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Allison Motorhome Series<sup>™</sup> fully automatic transmissions provide customized performance at your fingertips. The transmission will automatically select gears based on engine rpm, throttle position, vehicle load and road speed. However, you can manually control the upshifts and downshifts when it is necessary for driving in different conditions. To avoid damage to the drivetrain, the transmission will not allow you to select a range that will over-speed the engine.



#### Highway Driving (Level Terrain)

Operating in the Drive mode is recommended when driving in normal highway conditions.



#### Mountainous Driving (Up & Down Terrain)

When ascending a grade, gently release pressure on the throttle and select a lower gear range to maintain higher engine rpm. Road speed may decrease, but power (torque) will remain at peak output. When descending a grade, never use a higher gear range than was used ascending the same grade. Selecting a lower gear range will also minimize cycling between ranges on a series of short up and down hills.



#### City Driving (Stop & Go Traffic)<sup>1</sup>

To maximize performance select the lowest gear range that allows the vehicle to reach the speed you expect to attain between stops. This will minimize cycling between higher ranges and provide better vehicle cooling while driving in stop-and-go conditions.



#### Winter Driving (Ice Or Snow)<sup>2</sup>

If possible, reduce road speed and select a lower gear range before you lose traction. Select the gear range that will not exceed the speed you expect to maintain. Accelerate or decelerate gradually to prevent losing traction. It is very important to gradually slow down when a lower gear range is selected. It is also important to allow the transmission to reach the lower gear range before attempting to accelerate. This will avoid an unexpected downshift during acceleration.



#### Engine Braking<sup>3</sup>

Engine braking provides good speed control for going down grades. When the vehicle is heavily loaded or the grade is steep, it may be desirable to preselect a lower range reaching the grade. If engine-governed speed is exceeded, the transmission will upshift automatically to the next range.

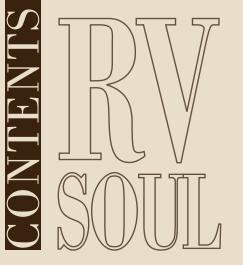
For more information, visit **allisontransmission.com**.

- 1 In the event you leave the vehicle or driving compartment, even momentarily, while the engine is running, be sure the transmission is in Neutral and the parking brake and/or emergency brakes are set and properly engaged. Unexpected and possible sudden vehicle movement may occur if these precautions are not taken.
- 2 Using the retarder on wet or slippery roads may cause loss of traction on the drive wheels—your vehicle may slide out of control. To help avoid injury or property damage, turn the retarder enable to OFF when driving on wet or slippery roads. The retarder is automatically disabled whenever the vehicle anti-lock brake system (ABS) is active. However, in case the ABS malfunctions, it is recommended that the retarder enable switch, if present, be disabled.
- 3 To avoid loss of control, use a combination of downshifting, braking and other retarding devices. Downshifting to a lower transmission range increases engine braking and can help you maintain control. The transmission has a feature to prevent automatic upshifting above the lower range selected. However, during downhill operation, if engine-governed speed is exceeded in the lower range, the transmission will upshift to the next higher range to prevent engine damage. This will reduce engine braking and could cause a loss of control. Apply the vehicle brakes or other retarding device to prevent exceeding engine-governed speed in the lower range selected.





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### UPCOMING RALLIES

2017 7/17-21 ELKHART, IN 10/23-27 CONCORD, NC

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#### HELLO ALL!

With the spring season comes the mass migration of motorhomes from the warm south back to the summer homes of the north – and with that comes an expensive issue we need help solving.

When members forward their mail from their home base, the magazines we mail out get thrown in the trash. Unfortunately, we get a bill from the post office for each of them that say "temporarily away" or "unable to forward." We also are paying for the printing and mailing of it on the front end. The cost to the Club has exceeded one thousand dollars for this last year alone. I would much rather have those funds to help defer cost of rallies or put to another good use.

When the issue is not received, I put the members in e-mail notification mode (if we have an email address on file). The problem is, I then get calls saying "I don't receive the *RV Soul* anymore" – and that is true, because we had made at least two attempts to deliver the magazine to you and received notice that it could not be delivered. There is a fix for this. All members are able to put more than one address in their database, and then choose the dates and corresponding addresses for each. Please look into this before you start your journey this spring, and before you miss out on the next issue of *RV Soul*!

We have two open positions on the board: Editor and Webmaster. We are actively looking for members that would be interested in either of these. If they sound like something you would be interested in, please contact me for more about their respective duties.

I attended the FMCA convention in Chandler, AZ, last week and was very happy to see how well it was attended. There were about 2,300 coaches, and they sold all the space available for vendors. It was like old times in the vendor area – you could hardly move through with everyone in there.

I have had several members express a desire to attend the upcoming FMCA Indianapolis Convention as a group like we did a few years back. I will have to see when the holding area opens, and we can group up there and then go to our parking spots. If you are interested, sign up for general parking with generator usage from 6:00am to 11:00pm. Please let me know if you want to join this group and I will send out information via email. The last time we were there, we had a get-together at our tent, and had about 41 coaches and over 200 members show up.

Our Club is still steadily growing, mostly with members that have just purchased new coaches. I recently read that the average time a coach is owned is five years, and then they either leave the RV lifestyle or upgrade to a new coach. I see an opportunity to get the next owners of these sold or traded coaches to join our Club. If you should talk to some of these people and they end up joining the FCOC, the board wants to reward you! I have found that when walking our dog through a campground, it is very easy to talk to people. We find many that had never heard of the Club, so we usually tell them of the discounts offered, which alone is reason enough for them to join. The larger we get, the larger the potential for more suppliers to give us discounts goes up. I'm not asking you to all be salesman – just a neighbor informing other RV enthusiasts that we exist.

