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Note!



#### ~ President's Message ~

I can tell that summer is rapidly approaching by the number of RV's I see heading North on I-95 because Florida is starting to get warm and the hurricane season has begun. Weather-wise, Florida has been very fortunate these past few years, but we cannot say the same for those living along the Mississippi River, or in states affected by the severe outbreak of tornados that recently ravaged many towns and communities. To all involved, we offer a prayer on their behalf.

Over the past years, we have continuously asked our members to consider volunteering as an Area Coordinator for one of our nine areas. The purpose of the program is to provide rallies for all members of FCOC, without involving long distance travel. The primary function of the Area Coordinator is to organize and manage rallies in their respective area, providing all necessary staffing from volunteers that are FMCA/FCOC area residents. Kathy and Roy Hopper have volunteered to accept responsibility Coordinators for the Southeast Area which encompasses Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. Roy is the National Director for FCOC, and Kathy is the National Director for the Indian River Manatees chapter. Information regarding upcoming rallies for the Southeast area will be announced in our newsletter and by e-blasts. If you would like to assist Roy and Kathy with any Southeast Area rally activity, please contact Roy at nat.dir@fcocrv.org.

If you have been perusing the club web site lately, you might have noticed that we have added a new tab entitled "Red Hat." This is a page established for the ladies of the club and will include diverse topics. Right now we show the responsibility of the Red Hat Society, Tips from the Red Hat ladies, Red Skelton's Recipe for a Perfect Marriage, Sewing Tips and Miscellaneous. If you have a tip or recipe you would like to share with other ladies of our club,

please send them to Brenda Sliger at bls439@cfl.rr.com. Brenda will ensure they are posted for all of you to read and enjoy. Remember, all ladies of the FCOC are invited to join with us at our meetings of our Red Hat chapter.

Another piece of news that might affect your travel plans for next year involves the 2012 Family Motor Coach Association 87<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Originally, the event was scheduled from 2, 3, 4 and 5 July, 2012 but the dates have since been changed to 27, 28, 29, and 30 August, 2012, with family parking days on Saturday and Sunday, 25 and 26 August, 2012. This will be FMCA's first international convention at this location and the fourth FMCA international event in Indiana. The last time FMCA met in Indiana was in 1991, at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend for the 46th convention of the association.

In closing, I hope to see many of you at the 86<sup>th</sup> FMCA International Convention in Madison, Wisconsin or at the FCOC National Rally at the Amana Colonies, Amana, Iowa which is shaping up to be another outstanding rally.

My Very Best Regards,

## Ron Sliger





# Message from the Senior VP

Welcome to summer one and all. I am happy to tell you we have three rallies on the schedule to finish out the rest of the summer and into fall. The FCOC National rally will be August 14<sup>th</sup> –August 18<sup>th</sup> in Amana, IA. The planning is pretty much complete for this rally and there is a registration form in the newsletter for you to use if you would like. The tentative schedule is on the FCOC website now subject to some changes. To clarify the cost of the rally is three hundred dollars for the coach and two attendees. I worded this poorly on the registration and apologize for those I confused about this.

The next rally will be an area rally Sept  $16^{th}$ - $18^{th}$  being held at the ATC Freightliner Oasis dealer in Dallas. It will be a short rally that will be very informative about the motor home just like you drive. Registration for this is in this issue. This will be an interactive rally the same as the one Tom James held at Sacramento Freightliner in April. (pictures in this issue).

The third rally will be hosted by the Western Area. Rally Master Tom & Marlyse James assisted by Joe & Mary Costigan. It will be held on Halloween weekend in Bakersfield, CA. (registration form in this news letter)

Moving on and planning ahead to next

summer the FMCA has moved the dates of the National Rally being held at the fairgrounds in Indianapolis, IN to August 27<sup>th</sup> - August 30<sup>th</sup> 2012. This would mean if we follow this rally we would be holding our rally on Labor Day weekend. I have not been able to find any camping facilities willing to commit to us on what is one of the busiest weekends of the year the number of spaces we would need. Therefore I am looking at breaking our tradition and hold our rally before the

tradition and hold our rally before the FMCA rally instead of after. I have some good leads on parks and will be traveling back there to check out the facilities to make sure they have what we have come to expect at our rallies. I will inform you how this works out in the next newsletter.

