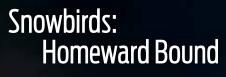


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## PRESIDENTP'S MIESSACTE

Hello, everyone. It seems these notes are coming faster and faster for me. That being said, it also seems like the rallies we have been planning for a year – that we felt might never get here – are now approaching fast and furious. By the time this is read, our Yuma Rally will be in the rear view mirror. I am pleased to say the rally that Mary and Tom put together had over 100 registrants attend. It also had some Camp Freightliner classes scheduled for the convenience of our members that are out west. We will include a full recap in the next newsletter.

Our other three rallies are coming along well, and there are still some open spaces at all three of them; those being Foxboro, Mass., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Dillard, Ga. If you will be in the vicinity for any of these, we would love to see you there! Also, please note that the Dillard Rally is not too far from Gaffney. If you are planning on attending the Rally and then heading to Gaffney for service, I would recommend you get an appointment soon, before the times book up. It is a very busy time of year – especially as the snowbirds come back up north on their treks back from Florida and the southern region, where they journeyed to spend the winter months.

The annual business meeting will be at the Foxboro Rally, and we will have our officer elections at this meeting in June. I appointed Linda Murphy as our Senior Vice President. She accepted this position, and will be up for reelection at the summer rally. I would like to thank Barb Knutson for doing double duty as the Treasurer and Senior Vice President for about the last five years. Barb is staying on, and will assume her first title as Treasurer.

As part of the Senior VP duties, Linda is looking for places to host our upcoming rallies for 2017. If you know of a destination that can accommodate 100 coaches with full hook-ups, and a building that will be big enough to seat 200+ people, please let Linda or myself know. Our contact information is on the officer's page. We are working to spread these rallies out all across the United States so members have the opportunity to attend one with minimal driving.

Lastly, I want to thank all our members for the wonderful feedback on our new magazine. We are still searching for ideas and articles that you would like to see added. By a huge margin, articles focused on technology are the leading request. We will definitely work on getting more for our issues in the future.

Safe travels to all,

#### STEVE BATORSON President



*LEARN MORE ABOUT LINDA IN OUR FEATURED MEMBER SECTION ON PAGE 41.* 

## SR VP IREPORT

Hello, FCOC! I am excited and honored to serve as your Senior Vice President, and I thought I'd take this first letter to tell you a bit about myself.

I grew up on a farm in northwest Ohio and spent about half my life as a Buckeye, and then I became a northeast Indiana Hoosier, residing in the Fort Wayne area. My interest in camping and RVing started in the late '60s with a 16' travel trailer and three small children. We progressed to a larger travel trailer, then two Class C motor homes. A major change in my life happened in the mid-'80s when I remarried to a spouse who was not enthused about the camping/RVing lifestyle. I gave it up for many years, and only after the death of my spouse in 2006 did I start to consider what I had missed the most in my life, and that was not having an RV!

So three years later, I purchased a 30' Class A gas motor home to see if it was still in my blood...which, of course, it was. Four years later, I was RVing with my FMCA Chapter and had gone with my RVing neighbors to purchase a fuel filter for their diesel pusher when I spotted a pre-owned Newmar Dutch Star on a Freightliner Chassis. After 24 hours of soul searching, I became the proud owner of that RV and promptly sold my sticks and bricks home. I quit mowing lots of grass, which I had done for many years, and made my new RV my only home.

I have been a member of FMCA for several years and serve as an officer of my local chapter, as well as a volunteer on the regional level at our Great Lakes Area Rallies. I added my FCOC affiliation as soon as I was eligible and became an active member by attending as many of the FCOC Rallies as I could. I have also attended Camp Freightliner to learn more about my FCCC chassis – and what a great experience for someone new to the Freightliner Family! I am also active in the Newmar Kountry Klub and will be hosting a rally for the Michigan, Ohio and Indiana Chapters in May 2016.

In case you're wondering: yes, ladies, I travel alone with my diesel pusher and also tow a car. If I can do it, so can you!

Safe travels to everyone,

LINDA MURPHY Sr. Vice President **GOMMUNITY UPDATES** 



If you have any questions, please contact me at vpmembership@fcocrv.org. Thank you for being loyal members of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club. We really appreciate it.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



We are really looking forward to another great summer with FCOC! We have three more rallies scheduled for this year, and our Rally Masters are working hard to ensure they are the best yet.

Some FCOC Members are still experiencing problems with our website, and we promise, this will end soon as our new Webmaster completes the transformation to an updated, more easily navigable website. This has been a long time coming, and we hope it will handle all the current issues. Many of you are still having trouble logging onto your Member Profile. I have found that a majority of the time, it is due to a forgotten Member ID, password or extra spaces between the letter "F" of your Member ID and the number. We hope all of this will be eliminated when our new Website is established. If you continue to have problems, please let me know and I will help you. Our hope is that the new site will make it easier to log onto your Member Profile with just a couple of clicks – so you can pay your dues, update your profile and check out what is happening with our club. We are also addressing an issue within the Magazine. Somehow, the expiration date reminder feature was dropped on the last distribution, but will be brought back for all the future *RV Soul* issues you receive.

We now have an Assistant VP of Membership: Kim Batorson. If you send your check to Gaffney, Kim will receive your renewals. I will receive those paid by PayPal, or those who apply online for their Complimentary Year, buying a New Motorhome or from existing members who buy a new coach. The numbers of applications between Kim and I are about equal, and this distribution of responsibility has helped the process be completed much quicker. Kim is doing exceptionally so far, and we all really appreciate the help.

I have a request to those of you who send in your check for renewal: please include the Member Profile sheet! We need this page to put in our files to show your renewal has been paid. When you don't include it, we have to go into the database and try to track down your information. You can use the Membership Application in each of our magazines, showing the majority of your information or any changes you might have. This helps us immensely.

The *RV Soul* magazine is getting bigger and better with every issue, and I know our members are enjoying it. Our President receives many phone calls and emails stating how much they appreciate our new and improved magazine. Our VP of Business Development, Tom James, is hard at work in obtaining more ads for our magazine, with added member discounts. He is also working on getting Oasis Dealers in Canada. Currently, I believe he has established one in Ontario.

Our Sponsor, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, is unveiling new merchandise, which will be featured in our upcoming issues, as well as our new website. Last, but not least, we still have our crimson shirts for sale at a reduced price of \$15 each, no matter what size. You can find current merchandise information on our website.