I am looking into finding a supplier that can print business cards with information and our logo much like other Clubs have. I have a few samples – some of which are done with a picture you provide as a background. If you have any other suggestions to help us grow, please let a member of the board know.

In the last *RV Soul* I mentioned that if you were going to attend one of our rallies or an FMCA rally, you can request service and parts on the FCCCRV.com website. Simply go under "Owners," select "Service at a Rally" and put in your information and the rally you will be attending. We're very excited to see how well this new service works.

AS ALWAYS, TRAVEL SAFE. Steve Batorson





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# CLUB UPDATES



The Nominating Committee	submits the following slate of officers to be elected at the
July business meeting, held	at the July FCOC Rally in Elkhart, IN.

PRESIDENT STEVE BATORSON
VP. OPERATIONS-WESTKATHERINE HENLEY
SECRETARY JAMES PEEK
ASST. AREA OPERATIONSJAMES ROBERTSON

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 July Business Meeting. A motion from the floor, followed by a "second" from another, and then acceptance by the person nominated on the ballot would be required. Once the nominations are closed, the election will follow.

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

#### Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Knutson - on behalf of the members of the Nominating Committee: Katherine Henley, Linda Slycord, Gerry DeHeer and Carol Vehill.

#### **REVENUE AND EXPENSES** JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### NATIONAL BALLY ACCOUNT

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OPENING BALANCE	\$ 13,109.81	
DEPOSIT		
01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016	\$ 84,943.06	
	\$ 98,052.87	
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 98,052.87	
EXPENSES		
Yuma Rally	\$ 1,641.46	
Massachusetts	\$ 21,715.26	
Couer 'd Alene	\$ 13,252.54	
Dillard	\$ 15,980.00	
Elkhart	\$ 100.00	
Elkhart	\$ 84.41	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 52,773.67	
BALANCE	\$ 98,052.87	
EXPENSES	\$ (52,773.67)	
<b>TOTAL BALANCE 12/31/2016</b>	\$ 45,279.20	

#### **REVENUE AND EXPENSES** JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 201

#### MAIN ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE DEPOSIT	\$ 35,267.89
01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016	\$ 129,294.24
BANK INTEREST	\$ 43.33
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 164,605.46
EXPENSES	
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 4,194.88
TRAVEL	\$ 10,472.09
NEWSLETTER	\$ 20,016.10
DATA	\$ 685.40
ADVERTISING	\$ 2,124.41
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 9,802.30
RALLIES	\$ 64,756.53
BANK FEE	\$ 41.49
INSURANCE	\$ 1,516.60
STORAGE	\$ 268.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 113,878.00
BALANCE	\$ 164,605.46
EXPENSES	\$ (113,878.00)
BALANCE 12/31/2016	\$ 50,727.46
NATIONAL RALLY ACCOUNT	\$ 45,279.20
MAIN ACCOUNT	\$ 50,727.46
CD	\$ 54,171.70
CD PREPAID DUES	\$ 40,411.10
TOTAL CLUB BALANCE	\$ 190,589.46
MINUS PREPAID DUES	\$ (40,411.10)
BALANCE 12/31/2016	\$ 150,178.36

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- 2. Visit chrysleraffiliates.com or call (888) 444-4321 to learn more about the program and to obtain a Control Number.
- Take your Control Number, with proof of eligibility (FCOC membership card), to any participating U.S. Chrysler, Jeep<sup>®</sup>, Dodge or Ram dealership or FIAT Studio. If you don't have a membership card, contact us at vp.membership@fcocrv.org.
- 4. Ask for a copy of the vehicle invoice and you'll see the Preferred Price (PP) clearly listed.



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Greetings, FCOC members:

As always, I hope this message finds you well and that your spring is off to a great start.

We've had an exciting and busy past few months at FCCC. Our team very much enjoyed their time at the Club's recent spring rally in Mesa – and I hope you had fun as well. We're also looking forward, of course, to seeing many of you at the upcoming Club rallies in Elkhart in July and Concord in October.

Perhaps the most exciting event thus far in 2017 took place just a couple of weeks ago, right here in Gaffney, when we broke ground on our new logistics center. This 200,000-square-foot facility will significantly enhance our production capabilities – making sure we continue to build the best chassis with the best features, backed by the best service and support in the industry. Ultimately, this facility is an investment in our customers and end-users just like you.

Speaking of chassis, we are happy to share with you in this edition of *RV Soul* a further look at one of the newest additions to our growing product lineup: the S2RV. As you'll read, the S2RV is the first-ever, one-of-a-kind "Super-C" motor coach chassis, designed specifically for and dedicated to the RV market. Some beautiful new coaches built atop the S2RV are already starting to hit the market, with more on the way in 2017 and beyond.

I look forward to once again visiting with as many of you as I can at events and rallies throughout the rest of the year. Remember that we always want to hear from you through our active social media presence. We especially love your sharing photos and stories of your travels.

In the meantime, safe travels and happy trails.

DAVID CARSON FCCC President

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

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## FMCA RALLY IN THE VALLEY MARCH 7-10, CHANDLER, AZ

The FMCA Rally in the Valley was one of the most spirited, inspired and energized rallies we've attended in a long time. This was in large part due to the eminent nostalgia the "old west" atmosphere provided. Something about the look and feel of the desert sent us all back to our cowboy moviewatching childhoods – imagining ourselves as Will Smith, Clint Eastwood or John Wayne, depending on how many years have passed since.