As for a Spring National rally for FCOC we are still looking into Southern California or Southern Arizona in the late March time frame. I hope to have those dates and places confirmed by the next newsletter also.

### Steve Batorson



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### Driven By You

#### Dear FCOC Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying safe summer travels.

FCCC continues to look at new avenues to communicate with our customers and social media has certainly been one avenue available to us. Particularly Facebook and Twitter have elevated social media and are both intertwined with the daily lives of many of our customers. Not to be left behind, a little over a year ago Freightliner Custom Chassis launched our Facebook (RV Road Trippers) and Twitter (DriveFCCC) sites, both of which have seen significant growth since inception.

Our Facebook page has over 2,343 fans and has received over 169,000 posts. Our twitter site currently has over 385 followers and continues to garner interest. If you are not a fan or follower, I welcome you to check out these sites and "friend," "favorite," and sign up in order to get the most up to date information on what is happening in the market and at FCCC.

Aside from keeping our customers and other interested parties informed about FCCC, our goal with social media is to continue supporting the RV lifestyle while letting our guests engage and inform each other in all aspects of their travels.

FCCC posts useful maintenance tips, press articles and "behind the scene" videos and

photos of new products and rally events, just to name a few. In addition, we began video segments of trainer Mike Cody and myself talking about our travels and seasonal maintenance tips. We have plans to continue these segments showing additional staff members in the near future. If you have a particular subject you would like us to cover, please let myself or our sales staff know at the next rally or show and we'll be sure to address with a post or brief video.

I look forward to seeing a good number of you at the FMCA National Rally in Madison, WI in August. My wife, Hermisia, and I will then make our way to the FCOC Rally which follows in Amana Colonies, Iowa.

Until then, safe travels.

**Bob Harbin** 





#### FMCA CORNER

This newsletter finds us winding our way north form sunny Vero Beach, FL on our way to the FMCA'S 86<sup>th</sup> FAMILY REUNION and MOTORHOME SHOWCASE at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin from August 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th,</sup> 2011. Hope to see all of you there.

As you are by now aware there will be no Spring FMCA International Convention in 2012. The 2012 Summer FMCA International Convention will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana. The dates are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2012, with family parking days on Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, 2012.

From the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on March 18, 2011 at Perry, GA Treasurer Will Young reported the total operating loss for 2010 was \$2.14 million dollars. However, with our investments rebounding and an income tax credit the total asset loss was cut to (\$814,632). Things are starting to look better as the RV industry continues a slow recovery.

FMCAssist program has a new emergency evacuation service provider, **On Call.** However, there will be no change in our member's service contact numbers or coverage. The contact number for FMCAssist from the U.S. or Canada is (877) 202-4176; from Mexico call collect (715) 295-9879.

FMCA's exhibit in the RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum in Elkhart, Indiana has been moved to the RV Founder's Hall in what FMCA considers to be a prime location, so if you are in the Elkhart, Indiana area, be sure to stop by and see the FMCA display.

Remember it's not the destination but the journey that's important. Travel Safe till we meet in Madison.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Hopper

FCOC National Director,

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club



Driven By You

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following recommended slate of candidates for national offices for the 2011-2013 term. Also recommended by way of a signed petition of 50 or more voting membership numbers, submitted through National Senior Vice President/Acting National President Judy Czarsty, is an at-large nomination.

National President Judith (Judy) Czarsty, F79148
Charles M. (Charlie) Schrenkel, L140050 (by petition)

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National Senior Vice President Ross Boyer, F268985 Allen Rein, F214273

National Secretary Wilma Jean Alexander, F163804 Vicky Ferrari, F369332

National Treasurer Dan Couch, F290790 Wil Young, F207019

Resumes for these candidates will be published in the June 2011 issue of Family Motor Coaching magazine and will be included with your Governing Board meeting material.

The election will be held at the Governing Board meeting on August 10, 2011, at FMCA's 86<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase in Madison, Wisconsin. In accordance with the FMCA Bylaws, additional candidates may be nominated by petition no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>, or from the floor at the Governing Board meeting.

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

# **Discount Program**



As of this newsletter we have several Oasis Dealers signed up on the discount program. Below is a list of the Dealers' that have signed up for the Discount Program, please go to those Dealers for service. If you have a Dealer in your area that has not signed up, stop by and ask them to sign up.

