### Freightliner Chassis Owners Club

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3rd Quarter, 2011

# Freightliner Flyer

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# Fall of 2011!



After FMCA's 86th Family Reunion, FAMILY A FAIR Check out our ...

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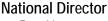
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### ~ President's Message ~

I hope you have read the article in the August edition of the Family Motor Coaching magazine. I have been trying for some time to have an article published that would highlight our organization, and perseverance has paid off. I mentioned in my 1st quarter comments we had looked at various magazines but the advertising rate was out of our range. As a result of this article (which did not cost the club any money) in the last week I received half a dozen telephone calls requesting information regarding our club, and how to join. If you have any ideas of how our club can "toot our own horn" in other areas without expending any funds, please let me know.

Growing our membership must continue to be a priority for all members of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club, and the article in the Family Motor Coaching magazine is just the tip of the recruiting spear. Recruiting is the responsibility of each and every member in the club, and must continue without pause for our membership to grow. Associated with the recruiting efforts for our own club, we must also be on the lookout for those RVers, who are not members of the Family Motor Coach Association, usually identified by not having the FMCA "egg" on the back of their coach. You have an FMCA membership application in your Family Motor Coaching magazine and should this application should be kept at the ready if you happen to meet a non-member in locations such as a fuel stop, rest stop, campground or Wal-Mart. Don't forget to include your name and "F" number on the application so when it is submitted to FMCA, you receive a \$10.00 gift certificate that can be used in Camping World or for FMCA products.

The weather has been something to behold this summer, and it only seemed to get warmer and warmer as I drove north from Florida. When I arrived at Madison, Wisconsin for the 86th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase, it started to get cooler, and by the time I arrived at the Amana Colonies in Iowa for our rally, it was wonderful. I should make note of the fact that of the 60 coaches at the rally, 24 were first-timers! As usual, we had the Freightliner Trailer with technicians and the bare-bones Freightliner chassis. There were a number of highlights at the rally which included the food, the vendors, the seminars and the show "Suds" at the Creamery Theatre. You might have heard me comment on the performance of Steve Batorson and Barbara Knutson as Rally Master and Assistant Rally Master before, but they outdid themselves at the Amana Colonies rally. Well done Steve and Barbara!

Steve talked about having a rally at Tucson in the spring, so I will leave the announcement of this event up to him.

Safe travels.

Ron Sliger





# Message from the Senior VP

First let me say I'm sure you have figured out the newsletter is out very late this issue. That is on me due to taking personal time for my mother in a time of her needs and eventual passing. For those of you that knew what was going on I thank you all very much for the prayers and condolences and the club for the understanding of what is important in life.

Now on to business. We had a very nice rally held in Amana Iowa in August and there is a wrap up in this newsletter.

Next we will be having a Spring rally in Tucson March  $5^{th}$  -  $9^{th}$  at Lazydays RV resort (formally Beaudry's) registration in this and the next newsletter also on the website. More to follow.

I am still looking for a site for our summer rally that will be held **before** the FMCA National rally being held in Indianapolis due to the Labor Day weekend following immediately after the FMCA rally. I have contacted several campgrounds and need to visit them before making a decision on which one fulfills ours needs/wants the best.

Roy Hopper has put together an area rally at the Florida RV Super show in Jan. the dates being 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

The rally that was to take place in Dallas was postponed until after the first of next year. Katherine will get out the word on when it will be in advance of it.



Tom James is also planning on having another rally sometime before next summer at the Sacramento Freightliner dealership like he had last year also.

All of these will be or are already listed under the rallies tab on the website with information and registration forms.

# New Discount Program



We are pleased to announce that Tom James our New Business Development VP has obtained O'Reilly Auto Parts as a discounter to FCOC members.

We are working out how to best get the information to members on how to take advantage of this. If you want ot use this program before we get full distribution please contact one of the following officers. Ron Sliger, Tom James, Mary Costigan or Steve Batorson.

The amount of the discount varies on what

you are purchasing and the more we use this program the larger the discounts will become.