Safe travels,

MARY COSTIGAN VP Membership



BARB KNUTSON Treasurer

## TREASURER REPORT

#### REVENUE AND EXPENSES JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

## NATIONAL RALLY ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE DEPOSITS TOTAL BALANCE	\$ \$ \$	102,303.40
EXPENSES		
ENTERTAINMENT	\$	1,457.25
SITES	\$	27,203.77
FOOD	\$	41,512.89
REFUNDS	\$	6,539.00
HAPPY HOUR	\$	1,201.61
MISCELLANEOUS	\$	557.98
CHARITY	\$	2,214.91
CRAFTS	\$	749.44
TOURS	\$	6,367.00
GIFTS	\$	1,703.67
2016 RALLY	\$	3,650.00
TRANSFERS	\$	8,313.45
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	101,470.97
BALANCE	\$	114,580.78
EXPENSES	\$	(101,470.97)
BALANCE 12/31/2015	\$	13,109.81

## REVENUE AND EXPENSES JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

## MAIN ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE DEPOSITS/TRANSACTIONS TOTAL BALANCE	\$	<b>31,392.10</b> 77,918.56 <b>109,310.66</b>
EXPENSES MEMBERSHIP/MERCHANDISE DATABASE NEWSLETTER TRAVEL OFFICE SUPPLIES MISCELLANEOUS MYSTERY THEATER 2016 RALLY INSURANCE TRANSFERS	\$	3,537.40 670.47 11,140.56 21,067.32 4,364.90 1,644.42 3,500.00 3,185.00 2,256.00 22,676.70
TOTAL EXPENSES BALANCE EXPENSES BALANCE 12/31/2015	<b>\$</b> \$1 \$(	<b>74,042.77</b> 109,310.66 (74,042.77) <b>35,267.89</b>
NATIONAL RALLY ACCOUNT MAIN ACCOUNT CD CD PREPAID DUES <b>TOTAL CLUB BALANCE</b>	\$ \$ \$	13,109.81 35,267.89 54,146.86 40,396.28 142,920.84
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Hello, fellow FCOC members! I hope your spring is off to a beautiful start, and that you're taking advantage of the warmer temps in many parts of the country to get out on the road.

My family and I camped at the beginning of April in a small, private campground called Sea Ranch RV Park in Cannon Beach, Oregon. We were celebrating my son's 18th birthday. The very fact that my 18-year-old still wants to hang out with mom and dad is one of the wonders of camping and RVing; it brings people together and as far as my son and the rest of my family are concerned, there isn't much that we would rather do.

Sea Ranch RV Park is small, so getting large RVs in place is a little more challenging than staying at the RV Resort in Cannon Beach where we have also camped. The RV Resort has large pull-through and back-in spaces and services including a general store and diesel/ gas/propane fueling stations. Both parks are within walking distance of downtown and the amazing scenic Cannon Beach on the Pacific coast. If you haven't seen Haystack Rock against the waves and mist of the Pacific Ocean, you are missing something special!

Our FCCC RV team has been out on the road as well, participating in a number of events including the 93rd annual FMCA Family Reunion in Perry, Georgia, where we had the pleasure of visiting with many RV enthusiasts, including FCOC members like you. Spring is also a busy season for dealer meetings, and we've thoroughly enjoyed supporting our outstanding OEM partners in helping them bring the best products possible to their dealer networks.

Of course, we work just as hard to bring you the best ownership experience - and we will continue to introduce new and enhance existing features that come with your FCOC membership and FCCC ownership. This includes an entirely new FCOC website, which we are hard at work on as we speak. The new FCOC site will serve as an informative, interactive hub for club members, keeping you up to date and connecting you with fellow

members online. We're excited to share it with you when it's ready for launch in the next few months. In the meantime, we've added a wealth of new information to the Owners section on our website - simply visit fcccrv.com/owners to learn about everything that goes into the ultimate ownership experience.

In the meantime, safe travels and happy trails.

DAVID CARSON FCCC President





## NEWS AND UPDATES FROM OUR HEADQUARTERS IN GAFFNEY, SC



## PERRY, GA RALLY *March 17-20, 2016*

The FCCC team was out in full force at the FMCA Rally in Perry, GA, this March. You may recognize the Agents of RIDE theme we introduced to you in the last issue of *RV Soul*. We're rolling that theme into the new year, along with a raw 500HP chassis to show at rallies. We've added signage to the show chassis so you can learn about all our great features in detail, so if you see the FCCC blimp at a rally, swing by and say hello - we'll be glad to show you around our booth!



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## NORTH TRAIL RV CENTER

FREIGHTLINER

This March, we had the privilege of spending time with our friends Al and Alan Erp at North Trail RV Center. Al Erp is the President and Founder of North Trail, and his son Alan serves as Vice President. They were kind enough to let us interview them, as well as their Sales Manager Joe Jackson, for a video about their organization. We also got to drive a few of their beautiful new coaches and shoot photos for an ad we'll be running in dealer-focused publications soon.

Al started North Trail in 1986, and it's located on what was called the Tamiami Trail, a nickname for the highway 41 corridor, on the north end of Fort Myers – hence the name North Trail RV. Right now, they are constructing a 23,000-square-foot sales and finance center, and when it's finished, they'll have 130 contiguous acres devoted to RVs.

We chose North Trail because they have been a great business partner to us as one of only three dealers in the nation certified by FCCC for servicing our chassis. That means we've done extensive on-site training with their technicians and we trust that the service they offer is just like what you'd receive at our home location in Gaffney, SC. If you haven't been to North Trail RV, it's quite a sight to see, and their service is excellent!



## CLUB UPDATES



The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers to be elected at the June Business Meeting to be held in Foxboro, MA.

SR. VICE PRESIDENT	LINDA MURPHY
VP. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	TOM JAMES
VP. OPERATIONS-EAST	ROY HOPPER
TREASURER	BARBARA KNUTSON

All nominees have been contacted regarding their responsibilities and have 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, would be required. Once the nominations are closed the election will follow.

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

## KATHERINE HENLEY I LINDA SLYCORD I GERRY DEHEER I CAROL VEHILL

In addition, we are in need of volunteers for the Nominating Committee. If you are interested, please contact any member of the Board or the Nominating Committee.

## CUMMINS HAS Released a new app.

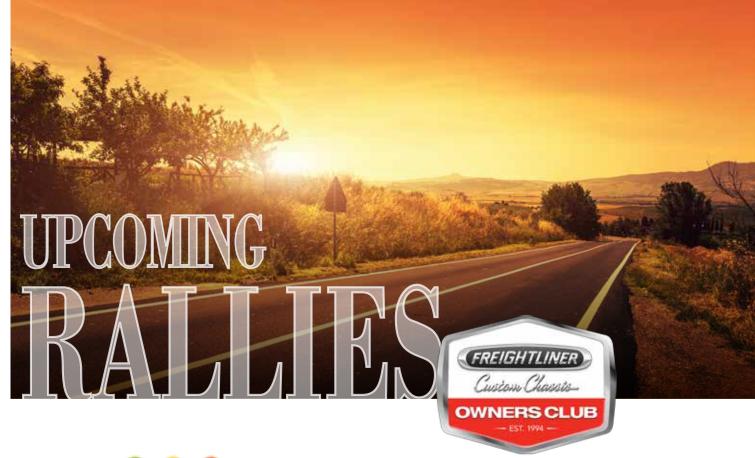
CUMMINS HAS INTRODUCED APPLE AND ANDROID VERSIONS OF ITS FREE QUICK SERVE ONLINE (QSOL) MOBILE APP. WITH YOUR ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER READY, SEARCH FOR "CUMMINSQUICKSERVEMOBILE" IN THE GOOGLE PLAY STORE OR "QUICKSERVE MOBILE" IN THE APPLE STORE.