For those that do not know about the Discount Program this is what it is:

- \* 10% off posted labor rates when getting your coach serviced.
- \* 10% off on back counter parts sales

Remember when going to a Freightliner Dealer that signed up for the program, ask them **first** about the program. Also remember to receive discount you must first identify yourself as a FCOC member when scheduling service. You must have a valid FCOC membership card. See <a href="http://freightlinerchassis.com/Service-Locator/oasis-network/menu-id-95.html">http://freightlinerchassis.com/Service-Locator/oasis-network/menu-id-95.html</a> for a current list of Oasis Dealers

Contact Tom James (916) 870-9322 Business Development VPBD@fcocrv.org

#### 37 Oasis Dealers signed up on the Discount Program:

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Truck Center of Arkansas	Truck Country
North Little Rock, AR.	Cedar Rapids
(800) 562 8875	(800) 332-6158
Truck Center of Arkansas Springdale. AR (800) 495 4551	Truck County (Davenport, IA. (563) 445 5870
Delta Truck Center	Truck Country
French Camp, CA.	Decorah, IA.
(800) 400 4161	(888) 545 9297
Sacramento Truck	Truck Country
Sacramento, CA.	Dubuque, IA
(800) 485 8311	(800) 553 3642
Southern Connecticut Truck	Kent-Mitchell I
Branford, CT.	Hammond, IA.
(800) 448 8480	(985) 419 8347
Orlando Freightliner	Baltimore Freig
Apopka, FL.	Baltimore, MD
(407) 295 3846	(410) 685 4474
Torn Nehl Truck	TSI Western St
Lake City, FL.	North Jackson,
(904) 389 3653	(800) 388 3859

Ocala Freightliner Ocala, FL. (352)840 0070 Truck Center Inc. Morton, IL. (800) 397 4292 Truck Center Inc. Springfield, IL.

(800) 786 1280

(800) 332-6158
Truck County Quad Cities Davenport, IA. (563) 445 5870
Truck Country Decorah, IA. (888) 545 9297
Truck Country Dubuque, IA (800) 553 3642
Kent-Mitchell Bus Hammond, IA. (985) 419 8347
Baltimore Freightliner Baltimore, MD. (410) 685 4474
TSI Western Star North Jackson, OH. (800) 388 3859
Oklahoma Freightliner Oklahoma City, OK. (877) 621 0428
Tulsa Freightliner Tulsa, OK. (918) 445 5300
Fyda Freightliner Canonsburg, PA. (800) 393 2556

Freightliner of Knoxville Knoxville, TN. (865) 824 2400
Amarillo Truck Amarillo, TX. (800) 753 1556
Dallas Freightliner Dallas, TX. (800) 580 2620
Fort Worth Freightliner Fort Worth, TX (800) 580 9101
Truck Country De Forest, WI. (800) 837 7367
River State Truck Eau Claire, WI. (800) 944 5973
Truck Country Kaukauna, WI (800) 236 5271
River State La Crosse, WI (608) 784 1149
Truck Country Marinette, WI. (888) 315 5995
Truck Country Oak Creek, WI.

Truck Country Rothschild, WI. (800) 348 9195
River State Robert, WI. (866) 994 3122
Truck Country Shullsburg, WI. (800) 362 1313
Valley Freightliner Mt. Vernon, WA. (360) 848 0472
Truck Centers Troy, IL. (800) 669 3454
Transwest Truck Trailer Frederick, CO. (303) 684 3440
Albuquerque Freightliner Albuquerque, NM. (505) 833 1000



(800) 236 6061



#### **AMANA ESCAPE**

Registration Form (Registration Deadline –July 31, 2011 FCOC Summer Rally - August 14<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 Amana Colonies RV Park & Event Center 3890 C Street, P.O. Box 345 Amana, IA 52203



Rally Master: Steve Batorson (520) 444-6772 Asst. Rally Master: Barb Knutson (561) 703-5284

<b>Business Meeting</b>	Entertainment		Crafts	
Educational Seminars	Freightliner Trailer & Techs	i	Red Hat Tea	
FMCA#:				
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Co-Pilot: Last Nam	e First Nam	e N	lickname 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 Pho	ne #:		
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Please specify any special meal	requirements:			
First Time at FCOC rally? Yes: [	□ No: □ Handicappe	ed Parking? Yes:	□ No: □	
Red Hat Tea Yes: □ No	Crafts Ye	s: 🗆 No: 🗆		
Mfg of Coach:	L	ength:		
Would You Like to Volunteer to	help with the rally? Ye	s 🗆 No 🗆		
Please make check payable to f person (add \$94.00 for each gue		ood and entertainn		
Date Received:	Confirmati			