### Steve Batorson

P.S. Check out those who attended the rally at Amana IA. A Great Rally!

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### Driven By You

### Dear FCOC Members,

Fall, 2011

Greetings from Gaffney,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and you were able to use your motorhomes to hit the road and maybe beat the heat.

Hermisia and I enjoyed spending time with those of you that attended the FCOC rally in Amana. It was great to see a large number of "first timers" at the rally.

With respect to the market, RV sales have remained steady, with motorized units keeping pace with last year's retail numbers. The forecast for next year looks much the same. What does this mean for FCCC? Not much, actually. Our focus will remain on providing our customers and OEMs with the world class support they (and you) have come to expect from a company that is "Driven By You."

You will see us continue to increase market share over the next year as we continue to increase volume with existing models, and add our chassis to some exciting new products.

Travel safe and I look forward to seeing you on the road.













### FMCA CORNER

November 10, 2011 To the Governing Board,

At the end of FMCA's Family Reunion in Madison, Wisconsin, in August, FMCA senior vice president Allen Rein, FMCA treasurer Wil Young, and I proceeded directly to the FMCA national office in Cincinnati. We focused on the recently approved 2012 budget and various other issues related to FMCA's accounting system and procedures. Adjustments were made to our procedures and an internal program was instituted to correct any possibility of bills being overlooked and becoming past due. We also focused on the many contracts that FMCA has in force, and we put together a committee to review all contracts that we have in-house, with cost savings to FMCA as our goal. We have been successful in many areas. We have realized savings in garbage collection, office cleaning, postage expenses, and purchasing of products such as paper.

### **FMCAssist**

We have begun meetings with Global Underwriters, the agent of record, to review that contract and see whether we can come up with a better one for all concerned. These discussions also will involve On Call, the FMCAssist provider. Some benefits that we would like to have for our members are not included in the current program. We are in the process of renegotiating toward that end. Another issue being discussed is the cost of the program. The current cost of this benefit to members is approximately \$385,000 per year, or around \$33,000 per month. One concern we have is that FMCA's current membership base of 87,545 families does not financially support this expenditure.

### **Staffing Changes**

During his time as FMCA executive director, Brad Koshland instituted several restructuring moves at the national office to improve office staff efficiency .Jerry Yeatts initially was moved from the Convention Department to the Membership / Member Services Department. Jerry has since assumed the duties of the executive director but will continue to oversee Membership/Member Services as well. The Convention Department has been restructured to include area rallies, so it is now referred to as Events & Commercial Services. Chris Lusk was named to take over that department under the title of events manager. Carol Shields was moved from Chapter Services to Events. Brad also created a new position of assistant events manager, a position that recently has been filled by Maureen Mullarkey, a longtime FMCA employee. Loretta Buob has moved from Chapter Services to serve as director of Accounting / Financial Services Debbie Calhoun has moved from the Events to Accounting/ Financial Services.

Penny Gortemiller has stepped up to the position of supervisor of Chapter, Area, & National Services.

All of these moves have taken place with very minimal, or no, financial impact to FMCA. With the elimination of some positions and the departure of the executive director, an approximate savings of \$268,000 to FMC will be realized.

#### **Executive Board Actions**

At the recent Executive Board meetings here in Cincinnati, all per diem for the board was eliminated for the near future. The travel budget for the president and the executive director has been suspended.

### Why?

We are in a period of constant budgetary management and need to stay on top of our financial responsibilities. In light of FMCA's financial challenges, the Executive Board has asked all Member Staff and Advance Crew members to donate their time at the upcoming Family Reunion in Indianapolis, Indiana, next summer. A copy of that request is attached. We are doing our very best on your behalf to negotiate this sensitive financial period so that FMCA is positioned for success at the end of the downturn in our global economy. Many of the decisions your Executive Board made this past week were not easy and, indeed, not very popular with all concerned; however, we have to take control of our own destiny and arrest our membership attrition rate and act in a fiscally responsible manner for the good of our Association. The minutes to the past week's Executive Board meetings are being prepared and will be made available to you in the earliest possible time frame, keeping in mind that Chapter, Area, & National Service, which types and routes the minutes for review, is down by two employees. FMCA's Cincinnati staff members have risen to the challenges and are doing their utmost to keep providing the services that you are used to without so much as a hiccup. As your president, I ask for your support through these sensitive times.

