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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It has been a very busy quarter. We had a very well attended FCOC National rally in Goshen, IN followed by the FCCA convention in Indianapolis in August. At the Indy rally we held our business meeting and went over the club performance year to date and discussed a couple of other issues. The first being the cost of the newsletter and another was the allowing the entry of the M2 Freightliner chassis



Steve Batorson President

being allowed into the club. The reason I brought these two subjects up were to gather information. I did receive from the members present and since them more input on both subjects. The subject will be again brought up for discussion, and a decision at the summer rally in Gillette at our annual business meeting.

While we were in Indy, Freightliner Custom Chassis along with all the things they do for us at national rallies also sponsored a pizza party that was held in our tent in the area that the caravan was parked. We had about 250 members attend and I was surprised with happy birthday wishes from all. I want to thank all the members for the birthday wishes and Freightliner for the great party.

We have established the dates and planning is well under way for the coming year rallies. The winter rally will be held in Quartzsite in January following the FMCA Western rally in Indio (more info in this newsletter). The summer rally will be in Sturgis, SD following the FMCA 50th year convention being held in Gillette, WY in June. Registration and the rally information will be in the next newsletter.

You may have noticed by now that we have a new website up and running. Our webmaster Dave Violette presented a prevue of this at the Goshen rally and asked for and received some great feedback. He is still making changes and one of them is that "Keeping in Touch" has been changed to "member profile" now making it in line with what everyone considers the norm. Hopefully this will be less confusing for our members.

As I said in the last newsletter our longtime award wining Editor Bob Smellie, retired from the position and we now have a new editor. This issue is the first one. Please give it a good going through and let me know any comments you have on it.

I know this issue is very late. I will do my best get us back on track with the next newsletter coming out on schedule. It should be available online the first week of January and in the mail that week also.

I hope to see you in Quartzsite at our winter rally!

Steve Batorson President FCOC

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) Message from the Senior Vice President



**Greetings!** Let's start with a very successful rally in Goshen, IN. There were 58 coaches at the rally and only 4 cancellations due to sickness. The 4-H fairground was nice and the food from Nelson's was **OUTSTANDING**!

The Southeast area hosted an area rally October 24-28, 2012 at the Costal Gerogia RV Resort in Brunswick, GA. Roy and Kathy Hopper were the rally masters. They are also having a rally at the super show in Tampa, FL in January, 2013. The next

National FCOC Rally will be held January16-20, 2013 in Quartzsite, AZ. This rally will be at Rose Ranch and will be dry camping. I am currently checking on electric and will keep you posted.

Save the date June 2013. We will be holding the National FCOC Rally in Sturgis, SD at the Elkview Campground from June 24-28, 2013. We will not be able to go in early due to the scheduled blue grass festival.

The following were elected to a two-year term at the election held on August 26, 2012.

Have a wonderful rest of 2012!

"Barbara Knutson



# MEMBERSHIP





Please look at your label on the front of this newsletter to see if your membership is about to expire. We send out reminders at least 2 months in advance of your expiration, both by email and by mail, to provide adequate time to renew your membership.

To access by internet, visit the website at http://www.FCOCRV.org. You have the ability to conveniently renew your membership using our secure site on PayPal found by clicking MEMBERSHIP. You may also update your membership and personal information within the section MEMBER PROFILE.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are logging on for the first time, your FMCA number and your 5 digit zip code will log you right into the site.

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THANK YOU FOR HELPING US DO A BETTER JOB OF GETTING FCOC IMPORTANT NEWS AND CURRENT UPDATES TO YOU! WE WANT YOU TO 'BE IN THE KNOW'.



# Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Membership Application

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The FCOC Southeast Area will kick-off the 2013 season with the FCOC S.E.A. FLORIDA RV SUPER SHOW in Tampa, FL from January 15-20, 2013.