# FCOC National Summer Rally



We have picked the Amana Colonies RV Park & Event Center to hold our summer rally starting on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM. and ending August 18<sup>th</sup> after breakfast. We will include four nights of camping, and continental breakfast four mornings, and evening hospitality hours, and evening dinners for 4 evenings also. This will be following the FMCA rally being held in Madison, WI. which is about 200 miles away.

Amana Colonies is located just north of I-80 in the state of Iowa very near Iowa City. This is an area rich in German heritage. There are handcrafted products of all kinds. They also are known for the beers they brew and their fine wineries. This time of year will also have the farmers markets full of fresh produce all grown in the local area.

The rally will have the popular events that our members always expect including seminars and Red Hat tea, The Freightliner Trailer and techs will be there also. At this time the entertainment has not been confirmed, but we are working on either a dinner play or a theater group to come to us and do a play during our dinner. We are also looking into some local tours, some are walking and realizing that not all can do that we are trying to offer more than one so we can accommodate everyone in a tour. I have contacted a brew house and a winery to see if they would come to a hospitality hour so we could sample their products and offer them for sale to us at a reduced rate.

All camping site will have 50 amp services with full hook-ups. We will be using two of the building for our meals, and seminars. These meeting facilities are air conditioned for our comfort.

Any question you can call me at 520-444-6772

There is a registration form in this newsletter. We will also have it on our website that you can type in the information and then print it out or you can print it and fill in by hand.

Rally Master Steve Batorson 520-444-6772 SVP@fcocrv.org Assistant Rally Master Barb Knutson 561-703-5284 secretary@fcocrv.org

# ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND THE 2011 FMCA 86<sup>th</sup> FAMILY REUNION AND MOTORHOME SHOWCASE AT MADISON, WISCONSIN?

The 2011 FMCA 86<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase at Madison, Wisconsin will have a split venue. The convention site is located at the Alliant Energy Center, with general parking being provided at Lake Farm Park, which is approximately 2 miles away from the convention. Lake Farm Park is a beautiful county-operated park with a huge lake, picnic shelters, walking and bike paths and playground equipment., and should be a great location to bring your family. Tram buses will run continually all day and into the night, between Lake Farm Park and the Alliant Energy Center.

The Center is a compact facility where attendees will spend time in two main buildings. Exhibition Hall will hold seminars as well as indoor exhibits. Less than 100 yards away is Veterans Memorial Coliseum which will host the technical seminars and evening entertainment. Motorhome exhibits will be situated in front of the coliseum. This will be FMCA's second international gathering at Alliant Energy Center (formerly the Dane County Exposition Center). The last time FMCA met in Madison was in 1984, for the 30th convention of the association.

#### FCOC Caravan Information

- If you plan to arrive in the Madison, area early and will be joining the FCOC Caravan, we have permission to remain overnight on Sunday, 7 August in the parking lot of LaFollette High School, which is located at 702 Pflaum Road, Madison, Wisconsin.
- If you would like to join the caravan, please contact Ron Sliger by e-mail at <u>rsliger@cfl.rr.com</u> or by telephone at (321) 704-0695 no later than 1 August 2011.

The FCOC Caravan will depart the High School at 11:15 am on Monday morning with Police escort enroute to Lake Farm Park, 4350 Libby Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

#### **Directions to LaFollette High School:**

#### From the **South**:

- Use I-39 N / I-90 W going toward Madison.
- Merge onto US-12 W / US-18 W/ W Beltline Highway via Exit 142A on the left toward Madison.
- Merge onto US-51 N / Stoughton Road via Exit 266.
- Turn slight left onto Pflaum Road.

The High School will be on your right.

#### From the **West**:

#### Use US-151 N / US-18 E

- Merge onto US-12 E / US-18 E
- Take the Monona Drive Exit 265
- Turn left onto CR-BB / Monona Drive
- Turn right onto Pflaum Road

The High School will be on your left

#### From the **East**:

- Use I-94 W
- Keep right to take WI-30 W towards Madison
- Take the US-51 S exit
- Turn left onto US-51 S / N Stoughton Road
- Turn right onto Pflaum Road

The High School will be on your right.