Cowboy hats and boot spurs aside, the rally location in Chandler, AZ allowed for breathtaking early-morning sunrises, hikes and sight-seeing. With a little push and determination, you could get all this in before heading to the rally itself.

The FMCA had large tour buses for trams and capitalized on the western environment, painting their massive indoor market area reminiscent of an old red barn. All indoor exhibitors were set up here, and an old western town area was implemented for seminars.

While many booths set up inside, the Freightliner Custom Chassis exhibit became one with the elements outdoors. We presented a chassis and hosted many FCOC volunteers, who added real grit and truth to the messaging of how we at FCCC take care of our customers and our Freightliner family.

If you missed the event, you surely missed an exciting, fulfilling and unique experience – but there are plenty more in the near future. After our wonderful time here, we definitely encourage and recommend finding an event or rally in an area you want to see, or that is much different than those you have. The FCOC or FMCA rallies we have planned yet this year are a great place to start! Trust us, you'll leave with new experiences, new memories and plenty of new friends to meet out on the trail.

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ELKHART RALLY – JULY 17-21, 2017 The freightliner chassis owners club invites you to a national fcoc rally.

MONDAY, JULY 17-FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017 (early bird: July 16). Or plan to stay the whole week <u>on our special weekly rate offered</u>.

UPCOMING

#### ELKHART, INDIANA – The "RV Capital of the world"

4 nights camping, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners, seminars, hospitality, fun and entertainment.

#### CAMP FREIGHTLINER CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED AT AN ADDITIONAL COST.

Come enjoy the place where 80% of all RVs are manufactured – and make that service appointment early to accommodate you while in the area.

#### Time to visit the following in Elkhart:

- The RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum, The Linton Enchanted Gardens – referred to as the "Disney of Garden Centers," The River Walk and Culture Trail, The Wellfield Botanical Gardens, The New York Central Railroad Museum, and The Hall of Heroes Comic & Superhero Museum – just to name a few.
- A short drive away:
- The University of Notre Dame Campus and St. Mary's College in South Bend
- The Studebaker National Museum in South Bend
- The South Bend Chocolate Factory
- The River Lights display each evening in South Bend
- The Hudson Museum in Shipshewana
- The Shipshewana Flea Market the Midwest's largest flea market, open Tues./Wed.
- The Wakarusa Dime Store home of the jumbo jelly beans
- Drive the "Heritage Trail" with its beautiful quilt gardens of over 150,000 annuals

Plus the many fine foods and baked goods served throughout the area.

## register online WWW.fcocrv.org

### FCOC NATIONAL RALLY - JULY 17-21, 2017

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### REGISTRATION FORM - "RV CAPITAL OF THE WORLD"

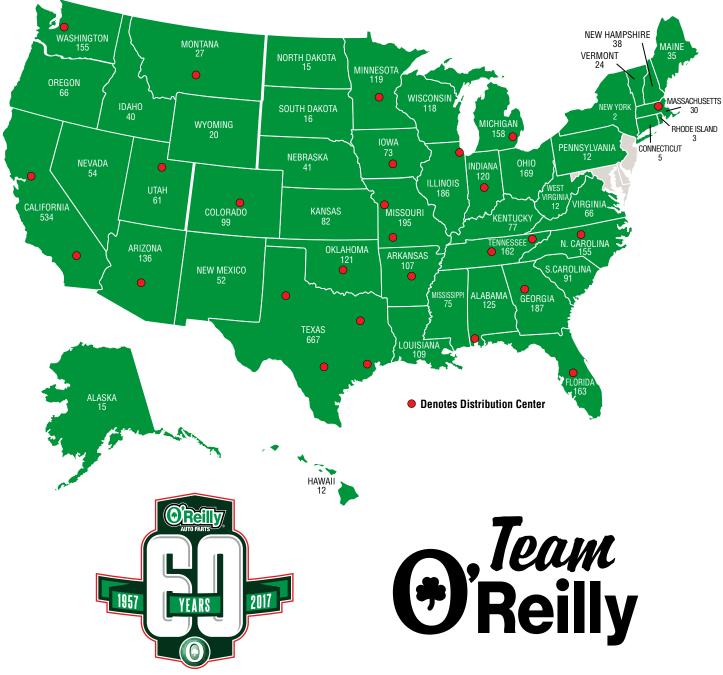
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need to stay Friday and Saturday nights after the rally. If you will be attending the Camp Freightliner classes on Friday & Saturday (21 & 22) you will Tuesday, July 24 & 25, You will need to stay until July 26, 2017, or leave after 5pm on 25th. All attendees need to vacate their sites no later than Wednesday, July 26 due to another rally coming in on the 27<sup>th</sup>. <u>Our extra sites will be released June 25, 2017</u>.

Date Received:



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December 31, 2016 As reported on February 8, 2017

## CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA October 23-27, 2017 \$325/Coach, \$226/Single Each Extra Person: add \$99



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The Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Rally date has been set! There are 100 available sites. Rally fee includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 4 Nights Full Hook-Ups with 30/50 Amps Power
- 4 Breakfasts
- 4 Dinners
- Water and Sewer at Every Site
- Halloween Party (for those that would like to participate in costume)
- Seminars, Vendors, Crafts, Ladies' Social
- Optional: Tour of Charlotte Speedway, NASCAR Hall of Fame and the Sam Bass Museum
- Also available for an additional fee is lunch at the NASCAR Hall of Fame (\$68)

For those who would like to sign up for Camp Freightliner for this rally, the classes will actually be taught in Gaffney. It is about 50 miles from where the rally is taking place. These classes can be signed up for with the code you get when your registration for the rally is confirmed.