**THE PARK:** 30 amp electric provided, but no water





**ENTRANCE:** To enter the grounds on Tuesday, January 15th the FCOC S.E.A. has a one-hour window from 12:00 Noon-1 p.m. via the Orient Road. entrance (GPS 5025 Orient Road, Tampa FL 33610). We must enter the grounds during this time slot; do not arrive before. Plan to meet in open field inside the gate at 12:00 Noon. An 8.5" X 11" sheet of paper with the words FCOC S.E.A will need to be displayed inside your windshield.

**REGISTRATION FEES:** Registration is \$175.00 per coach with 2 people, plus \$10.00 for each additional person. Please us the Registration application below. *No registrations will be accepted after December 15, 2012.* **WHAT'S INCLUDED:** All fees include: 5 nights of camping, 30 amp electric service hook-up, coffee and doughnuts each morning of the rally, 3 nights of entertainment and unlimited admission to the Florida RV Super Show. All other meals will be on your own.

**OTHER FUN STUFF:** Stop by for the "Meet and Greet" each afternoon at 4:00 PM. It is BYOB so bring your favorite beverage. A S.E.A. Potluck Dinner will be that Tuesday evening at 5:30 PM. Please bring a food dish to pass around and enjoy. Don't forget utensils, plates and cups. Also if you happen to have a folding table - then we could sure use it to help hold all the goodies!

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FCOC is holding the National Winter Rally in Quartzsite, Arizona on January16 though January 20, 2013 at the Rose RV Campgrounds also in Quartzsite. This campground is mostly dry camping with about 30 full hook-ups for those who want to make reservations and pay the campground directly. The full hook-ups are \$38 per night. We are limited to 60 coaches for this rally, so it will be first-come, first-served with a waiting list if the number is exceeded. They do have fresh water and a dump station for use for those dry camping.

We have arranged for a tent to host the seminars, social hour and dining. The first evening will be a pot luck dinner and we ask everyone to bring a hot dish to pass. There will be four breakfasts including a light one on the day we leave and three catered evening diners.

Freightliner will have their technicians present. Plan to attend the seminars and classes to keep you busy during the day.

The cost for those dry camping will be \$150.00. Anyone staying in full hook-up sites the cost will be \$101.00 to us and you are responsible to pay for your camping fees. As we get closer to the date, please check the website for updates to the schedule. www.FCOCRV.org



FCOC Winter Rally January 16-29, 2013	
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Steve Batorson 4505 N. Sanders Rd. , Tucson, AZ 85743

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# January RALLY ARIZONA 2013 QUINRTZSITTE SHIDUS & SUUMPMEETS

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Tyson Wells Market Square 121 West Kuehn Street Oct 1, 2012 - March 30, 2013

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# FCOC NATIONAL RALLY SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 24, 2013

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The summer FCOC rally will be held at the Elkview Campground in Sturgis, South Dakota. Arrival date and time is June 24, 2013 at 12:00 noon. Departure is June 28, 2013 before noon. The registration fee is \$300.00. This includes a campsite with full hook-ups for two occupants per coach, all seminars, entertainment, four breakfasts and four dinners.

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We will be hosting a Tour of Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial (two major landmarks in the area). The price is \$39.00 per person and the club will pick up \$20.00 per person. This includes a \$1.00 tip for the driver. If you plan to go on the Tour then please include the tour money with your payment of \$300.00.

The entertainment that Thursday Night is the Artistic Quartet, a fantastic barbershop quartet from Las Vegas, Nevada. Stay tuned...we have many other things planned as well!

We have booked 50 spaces and will try to secure more if available at the time. It is about 90 miles from the FMCA convention. Please make a note that we will also be having our Business Meeting at the FMCA Convention.

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Our club has a new Discount Program with the O'Reilly Auto Parts stores. They have over 3,700 stores nationwide.

When you visit an O'Reilly Auto Parts store, *the first thing* you shou ld do, is tell them you have a discount number and would like to set up an account. The discount number for FCOC members is **1284975**. After you set up your member account, you can shop for parts.

