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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to summer already. For the Winter snowbirds that means they have gone North for the summer. From the response we have for the rallies it seems most are in the Wyoming, South Dakota area. This is truly a beautiful location to hold a rally.



**Steve Batorson**  
President

As I hope all you know the FMCA convention is being held in Gillette, WY June 19th-22nd. At this convention our club will be holding an annual business meeting on Tuesday June 18th in Seminar 3 building (known as energy hall). The meeting registration will start at 2:00pm. As soon as everyone is signed in we will start the meeting. We have board elections at this meeting and will be looking to form a committee to address some bylaws and standing rules of the chapter. We need three volunteers to write the proposed changes. It is my hope that once we have these three volunteers we can convene and finish this task while at the convention. This then goes to the executive board for approval and upon board approval we will publish these changes on the website and in the newsletter for members at large to comment on. We will then put them to a vote at the next business meeting. The changes that need modifying are changing some proper names of businesses list that do not exist anymore, and altering our wording for eligible chassis that are now being manufactured in Gaffney.

I hope to have the meeting start to finish completed in 2 hrs.

In Gillette we will be setting up the red and white tent in the caravan parking area. We will be holding social hours from 5-6 Wed- Fri evenings. There will not be one on Saturday evening due to some of us obligated to be in Stugis preparing for that rally. All members are welcome to stop by. For the exact location of the tent see the map at the Freightliner exhibit trailer.

*Steve Batorson*

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## A Message from the Senior Vice President



It is hard to believe that another year has come to an end. I hope everyone had a nice Holiday and would like to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We had some great rallies this year, both National and Area. I would like to thank all the Volunteers who help to make these rallies a success. Without your help, it would be impossible to put on a rally. As always we are looking for Rally Masters and Assistant Rally Masters. If you would like to try it, we would work with you to show you what to do. THINK ABOUT IT, IT IS A LOT OF FUN.

In 2013 we have some fun stuff planned. January, we will have our National Winter Rally in Quartzsite, AZ. Tom James, Rally Master has a lot of activities planned.

Also, in January Kathy and Roy Hopper will hold an area Rally at the Super Show in Tampa. The Summer National Rally will be held in Sturgis, SD after the FMCA Convention in WY. We have a wonderful bus trip planned (it will cost you \$20.00 per person) and other exciting things. Study up on your Bad Lands; we are having a Trivia Contest one night.

There will be other Area Rallies during the year we will keep you posted throughout the year.

In 2014 FMCA will be going back to Perry, Ga., if you know of any good campground in the area for our FCOC Rally, please let us know. We will go as far as 150 miles from Perry. Trying to keep it within a day's drive. More to come.

Again I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*-Barbara Knutson*

★ Roy Hopper — National Director  
★ Tom James — Vice President Business Director  
★ Barbara Knutson — Senior Vice President/Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP

## NEWSLETTER

**ALERT!**

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.

You may REQUEST to have our newsletter delivered by EMAIL, especially if you travel frequently, or if your mail is forwarded more than once a year. You will receive the newsletter earlier than those mailed, and you don't have to have them pile up in your motorhome. You will receive an email when the newsletter is ready to be viewed. Recent previous issues of Freightliner Flyer are available for viewing (and to print out) on the website. For those of you who **DO NOT** have email, please make sure we have your correct mailing address. We are experiencing a large number of newsletters returned. Time, money and postage rates are affected when they are undeliverable.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Renewal

☐ New Member

**\*\*FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_ OR FMCA Application Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*Applicant must be a current member of FMCA or have applied for FMCA Membership.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Last Name

Nick Name

Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Last Name

Nick Name

Primary Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Chassis Manufacturer: (Check One) ☐ Freightliner ☐ Oshkosh ☐ John Deere

Manufacturer of Motor Home \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Feet \_\_\_\_\_

VIN of Chassis (last six digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the original owner ☐ Yes ☐ No

Delivery of Newsletter ☐ Electronic ☐ Mail

Dues are \$10.00 per Year or 5 Years for \$45.00 US Dollars

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Gaffney, SC, 29341  
(864) 487-1700





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## Driven By You

**MARCH 2013**

Dear FCOC Members,

On behalf of everyone at FCCC, I hope your year is off to a great start, and that your plans for spring and summer travels are in the works. As the first quarter of 2013 comes to a close, we are very encouraged by the continued positive - if still a bit slow - growth in the economy, and we have been inspired by the enthusiasm we've seen at rallies and shows thus far in 2013, which have had steady traffic and solid coach sales.