#### THE CONCORD RALLY TOUR:

Mark your calendars for our October 23-27, 2017 rally that will be held right across the street from the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, North Carolina – and also the first stop on our scheduled tour! The track hosts many NASCAR events throughout the year, such as Coca-Cola 600, Bank of America 500, Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race, the Penzoil AutoFair and many more! If you decide against the tour, it's a great stop to add to your itinerary while in the Concord area. www.charlottemotorspeedway.com

After the Motor Speedway, we will head to the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte. Whether a NASCAR fan or not, you will enjoy the high-tech venue, interactive entertainment and state-of-the-art theater lodged within the Hall of Fame. It honors the history and heritage of NASCAR while educating and amusing visitors with artifacts, hands-on exhibits and tributes to drivers, crew members, team owners and others that have made an impact on the sport's past, present and future. www.nascarhall.com

Our tour will conclude at the Sam Bass Museum – the site of worldrenowned and internationally recognized artist Sam Bass' collection of motorsport-inspired art. The connection began when he attended his first NASCAR race at seven years old, and has only continued to grow his joy, thrill and enthusiasm. His gallery includes everything from Christmasthemed work to imaginative guitar designs to graphic design illustrations. But, it's his racetrack and motorsport work that's made its way to The Jeff Gordon Foundation, The NASCAR Foundation and The NASCAR Hall of Fame. **sambassgallery.com** 





Outside of our tour stops, the Concord area offers a variety of activities and attractions.

Things to see and do in Concord:

- Take a day to explore the Sea Life Charlotte-Concord Aquarium and meet Neptune, their green sea turtle (www2.visitsealife.com/charlotteconcord).
- Enjoy a cold brew at Cabarrus Brewing
   Co. (www.cabarrusbrewing.com) half
   production facility, half taproom, 100% local.
- Or perhaps let your inner thrill-seeker out for some rock climbing or waterfall rappelling with Thrifty Adventures (www.thriftyadventuresnc.com).

This is just a small taste of what the Concord area has in store for attendees of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Rally, October 23-27, 2017. We will have updates and a reservation form on the website, as well as a more complete write up and tentative schedule in the next newsletter. We can't wait to see all of you there!

# FALL IN NORTH CAROLINA

**DEADLINE OCTOBER 1, 2017** 

VER-EL MOBILE CAMPGROUND | 5650 Sandusky Blvd. | Concord, NC 28027

#### RALLY MASTER: Barbara Knutson, 561-703-5284 ASST. RALLY MASTERS: Larry & Katherine Henley, 214-704-2437

Member #			
Pilot			
Last		First	
Nickname for Badge			
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Will you have a guest(s) attending the rally? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No			
If so, please give name(s) and age(s)			
Address			
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FCOC members please make check payable to FCOC for \$325. Non-members \$375. Price based on 2 per coach, campsite 4 dinners and 4 breakfasts for each person, and entertainment (add \$99 for each additional guest over the age of 14 to cover food and entertainment), and mail to: STEVE BATORSON, 4505 N. SANDERS ROAD, TUCSON, AZ 85743

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FCOC FUN IN THE SUN MID-WINTER RALLY

Lazydays RV Resort and staff were a great host for our 87 coaches – providing us with a beautiful campground, complimentary newspaper, coffee, wireless Internet and cable TV. All our meals were served at the resort as well. Breakfast and lunch were held at Lazydays' Front Porch restaurant, with a wide selection to choose from. The delicious dinners were served in the Rally Center, with your choice of two entrees, vegetables, salad, bread, dessert and drinks.

Monday, following registration, we held a First-Timer Orientation and welcomed 86 people. That evening, we enjoyed a Happy Hour, followed by dinner. After the meal, half of the door prizes were given out, along with a 50/25/25 drawing.

On our second day, activities included the Freightliner Fireside Chat seminar and D&G Sales seminar. Both were very well attended. The ladies attended a craft session, making a foam-filled stadium cushion. That evening, FCOC again provided free drinks during our Happy Hour, followed by another outstanding meal. We honored our 51 veterans and presented a plaque to one member of each branch selected by a drawing, as well as one Purple Heart plaque winner: Mr. David Eberly. The second half of the door prizes was given out after dinner, and again, we had another 50/25/25 drawing. Afterwards, a large number of people stayed and played the "Up Yours" card game. Day three started off with a very informative seminar by Allison Transmission. The information presented covered maintaining our automatic transmission and how to read the diagnostic codes. In the afternoon, the ladies went to Parkesdale's Market for strawberry shortcake while the men attended a seminar on maintaining their Cummins Engines, the engine cooling system and Onan generator. That evening, we had Happy Hour provided by FCOC and another great meal. Drawings were held for several large items donated by vendors, including a Thetford Sanicon Mascerator sewer system, a Garnet Holding Tank Water Level Sensor System, a full set of Air Tab Air Deflectors and two \$200 gift coupons from Boogey Lights. Afterwards, Kim & The Kadillacs provided entertainment.

All of the money raised by the 50/25/25 drawings and the items that were raffled off totaled \$1,470 – all of which was donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation!



## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Your rally hosts, Roy and Kathy Hopper, for all of their hard work in planning this event. They did an outstanding job of keeping everyone busy with seminars, crafts, ladies' socials and games.
- Co-hosts James Peek and Cheryl Hinkle were also exceptional – acquiring door prizes so that every coach at the rally received one. The rally bags were overflowing with flyers and samples from vendors, as well.
- A very special thanks to the following aforementioned vendors for our door prizes who helped to make our rally a success: Freightliner Custom Chassis, Air Tab, Blue Ox, Coach Net, Eco Camel, RV Toy Store, Watts Water Quality, RV Roofing, Winegard, Blue Streak, Apalachee RV, W.M. Barr, Unique Natural Products, PMS Products, Heritage Art LTD, Bear Extender Outdoor, RV-Critter Guard, Boogey Lights, Passport America, Harbor Freight Tools, Roadmaster, Camping World, Lucas Oil, Canterbury Creations Craftvillage, Pilot-Flying J, Tims Wooden Toys, Lippert Components 360 Products, HWH, KOA, RV Glass, D&G Sales Wash & Wax, Tire Rack, Coil N Wrap, Eternabond, Gel-Gloss RV, OP Products, California Scents, Boesheild, Instagone, SMI Brake, Newmar, Great Plates, Alliance Coach and Furry Freshness.
- Again this year, Mike Moya, a professional photographer and FCOC member from Jupiter, Florida, volunteered to take pictures every day – including the group photo at our rally. He did an outstanding job.
- All of the wonderful vendors who provided seminars: Freightliner Custom Chassis, D&G Sales, Allison Transmission, Cummins Engines and Onan Generator.
- And last, but certainly not least, all the members who volunteered. Without them, we would not have had a successful rally, which includes, but is not limited to, the ones who helped at registration, serving meals, sold FCOC items, sold the 50/25/25 tickets, gave out door prizes, and those that sold tickets for our seven large items.

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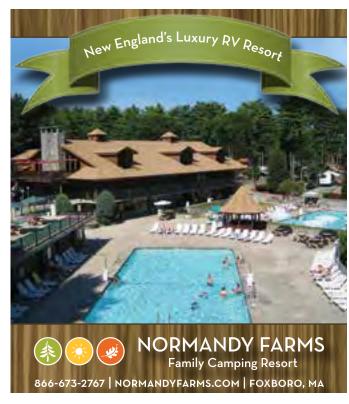
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# PARTNER SHOWCASE



# FCCC'S NEW S2RV CHASSIS

The S2RV front-engine diesel cab chassis is the first-ever, one-of-a-kind "Super-C" motor coach chassis, designed specifically for and dedicated to the RV industry. Pulling from all areas of our breadth of expertise – and all the right aspects of our existing truck and bus chassis – FCCC crafted the S2RV, thus adding another RV-specific innovation to our growing product line of custom-built, industry-leading chassis.

At the FMCA convention in March, our partners at REV Group were the first to debut a finished coach on the S2RV: the all-new Renegade Valencia "Super C" RV. A family of tradition, history and pride, REV has never been one to back away from pushing the envelope on improvement and innovation. This is exactly why REV Group President Jim Jacobs chose FCCC's custom-engineered S2RV as the perfect base for their new motor coach – calling the chassis a "high-end product that falls at a price point that offers consumers a real value." <sup>1</sup>

As with all our chassis, we offer OEMs the opportunity to fully customize the S2RV for each model, fine-tuning its specifications to match each coach's unique needs. Like all FCCC products, you can rest assured that our dedication to superior craftsmanship, the finest components, outstanding owner care and American manufacturing muscle will keep you and your rig on the road for years to come.



#### A BREAKDOWN OF THE S2RV:

- Cummins B6.7 (300HP 360HP) and Allison 2500 MH / 3000MH - exclusive to RV application
- Taper-leaf front suspension with tuned SACHS shocks – provides quiet and comfortable ride, roll stability and lowspeed features
- Custom-tuned rear air suspension with sway bar and tuned SACHS shocks – with larger springs for a softer ride
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- Driver side exhaust exit in front of rear axle with chrome tip





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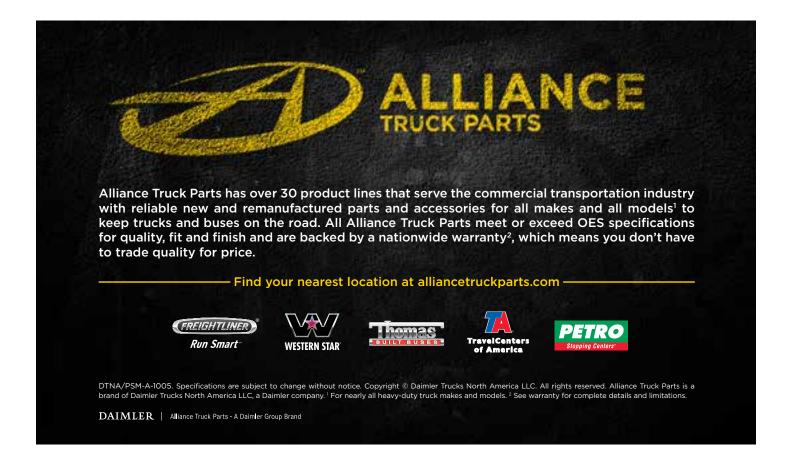
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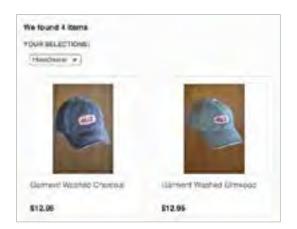
4UZ is motivated by the RV lifestyle – the adventure, the fun and the experiences that are unique to those who live life on the road. The line pulls its name from the first three digits of your RV chassis VIN number, attesting to its understanding of the regime of the rig, dedication to RVers and RV enthusiasts, and the bond we all share.