Thank you. Charlie Schrenkel, L140050 FMCA National President

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Hopper
FCOC National Director,
Freightliner Chassis Owners Club



# **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 vp.busdev@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	Oklahoma Freig
Ocala, FL.	Oklahoma City

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

(800) 786 1280

Cedar Rapids (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

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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

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 Just Added: San Diego Freightliner



Oak Creek, WI.

(800) 236 6061

# FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION

Change @ FMCA

October 25, 2011

### To the Governing Board:

It is with reluctance that I have accepted the resignation of Bradford Koshland from the position of Executive Director of Family Motor Coach Association effective November 30, 2011. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Brad the very best for the future. He has accomplished much while being a part of our family. I know this was not an easy decision for him to make, and I personally wish him the very best.

Below is part of Brad's letter of resignation: "It is with very mixed emotions that I write this letter and offer my resignation from the position as Executive Director of the Family Motor Coach Association. During the past two months, three employees working for FMCA have lost a parent. In one case, John Renda wrote after the death of his father that, 'he lost his best friend, but at least he was able to spend some quality time with him.' John's statement really struck home with me. I too have a best friend, and like John it is my father. Since my mother passed away in December 2010, I have only been able to spend one day with my father in July of this year. My two brothers have taken on the responsibility of my father and have taken him to their respective residences this past year to spend considerable and quality lime with him prior to his demise. In a recent conversation with my father, he kept asking about when I will be able to see him and for how long. In light of his plea to see me, along with my desire to reciprocate seeing him and spending some quality time with him, my last date of employment with FMCA will be November 30,2011. I also need to focus on my other best friend, which is my wife Diana., She has made some personal sacrifices without me being a part of her life for 2011, while she looks after her soon to be 92 year old mother in Daytona Beach, Florida. So, my leaving FMCA is solely for family reasons and nothing else."

Charlie Schrenkel, L140050

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### FCOC S.E.A. REUNION FLORIDA RV SUPER SHOW TAMPA, FLORIDA



January 10-15, 2012

The FCOC Southeast Area Rally season will kick off with the Florida RV Super Show in Tampa, Florida. We will have 30 amp electric, but no water or dump on site, so come in with full water and empty holding tanks. Clubs will enter the grounds on Tuesday, January 10, via the Orient Rd. entrance (GPS 5025 Orient Rd Tampa FL 33610). Show opens 9:00 AM, Wednesday, January 11, 2012. We will meet in the open field inside the gate at 11:00 AM. You will need to put an 8.5" X 11" sheet of paper on your windshield with **FCOC Club** to be sent to our area. Registration is \$159.00 per coach with 2 people, plus \$10.00 for each additional person. This includes 5 nights of camping, 30 Amp electric service hook-up, coffee and doughnuts each morning starting on Wednesday morning, 3 nights of entertainment and unlimited admission to the Florida RV Super Show. There will be a BYOB "meet and greet" each afternoon at 4:00 PM and a potluck Tuesday evening at 5:30 PM. Bring a dish to pass and your own place settings. All other meals will be on your own. If you have a folding table or a 6 ft. table you carry with you we could use it, also we need E-Z tents.

Registration will be made directly with the FRVTA on the following application. Make checks or money orders payable to FRVTA and mail with bottom portion to: **FRVTA-Super Rally, 10510 Gibsonton Drive, Riverview, FL 33578.** For additional information call office at 813-741-0488.