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THE COST IS \$335.00 FOR A COACH WITH TWO OCCUPANTS, \$236.00 FOR SINGLE COACH, AND \$99.00 PER PERSON FOR EXTRA PERSONS ATTENDING. THIS INCLUDES THE MEALS, CAMPING AND ENTERTAINMENT. IF YOU WISH TO GO IN EARLY OR STAY LATE THE COST IS \$39.00 PER NIGHT FOR CAMPING.

## THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN FOXBORO.

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**THE HALL:** An interactive, modern museum that showcases the greatest Patriot players of all time, located at Patriot Place. Hours are subject to change, so call ahead of time. *Learn more:* 508-698-4800

**NATURE TRAIL AND CRANBERRY BOG:** A 32-acre cranberry wetland and wooded area with half-mile trails, as well as a wide variety of wildlife and plant life. Located near Patriot Place and accessible from a Bass Pro Shops location. Open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. *Learn more: patriot-place.com/thebog* 

**TOBY KEITH'S "I LOVE THIS BAR AND GRILL:**" An ode to his #1 hit and located in Patriot Place, it's definitely an experience worthy of checking off your list. *Learn more: patriot-place.com/tobykeiths* 

**TASTINGS WINE BAR AND BISTRO:** It's all in the name! The restaurant is famous for its great wine and food, and prides itself on using locally sourced ingredients. *Learn more: 508-203-9463 or tastingswinebarandbistro.com* 

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## FOXBORO REGISTRATION

FCOC/FMCA #		
Pilot		
Last	First	
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Last	First	
Nickname for Badge		
Will you have a guest(s) attending the rally? $\Box$ Ye	es 🗆 No	
If so, please give name(s) and age(s)		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Primary phone #	Cell phone #	
Email Address		
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 15, 2016. CA TOUR IS \$45.00 PER PERSON. PLEASE INCLU		TER MAY 15, 2016.
In order to recognize any special events in your life indicate the event and the date:		
Please specify any special meal requirements:		
First time at an FCOC rally?  Yes  No	Handicap Parking: 🗌 Yes 🗌 No Cra	afts? □Yes □No
Ladies Social? Yes No Tour: Yes	□ No (Additional \$45.00 per person - Include addi	tional tour amount in rally payment)
Mfg/Model of Coach:	Length:	
Would you like to volunteer to help with the rally?	□Yes □No	
RALLY MASTER: Steve Batorson, 520-444-6772 ASST. RALLY MASTER: Barbara Knutson 561-7		
FCOC members please make check payable to FC campsite, 4 dinners and 4 breakfasts for each pers of 14 to cover food & entertainment), and mail to: \$	son, and entertainment (add \$99.00 for each a	additional guest over the age
Date Received:	Confirmation Sent:	

## BLACKWELL ISLAND RV RESORT **SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2016**

Blackwell Island RV Resort is located at the headwaters of the Spokane River in the city of Coeur d'Alene (pronounced core-da-lane.) The RV park is at the heart of recreational activity in the Inland Northwest, complete with festivals, fairs, concerts, unique bistros, elegant restaurants, a thriving downtown, mall shopping and much more.

The local names are a mix between Native American and French, because the French had a strong presence in what is now known as northern Idaho in the early 1900s. Early French-speaking fur traders named it Coeur d'Alene Lake. According to legend, the traders believed the local Indians to be sharp traders, and called the lake Coeur d'Alene since their hearts were as sharp as an awl. It's a town with a rich background in lake steamers, fur trading, logging and mining. The Canadian border is 90 miles to the north.

Located near historic downtown Coeur d'Alene, Blackwell Island RV Resort is the perfect destination for RVers looking for relaxation or adventure. We are just steps away from some of the northwest's finest attractions, including world class golfing, dining, shopping, lake cruises, boating, parasailing, hiking, biking, live theatre and concerts. We are less than an hour from more shopping, waterparks, wine tours, scenic drives, gambling casinos, hunting and fishing, the city of Spokane, the world's longest gondola ride, more golfing, mining tours, Silverwood Theme Park and the Bird Aviation Museum. Please tell our staff what you like to do, and we will be more than happy to guide you in the right direction.

Independently owned and operated by the Hall family since 1998, we offer RVers a comfortable, enjoyable and restful stay. The beautifully appointed RV location of Blackwell Island was built by the Halls to become the most desired RV travel destination of the Inland Northwest. Blackwell Island RV is a daily rate park offering 182 full hook-up sites. We have a large enclosed dog run, walking trails, dock moorage, pontoon and kayak rentals, facilities for large or small group gatherings and 500 feet of beach. This seasonal park opens April 1 and closes for the season on October 15.

## THINGS TO SFF AND DO WHILF IN COFUR D'ALFNF!

DOWNTOWN COEUR D'ALENE is a memorable place filled with wonderful beaches, hiking and biking trails, parks, shops, galleries, coffee houses, restaurants and a world-class spa. Each season has its delights. There is always something new to capture your eye - and your imagination.

If an adrenaline rush is what you're seeking, TIMBERLINE ADVENTURES' new Zip Line Canopy Tour really delivers. It begins with a fun four-wheel adventure to the start of the ultimate treetop zip line experience. You fly through towering Ponderosa Pine and Douglas Fir forests, past a bald eagle habitat and overlook jaw-dropping view of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Wine-lovers can enjoy artisan-crafted local wines at STUDIO 107 in a comfortable tasting room with fine art, glasswork and custom-designed jewelry. It's a treat for all the senses.

And anyone with a sweet tooth will appreciate the retro indulgences of MRS. HONEYPEEPS SWEET SHOP, where vintage candy is made with modern sensibility toward healthy eating.

Free carriage rides from STCU are offered downtown every Wednesday from 4-7 pm.

FIGPICKELS TOY EMPORIUM is more than a toy store for all ages - it is a must see, must play, must have fun destination at one of the nation's premier specialty toy stores. With antique, retro and toys from around the world, Figpickels' friendly environment is all hands-on, so shoppers are encouraged to play. Stop in seven days a week to experience the wonder of this unique shop at its location in The Resort Plaza Shons

And let's not forget the Golfers at our Rally. The COEUR D'ALENE RESORT GOLF COURSE provides an unmatched waterfront golf experience. Designed along the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, it ranks among the best in the world for personal service and beautifully manicured play. The award-winning round includes a wooden boat ride from The Coeur d'Alene Resort, over-the-water driving range, personal forecaddie, custom golf cart and plenty of incredible views. But the finest challenge - one of the best known in golf - is the famous floating green on the 14th, a man-made island that changes location.