#### From the **North**:

- Use I-39 S toward WI-78 / Merrimac
- Merge onto US-51 S via Exit 132
- Turn right onto Pflaum Road

The High School will be on your right.

When you register for the FMCA, be sure to register for General Parking. This will allow you to run your generator between 7:00 am and 11:00 pm. If you register for electric, you will be placed at the end of our caravan so the parking crew at Lake Farm Park can direct you to the correct parking area.

#### We hope to see you there.





Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Membership Application		
Renewal  New  FMCA #* *Applicant must have an FMCA # or have application in the second	OR FMCA Application Date	
NameFirst Name Co-Pilot	Last Name	
	Last Name	Preferred First Name
Primary Phone ()	Cell Phone ()_	
Mailing Address		
City	StateZip/Postal Cod	de
Country E-Mail_		
Chassis Manufacturer: (circle one)	Freightliner Oshkosh	John Deere
Manufacturer of Motor Home	Mode_	
Year LengthFt. V	/IN of Chassis (last six digits)	
Purchase Date	_ Are you the Original Owner	Yes □ No □
Dues are \$10 a year or \$45 for five ye	ears.	
Send to: Freightliner Corporation c/o FCOC Membership 552 Hyatt Street Gaffney, SC 29341	( CHA	ITLINER SSIS SS CLUB

FCOC Logo Shirts and Eggs					
SHIP TO:		Item	Qty	Price Each	Total
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City	ST Zip	Logo Shirt (XL)		\$ 15.00	\$
Check #		Logo Shirt (XXL)		\$ 17.00	\$
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* Ladder Bracket - Do not not count as an item unless ordered by itself.		Thank you for your order!			



#### Bakersfield RV Resort 5025 Wible Road, Bakersfield, CA 93313 (661) 833-9998 3 days, 3 nights

#### REGISTRATION FORM



WHEN: OCTOBER 27TH TO 30TH, 2011

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED\_\_\_\_\_

	ersfield RV Resort		
FMCA# PILOT		CO-PILOT_	
ADDRESS		CITY ST	ZIPCODE
EMAIL:		COACH SIZE:	
FEE: \$249	0.00 PER COACH		
AND MOTORHOME D	POP/BEER TABS ON FRIDA ECORATING. PRIZES FOR		
Thursday, Oct, 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Registration BYOB Cocktail Hour and bring Bingo	g Heavy Hor-d'ouerves
Friday, Oct. 28th	8:00 am - 9:00 am 9:00 am - ?	Breakfast Craft—Learn to Make a Pop/E	Beer Tab Landyard in Freightliner
	9:00 am - 3:00 pm 9:00 am - 12:00 am	Decorate your Motorhome for Seminar on Knowing your Cha Lunch Break (on your own)	
	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Michelin Tire Seminar	
	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Allison Transmission Seminar	•
	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	BYOB cocktail hour	
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Catered Dinner	
Saturday, Oct. 29th	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm n 8:00 am - 9:00 am	Door Prizes Breakfast	and the second second
Saturday, Oct. 25ti	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Free Day (Suggestion) — Ke	m County Museum
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Pumpkin Carving Contest (Pu	
	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Halloween Costume Party, B	
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Catered Dinner	
	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Prizes to be awarded for Moto and Costumes in 1st, 2nd and	orhome Decorations, Pumpkin Carving I 3rd for each category
Sunday, Oct. 30th	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Hitch-up Continental Breakfas	
	9:00 am	Goodbye until next time! Safe	e Travels.
Please send che	ck payable to "FCOC	" with the registration form Tom James 6828 Donerail Drive Sacramento, CA 95842 (916) 870-9322	n by October 1, 2011 to:
	www	w.tjames@adcomworldwide.con	<u>n</u>

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#### **Seminar Rally**

DALLAS FREIGHTLINER WESTERN STAR 4200 Port Boulevard Dallas, TX.

When: September 16th. and 17th.

<u>Arrival</u>: Those wanting to have an inspection (see form on page 16)

You will need to set up arrival times for Friday 16th by <u>contacting</u>

Dallas Freightliner for an appointment, if not arrival is 5 P.M.