	Super Rally Application	on
Please Print Clearly		
Name:		
Name:Last	Guest 1	Guest 2
Mailing Address:		
City/ State/Zip:		
Phone:	E-Mail:	
Club: FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS	OWNERS CLUB (FCOC)	
Rally Fee (1 or 2 persons) \$159.00	Arrival Date:	<u></u>
Extra Person \$ 10.00 each \$	# of People	
Total Amount Enclosed: \$		
To pay by Credit Card fill out the in Card Number:	nfo below. (Visa or Master card o	nly) May be sent by fax to 813-741-0688
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CC Billing Address (if different from	ı above):	

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Membership Application				
Renewal  New  OR FMCA Application Date *Applicant must have an FMCA # or have applied for FMCA Membership				
NameFirst Name Co-Pilot	Last Name	Preferred First Name		
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Primary Phone ()	Cell Phone ()_			
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Chassis Manufacturer: (circle one)	Freightliner Oshkosh	John Deere		
Manufacturer of Motor Home Mode				
Year LengthFt. 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		FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB		

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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: "FCOC" and send check to:	FCOC Logo Egg		\$ 20.00	\$
FCOC, c/o Mary	Costigan, Logo Merchandise	Ladder Bracket*		\$ 5.00	\$
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# Madison WI Summer 2011



FMCA's 86th Family Reunion, "Family A' Fair"



### Welcome to "Escape to Amana" FCOC Rally Aug. 2011



Waiting for fellow FCOC'er to arrive at he rally!



Music & Good Friends!



Love those Crafts!



Getting Acquainted!



Just look at the good food & lots of it! Yum!



Great Food and Happy Volunteers!



Goodies for Desert

### More Happening @ Amana IA, Summer 2011



Lets go sightseeing!



R&R

Our Best Friends with Great Support from FCCC!!



All Chassis Experts!



Attention ... Attention

Let's line up! This will be the official photo session for the Escape to Amana Summer Rally!

Who's the Photographer?

# Amana Colonies Rally at Amana, Iowa

And it all begins ... visiting the local sites ...





It all starts at the front! of the line!





Great Comraderie!



Finally the official Photo . . . We all smiled at the same time! A Great Group of FCOC'ers

### Escape to Amana Rally

We held our Summer in Amana, Iowa at the Amana RV resort. We had in attendance 60+ coaches. The catering was done by Phat Daddy's and from the comments was enjoyed by all. I can't take credit for the weather, but it also cooperated very nicely for us. We had seminars and our great social hours to attend daily. We also took in a 50's style musical across the street from the campground and the very high energy and entertaining Barefoot Becky entertained us one evening. Some of the attendees went to one of the colonies and visited a chocolate shop and did some sampling.

I received some very good feedback at this rally and appreciate all who took the time and effort to express it to me. When you are on the planning side of these rallies it is not easy to know if you are hitting the mark to the attendees and this information is very useful.

I want to especially thank Barb Knutson for being the assistant rally master. I also want to thank all the captains and volunteers that helped out in all aspects of the rally. We have a core of members that always volunteer and this time many of the first timers were right in the middle lending a hand also. That was great to see.

We had the manager of the resort come in and gave us some history on the founding of the Amana Colonies and found this very interesting. Most of us didn't know this was a German communal farming settlement. My only regret is I didn't have the time to do more visiting of the seven colonies. I will go back to do this in the future.

There are pictures in this issue showing all having a Great time!.

Rally Master Steve Batorson



# NOMINATING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

During the Amana Colonies FCOC rally, George Young was voted as Chairman by the members of the Nominating Committee. The other members of the Nominating Committee are Barbara Knutson, Linda Slycord, Gerry DeHeer and Carol Vehill.



### Items of Interest!

# DO YOU OWN A 2004 – 2010 TIFFIN MOTORHOME?

Tiffin Motorhomes has identified a problem that affects the flooring underneath the fresh/black/ grey water tanks of Phaeton and Allegro Bus models built between years 2004 and 2010. If you own one of these recreation vehicles and have not had the repair made, the FCOC Executive Board recommends you contact the Tiffin Motorhomes Service Department on (800) 283-3922 at your convenience. We have been advised that Tiffin Motorhomes prefers the work be accomplished in Red Bay so please plan accordingly.

# THE CANADIAN CHRYSLER AFFILIATES REWARD PROGRAM

We have learned that our FCOC Chrysler Affiliates Reward Program code number does not work for our members residing in Canada who want to purchase a Chrysler product.