Without further ado, we invite you to grow your relationship with FCCC and the FCOC by putting the three digits that bring us all together right on your back. Follow these simple steps to navigate your way through the site and snag your gear – and be sure to tag us in any photos you share on Facebook!



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Clicking "About 4UZ" at the top will take you to a short, informative blurb detailing exactly what the brand is, who it's for and what it symbolizes.



Selecting "Headwear" from the left sidebar will take you to our baseball cap section of the online shop. As seen on display at rallies and events, the affordable, comfortable, 100% cotton twill hats are adjustable and come in a variety of neutral colors.



Ah, the "Apparel" shop is like walking down memory lane. We took note of all your favorite colors, graphics and messages over the years – and brought them back! Whether it's the "Driven by You," "American Backbone" or "Eat, Sleep, RV" concept that you connected with most, they're all available to purchase.

# SHOP TAIL

# YOUR RV SPRING-CLEANING CHECKLIST

Whether you're setting out for your first voyage since storing your rig for the winter or continuing your year-round explorations, spring-cleaning is the perfect annual check-up for your RV. One of the most wonderful things about RVing is that many of the maintenance jobs can be done by you – right at home, or on the road. But, it is also important to recognize those that should be diagnosed and fixed by a certified professional. Not sure which is which? That's where we come in.

For more DIY and checklist tips, go to http://roadslesstraveled.us/tips-tricks/



#### **REPAIRING THE ROOF**

Let's start at the top, shall we? The roof is probably already on your checklist, so we wanted to give a few more details you may be missing. First, examine the access ladder for cracks on the rungs and hardware before climbing. Next, remove vent and AC unit covers to check worn rubber seals and sealant along seams, vents and skylights. Then, clean and condition entire roof, slideouts and covers to rid all areas of any dust, debris, leaves and twigs. This is also the perfect time to check your TV's antenna and solar panels – testing, lubricating and replacing any hardware as necessary.

#### **BRACING THE BLADES**

The best advice we can give for your RV's wiper blades is to operate them often – this way, you know if and when they will need replaced. To ensure the blades live a long and healthy life, clean them with windshield washer fluid, exercise them and their joints manually, and replace the hoses when needed. If you're not sure, clear the openings with a needle and check for streaks.

#### **TESTING THE TIRES**

To begin, your RV tires should be properly inflated, matching the number indicated in your manual. Next, visually inspect the tread and sidewalls for any possible cracks and defects. The most important thing to know about your tires is the age. A tire that passes inflation and visual inspection with flying colors could still be rotting from the inside with no signs, causing a blowout down the road. Tires older than 5-7 years should most likely be replaced. This page will help you find the age of your tire: http://www.loveyourrv.com/?p=16073.

#### CHECKING THE UNDERCARRIAGE

Visually inspect the suspension, frame, exhaust, brakes, bearings, etc. for any corroded, damaged or loose components. Look for possible leaks and anything else concerning to report to the mechanic when you get your oil changed before setting out on your adventure.

#### **REVIVING THE REFRIGERATOR**

Your rig's fridge is a necessity, so always make sure you take the necessary steps to ensure it's running [cliché jokes aside]. The owner's manual of your RV should include a list of simple items that you can do yourself, but anything more serious should be consulted by a certified technician.

#### FIXIN' THE GAS FURNACE

After a long winter of storage, a trial run of your gas furnace should be one of the first things on your to-do list. This is one that should be done before and after any cold-weather adventures as well. To be on the safe side, we advise having all major appliances OK'd by a professional before heading out – this would also include your hot water heater and RV air conditioner.

#### ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR YOUR SPRINGTIME TRAVEL

- Two-way radios can range in price, but the extra penny might be worth it. They make towing a trailer, anchoring a boat or hitching and unhitching your coach a breeze – especially when rear- and side-view mirror vision isn't ideal.
- **Gorilla tape** is a cheap, quick fix to ridding your rig of unwanted pests. Simply wrap the tape around your power cables, sticky side out, to stop all ants and insects in their tracks.
- Patio mats are beautiful and extend your living space outside the walls of your RV. Defining the entrance with elegant coziness, your campsite welcomes visitors and feels like home.
- Flexible plastic cutting boards are the perfect replacement for fancy carpet protectors. Simply tape them together and place in front of slide-outs to keep your carpet from pilling.
- **Rubber shelf liners** are invaluable, can be cut-to-size and keep everything in place as you travel including glassware, electronics or grocery items.

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- Air brake system
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Fee: \$225.00 for single attendance or \$275.00 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



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#### 2017 CLASSES AT FCOC RALLIES

We've made special arrangements with FCCC to have a full Camp Freightliner at a number of our 2017 FCOC rallies. They're just like the classes you'd take in Gaffney, but you don't have to go to South Carolina!

When you register for the rally at FCOCRV.com, you'll receive a special code to enter when you sign up for Camp Freightliner at FCCCRV.com/owners/camp-freightliner.





#### 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.\*\*

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



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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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# BREAKING GROUND ON THE LOGISTICS CENTER

Freightliner Custom Chassis, along with DTNA (Daimler Trucks North America), officially broke ground on its all-new, highly anticipated logistics facility on April 13 in Gaffney.

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The 200,000-square-foot facility is the foundation of a \$22.7 million investment that is projected to bring positive impact to many key business operations for FCCC. This new logistics and material-handling center will allow us to grow and develop our facilities, capabilities and operations.

"As a company, there are two things in particular we're proud of," said Materials and Logistics Manager Steve Cain. "One, we work hard to be as lean and efficient with our operations and materials as we can; and two, we work just as hard to make sure we place a premium on sustainability and smart usage of our materials and resources. This logistics center will provide immediate and immense value in both of these areas."