## ITINERARY FOR COEUR D' ALENE RALLY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 19

1:00-4:30	REGISTRATION
5:00-6:00	COCKTAIL PARTY (BRING HOT HORS D'OEUVRES)
TUESDAY, SEPT.	20
7:00-8:30	FULL BREAKFAST
9:00-10:00	KNOWING YOUR CHASSIS SEMINAR
10:00-NOON	CRAFT-LANYARD WITH POP TABS (\$)
5:00-6:00	HOSPITATILITY HOUR
	BAKED CHICKEN DINNER
7:30-9:00	CARD GAME
WEDNESDAY, SE	
	FULL BREAKFAST
9:30-10:30	
	BOAT CRUISE ON LAKE COEUR D' ALENE
	HOSPITALITY HOUR
6:00-7:30	LASAGNE DINNER
7:45-9:00	CARD GAME
THURSDAY, SEP	
	FULL BREAKFAST
	GATHER FOR PICTURES (WEAR FCOC SHIRTS)
	FREE TIME (TAKE CAMERA AND TAKE SELFIE PICTURES)
	DISPLAY PICTURES & A WINNER WILL BE PICKED
	HOSPITALITY HOUR
	SWISS STEAK DINNER
7:00-8:00	CLOSING CEREMONIES
FRIDAY, SEPT. 2	3
7:00-8:30	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
CHECK OUT BY	NOON



## BLACKWELL ISLAND RV RESORT REGISTRATION

FCOC/FMCA #		
Pilot		
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Will you have a guest(s)	attending the rally? □ Yes □ No	
If so, please give name(s	) and age(s)	
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Primary phone #	Cell phone #	
Email Address		

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15, 2016. CANCELLATION FEE \$25.00. NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 15, 2016. \$375/COACH. \$250 FOR SINGLE. EXTRA PERSON IN COACH ADD \$125. \$425 FOR NON-MEMBERS.

Rally fee includes the following: 4 nights full hook-up camping, 3 dinners, 3 full breakfasts, 1 continental breakfast, nightly hospitality hour, knowing your schassis seminar, boat cruise, games, onsite Freightliner trailer and technical support with parts and some service.

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

Please specify any special meal requirements:					
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RALLY MASTER: Tom James, 916-870-9322 ASST. RALLY MASTER: Mary Costigan, 951-45	2-2999				
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RALLY UPDATES

## 2016 DILLARD GA RALLY FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB OCTOBER 10-14, 2016

We have planned a national rally to be held at River Vista Campground located at 20 River Vista Drive, Dillard Georgia. The dates for this rally are October 10-14, 2016, and there will be 100 sites available.

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We will have seminars, vendors, crafts, ladies social and other fun games and activites. We have planned four dinners and four breakfasts.

The cost is \$335.00 for a coach with two occupants, \$236.00 for single coach, and \$99.00 per person for extra persons attending. This includes the meals, camping and entertainment. If you wish to go in early or stay late, the cost is \$31.61 per night for camping.



## THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN DILLARD.

#### PRIMITIVE OUTBACK, INC. KAYAKING & GEM

MINING: Bring your family, rent your kayaks and head down Little Tennessee River. While on the 2.5-3 hour trip, you'll see otters, beavers, birds, as well as many types of stones the staff will help you to identify – rubies, topaz, amethyst, emeralds and more are very common discoveries for kayakers! Just four miles from Dillard, everything you need is supplied. *Learn more: 828-349-1717 or primitiveoutback.com* 

BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK: Just three miles from downtown Dillard, it's the highest peak in Georgia, reaching 3,640 feet at its highest point. Several hiking trails, wildflowers and cascading streams and waterfalls can be found among the hills. 3085 Black Rock Mountain Parkway, Mountain City, GA

THE 3 LEGGE ART GALLERY: As a working studio for current artists and a museum featuring the late Joe Legge's work – along with many famous, acclaimed fold artists – it's a treasure waiting to be found on the north end of Dillard. *Learn more: 706-746-0213* 

THE APPALACHIAN TRADER: This antique trade shop stocks old tools, cast iron cookware, crockery, fishing gear, and any other memoriam that might "take you back to the old general store or your grandma's kitchen." 1093 Franklin Street, Dillard, GA *Learn more:* 706-746-5253

DILLARD HOUSE RESTAURANT: Bring your appetite to Southern Living Magazine's Reader Choice Awards Best Breakfast/ Brunch Restaurant. Open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 768 Franklin St, Dillard, GA 30537 *Learn more:* 800-541-0671

THE MERRY CHRISTMAS SHOP: Perhaps not the most seasonally appropriate, but definitely the most unique – and a Dillard landmark for 30 years. Located on the boardwalk next to the Dillard General Store, it's a little piece of holiday fun and cheer locals describe as a must-see. *Learn more: 706-746-5899 or merrychristmasshop.com* 

## DILLARD REGISTRATION NOTE: THE LAST ISSUE OF RV SOUL INDICATED A \$45 TOUR FEE FOR THE DILLARD RALLY. THIS RALLY DOES NOT INCLUDE A TOUR. SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION!

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Will you have a guest(s) attending the rally?		
If so, please give name(s) and age(s)		
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RALLY MASTER: Larry & Linda Steckley 904-707-2933 ASST. RALLY MASTER: Jerry & Mary Kapcsos 814-243-20	083	
FCOC members please make check payable to FCOC for \$2 campsite, 4 dinners and 4 breakfasts for each person, and er of 13 to cover food & entertainment), and mail to: Steve Bato	ntertainment (add \$99.00 f	or each additional guest over the age
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## TAMPA RV SUPER SHOW RALLY JANUARY 12-17, 2016

# RELIGHTING RAILING CAPS



The FCOC Southeast Area Rally had 29 coaches in attendance, some of which were not from the southeast area, but were spending the winter in Florida. Every afternoon there was a Meet and Greet with lots of good fellowship, a delicious potluck dinner the first evening, and coffee and donuts at the Freightliner tent the following morning.

On Wednesday evening, 52 of our members carpooled to the Spaghetti Warehouse in neighboring Ybor City, FL, to enjoy wonderful Italian cuisine.

On three evenings, great entertainment was provided:

- THURSDAY Malt Shoppe Memories, a Doo Wop group that was very good
- FRIDAY Cross Strung with gospel and bluegrass
- SATURDAY The Rivoli Revue This was the Rivoli's 15th year performing at the Super Show, and it was outstanding. Sunday morning Kay and Ron Rivoli came back with a wonderful prayer service.