**AUTO PARTS** 

Remember, this discount program is only for BACK COUNTER PARTS (e.g., heavy duty truck parts, thermostats, alternators, etc.), and the discount percentage depends upon the products you buy. Most items in front of the counter are priced so low they don't have a discount.

At every checkout you must present you membership card (if it is not up to date you will not get the discount). This is a program for FCOC members only. O'Reilly will monitor our club to verify there is no abuse of the program.

# FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB MEETING INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

# AUGUST 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am by President Steve Batorson. The President asked Katherine Henley to give the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 83 members in attendance.

FCOC officers in attendance were President Steve Batorson, Senior Vice President/Treasurer Barbara Knutson, National Director Roy Hopper, Vice President Business Development Tom James, Web Master Dave Violette, Vice President Area Operations West Katherine Henley, Vice President Membership Mary Costigan and Parliamentarian Joe Costigan.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Motion made by Ken Spears and second by Rick Peterson. Motion Carried.

President gave the Treasurer Report for 2011 that was prepared by Rick Kennedy (Former Treasurer).

A motion was made to accept the 2011 report as written. Motion Carried. Barbara Knutson acting treasurer gave the report from Jan 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Report was attached.

Roy Hopper, National gave the FMCA report. FMCA is losing Members. They will be losing some benefits in the future. The FMCA Business meeting will be held Monday and Roy Hopper will let us know what happens at this meeting.

Mary gave the membership report. Memberships Processed 1697, Total Active Members 3460, Renewals 1126, New Members 538, New Members from Gaffney 132, New members from Rallies 36, reinstated Suspended Members 201, Membership Paid by PayPal 406, and Newsletter accepted electronically 508. We will be looking into putting the shirts, hats etc on PayPal.



# FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB MEETING continued...

More to come on that subject. Someone wanted to know why we did not take credit cards. It is a safety issue and the cost that the cards charge.

Tom James gave a report on advertising and if anyone has a problem with any of the Freightliner/Oasis dealers, please let him know. Tom has brought some good advertising Revenue into our club.

Dave Violette gave a recap on our new web site he is working. If you have any suggestions for the site please contact Dave.

Barbara Knutson gave a report on the upcoming rallies. The Southeast will hold their Rally in Georgia in October. We will be holding a FCOC Rally in Quartzsite, AZ in January 2013 and one in Sturgis, SD in June 2013 following the FMCA convention. More information will be posted on the Web.

President Batorson gave the nominating report. The report is attached. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Larry Steckley and Jerry Kline to close the Nominations. Motion Carried. Larry Steckley and Jerry Kline made a motion for the Secretary to cast one vote for the candidates. Motion Carried.

President Batorson talked about allowing Freightliner truck type Motorhomes to join the club. Presently we have to turn them down, but we are looking into letting them join our club. This will be put to a vote in the future.

A Motion was made by Larry Steckley and Jerry Kline to close the meeting. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12am

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Knutson Acting Secretary for Vivian Nash-Kirk





# Discount Program

Below is a list of Oasis Dealers signed up on the discount program. Please refer to these dealers for service. If you have a dealer in your area not signed up, stop by and ask them to participate!

### Here is how the Oasis Dealer Discount Program works:

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FMCA is a Consumer Association member of the Michelin Advantage Program. This program is intended to provide competitive prices on Michelin RV tires at all authorized Michelin RV tire dealers that handle national accounts.

Not all Michelin dealers are authorized to handle national accounts, so please contact dealers in advance to make sure they can administer the Advantage Program. The Michelin Advantage Program does not guarantee the lowest price, as local dealers may be able to provide local customers with better prices. In today's environment, raw material costs have driven tire prices up recently, and some dealers may have tire inventory purchased before some of these increases, which may allow them to provide even more competitive prices than the Advantage Program provides.