<u>Dry Camping</u>: provided, with a \$20.00 fee per person for lunch & dinner on Sat. drive in for Sat. is O.K. by car, but you will need to register for seminar/meals.

Preliminary planning of Seminars will include

- Freightliner
  - Michelin
  - Allison
- Cummins
  - others

**Contacts:** Call - Or email Katherine Henley (214-704-2437)

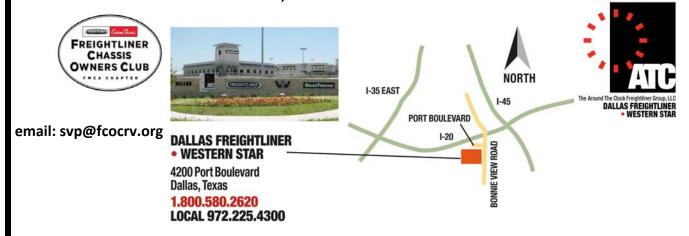
email: nannywanttogo@aol.com to make reservations

Send checks to:

**Steve Batorson** (520-444-6772)

4505 North Sanders Rd.

**Tucson, AZ 85743** 



# Western Area Rally at Sacramento Truck Center

And it all begins ...





It all starts at the front!



Ron Anders teaching from the underside!



Great Seminars!





I see it!



#### From the desk of Rally Master Tom James, FCOC Western Area~

On **April 29th to May 1st.** a rally was held at **Sacramento Truck Center**, for Freightliner Chassis Owners Club members. We had two days of dry camping, with a total of 29 motorhomes and 11 people coming by car, for a total of 69 members attending.

Friday P.M. was registration and getting acquainted serving Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and wine.

Saturday was coffee and muffins, seminars starting with Ron Anders from Freightliner doing a two hour seminar on "Knowing Your Chassis", at which time a motorhome was lifted in air for all to view from the bottom. Then Jay Bohon from Valley Power Systems conducted a one hour seminar on Allison Transmissions.

Lunch was served consisting of Hot Dog, chips, potatoes and soft drinks.

Following lunch Scott Green conducted a one hour seminar on Michelin Tires.

Lawrence from Sacramento Truck Center conducted a two hour seminar about the working parts of the engine and drive line.

Happy Days RV provided a Tiffin motorhome on a Freightliner chassis as a walk through display.

Saturday evening's meal was a catered dinner by Thai-Mix B.B.Q. that was served on site and enjoyed by all.

It was a very successful rally, with participation by all the ladies that attended and asking question about the motorhome on the

lift.



The club will be contacting other Oasis dealers for similar rallies in the future. We always learn something and next time we will offer a free checklist on your motorhome. (see page 16)



You will need to make arrangements ahead of time.

Tom James tjames@adcomworldwide.com

Check out the pictures of the Rally and those who were having a great time!

# Thanks Sacramento Truck Center!















# OPERATION

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# COMMENTS

OFFRATION	DOINE	COMMINIENTS
Inspect engine air filter(s)		
Inspect drivetrain fluid levels		
Measure antifreeze protection		
Inspect exterior lights		
Inspect brake condition		
Inspect for fluid leaks		
Inspect tire air pressure		
Inspect batteries & cables		
Drain air tanks		
Inspect suspension		
Inspect wiper operation		
Inspect belt condition	- 22	
Inspect exhaust system		
Inspect horn operation		
Inspect gauge operation		
Inspect warning lamps		

Visual inspection is limited to the points expressly stated in the inspection report and to the reporting standards relating to each [i.e., "OK" or "Problem"], Items which are inspection report sheet, but which are not reasonably accessible on the coach, will not be inspected. Component failure may occur suddenly and without any prior warning. Dallas Prejettimer Western Star, its partners and/or affiliates shall not be held liable for component failures or subsequent damages that may occur after inspection has been completed.

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# Getting Started for the Summer & Camp Freightliner Schedule ...

Hello campers ... after several Camp

Freightliner classes it is still a top 10 question "How do I set my Time and Date on the LBCU "So Freightliner has made a video. If you go to rvroadtrippers.com. It will take you to our location on face book. You can view several videos that FCCC has put on the internet for your viewing pleasure. Look to the left side of the column, click on the videos, and let them down load the click whichever video you want to watch.