If you live in Canada and want to purchase a Chrysler product through the Canadian Chrysler Affiliates Reward Program, please visit <a href="https://www.chryslercanada.ca/affiliate/">www.chryslercanada.ca/affiliate/</a> and log into the website using the password "affiliate." Once logged in, go to the link for the form entitled "Employee Pricing Certificate" and fill out the top sections of the form. Take the completed form to the dealer when ready to purchase your new vehicle.

# FCOC 'EGGS' ARE AGAIN AVAILABLE FOR Canada. SALE + FMC

If you are interested in purchasing an FCOC "egg" please go to our web site and click on the FCOC Merchandise tab. Eggs are \$20 and the ladder holder is \$5.00. All items are pictured on the website. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Costigan, at (951) 452-2999 or email her at mary.costigan@yahoo.com.

### "GROW" - Go Recruiting On Wheels

We have continuously advocated membership recruiting, and our membership has recruited more than fifty new members into the FMCA during the last year, resulting in the club receiving four separate gift packages from FMCA. To date, we have used three of these gift packages as door prizes at the Amarillo, Myrtle Beach and Amana Colonies FCOC rallies. The next package of gifts will be distributed during our Tucson rally. When you think about it, there are unlimited locations where you can recruit new members for both FMCA and FCOC, e.g., fuel stops, rest stops, campgrounds, service facilities, or even a neighbor with an RV in his back yard, To assist in recruiting efforts, I would suggest you retain some of your old Family Motor Coaching magazines in your coach. There is an FMCA membership application inside the magazine, and the contents of the magazine extolling the benefits of FMCA membership is a great recruiting tool. When you do pass out the membership application, be sure to include your name and FMCA number in the QUESTIONNAIRE BLOCK in order to receive a \$10.00 gift certificate from FMCA.

One particular Family Motor Coaching magazine you should maintain in your coach is the January 2011 edition. This edition contains the following important information:

- → Benefits Guide covering Information Exchange, Travel Services, Insurance, Financial Services, Activities, Discounts and Additional Benefits.
- ★ List of tourism offices in the United States and Canada
- → FMCA Directory which includes Policy and Direction, Chapter Directory, Stopping Spots, Directory of Sanitary Disposals, FMCA Campgrounds, Motorhome Dealers, etc.



### Items of Interest! continued

# ARE DYNAMAX AND SPRINTER COACHES ELIGIBLE FOR FCOC MEMBERSHIP?

We have received numerous inquiries of late dealing with individuals owning the Dynamax and Sprinter coaches. Following is the policy our club follows regarding these recreation vehicles:

The offices of Dynamax Division of Forest River are located in Elkhart, Indiana. The Dynamax coach is built on a Freightliner M2 truck chassis in Mount Holly, North Carolina. It does not qualify as a chassis built by FCCC in Gaffney, SC., and therefore is not eligible for membership in FCOC

At the present time our Charter and Bylaws do not provide for Sprinter based RV owners to be extended membership in the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC). The exception is for those members with a Class 'A' coach built on a Freightliner Custom Chassis in Gaffney, SC, who have been club members for five (5) years or more, and decided to downsize to a Sprinter based RV.

One of the issues we face is that Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) does not service or provide parts for the Sprinter chassis. Any of our members downsizing to a Sprinter based RV needs to be aware that service will not be available at an FCOC rally where the FCCC Service Trailer and FCCC Technicians are available, nor would technical presentations on the Sprinter chassis or Mercedes engine be provided at the rally. Service on the Sprinter chassis and engine would have to come through a Mercedes dealership.

We are aware there are Sprinter's on the road with the "Freightliner" brand on the hood, but "Freightliner" is a truck brand name of Daimler Trucks North America, not Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation of Gaffney, SC. It is the responsibility of the FCOC President to ensure that potential FCOC members understand that the FCOC charter is only for an RV chassis manufactured by FCCC in Gaffney, SC., thus excluding the Sprinter chassis branded as a Mercedes Benz, Dodge or "Freightliner," as well as large Class "C" Motorhomes on Freightliner Conventional Class "8" tractors.

#### BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

At the Business Meeting conducted during the Amana Colonies rally on 15 August 2011, an amendment was passed to the club Standing Rules establishing the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. This committee will be comprised of three volunteers from the membership. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit your name, e-mail address and telephone number to George Young, Chairman, Nominating Committee at: <a href="mailto:gyoungbmw@gmail.com">gyoungbmw@gmail.com</a>. Please include a brief description of your experience associated with Bylaws and Standing Rules and any Parliamentarian procedures.



FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB

Spring in Tucson
(Registration Deadline – Feb 15th, 2012
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Check the web site for the latest information on upcoming Rallies

### FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB MEETING

### AMANA, IA AUGUST 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by President Ron Sliger. There were 67 members in attendance. President Sliger asked Bill Campbell to lead the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doc Hutchinson.

Officers in attendance were President Ron Sliger, Senior Vice President/Wagon Master Steve Batorson, Secretary Barbara Knutson, National Director Roy Hopper, and Vice President Area Operations – West Katherine Henley.

President Sliger asked all Veterans, first timers in attendance and all FCOC Rally Masters and Assistant Rally Masters to stand for recognition

Bob Harbin, President of Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation was not able to attend the Business Meeting due to a business conflict.

President Sliger made a general announcement asking members to turn off their cell phones and to please provide their name when making or seconding a motion.

The minutes from the March 21, 2011 FCOC Business Meeting held in Myrtle Beach, SC were approved as written

Rick Kennedy, the Treasurer was not present. The Treasure Report was read by President Sliger. As of 6/30/2011 Total Cash and Bank Accounts were \$130,632.56. A motion was made by Bill Campbell to have future financial reports reported by line item, and seconded by Larry Steckley. The motion passed by a majority of members present.

Senior Vice President Batorson talked about needing volunteers to come forward to help with rallies. The same people have been doing the rallies for the last three years. Steve also talked about future rallies to be held in Arizona and Indiana. There will be more information on these rallies on our web site and in our newsletter at a later date.

Roy Hopper, National Director reported on the FMCA Governing Board Meeting that was held in Madison, Wisconsin on August 10, 2011. There were approximately 1,800 coaches at the FMCA Rally. Changes were made to the International family reunion staff reimbursements. An FMCA Campground Connection Program has been developed to recruit campgrounds that will offer FMCA members a discount. Election results of the National FMCA Election are: President: Charles Schrenkel, Sr. Vice President: Allen Rein, National Secretary: Vicky Ferrari and National Treasurer: Wil Young. The 2013 50th Anniversary will be held in Hutchinson, Kansas, dates unavailable at this time.

Mary Costigan, Vice President Membership was not present. President Sliger presented the report which indicated the total applicants processed from 8/25/2010 to 07/23/2011 was 1,377, or 920 Renewals and 457 New Members/New members not original owners. New Coach/Renewal totaled 20 and members who were Suspended and Renewed totaled 122. The club had 262 members signing up through PAYPAL.

Tom James, Vice President Business Development was not present. His report stated that Freightliner San Diego has been added to our list of Oasis Dealers who offer a member discount of 10% on parts and labor. Tom is working to get a national Auto Parts dealer to give our members a discount and is also in contact with an Insurance Company to advertise on our web site. Katherine Henley, Vice President Operations-West is working on a rally to be held at the Dallas Texas Freightliner dealer in September. Katherine is also looking for volunteers to take on vacant Area Coordinators positions. Roy and Kathy Hopper, Area Coordinators for the Southeast Area are working on having a rally at the Super Show in Tampa Florida in January 2012.

Gerry DeHeer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee was not present. Senior Vice President Steve Batorson read the list of nominees: President – Ron Sliger, Secretary – Barbara Knutson, Vice President Membership Mary Costigan, Vice President Webmaster Rick Kennedy, Vice President Area Operations-West Katherine Henley and Alternate National Director Ernie Ward. There were no nominations from the floor. Bill Campbell made a motion to close nominations. It

was seconded by Linda Steckley. Motion passed. A motion was made by Larry Steckley to have the Secretary cast one vote for the slate. The motion was seconded by Bill Campbell. Motion passed by 75% majority of members present.