The Michelin Consumer Association Advantage Program brought to you by FMCA will allow members to buy new tires at the program price at any authorized Michelin RV Tire Dealer across the United States. This could come in especially handy when a tire emergency occurs while a member is traveling.

Go to FMCA.com web flier that shows sample prices for common Michelin RV tires, under the Advantage program. For estimated pricing on additional tires not on the sample list, please contact the FMCA Membership department at membership@fmca.com or (800) 543-3622.

Members should visit www.michelinrvtires.com to locate an authorized Michelin RV tire dealer, to research tires, and to select the right tires for your motorhome. The tires listed on that site are included in the program. FMCA members will always need to follow the instructions provided by FMCA in order for dealers to recognize them as Advantage Program members, including providing their FMCA membership number and expiration date. Any fees for mounting, balancing, state and local taxes, and tire disposal are extra and quoted locally by the servicing dealer, so those fees are not included in the program.

The tire purchase must be paid for with a credit card — VISA, MasterCard or American Express — at the servicing dealership. Michelin's corporate office will charge the credit card the discounted price. FMCA will then send the member — via email — a copy of the invoice that reflects the total with the Advantage Program tire price. The FMCA Michelin Advantage Program is available at authorized Michelin dealers within the United States.

### FMCA MICHELIN ADVANTAGE PROGRAM — QUESTIONS AND/OR INSTRUCTIONS

QUESTIONS: visit www.michelinrvtires.com, call Michelin Customer Care at (800) 847-3435 or, visit an authorized Michelin RV tire dealer.

INSTRUCTIONS: Go to FMCA.com for instructions on how to purchase tires using the FMCA Advantage Program account (member sign-in required) and to see a sample of prices for some common Michelin RV tires. MORE INFORMATION: FMCA Michelin Advantage Program, contact FMCA's Membership department via email at: membership@fmca.com



## Governing Board Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana August 27, 2012

The meeting was opened at 9 a.m. by President Charlie Schrenkel. 315 out of 473 chapters, or 67%, of all chapters were represented.

Will Young, Nat'l. Treasurer, indicated that FMCA's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1, 2011-Sept. 30, 2012, that Bank of America & Windsor are FMCA's financial managers. He indicated that both family and commercial memberships are declining and magazine advertising revenue is down. The 10-month 2012 total operating revenue variance is (\$1,097,582). For the same period total operating expenses are under budget (\$951,019).

By-law amendments were passed concerning holding electronic meetings at the Executive Board, Committee, and Chapter levels.

A by-laws amendment passed that a member may hold an office in two chapters; however, he/she may not hold the position of national director or alt. national director in more than one chapter.

The motion to bring towables in as members was defeated. However, the national, areas, and chapters of FMCA can still invite towables as guests to our rallies and conventions.

A motion passed which defines the relationship with the Investment Manager and the ability to invest no more than 5% in Real Estate Investment Trusts (hopefully to get a better return).

A motion passed to remove all stipends, mileage and per diem for all volunteers working at national conventions.

Motions passed regarding chapter national director's and alternate national director's responsibilities to clarify that Temporary Delegates must be members of the chapter they are representing at Gov. Bd. meetings. FMCAssist Program - The current provider, On-Call, will terminate its services as of Sept. 30, 2012. It has become cost-prohibitive for FMCA to continue to pay for this service.

A motion carried that the FMCAssist Program be a member-purchased benefit after Sept. 30, 2012. The member-purchased premium is anticipated to be \$105 per year for a family or 2-member coverage or \$85 per year for individual member-purchased plan.

50th Anniversary Life Membership — Since 2013 is FMCA's 50th anniversary, a 50th Anniversary Life Membership (dues only) will be made available for purchase at the price of \$1050. Life Membership Awarded — Judy Czarsty was awarded a Life Membership, Past National Officer attachment plates, and her picture on the wall at FMCA headquarters with other past presidents.