Also please remember if you are bringing your coach out of storage do not forget the basics:

- 1. Check all fluids and levels
- 2. Check the condition of the your tires
- 3. Check tire pressure
- 4. Look for leaks while the coach has been setting
- 5. Check the battery conditions:
  - a. Start batteries
  - b. House batteries
- 6. Do not forget In your operators and maintenance manual follow your pre-trip inspection for all inspection points.
- 7. Last but not least if you have drained your fresh water and unhooked the water pump for the house, DO NOT FORGET to re-attach and tighten the hoses and clamps.
- 8. If you have used the drinking water antifreeze in your fresh water tank add a 16OZ bottle of real lemon to your water tank, It will be fresh and clean again.

Don't forget F.C.C.C. is taking Camp Freightliner to 3 locations this year, Harrisburg Oregon, Las Vegas Nevada, and Spring Texas. Please read below. Go to the FreightlinerChassis.com web site and sign up. Click on motorhomes, then Owners info tab, then Camp Freightliner and sign up

August 1-2 (Harrisburg, OR - details listed below) THIS CLASS IS FULL August 3-4 (Harrisburg, OR - details listed below) THIS CLASS IS FULL August 9-10 (Las Vegas, NV - details listed below)

August 11-12 (Las Vegas, NV - details listed below)

August 22-23 (Spring, TX - details listed below)

August 24-25 (Spring, TX - details listed below)

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Spring, TX

Rayford Crossing RV Resort 29321 South Plum Creek Drive Spring, TX 77386 (281)298-8008

www.rayfordcrossing.com

email: rayfordcrossing@sbcglobal.net

Please arrive the day before your scheduled class; the class will start at 8:00 a.m. both days





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### Take Note: Update in FMCA Rally Schedule!

April 7, 2011

\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*



Family Motor Coach Association is pleased to announce *revised* dates for FMCA's 87th Family

Reunion and Motorhome Showcase, to be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in

**Indianapolis, Indiana**. The new dates for this event will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and

Thursday, August 27, 28, 29, & 30, 2012, with family parking days on Saturday and Sunday,

August 25 & 26, 2012.

This will be FMCA's first international convention at this location and the fourth FMCA international event in Indiana. The last time FMCA met in Indiana was in

1991, at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend for the 46th convention of the association.

"We are extremely pleased that the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds was able to work with us in moving our Family Reunion to August dates in 2012," said Judy Czarsty, FMCA national senior vice president/acting national president. The change of dates was necessary due to the changeover to the new model year for many motorhome manufacturers during the first week of July.

"It would have been a challenge for many of our commercial members to bring sales representatives, service technicians, and support staff to Indianapolis in early July."



# Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation Expands 24/7 Direct Service with USB-Equipped Card

Apr 21, 2011

*GAFFNEY, S.C.* – Already the only chassis manufacturer to offer 24/7 factory-direct support of its motorcoaches, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) is expanding its service with a powerful resource that customers can fit into their pockets.

Launched in early 2011, FCCC's 24/7 Direct initiative created a constantly available, easily accessible network with the goal of providing customers the best possible assistance and answers to even the most complex chassis issues.

The new 24/7 Direct service cards are being mailed this month to all purchasers of new motorcoaches built on an FCCC chassis dating back to Jan. 1, 2011. They're printed with key support contact information and the customer Vehicle Identification Number to serve as a valuable quick reference, and an embedded USB flash drive makes the card a virtual library of chassis data.

By simply flipping the drive out from one end of the card and plugging it into a computer, a customer gains access to a wealth of information including warranties, maintenance schedules, EPA 2010 emission technology featuring selective catalytic reduction (SCR), vendor categories, website links and entire user manuals. Plus, with a gigabyte of memory on board, there's plenty of room for additional downloads and updates, enabling customers to utilize the USB for personal storage.

"FCCC wanted to develop a resource that would enable our customers to easily access all of the essential information they need about their chassis," said Dave Hoover, senior manager of Customer Support at FCCC. "The 24/7 Direct card and USB drive is compact, but it contains volumes of information that will be important to our customers.

This is just another example of FCCC's commitment to our customers and furthers our 'Driven By You'

mission. And with our around-the-clock direct access to FCCC chassis experts, the 24/7 Direct program offers an unparalleled support system, no matter where our customers are on North America's roads."