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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 TO DO IS ASK FOR THE STORE MANAGER. TELL HIM THAT YOU HAVE A NATIONAL FCOC ACCOUNT. Give him the account number 1284975. Remember, the account is under **FCOC**, not Freightliner Chassis Owners Club.

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 your 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.



#### We offer a 10% discount on labor and small fleet parts pricing to all FCOC members.

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This magazine is all about providing a way for you to share your unique RV life with other members so we can all get to know one another. Whether you're full time or only get out a few times a year, we would love to hear about what you're up to in your motorhome.

To be considered for our featured member column, send an email to rvsoul@fai2.com with your contact information, anything you want the club to know about you and your RV experience, and a picture of you with your RV.

Who knows? You may see yourself in the next issue of RV Soul!



**UNDER THE HOOD** 



## LUXURY STARTS WITH A PREMIUM CHASSIS

Freightliner Custom Chassis (FCCC) and REV Group Inc. have had a strong and long-standing partnership, and the future is bright.

As the parent company of motorhome brands including American Coach, Fleetwood RV, Holiday Rambler and Monaco, REV chooses to build RVs exclusively on FCCC chassis. As a company, they place an emphasis on listening to their customers – to understand the challenges they face, what's important to them, what their ambitions are and how and where their vehicles are used. FCCC shares this focus on customers, providing innovations in ride and handling, 24/7 factory-direct technical support and an unmatched ownership experience, all backed by the heritage and engineering excellence of the Daimler family of companies.

FCCC and REV continue to shape an innovative and collaborative relationship based on the fact that every aspect of the premium motorhome experience starts with the chassis – from power and handling to comfort, convenience and safety. In fact, the 2016 American Coach Eagle was the first coach to adopt FCCC's OptiView<sup>™</sup> LCD instrument cluster, underscoring REV's commitment to building luxury into their coaches.





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This February, REV Group announced a multiyear partnership with Team Penske, arguably one of the most successful teams in the history of professional sports. REV will be the primary sponsor of three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves during the Phoenix Grand Prix of the Verizon IndyCar Series.

On March 7 at the American Coach plant in Decatur, IN, Helio was presented with his own custom American Coach Eagle to take to races, branded with the REV logo. Helio's new Eagle rides on an SL600 from Freightliner Custom Chassis, including the all-new OptiView LCD instrument cluster (see pages 32-33 for more on OptiView).



**UNDER THE HOOD** 

# SHOPTAIL

## RV AIR CONDITIONER MAINTENANCE MUST-DO'S



Most RVs have at least one air conditioner – often, they have two. Along with cleaning the awnings, resealing the roof and checking batteries and water heaters, your RV's air conditioners need regular maintenance as well. It's easy to overlook this maintenance, as they are mostly self-sufficient. But, it's important to manually check the units once a year – and what better time than before you travel back up north?

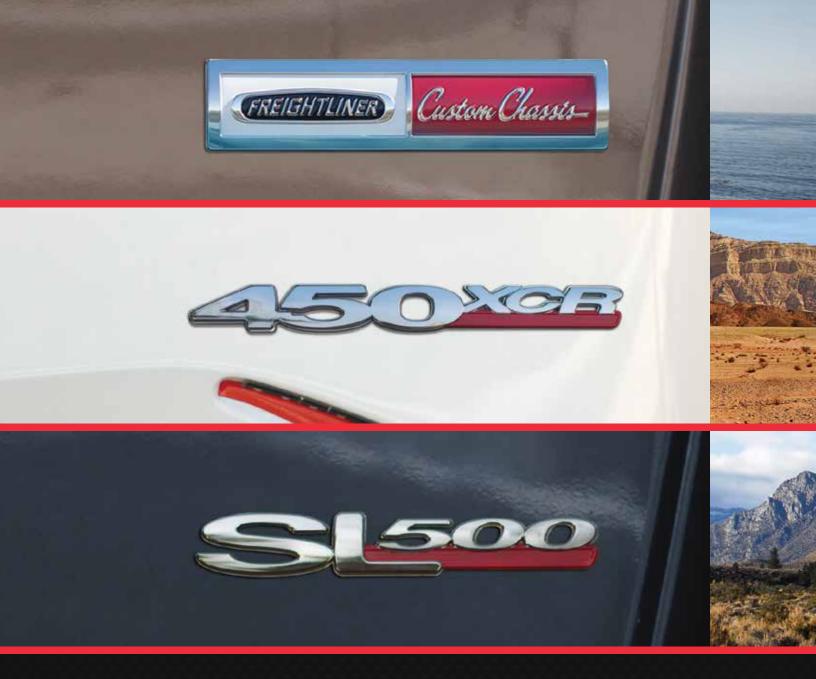
First, make sure the plastic cover over the AC unit is in good condition and doesn't have any cracks or splits. This cover makes the unit more attractive, but also protects rain and snow from getting into the inner-workings of the AC. As you make your journey to and from your snowbird destinations, wind, rain and other debris can take their toll on the exterior of your RV – including the plastic cover. Check for any signs of wear and tear, as well as sun damage. Prolonged exposure to UV rays will weaken the plastic and can cause it to eventually fall apart.

Next, you should look for leaks and water intrusion. Make sure the AC unit is securely mounted with the foam rubber gasket (located between the AC unit and the roof). If loose, rainwater may find its way into your RV and can cause serious damage to the unit, the roof rafters or wall framing. Check the condition of cooling fins as well. If these fins appear to be bent, they will restrict the flow of air through the AC unit, reducing the cooling ability. You can use a dull knife or comb to straighten the fins, but be careful not to puncture the condenser tubes!



Lastly, inspect your air conditioner from inside your rig as well. Under the plastic shroud on the ceiling of your RV are one or two foam filter elements. These can be washed with warm soap and water. While the shroud is off, clean as far back into the ductwork as possible. If you find your AC unit is no longer cooling, it's time for a new one. RV air conditioners are single-use and become scrap metal when they go out, as they are not designed to be recharged.