We are also excited about the efforts of our team over the past several months and the opportunities still in front of us. Our ongoing commitment is to offer the highest-quality products for the RV market, as we showed at RVIA back in November by showcasing the modular SLM motorhome chassis and the innovative MC chassis, with its all-new air suspension package.

At the same time, we know our people are just as important as our products - indeed, it's our people who drive quality and innovation. This is why we were excited to strengthen our already formidable RV team with the addition of John Paul (JP) Davis as RV product manager at the end of last year. In his new role, JP will oversee the development and implementation of our efforts to continually raise awareness, understanding and, ultimately, sales of our RV products. While he's new to the role, he's no stranger to FCCC; JP started with us back in 1996 as a design engineer in the RV group before earning a promotion in another division with FCCC. This longevity and broad experience means JP is armed with the knowledge of what makes our products the best they can be - and our owners so special and unique.

Considering all of the above, it should come as little surprise that our market share continues to grow. In fact, our market share stood at 69 percent by the end of 2012, a new high water mark for us and a 10 percent increase over 2011. Our continued growth and success in the marketplace is due in no small part to the ongoing support, outreach and advocacy of our owner family, especially you.

As you can see, there are many exciting things going on for FCCC and FCOC, and I certainly look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next rally. In the meantime, safe travels and happy trails.

Bob Harbin



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**FMCA'S 88TH  
FAMILY  
REUNION  
& MOTORHOME  
SHOWCASE**  
**JUNE, 19-22, 2013**  
**CAMPLEX**  
MULTI-EVENTS FACILITIES  
**GILLETTE, WYOMING**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
JUNE 7, 2013**

After this date registrations will only be  
taken at the Holding Area. The Holding Area  
in Gillette will open on Sunday,  
June 16, 2013, at 7 a.m.

# GILLETTE REGISTRATION FORM

- Seminars • Exhibits • Display Coaches • Coffee & Donuts • Ice Cream Social  
• Movie Night • Tours • Entertainment • Ladies Social • Games

## PERSONAL INFORMATION Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

MEMBER # (non-member additional \$50) \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CO-PILOT FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT HERE) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE/HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AREA CODE/CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT HERE IF REQUESTED) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I am/we are First Time Attendee(s)

COACH MAKE & MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFIRMATIONS & PARKING CREDENTIAL(S) Parking credential(s) will be mailed to the mailing address provided; unless you request to have it held at will call for pick-up.

- ☐ E-mail my confirmation paperwork ☐ Hold parking credentials at will call

REGISTRATION FEES <small>See reverse side for parking descriptions, mailing procedures, parking procedures and additional handicapped information.</small>	FMCA MEMBER		AMOUNT
	Early Bird	After 4/29/13	
Registration Fee	\$165	\$195	
* Additional Fee for 30-amp Electric only	\$170	\$170	
* Additional Fee for 50-amp Electric only	\$215	\$215	
Passport- 2 people: No overnight parking	\$155	\$180	
Coach with 1 person deduct \$20	- \$20	- \$20	
Additional Fee for Non-FMCA Member	\$50	\$50	
Each Additional Guest	\$25	\$25	
		<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make checks payable to Family Motor Coaching, Inc. in U.S. funds. All major credit cards accepted.

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

**RETURN TO:**  
FMCA  
Events Department  
8291 Clough Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

\* Additional Fee is for electric only. Limited additional services may be available upon arrival.

## PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PARKING PREFERENCE:

- ☐ Handicap<sup>†</sup> ☐ Handicap Full Generator<sup>†</sup> ☐ Full Generator ☐ No Generator ☐ General  
☐ Families with Children ☐ Governing Board ☐ Past National Officer ☐ Current Committee Member

<sup>†</sup> A copy of your state issued handicap certificate must be sent to the National Office. Handicap information on back must be filled out to receive handicap or handicap electric parking.

**GUEST** 19 years and younger and/or immediate family are free, others are \$25 each.

1.GUEST/AGE \_\_\_\_\_

2.GUEST/AGE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ PLEASE CONTACT US REGARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

☐ PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING IN A TOWABLE

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Refunds will be made only upon written request and only if request is received by June 7, 2013. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned with cancellation request. All cancelled registrations are subject to a \$10 handling fee. Electric cancelled on or prior to April 29, 2013, will be refunded in full; electric cancelled after April 29, 2013, and on or before June 7, 2013, will be refunded at 50%. Absolutely no refunds for electric cancelled after June 7, 2013.

**REGISTER BY Mail • Phone 800-543-3622 | 513-474-3622 • Fax 800-543-4717 | 513-474-2332 • Online [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com)**





## PARKING DESCRIPTIONS

**CARAVANS** – Scheduled caravans of 10 coaches or more will be parked on Monday and Tuesday, June 17 and 18, 2013. Caravan leaders please call 800-543-3622 to schedule an arrival time.