On top of making us a stronger, smarter and more capable company moving forward, the new facility will also allow us to easily meet the growing demands of our customers and OEM partners well into the future.

"While also increasing capacity at our current facility – by expanding and enhancing our logistics – we continue to enhance our industry-best efficiency and lean operations," said FCCC President David Carson. "All in all, it's going to be a world-class facility."

But, the logistics center isn't the only investment FCCC is making in the community. At the groundbreaking event, we also announced our \$100,000 donation to the Cherokee County School District in support of Project Lead the Way – a project developed with the purpose to prepare students for careers or continued education.

The new logistics center will employ up to 100 team members to operate the facility when it opens its doors in early 2018.







# Know What Your Vehicle Needs With Allison Prognostics

Allison fully automatic transmissions are known for **reliable performance**. Prognostic features are built into every transmission, making it even easier to keep your RV up and running. For instance, Allison 5th Generation Electronic Controls shift selectors feature easy-to-read graphic displays that show both text and symbols. Allison prognostics take the guesswork and hassle out of scheduling routine vehicle maintenance to save you time and money while providing maximum protection for the transmission.

Allison prognostics use sophisticated, user-friendly electronic monitoring technologies. A wrench icon on the shift selector's digital display will alert you when service is due for your Allison transmission. Similar to checking oil level and diagnostics, you can check the status of all three prognostic features simply by toggling through the shift selector's display.

For more information download the Allison Transmission mobile app.





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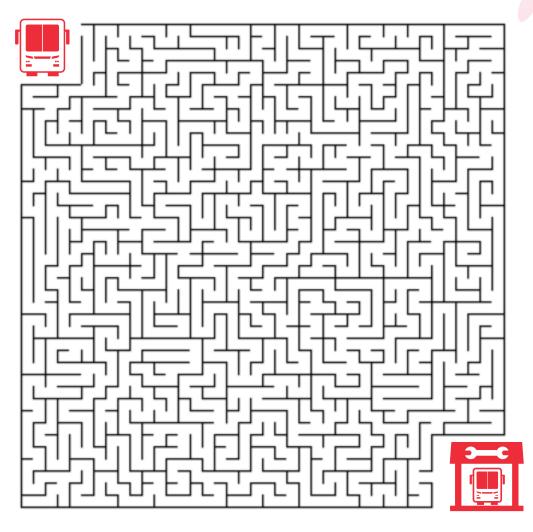
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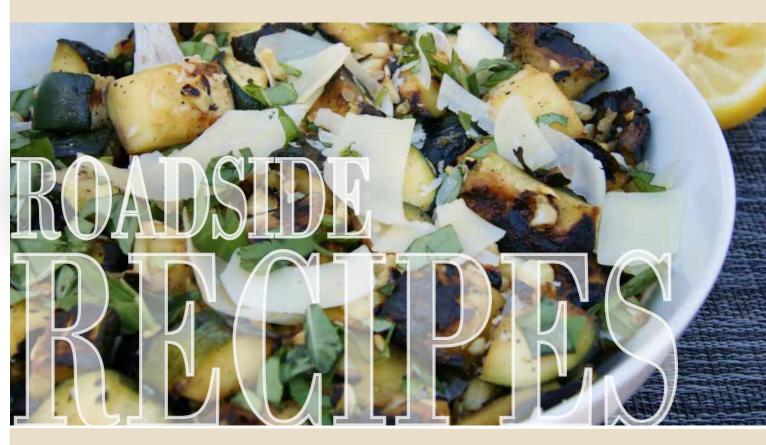
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#### GRILLED CORN AND ZUCCHINI SALAD BREAK OUT THE GRILL AND CREATE A DELICIOUS, HEARTY PRE-MEAL DELIGHT IN JUST 25 MINUTES.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 medium zucchinis, halved lengthwise
- 3 large ears of corn, husk and silk removed
- 2 tablespoons parmesan (or cheese of your choice)
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
- Sea salt and black pepper, to taste

#### DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat grill to medium heat.
- 2. Lightly coat zucchini and corn with oil.
- Place zucchini and corn directly on the grill, turning every few minutes for grill marks. This should take around 15-20 minutes, adjusting heat as necessary to avoid too much blackening.
- 4. Remove the vegetables from the grill and allow time to cool.
- 5. Slice zucchini width-wise into bite-size chunks and cut the corn off the cob.
- 6. Toss the vegetables with the rest of the ingredients and serve!
- 7. Can be enjoyed at room temperature or chilled.

All recipes courtesy of **www.goRVing.com** - a complete guide for food, games, travel, camping and tailgating in your RV.

DID YOU ENJOY THIS RECIPE? WE'D LOVE TO SEE HOW IT TURNED OUT! POST YOUR PICTURES ON FACEBOOK AND TAG US – IT COULD BE FEATURED ON OUR RV ROAD TRIPPERS FACEBOOK PAGE.



### BAKED BUFFALO CHICKEN WINGS TENDER, CRISPY WINGS – WITHOUT THE DEEP FRYER.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 lbs. chicken wings (split)
- Olive oil cooking spray
- 1 teaspoon coarse black pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4-1/2 cup red hot
- (We recommend Durkee Cayenne Red Hot Sauce)
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- 2. Rinse wings and pat dry.
- 3. Spray cookie sheet and wings with olive oil. Place wings on the sheet.
- 4. Combine pepper, chili powder, paprika and salt. Sprinkle half on wings.
- 5. Bake for 30 minutes (20 minutes if wings are smaller).
- 6. Remove pan, turn wings, sprinkle with remaining seasoning mixture and bake an additional 30 minutes.
- 7. Combine red hot and butter and toss wings to completely coat.
- 8. Serve with blue cheese, ranch dressing or any of your other favorites!



