I assign a space to you and send a confirmation letter giving you your space and the reservation number that is assigned to that space. If you are coming in early or staying late it will be up to you to contact the park to make arrangements. If you give them the information on the space that I assigned, you may or may not be able to keep it. The reason for this is they rent spots up to 18 months in advance and someone may have the spot you are in rented for a particular time. With this reservation system the good thing is you will know where your space during the rally and if you come in on arrival day we will have a parking crew to take you directly to your space. They are all drive thru spaces with full hook-ups.

The registration fee includes 4 nights of camping, evening dinners Sat- Tues. and morning breakfasts Mon-Wed. We are also covering the Red Hat, and craft class costs.

Any questions please contact Rally Master Barb Knutson at (561) 703-5284, or myself, Steve Batorson as the Assistant Rally master at (520) 444-6772





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> Spring 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 Determine — See the next Freightliner Flyer for location !

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





FCOC Caravan into Perry, Georgia FMCA Convention

Charlie & Ruth Hoffstatter, Caravan Organizers

Phone # 888-218-0008

E-Mail folkoak@gmail.com

On Saturday, March 12th, 2011 we will be assembling at the Perry High School grounds for our caravan into the FMCA 85th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase.

We have use of the High School parking lot between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Please understand that there is to be NO OVERNIGHT PARKING allowed on the school grounds. Our entry time slot into the Convention is 1:30 PM.

Please arrive at the High School at least by 11:00 AM so we can hand out the necessary entry materials. IF YOU NEED TO PICK UP FMCA ENTRY CREDENTIALS FROM THE FMCA will Call area come early so you can get your FMCA package and be back by 11:45 AM. At 12:00 noon we will have a short meeting to go over entry and caravan details. We will be leaving the High School parking lot around 12:45 PM for our journey into the Convention parking area. We will monitor CB channel 7 during our caravan travels.

Perry High School address is 1307 North Ave., Perry GA.

The ***directions*** to the High School are as follows:

Exit 138 off of I-75 take North Perry Parkway (SR11) East 1/2 mile. Turn South (right) on US 41 (Macon Road -SR-11) go 1 1/2 miles South then turn East onto North Ave., go 2/10 of a mile East on North Ave., and watch for FCOC direction signs to the parking area.

We will need a volunteer to be tail gunner with a cell phone. If you would like to help by volunteering for this assignment being sure that all who are in the caravan arrive at the FMCA parking area, contact Charlie Hoffstatter on or before we meet on the 12th. We also will need some help at the High School in order to get everyone parked in preparation for the caravan.

HELP US PLAN IF YOU WILL BE IN THE CARAVAN BY CALLING 512-567-1499 OR TOLL FREE 1-888-0008 OR AT OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS folkoak@gmail.com.

Many thanks to Darryl Albritton and the Perry High School for allowing us to use their parking lot again.

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.



~ Our Concerns for Others ~

Dear Fellow Members of FCOC;

Happy New Year !

Yes, I know you have heard this already but Dottie and I want to wish you a very Blessed year 2011.

It appeared to me that this year everybody was more attentive to be sure to say “Merry Christmas”. This was brought more to the forefront than some of our greetings than some years in the past. I also believe we needed this.

Let’s look back at 2010 and be thankful that we made it through many challenges. All of which still need our continued prayers. Besides family, friends and personal prayers, I ask you to offer prayers for our Political leaders for the wisdom to do “The Right Thing” Let’s try to install a new word in their vocabulary, “Accountability” Be accountable to our God and also to us to “Do The Right thing”

Let’s look to 2011, WOW!!! This is going to be an exciting year. Politically, it is very important to offer our Prayers for their guidance. I might suggest that we tell them that there is power in having “Confidence” in God. Yes a new word “Confidence”. Yes we should all have confidence in our God rather than ourselves. Then knowing God’s presence and understanding this will lead us to a Happy and blessed year.

Dottie and I have had some unexpected illnesses with Dottie having hand surgery for an infection and a hospital visit of 4 days, we are both doing well. We also want you to know that we did not do much traveling anywhere, but we miss you all and will do our best to join you at more of our rallies. Thank you for your Prayers. ASAP. Also a note, we had #6 & #7 Great children born in 2010. Hey! Hey! Hey!