## As always, if you have any questions about maintenance or service, give us a call at 800-FTL-HELP.



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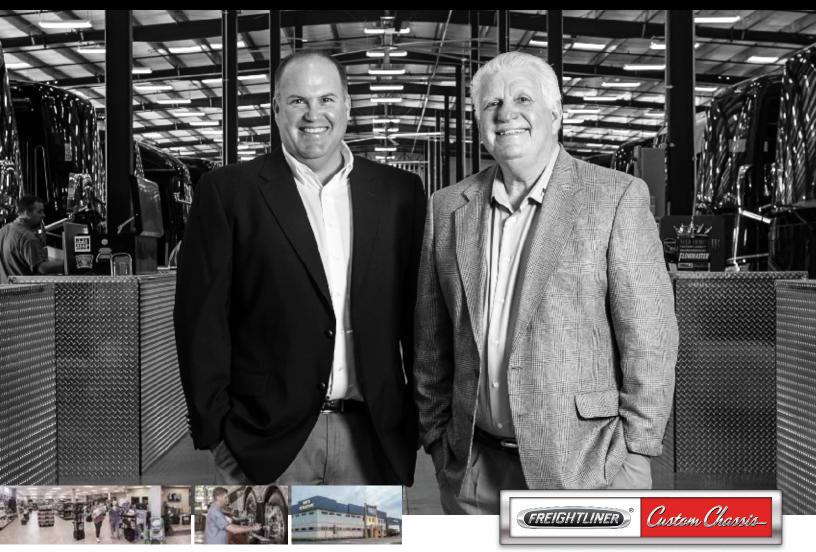




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For more of the North Trail/FCCC story, visit **youtube.com/FreightlinerChassis**.

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## DEALER SERVICE SURVEYS

With the launch of our new website, which should be happening around the time you receive this magazine, you'll also be able to fill out and send in dealer service surveys from the app or the website. These surveys help us ensure you get great service from our network of dealers, so we encourage you to fill it out and send it in whenever you visit one of our service dealers.



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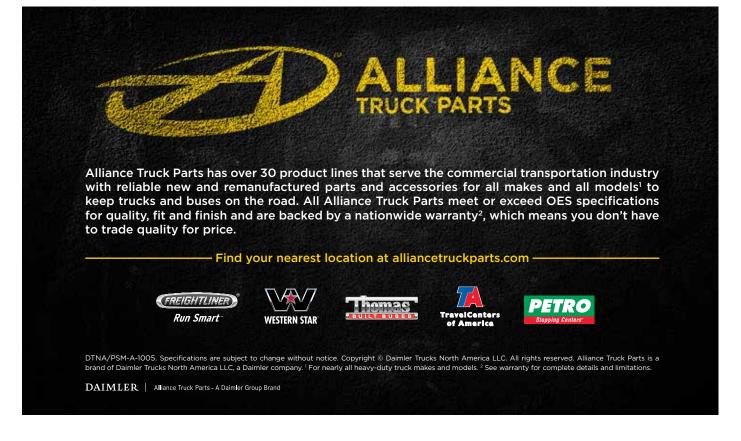
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## INNOVATION IN ACTION

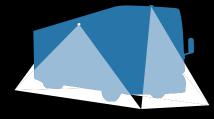
by Bryan Henke, Manager of Product Marketing Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation

It's been exciting to have a front-row seat to see how RVs have evolved over the years. From the tightest wheel cut, to the highest weight rated drive axle, to increased maneuverability, FCCC has led the way with premium RV innovations, leveraging the tremendous resources of the Daimler Family. What's next? You may recall that FCCC President David Carson introduced OptiView<sup>TM</sup> in the last issue of *RV Soul*. With OptiView, we're taking the RV driving experience into the future. OptiView is the industry's first fully integrated, all-digital LCD instrument cluster. Designed in collaboration with Mercedes-Benz<sup>®</sup>, OptiView is inspired by the current S-Class dash. This user-friendly system features a bright, anti-glare display, touch screen radio and input operation, camera system views and Bluetooth steering wheel controls.

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ALL THESE FEATURES ARE DESIGNED TO MEET AND EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR A TRULY LUXURY AUTOMOTIVE DRIVING EXPERIENCE. OPTIVIEW IS AVAILABLE ON SELECT 2016 COACHES, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADDING THIS FEATURE TO MORE COACHES IN 2017 AND BEYOND.



## Get to Know Your Chassis.



## CAMP FREIGHTLINER I

Take advantage of FCCC's comprehensive and captivating two-day training session in Gaffney, SC, to learn about the benefits of driving a motorhome built on an FCCC chassis. This is not a hands-on workshop, but you will spend time at a bare chassis to become more familiar with the features. Class size is limited and filled on a first registration basis, so sign up today!

#### Topics:

- Air brake system
- Electrical system
- Maintenance intervals
- Weight distribution
- Vehicle storage
- Plus much more!

Fee: \$175.00 for single attendance or \$225.00 for driver and co-pilot for the two-day class. Pay at time of training.

\*\*Please feel free to bring your laptops to class, so that you can follow along with the Internet portion of the course.\*\* SIGN UP FOR A CAMP FREIGHTLINER CLASS NEAR YOU ONLINE AT FCCCRV.COM



TO MAKE SURE EACH STUDENT AT CAMP FREIGHTLINER HAS AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE FCCC STAFF, CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED. KEEP AN EYE ON THE FCCC WEBSITE FOR CLASS SCHEDULE UPDATES. CLASSES FILL UP FAST!





## TOUR THE FCCC FACTORY



## CAMP FREIGHTLINER II

Camp Freightliner II is a Service & Maintenance class held at the Factory Service Center. This is not a hands-on course, but pairs you with a service technician in the service bay to observe the proper service techniques and ask questions about the chassis.

Fee: \$100.00 + cost of your scheduled maintenance (Covers safety and protective equipment, lunch and other supplies)

\*\*Camp Freightliner I is a prerequisite to this class.\*\*

\*\*There is a minimum level of routine service required for this class which will be verified upon scheduling of service.\*\*

## SIGN UP FOR A CAMP FREIGHTLINER II CLASS NEAR YOU ONLINE AT FCCCRV.COM

While you're in town for Camp Freightliner, we encourage you to tour the factory to see how our chassis come together.

At approximately 200,000 sq. ft., the FCCC Factory is a must-see for Freightliner Chassis owners. Just 4.5 miles from our Service Center and 6 miles from the KOA Campground, the FCCC Factory offers a daily tour Monday–Friday with registration beginning at 10:15 a.m. in the main lobby. Each tour lasts 45 minutes to an hour, and you will see everything from an engine being up-fitted with accessories to a completed chassis ready to roll out the door to the body builder.

Time for a factory tour is not included in the Camp Freightliner itinerary, so plan an extra day before or after class for this one-of-a-kind experience. You won't want to miss it!

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## FLYING BACK HOME

Snowbirds, it's time to pack up and begin your flight back north! No matter the route you're planning, here are a few pointers to make your journey home the best yet.

ALLOT MORE TRAVEL TIME THAN YOU THINK YOU'LL NEED. A long drive can be stressful in itself, so there's no reason to rush or worry about time restraints. Give yourself an extra day for travel time if you can afford it. This way, you'll return to your humble abode safe, well rested, relaxed and ready to get back to your routine.

**BE PRACTICAL WITH YOUR DAILY GOALS.** Making good time is every traveler's objective, but RVers with more experience under their belts advise traveling strictly on the 2-2-2 Rule, which translates to: drive 200 miles, by 2 pm, stay for two nights. And you know what they say about listening to your elders...