We are looking for people to serve on the Nominating Committee. George Young, Carol Vehill and Barbara Knutson were added as members to the Committee by membership vote.

Joe Costigan, Chairman Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee was not present. Senior Vice President Steve Batorson stated that all proposed changes to the Club Bylaws had been published on our web site and published in the first quarter newsletter as required by our Bylaws. Senior Vice President Batorson asked for a motion to pass the proposed changes, but there was an objection from Linda Steckley regarding

### FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB MEETING (con't)

three articles in the Bylaws. A motion was made to pass all proposed changes with the exception of (1) ARTICLE III – Members, Item 7 ARREARS; (2) ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, Item 2, TERM OF OFFICE, (3) ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, Item 4 EXECUTIVE BOARD. The motion to pass all articles with the exception of those being discussed was made by Bill Knuth and seconded by Linda Steckley. The motion passed with 85% of those present voting to accept.

• Bylaws discussions items (1): ARTICLE III – Members, Item 7 ARREARS. The discussion involved the wording of "canceled/suspended." After 90 days the membership is cancelled and the member is suspended. A motion was made by Linda Steckley and seconded by Bill Campbell that this Article is not needed. Motion passed to cancel the proposed change by 85% of those present. Discussion Item (2): ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, Item 2, TERM OF OFFICE, paragraph 3. A motion was made by Linda Steckley and seconded by Bill Campbell the first sentence be accepted as proposed. Motion passed by 85% of those present. Discussion item (3): The proposed new paragraph 5 to ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, Item 4 EXECUTIVE BOARD was modified to read

"The Executive Board may conduct special meetings when called for by a majority of members of the Executive Board or the President. The time, location and specifics will be provided in advance of the meeting to all members of the Executive Board, and may be conducted by telephone or video conference methods." A motion was made by Linda Steckley and seconded by Bill Campbell that the sentence be accepted as modified. Motion passed by 85% of those present.

With proposed changes to the club Bylaws completed, Senior Vice President Steve Batorson stated that all proposed changes to the club Standing Rules had been published on our web site and published in the first quarter newsletter as required by our Bylaws. Senior Vice President Batorson asked for a motion to pass the proposed changes, however there were objections raised during discussion regarding multiple articles. A motion was made to pass all proposed changes with the exception of (1) FCOC SR ARTICLE IV – BUSINESS MEETINGS, and (2) new Item 'H' PARLIMENTARIAN to FCOC SR ARTICLE IX – SUPPORTING STAFF. The motion to pass all articles with the exception of those being discussed was made by Bill Knuth and seconded by Linda Steckley. The motion passed with 85% of those present voting to accept.

• Standing Rules discussions items (1): Linda Steckley objected to the deletion of the second sentence of FCOC SR ARTICLE IV – BUSINESS MEETINGS. Following discussion, the second sentence was not deleted but modified to read "At least one (1) business meeting will to be held during the fiscal year and that meeting will be held at the summer FMCA rally, and notice of meeting be put in the convention schedule." A motion was made by Jeff Cousins and seconded by Linda Steckley to accept the proposed change. The Motion passed by 85% of those present. (2) Bill Campbell had an objection regarding subparagraph (4) of proposed Item 'H' PARLIMENTARIAN to FCOC SR ARTICLE IX – SUPPORTING STAFF MEMBERS. Following discussion subparagraph (4) was modified to read "The majority rules, however, the minority will be provided ten (10) minutes of discussion to be heard." A motion was made by Bill Campbell and seconded by Larry Steckley to accept the modification to subparagraph (4). The Motion passed by 85% of those present. There was no old business carried over from Myrtle Beach, SC meeting. There was no new business.

A motion was made by Lois Knuth and seconded by Mary Anne Crowell to adjourn the meeting at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted Barbara Knutson Secretary

The next meeting will be announced



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# The Red Hat Society

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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.

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