#### CHALLAH FRENCH TOAST WITH CARAMEL SAUCE THIS MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH DECADENCE IS PERFECT AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

#### INGREDIENTS - FRENCH TOAST:

- 1 loaf challah, cut into 3/4 inch slices
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

#### DIRECTIONS:

#### INGREDIENTS – CARAMEL SAUCE:

- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 4 tablespoons butter
- Pinch of salt
- 1. Preheat medium-size skillet over medium heat and melt 1 tablespoon of butter.
- 2. In a mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, cream, sugar, vanilla and salt until combined.
- 3. Dip each slice of challah bread into the mixture, coating both sides, and place into skillet. Cook until golden about 4 minutes per side.
- 4. Repeat with remaining slices.
- 5. Combine brown sugar, heavy cream, butter and salt in a saucepan over medium-low heat.
- 6. Gently whisk for 5-7 minutes until sauce thickens.
- 7. Add the vanilla, cook another minute and turn off the heat.
- 8. Pour over challah French toast and top with whip cream and fresh berries!

# FEATURED MENDBIRS

## FOUR DECADES OF DISCOVERY BILL AND CINDY FEINDEL

For most of us, life on the road is the dream. For Bill and Cindy Feindel, it's been a reality.

This April, the couple will celebrate 40 years of RVing – as they also celebrate 40 years of marriage. (Let us take this opportunity to offer our sincere congratulations!) The snowbirds love Arizona, have many friends in Florida, and for the last four decades, have traveled thousands of miles and made innumerous memories. Yet, Bill and Cindy have come to find that the experience itself is the most rewarding aspect of the RV lifestyle.

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"We don't really have a favorite spot, restaurant, town or route," says Cindy. "We could go to a park, a museum, a track – it doesn't matter. The most important thing is just to have fun with your coach."

Now exploring within the spacious comfort of their beautiful 2016 Tiffin Phaeton, the Feindels didn't always travel in such luxury. Their newest ride is the couple's fourth rig on a Freightliner chassis, and comes as a gift to themselves after their many years on the road in much closer quarters.

"After we got married, we bought our first tent trailer," recalls Cindy. "Then we bought another tent trailer, and another tent trailer, and then a travel trailer, all before we got into the motorhomes."

Although rides and rigs have come and gone throughout the years, Cindy and Bill's passions, desires and favorite activities remain unchanged. Avid, lifelong NASCAR fans, the Feindels enjoy following races and events while traveling, and can often be found in the stands of their hometown track – the New Hampshire Motor Speedway – in Loudon, New Hampshire. Some of their other favorites include Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee and Darlington Raceway in South Carolina, as well as tracks in Arizona, northern California and Las Vegas.

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They attended several rallies in 2016, including one of their favorites to-date in San Diego; however, the couple hasn't been able to get to as many as they would have liked so far this year. But they're already looking forward to the FCOC Fall in North Carolina rally in October that falls right in their lane. They will be taking advantage of the three-stop tour offered at the rally, which will visit Charlotte Motor Speedway, the NASCAR Hall of Fame and the Sam Bass Museum.

"We love everything the Club has to offer, but we've just met such great people," says Cindy. "Whether it's working through an issue, talking about a destination or solving problems with a coach, the support and the people are just terrific."

If the couple's love for the open road and all things motorized was still in question, they're not finished yet. Cindy and Bill also have a Harley Davidson motorcycle that they plan to attach to the back of their Tiffin for their next adventure. What that may be, they're not yet sure.

Perhaps it could be their annual trip to catch up with old friends at a crossroads – as one group travels back south, and one back north. Maybe it will be to one of their favorite campgrounds on Mustang Island. (A wonderful beachfront RV resort that's worth looking into, if you haven't already: http://www.gulfwatersrvresorttx.com). Or, perchance, it'll be an all-new experience in the Midwest, which Bill says they plan to explore once he retires.

"There's so much to see in this country, and we haven't even seen half of it," says Cindy. "We just have to keep going."

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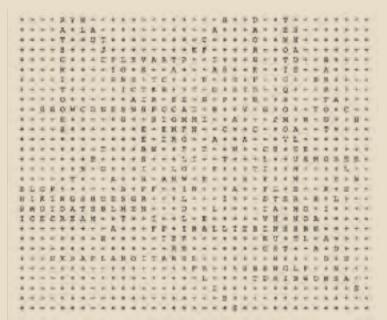
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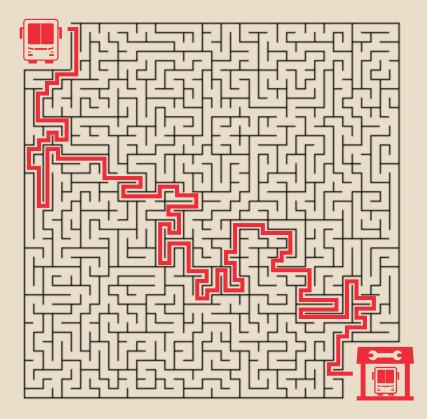


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- 6. Complete your payment information and follow instructions to submit.

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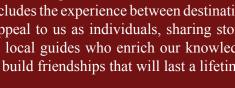


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#### The program offers current FCOC members the following discounts: 10% OFF POSTED LABOR RATES & 10% OFF PARTS

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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.BUSDEV@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.

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