2013 Budget was approved with a projected operating revenue reduction of 17% from the 2012 budget. Under the Expense category a motion carried to eliminate the early-bird registration fee reimbursement for Governing Board members (open-ended). A motion carried that \$10,000 Area Support for rallies be included in the 2013 budget. A motion carried to have membership dues be an item on every Governing Board meeting agenda with a recommendation of the Executive Board for dues to remain the same, to decrease or increase with notice given to the Gov. Bd. Members to meet notification requirements specified in FMCA's by-laws. Motion carried to accept the 2013 Budget as amended which should result in a \$107,019 surplus in 2013.

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Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Hopper FCOC National Director









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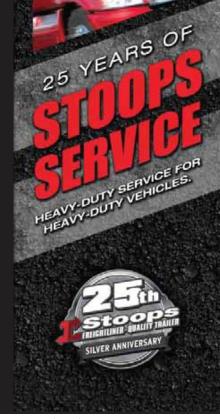
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# **RV TRIP TIPS for the POOCH**

Dogs enrich our lives in every way and they deserve a road trip too. The only drawback... they can't use our restroom facilities... so they compel us to "stop and smell the roses" every so often. Here are a few tips to keep them safe and happy on the road.

### SAFE EXIT

Dogs tend to get excited when the RV stops and can TAKE OFF RUNNING when the door is opened. Watch out for any sneaky escapes and be prepared. Not every place you stop will be safe; oncoming traffic and other dogs nearby can cause them to become just as excited as you get meeting new friends! Keep your dog safe; put a leash on before you open the door.

#### **HEALTHY PASSPORT**

Make sure all tags on their collar are current! Carry a copy of a health certificate issued by your veterinarian clearly identifying your dog and certification rabies and all other necessary vaccinations have been updated during the preceding 36-month period. This is a must if you plan to travel from the United States to Canada. While it is rare you will need to show the certificate in the U.S., it never hurts to be prepared.

### R-E-S-P-E-C-T - SING IT!

Respect all the rules of campsites and parks. That can mean a special Poop Park or a Dog Run Area and leash rules. You don't want to be asked to move on if your dog misbehaves or is running amuck. Dogs in a strange new place will follow their nose so keep that leash on so he will not get lost. And be prepared, you may need to pay a little extra as some camps and parks have a pet fee.

Always carry poop bags (or try recycling plastic grocery shopping bags but watch for holes). A trick: Use the bag like a glove by putting your hand inside, pick up the poop, then turn the bag inside out while removing your hand and tie the top shut-quick and easy.

#### PARATROOPER POOCH

D-rings work great! Hook it on his leash and then hook the D-ring to your belt loop. You'll have both hands free. When at camp, tie a long rope to a picnic table, tree or the bumper of the motor home and tie the other end to the hand rail just outside the RV door. Next time your pooch needs to go out, get his leash, clamp on the D-ring and hook it on the rope and out he goes like a little paratrooper.

#### HOME ALONE

When you go on a tour or shopping and have to leave your pooch in the RV make sure you leave the vents open, have fresh water out, and a few puddle pads on the floor just in case there is an accident. Open windows can become an escape route; right through the screen and a long way down to the ground, so only leave the windows open an inch.

#### **DOGGY DAY CARE ALTERNATIVE**

If you're on the road for long periods check for dog groomers in the town you are visiting. Your dog will be pampered, clean and pretty when you pick him up.

#### HAPPY-CLEAN-HEALTHY HOME SWEET HOME

Give your dog a special place, like a dog carrier or a dog bed. This will provide a secure and comfortable place when he is feeling scared or tired.

Brush your dog outside to remove dander, and loose fur, it's much easier to let the wind take it away than to clog up your vacuum.

If your dog gets nervous or anxious while traveling try Dramine<sup>™</sup>. You may also want to keep a little Benadryl<sup>™</sup> on hand in case of Bee stings or other allergic reactions. Ask your vet for the amounts to be given based on your pooch's body weight.



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