**GENERAL PARKING** – Use of generator is only permitted from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**HANDICAPPED PARKING\*\*** – Reserved for those with qualifying medical needs. Limited space. First registered/first served basis. Use of generator is only permitted from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**HANDICAPPED W/ELECTRIC\*\*** – Reserved for those with qualifying medical needs who must operate equipment relative to treatment of their condition. Limited space. First registered/first served basis. Electric available at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, until 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2013. (electric fees apply)

**FULL GENERATOR** – Generator permitted 24 hours per day.

**NO GENERATOR** – Space is limited.

**FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN** – Generator 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. only.

**PASSPORT CAR PARKING** – Includes entertainment, exhibits and seminars. No overnight parking on event property. Passport coaches cannot be accommodated at the fairgrounds. Passport car parking will be open only until 11 p.m., June 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2013. Public parking will be open only during exhibit hours, June 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2013.

**Parking will be located at the CAM-PLEX. Parking will be at the discretion of the parkers.**



### HANDICAPPED OR HANDICAPPED ELECTRIC PARKING

**You Must Complete The Information  
Below In Order To Be Considered**

NAME

MEMBER NO.

NAME OF DISABLED PERSON IN COACH

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISABILITY (OPTIONAL)

My state issued handicap certificate is: ☐ On File  
☐ Enclosed

This information will be shared solely with on-site emergency service personnel to better prepare them in case of a medical emergency.

**\*\* A copy of your state issued handicap certificate must be sent to the national office. Your confirmation package cannot be mailed until certificate is received.**

## MAILING AND PARKING PROCEDURES FOR ALL PARKING AREAS

FMCA will begin mailing confirmations as soon as April 15, 2013. Mailed confirmations will contain “date of entry” credentials. Mailed registrations received after June 7, 2013, will be held and processed as gate registrations.

If it is impossible for you to furnish an address for receipt of your confirmation material, they will be held for you at Will Call located at the official Holding Area from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through Wednesday, June 19.

Registered family members will be assigned parking dates of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; June 17, 18, and 19, 2013.

Families should arrive at the convention on the date stated on their “date of entry” credentials. If you arrive at the convention on a date following your assigned date of entry, you may have to wait in the Holding Area to be parked.

Families registering on-site will be parked on June 19, between noon and 5 p.m.

If you have friends or relatives with whom you would like to park, make plans now to register with them. Families who register together and mail their registration forms to FMCA in the same envelope are guaranteed to receive identical “date of entry” credentials. You must arrive together to park together.

Family Reunion parking is considered any lot secured by FMCA. Members of FMCA’s parking crew will be in the Holding Area from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to park coaches. Tram service to all parking areas will be available beginning Tuesday, June 18.

If you are traveling as an individual, a group, or a caravan, confirmation “date of entry” credentials must be displayed on your motorhome to facilitate your entry into the grounds.

All members are asked to display their membership number on their coach or in their windshield.

## EARLY ARRIVALS

If you arrive prior to your date of admittance, as identified on your “date of entry” credential, dry camping will be available beginning on Sunday, June 16, in the Holding Area.





**Coos Bay FCOC RV Rally**  
**Freightliner Chassis Owner's Club Fact Sheet**

**The Mill will be hosting the FCOC Rally, August 4-7, 2013**  
**The Rally master will be Tom and Marlyse James 916-870-9322**

**To Make Reservations:**

Please call 800 953-4800 ext. 3 to make reservations for the Coos Bay FCOC Rally

\$275.00 package for 2 guests in 1 coach

\$195.00 for 1 guest in 1 coach

\$105.00 additional guest

Below is a complete schedule of FCOC Activities for the Rally.

**Sunday, August 4, 2013**

Guests begin arriving in RV Park

**5:00 p.m.**

Happy Hour (BYOB) and Potluck Dinner in The RV Park Yurt

Optional Golf at Watson Ranch Golf Course

\$45.00 per person-Includes golf cart

The Mill will provide complimentary shuttle service to and from the course

**Monday, August 5, 2013**

**8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet~The Salmon Room West**

Scrambled Eggs

Oven Browned Potatoes

Hickory Smoked Bacon

Fruit Garnish

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea

**9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Oyster Boat Excursion**

Guests will get to take a ride on an oyster boat and learn about the oyster industry in our region.

Exact times to be determined based on tides.