BEFORE YOU DEPART YOUR WINTER NEST, REACH OUT TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW AND TRUST TO QUICKLY LOOK OVER YOUR HOME TO ENSURE THERE WON'T BE ANY SURPRISES. Simple things like cracking open a few windows or starting the heat, checking the water, electricity and air conditioning, or even starting a load of laundry so you have clean sheets your first night home can help to make your arrival less stressful. Some companies, or perhaps a close friend or family member, can also restock the refrigerator or pantry, dust and sweep the house or pick up any pets you couldn't take with you on your trip.

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SEE PAGE 42 FOR THE KEY.

#### PLAN AHEAD FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPING.

Remember, countless RVers will be flocking north along with you. Committing to a time and place can be hard when you're on the road, but mapping out your route, noting places you're interested in staying and making reservations will help ensure you enjoy each and every stop you make on the way home.

#### SCOUT OUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF

THE JOURNEY: FOOD! While planning your route and reserving campsites, look for popular restaurants, cafes or food trucks to visit while you're there. Or, to avoid choosing unhealthy options and save money, plan a menu and stock your RV's kitchen before leaving your Snowbird roost. This way, you can grill out with fellow RVers, enjoy a light picnic or make dinner a cozy experience right inside your coach.

If you take these steps to manage your travel time, ready your home and plan ahead with food and stops, your trip is sure to be a breeze. So here's one last tip: enjoy the journey. Be safe. Be rested. Be reasonable. But don't be afraid to try a different route, stop by a favorite greasy spoon or go out of your way to see something new – even if it's the world's biggest ball of twine. Make it your goal to make this flight home one for the books. Remember: each Snowbird's flight home can be an experience to remember.



## IRISH CELEBRATION CAKE

#### INGREDIENTS:

#### CAKE

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ SuperMoist™ devil's food cake mix
- 1 box chocolate instant pudding/pie filling mix
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup Irish cream liqueur
- 1 cup sour cream

#### **IRISH CREAM FROSTING**

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 4 ounce cream cheese, softened
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup Irish cream liqueur
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

#### CHOCOLATE GLAZE

- 4 ounce bittersweet baking chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted

#### DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat your rig's oven to 350°F and grease two 9-inch round cake pans.
- Combine all cake ingredients in large bowl with electric mixer until well blended. Distribute batter evenly into the pans and bake 35-45 minutes. Remove, cool 10 minutes and remove cakes from pans to cool completely on cooling racks.
- 3. Beat cream cheese and butter in another bowl until light and fluffy. Keep mixer speed low and slowly add powdered sugar. Add the liqueur and vanilla. Mix until smooth.
- 4. Spread 1/3 of the frosting on first cake. Place second cake on top and use 1/3 frosting for the top and sides. Set in your coach's refrigerator for 30 minutes, then ice with remaining frosting.
- In a saucepan, heat whipping cream over medium heat and pour over chopped chocolate in a small bowl. Whisk to melt. Combine with corn syrup and vanilla. Whisk until smooth and let stand 10 minutes while mixture thickens.
- 6. Pour chocolate glaze over the cake. Let some drip down the sides and top with sprinkled almonds.
- 7. Dig in! Leftovers are safe to store in the refrigerator.





## SPINACH CHEESE BALLS

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 box (9 ounce) frozen spinach (thawed, squeezed to drain)
- 1 cup Original Bisquick<sup>™</sup> mix
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella (8 ounce)
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 cup tomato pasta sauce (if desired)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat your oven to 400°F.
- 2. Grease cookie sheet with non-stick cooking spray.
- 3. Combine the spinach, Bisquick, mozzarella, egg, Italian seasoning and garlic salt in a large bowl. Mix well.
- 4. Form into 1-inch balls.
- 5. Bake to a golden brown about 10-15 minutes.
- 6. Remove from pan to cool and serve with pasta sauce.

## NACHO POT PIE

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cups Progresso™ chicken broth
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
  2 medium carrots, cut into
- 1/4-inch slices2 shallots, finely chopped
- (about 1/2 cup)
- 3 gloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 2 tablespoons Old El Paso<sup>™</sup> taco seasoning mix
- 3/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

#### DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat your coach's oven to 375°F.
- 2. Heat broth in a saucepan (at least four-quart), on medium/high heat.
- 3. Once heated, remove and cover.
- 4. Combine 2 tablespoons of the warm broth with the butter and melt over medium/high heat in Dutch oven.
- 5. Add carrots, shallots, garlic, taco seasoning, salt and pepper. Cook 5 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Stir occasionally.
- 6. Whisk in flour, gradually. Then stir constantly as it cooks for 1-2 minutes.
- 7. Add whipping cream and remaining broth. Stir and heat until boiling.
- 8. Stir in chicken, beans and corn. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes, uncovered. Stir occasionally until mixture appears slightly thickened.
- 9. Remove from heat and pour into ungreased, 11x7 baking dish. Sprinkle crushed tortilla chips and Mexican cheese on top.
- 10. Bake until golden brown (about 20-25 minutes). And enjoy!

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup whipping cream
- 2 cups shredded deli rotisserie chicken (from 2-lb chicken)
- 1 can (15 ounce) Progresso<sup>™</sup> black beans (drained and rinsed)
- 1 bag (12 ounce) Green Giant™ Steamers™ Niblets<sup>®</sup> frozen corn (thawed)
- 4 cups crushed tortilla chips
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend (4 ounce)

LIFE ON THE ROAD



## BOB JOHNSON

My wife Rosanne and I are new to the RV world, as we purchased our first coach in December 2014. I retired a few years ago from the hectic, fast-paced world as a Telecommunication Executive and the thing I appreciate most is freedom from being tied to the demands of an overfilled calendar. We lived in the Seattle area for 18 years, where we were fortunate enough to spend much time cruising in our boat, sometimes weeks at a time for vacation. There are so many similarities between boating and RVing that it seemed logical that a "land yacht" (aka motor coach) would be the next best thing for us when we moved back to our original, landlocked home state of Indiana.

This year, we traveled in a Thor Tuscany XTE, 40AX coach. However, we have just traded up to a 2016 Newmar Mountain Aire. Many of our friends have asked us, "Isn't the coach hard to drive?" I tell them it's amazing how easy and stable a motor home is to drive once you have just a little practice. I believe the Freightliner chassis has A LOT to do with this. In fact, when deciding on the Newmar Mountain Aire, I wanted to make sure it had a Freightliner chassis and not a Spartan one.

Last summer we traveled to Oshkosh, WI, for the annual air show. That was a great experience, as there are just so many "campers" there – from folks camping under the wing of their airplane all the way to upper-end luxury coaches. As a long-time pilot, the Oshkosh EAA Air Venture event is awesome. And Rosanne enjoyed it every bit as much as I…there is really something there for anyone who even has the slightest interest in aviation.