FCCC's customer assistance phone line (1-800-FTL-HELP) is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by a team of well-qualified customer service advisors who all have hands-on plant experience and boast an average experience level of 16 years. To complement their expertise, on-the-ground support can be found at more than 400 FCCC service locations in North America. More than 90 of those locations are also part of the Freightliner Oasis Network, a group of dealerships across the country dedicated to serving FCCC RV customers.

The Freightliner Oasis Network is specifically tailored to the RV customer. Each service location has specially trained RV service technicians, separate bays for RV service, secure parking for RV customers and additional amenities specifically for RV owners.

Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation manufactures premium chassis for the motorhome, delivery walk-in van, and school bus and shuttle bus markets. Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation is a subsidiary of Daimler Trucks North America LLC, a Daimler company.



What's new Beginning Jan. 2011 On all FCCC chassis!

#### Dear Members of FCOC;

**Folks,** I know this spring has been a tough one. All over the US and in other parts of the world we have had many catastrophes. From heavy rains causing rivers to overflow, then to tornados and even in the north eastern states we are having tornados. Some states haven't had a tornado in 3 -4 years. I hate to remind you all of these terrible things, but they affect us all.

I guess what I am asking all of us to do is take a minute, like we did on Memorial Day, for our service men and women, and be thankful for what we have and also say a prayer for those that are having trouble living with the results of tragedy or losses of loved ones.

This FCOC club of ours is made up of believers. So I mention some of our members that could use some extra prayers. To me, if you have ever been sick or recovering from an illness or surgery. How nice it is to hear from each other and give them encouragement. Dorothy and I have been recipients of many cards and messages. It was wonderful to hear from you folks. I for one really believe that Prayer Power Works.

A few of our members that need extra caring; Butch Griffin had surgery on both shoulders. Butch is recovering at a rapid pace and should be ready with Arlene to travel back home. Butch and Arlene are currently in Arizona soaking up that healing Sun. Best of luck in your recovery. Another member of FCOC labeled what he had done as a Stupid error. George Becker sent pictures of himself after his truck fell on him. He looked like he was run over by a truck, Oh he was !!!. George had many surgeries to repair his wounds and I must say that this man is healing fast. It was a scare for both George and his wife Joe until after surgery that George is doing remarkably well. I told George at our age we should not push the envelope.

If any of you want either of these members email or address, please email me and I am sure it would be a welcome contact. If anyone knows of anybody needing additional attention, please let us know.

Again, We can help make them feel better with a card.

Until the next newsletter, all of you drive carefully and plan ahead and be extra prepared for what could be down the road.

God Bless you all Dorothy & Ken Hawk



Please read Proverbs 27 vs. 19
LET'S HAVE LESS CANCER AND MORE BIRTHDAYS

Just In! A last minute notice: Pete Palasota has

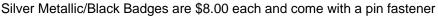
been in the hospital for surgery. He is recovering well and expects to be home soon!

Check the web site for the latest information on upcoming Rallies <a href="http://www.fcocrv.org">http://www.fcocrv.org</a>

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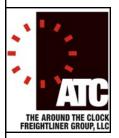
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These are the things
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Io know you are with us in our time of sorrow, Sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow.

God gives us comfort in the form of good friends. May His peace be with you, His love never ends.

By the family of Caroline Mutson

Ladies ... Take Note!



## The Red Hat Society

The main responsibility of the Red Hat Society is to have fun! The members see this group as an opportunity for those who have shouldered various responsibilities at home and in the community their whole lives, to say goodbye to burdensome responsibilities and obligations for a little while. This is the place to have fun and enjoy yourself. The refrain of the popular Red Hat Society theme song by Mike Harline puts it rather bluntly: "All my life, I've done for you. Now it's my turn to do for me."

The Red Hat Society calls itself a "dis-organization", and they are proud of the lack of rules and by-laws.

# Spread the Word

Do you have a tip or recipe you would like to share with other ladies of our club? If so, please send them to Brenda Sliger at <a href="mailto:bls439@cfl.rr.com">bls439@cfl.rr.com</a>. Brenda will ensure they are posted for all of us to read and enjoy.

Please remember, all ladies of the FCOC are invited to join with us at our meetings of our Red Hat chapter.

Check it Out on our web site - fcocrv.org

Click on Red Hat





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