**5:00 p.m. Happy Hour**

The RV Park Yurt-(BYOB)

**5:45 p.m. Oyster Shucking and Sampling**

Join our Executive Chef at The Mill fire pit at the south end of the Casino where you will get to sample fresh oysters harvested from the same boat you were just on, learn how to shuck an oyster and the many techniques of to make it an enjoyable experience!



## **Coos Bay FCOC RV Rally**

### **6:00 p.m. No-Host Bar**

The Salmon Room West

### **6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet**

Green Salad with Assorted Dressings and Toppings

Oysters Prepared Two Different Ways

BBQ Smoked Beef Tri Tip

Cajun Rice

Freshly Baked Dinner Rolls & Butter

Assorted Desserts

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea and Assorted Sodas

## **Tuesday, August 6, 2013**

### **9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet~The Salmon Room West**

Oatmeal served with Brown Sugar and Raisins

Diced Ham and Scrambled Eggs

Assorted Muffins

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea

### **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Vendor Fair in the Salmon Room West

### **11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Self Guided Shore Acres State Park Excursion

### **5:00 p.m. Happy Hour**

The RV Park Yurt (BYOB)

### **6:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet~The Salmon Room West**

Tossed Salad with Assorted Toppings and Dressings

Meat Lasagna

Chef's Choice Vegetable

Freshly Baked Dinner Rolls

Italian Orange Cake

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Assorted Sodas

## **Wednesday, August 7, 2013**

### **8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet~The Salmon Room West**

French toast served with Butter and Warm Maple Syrup

Link Sausage

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea

### **Awards and Giveaways**

Get your Poker hands dealt. The top two hands will receive prizes!

Group Departs for Albany for the FMCA NW Area Rally





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## **Gillette Caravan**

I have checked with FMCA and confirmed what I published in a previous newsletter. We will use the holding area at the complex as our meeting site. I will be there on June 16th by noon. I have requested that the personnel there assemble us in a group if you notify them when you arrive that you are part of the Freightliner caravan group. You are welcome to come in on the 16th and spend the night in this area or if you choose you can arrive on the morning of the 17th. Our time to be escorted in is 9:15 am on June 17th so if you choose to arrive at the holding area of the 17th make sure you are there by 8:45am at the latest to join the caravan to our final spot.

If you are going to come in with the caravan please contact me at 520-444-6772 or send an e-mail to [batorson@gmail.com](mailto:batorson@gmail.com) so I can get enough credentials for the caravan. We will assemble a meeting around 8:45am to pass these out and then be ready for our escort at 9:15am. We will be parking together as a group and leave room for the tent to be erected for our nightly social hours.

Steve Batorson

## **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers to be elected at the June Business meeting to be held at the Business Meeting in June FMCA Convention.

President	Steve Batorson
Secretary	Linda Steckley
Assistant National Director	James Robertson
Vice President Webmaster	Dave Violette
Vice President Operations West	Katherine Henley
Vice President Membership	Mary Costigan

All nominees have been contacted regarding their responsibilities and indicated a willingness to serve the club.

As a reminder, if anyone wishes to nominate a candidate they may do so at the June Business Meeting. A motion from the floor, followed by a second and acceptance by the person nominated on the ballot would be required. Once the nominations are closed the election will follow.

Respectfully submitted  
Barbara Knutson, on behalf of the members of the Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee  
Katherine Henley – Linda Slycord – Gerry DeHeer – Carol Vehill

We are in need of volunteers for the Nominating Committee. If you are interested you can contact any member of the Board or the Nominating Committee.



## Quartzsite Rally Recap

We held our National FCOC rally in Quartzsite, AZ this past January. We had 48 coaches that attended. I had been through Quartzsite a few days before our rally was to start on my way to Indio to attend the FMCA Western Rally and the temperatures were in the low 80's. Well that wasn't the case when we held our rally. I think the warmest day there was the day the rally ended and that was only in the high 60's. We saw some temperatures close to freezing at night and sunny very cool days. Despite this our members took it in stride and seemed to enjoy themselves and the company of other members. We had good meals and even as cold as it was lots of players for the game nights that we held (it was probably the chance to win money that kept them there). Freightliner provided a chassis and Brain Caudell to hold the Fireside Chat giving information about the chassis, and also Dave and Meridith Fellingham were there to help answer the Freightliner questions also.

We were visited by the Mayor of Quartzsite Ed Foster and he gave us some history of the town.

In keeping with our intent to give to the community that we hold our rally in we chose the Quartzsite Historical Society to be the benefactor in our 50/50 raffle. They receive no public funds what so ever, it is all donations. They have a museum that is actually an old stagecoach stop and hotel remains that they have restored and open to the public with some very informative displays. We were able to make a donation of \$500 to the Society from the money raised in the raffle.