To all of our friends in FCOC, Dottie and I pray that the situations and illnesses we all had are behind us. We then start 2011 with the confidence that 2011 will be a wonderful year.

God Bless You All
Dorothy & Ken Hawk



2011

Tire Pressure and Tire Pressure Monitoring



Owning and operating a motor home includes many tasks - some small and others large - which ensure safe operation of the vehicle. One of these tasks is setting tires to the correct air pressure and developing habits to ensure this air pressure is properly maintained. A fundamental step in this process is to weigh your coach on a scale so you are absolutely sure the tires are inflated to a level which matches the load each must carry. It's the air pressure inside the tire, along with the specific internal components in the tire, which dictates how much weight each tire may carry. Exceeding this weight can result in internal tire damage which in some cases may lead to very unexpected consequences. When you check your axle weights, make sure you look at both sides of the same axle separately as motor homes sometimes have significant differences in weight across the same axle as a result of uneven loading of cargo or placement of aftermarket accessories. Verifying each "corner" weight is essential in understanding the correct tire pressure. If both sides of the same axle are different, use the heaviest side to determine the proper air pressure for that axle. Check with your tire manufacturer for the correct load and inflation information for your specific tires.

Once you know the right air pressure you need to routinely monitor each tire. Tires should be checked when they are "cold" or at the same ambient temperature as the area surrounding the coach. If the tire is driven one mile or more, it should be considered "hot". Once the vehicle begins to move the tires begin to flex, building up heat causing the air inside the tire to increase pressure. This normal growth in tire pressure can be as much as 15 percent. A front axle motor home tire with a recommended cold inflation pressure of 100 psi could be as high as 115 psi if you check it after driving a few miles. This growth is normal and planned into the design of both the tire and the tire load and pressure tables. Tires should be checked

- at least once per month and before any major trips
- on long trips, check every day before driving
- check before and after storage
- on short trips of a day or less driving each way, check before you leave and before you return home

If you must check the tires when they're hot, be sure to allow for an increase in pressure, and make sure the pressure of the tires on both sides of the axle are within a couple of pounds of each other. ***Never let air out of a hot tire.***



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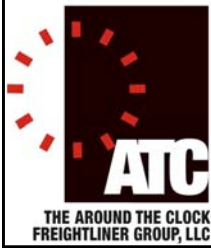


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Until the development of remote pressure sensing systems known as Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS), most tires were checked using a mechanical tire pressure gage. You should use a good quality truck tire air gage with a dual foot to check both steering tires and drive axle dual tires. One thing to remember is pressure gages do age and get damaged. Take care to maintain it as you would any other quality tool and consider checking it against a calibrated master gage which may be available some large commercial truck tire dealerships. However, today's modern recreational vehicle owner has available a wide range of sophisticated electronic remote tire pressure monitoring systems. They use a variety of sensors with some mounted in a slightly enlarged valve cap, some attached to base of the valve and other attached to the wheel. Future generations may even be integrated into the tire itself. Now, what's different about these? Nothing really, just consider them a manual pressure gage which is continuously operating or in some cases operating every few minutes while the tires are turning. Along with the continuous or very frequent reading of pressure, the "magic" in this new technology is the tiny radio transmitter built in which sends a signal to a digital pressure readout on your dashboard. You can check with the TPMS manufacturers for specific details and features, but most give a good remote reading of your tire pressures. The basic facts about tires don't change - once they have operated for a short period, the pressure in them will increase. Back in the "old days" of manual air pressure gages, most owners did not see this pressure growth as few stopped to check tires every five minutes! But the fundamentals don't change - tires should be checked when "cold" and compared to the correct air pressure specified by the tire manufacturer for the tire weights on your specific coach. Use your TPMS as you would a manual gage and follow the pressure check recommendations previously listed. As with all electronic systems, it's also not a bad idea to check the tires with your manual tire gage from time to time just to ensure the electronics are operating properly.





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