We just returned from a six-week trip to Naples, FL. We departed Indiana just after the big snowstorm in late January. While we had clear roads to drive on for the most part, some of the more northern overnight stops needed to clear a pad of 18 inches of snow to allow campers to park. We used a heated water line to ensure things wouldn't freeze in the 18-degree temperatures! We definitely tested our furnace those first few nights, but we managed to stay warm and cozy. From there we headed to Charleston, SC, where we had a wonderful time taking in the sites and touring the history associated with the area.

After a few more stops through Florida, we finally arrived at our destination in Naples. We stayed at Pelican Lake RV Resort for the month of February,



where we met many new folks, and we loved it so much and that we decided to purchase a lot. This resort is quite a contrast from the thousand of campers in Oshkosh. Needless to say, we plan on spending much more time there in the future.

We took our time returning home to Indiana, stopping in Ft. Walton Beach, FL; Birmingham, AL; Nashville, TN; and Indianapolis (to visit our son) before returning to northern Indiana. We had a blast in Nashville and Ft. Walton on the white sand beaches, but were especially moved by our visit to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL (just north of Birmingham). As Catholics, experiencing the beauty of the church and grounds inspired by the founder of EWTN, Mother Angelica, was amazing.

The only definite travel plans for 2016 are Oshkosh, WI, in late July and some trips to northern MI. Maybe some tailgating to a Notre Dame football game as well. I'm sure we will do some other short jaunts, but plan to head back to Florida later in the winter.

We have not yet gone to any rallies, but hope to some day.



## LINDA MURPHY

In addition to RVing, another of my hobbies is aviation. I obtained my private pilot's license in 1980 and I am still a licensed pilot, so you will find me volunteering at numerous aviation events around the country. I have been a member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. (International Organization of Women Pilots) for 35 years and have served as an officer of my local chapter for just as long. I was instrumental in starting an Aviation Explorer Post in 2002 for high school age youth with aviation interests and still remain as an advisor (sometimes from afar) for that Post. We have had numerous winners receive National Aviation Explorer Scholarships to help them pursue their aviation interests, and I am so proud of all their accomplishments.

I also served on our Greater Fort Wayne Aviation Museum Board of Directors for 18 years and was a Lions Club member and officer for 18 years. I only gave those up to pursue more travel time.

Growing up a farm girl – still a farm girl at heart – I have had a long-standing interest in antique tractors. So, I also volunteer at related events, most recently in January and February of 2016 at the Florida Flywheelers Antique Tractor Shows, where I drove a shuttle wagon tractor.

I am the mother of one son and two daughters (both deceased), and have two grandsons and three granddaughters, all Buckeyes, with family all over the U.S.

As you can see, I keep myself busy. I hope to see you at an FCOC Rally down the road!

LEARN MORE ABOUT LINDA IN HER FIRST VP REPORT ON PAGE 7.

## DON'T LET **YOUR** MEMBERSHIP EXPIRE!

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 two months in advance of your expiration, both by email and by mail, to provide adequate time to renew your membership. Dues are \$15.00/year or \$70.00 for five years. See Membership Application on page 43.

To access by Internet, visit the website at 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.

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Thank you for helping us do a better job of getting important FCOC news and current updates to you! We want you to be in the know!

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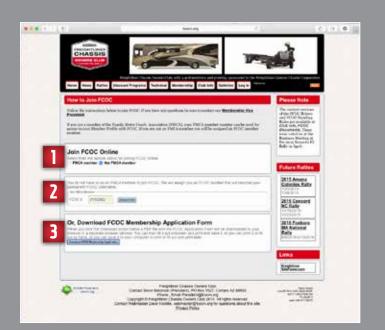
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- If you have an FMCA number, you will check that box. If you don't have a membership number, you will check the "Not FMCA Member" and this box will appear with your assigned new member number.
- 2 When you hit Check FCOC box, it will bring up the box to enter your password. You can either use your five-digit zip code, or your own choice of passwords. Now, you can download the FCOC Membership Application Form, as indicated in the following box.



Please be sure to SAVE your work, or all of your input will not be recorded, and you will have to start all over again. You can now print out the form and send it in with your dues, or hit SUBMIT, and it will come to the VP Membership computer. You will also be able to pay your dues online. That information can be found under the Membership tab, titled "DUES." There you can pay using a credit card through our secure site with PayPal. It is self-explanatory; just follow the directions on how to proceed. If you do not have access to a computer or email, you may use the application in this newsletter on page 43. If you have any problems, please let me know. My contact information is on page 4.

MARY COSTIGAN VP Membership



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- D) Logo Hat and Visor





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## OFFERS FROM OASIS DEALERS



Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) and select Freightliner Oasis dealerships around the country have initiated a program offering members of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC) special pricing on service labor and service parts.

## The program offers current FCOC members the following discounts: 10% OFF POSTED LABOR RATES & 10% OFF PARTS

It is important that you do the following; if you don't, you may not get the discount and it will be your own fault!

You MUST tell them you are an FCOC member up front, request the discount and identify yourself by showing your current membership card. Ask to get a copy of your billing with the discount on it once your work is done.

In developing the Oasis Dealer Discount Program, all Oasis Dealers were contacted and invited to participate. But, participation in the Oasis Dealer Discount Program is a business decision made by each individual Oasis Dealer.

If the Oasis Dealer you wish to use is not on the list of participating dealers, we would encourage you to let them know of your desire to have them participate in the program. Dealers wishing for more information about the program should contact Tom James: phone (916) 870-9322, email VP.BD@FCOCRV.ORG. Also, if you have any problem with any Oasis Dealer on the list, let Tom James know, and he will try to help.

As a reminder, it's up to you to **ask first** for the discount, not after.

PLEASE REMEMBER: THESE OASIS DEALERS ARE SUPPORTING FCOC, SO PLEASE GO TO THESE DEALERS ONLY.

The following is a list of currently participating Oasis dealerships.

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#### **TAG Truck Center**

5712 Commerce Square Jonesboro, AR 72401 (870) 972-8588 Ser. Mgr. Brian Carter

#### **Truck Centers of Arkansas**

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#### Tom Nehl Truck Co. 383 SW Arrowhead Terr.

Lake City, FL 32024 (904) 389-3653 (386) 755-9527 Ser. Mgr. Rex Steven

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#### Truck Centers, Inc.

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#### Truck Centers, Inc.

2981 E. Singer Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 525-1280 (800) 786-1280 Ser. Mgr. Randy Melvin

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## Stoops Freightliner Quality Trailer, Inc 6105 Columbus Ave.

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#### Truck Country Cedar Rapids

700 29th Ave. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52406 (319) 365-0531 (800) 332-6158 Ser. Mgr. Chris Flockhart

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