The "big tent" that has a large number of retailers in it opened up the third day of our rally and many went to find treasures that they couldn't live without. I enjoyed talking to those at dinner to hear of all the various things they bought.

There are some pictures of the rally on the next page.

On behalf of the rally masters Tom & Marlyse James and a big thank you to Quartzsite residents Howard & Sally White for all their help on setting up this rally. I would like to thank all the hardy members for attending.

Steve Batorson



*Servers getting ready for dinner service*

## Quartzsite Rally Recap *continued*



Brian Caudell from Freightliner teaching the class



Chassis and group picture



Ladies tea



Quartzsite Historical Society benefactor of the 50/50 raffle



Quartzsite Mayor: Ed Foster joined us for dinner



The tent



Tom and Marlyse James, the rally masters for Quartzsite

## Colorado Rally Update

The Pre Gillette rally being held in Colorado springs hosted by rally master Katherine Henley has had a great response. It was initially set up for 15 coaches and she had more than that register. She was able to get a total of 20 spaces for this rally and has it at the limit that we can have at the facility. Again on behalf of Katherine and the club I thank you the members for participating in this and the other rallies we hold.

Steve Batorson

## Changes to the Executive Board

I have some announcements regarding the executive board. Ernie Ward has tendered his resignation as National Alternate Director. Ernie informed me that he will not be traveling anymore and they are going to stay in Florida. On behalf of the club we offer best wishes to Ernie and Carol. We thank Ernie for his service the past few years.

In Ernie's position as alternate director James Robertson has been appointed and will run for the office at the Gillette general meeting for the next two year term. Jim has stepped up to serve the members of the club, and we thank him for doing this.

Also Vivian Nash-Kirk has resigned as our secretary. She will be staying in Minnesota helping her family for awhile. Thank you Vivian for holding the office and keeping us square with FMCA. Fulfilling the position of Secretary will be Linda Steckley. Linda has been appointed to this position which is also going to be voted on for a full 2 year term at the Gillette business meeting. The board, and members want to thank Linda for accepting this position.

Both Jim and Linda will be present at the business meeting in Gillette FMCA convention.

Steve Batorson  
President FCOC



## Sturgis Rally Update

If you have not heard by e-mail or word of mouth, the Sturgis rally is completely sold out. In the last ten rallies I have been involved with we have not had the participation rate that this rally has spurred. The largest previous in the last ten rallies was 72 at the Myrtle Beach Rally.

We started with 50 spaces for Sturgis and filled those by the end of February. We went back to the campground and they have given us the entire park. We sold those out (75 total) by the end of March.

I am very happy to see that the number of members attending is up. As of this writing I have had a total of 95 either registered or calling me about attending. For those who didn't get the chance to attend this one hopefully you can attend the next one. This has changed the amount we are reserving for the next rally so we can accommodate more. It is very difficult to predict this when you are best guessing what will happen 10 to 12 months from the time of the rally. There is of course a financial aspect to the club if we reserve too many and don't use them, and on the other side there is the emotional aspect of having to tell members that we are full and there is really nothing that we can do to change the physical aspects of the park to accommodate any more.

We do know the timing and location of the next rally will be in Pine Mountain, GA following the FMCA Perry convention. We have reserved 100 slots for that one and will open up registration in the October time frame.

The late summer rally next year will be in the Redmond, OR area and we do not know the location or timing since FMCA has not set the dates of the convention.

Steve Batorson



## FCOC NATIONAL RALLY SAVE THE DATE!



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**JUNE 24, 2013**

The summer FCOC rally will be held at the Elkview Campground in Sisseton, South Dakota. Arrival date and time is June 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm. Departure is June 28, 2013 before noon. The registration fee is \$300.00. This includes a campsite with full hook-ups for full hook-ups per campsite, a seminar, entertainment, four breakfasts and four dinners.

We will be visiting Four 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 pay \$100.00 per person. This includes a \$1.00 tip for the driver. If you plan to go on the tour, please include the tour money with your payment of \$300.00.

The entertainment that Thursday Night is the Artistic Quartet, a fantastic barber-shop 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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## Visit The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame

### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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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 should 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.

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.





## 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 the dealer to participate and contact Tom James V.P. Business Development [www.vpbd@fcocrv.org](mailto:www.vpbd@fcocrv.org) so he can contact them.

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

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

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**After Hours Support**

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**Harrison Truck Centers**

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Go to [FMCA.com](http://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](mailto:membership@fmca.com) or (800) 543-3622 .

Members should visit [www.michelinrvtires.com](http://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.

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