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7/15-19 AMANA, IA
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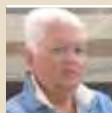
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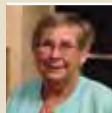
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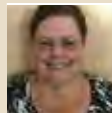
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Greetings to all.

It's rally season – that's for sure! As I write this, we are in between the Sturgis, SD, rally and the Junction City, OR, rally. In Sturgis, FCCC President Jeff Sather was present and spoke with many of the rally attendees. It was good to have him there, sharing some of his thoughts about the company and where he sees FCCC going. He stated that he would like to do this more to get a feel for the club and the different motorhome lifestyles within it. To that, I say Jeff, you are welcome to any rally anytime your schedule allows. Also, thanks for the help at the bingo game!

As most of you know – especially the few that signed up for it – we had to cancel the Shawnee rally due to the low number that registered for it. The annual business meeting that was scheduled for this rally will now take place at the Sevierville, TN, rally, along with board elections. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. There was just no way we could afford it financially.

On the other hand, the Sevierville, TN, rally is full – with a waiting list of more than 20. It is disappointing that we cannot accommodate all that want to attend, but the park is only so big and we pretty much have it all as is.

This is one of the problems we encounter when trying to schedule rallies – low registration numbers at one and a waiting list at another. We are having four next year – going back to places that have in the past drawn very well. So, if you are interested, please don't wait until the spaces are all gone. Most of the 2019 rallies will accommodate close to 100 coaches with ease, with plenty of room for dining and seminars as well.

The discount program for our featured dealers is doing well. However, I have had a great number of calls from members that don't look at the list of participating dealers and then want to complain that a particular dealership didn't honor the discount. Please use the list in the *RV Soul* magazine and do as it states; not all dealerships are part of the program. When you arrive and the service writer is taking information, make sure you state that you would like the discount. If the dealership is in the magazine, they do give the discount. If the dealership states otherwise, please call Tom James or myself and we will get to the bottom of it.

I hope to see you at the Sevierville rally. Until then, travel safe!

Steve Batorson

Steve Batorson
FCOC President

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BARBARA KNUTSON	SR. VICE PRESIDENT
ROY HOPPER	VP OPERATIONS - EAST
JAMES PEEK	VP BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
TOM BERNARDI	TREASURER
CINDY FEINDEL	NEWS LETTER EDITOR

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Knutson

on behalf of the members of the Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Members: Katherine Henley, Julia Robertson, John MacCallum, Beth Digate, Cheryl Peek

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MESSAGE

FROM



Greetings, FCOC members:

Summer is here! As always, I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer out on the open road.

I've spent the past several months continuing to settle in as President of FCCC – and a big part of that process has included speaking with and learning from FCCC owners like you. Your insights, input and ideas – combined with your passion – clearly communicate to me the role our products play in your lives. Our responsibility to provide you the best products and ownership experience is one our team takes seriously – and one that inspires us each and every day.

As an example, I'd like to share something our leadership team at FCCC discussed at a recent meeting. In the midst of a team exercise to define and explain our values as a company, we identified five core values for FCCC and our team:

- Passion: We love our industry and our customers
- Respect: We live by the Golden Rule
- Integrity: We do what is right every time
- Discipline: We are committed to continuous improvement
- Excellence: We do our best today – and expect even better tomorrow

If you take the first letter of each of these values, they spell "PRIDE." And that, perhaps more than anything, gets at the heart of our company. We take an immense amount of pride in what we do at FCCC. We're proud of the effort all of us put into providing you the best products backed by the best customer service in the industry. We're proud of delivering the best ownership experience you'll find anywhere. And we hope that PRIDE comes through loud and clear each and every day.

I'm certainly proud of this issue of *RV Soul*. In it, we share details of version 2.0 of our 24/7 owners app. It offers a number of new and enhanced features and benefits, including up-to-date maintenance logs, a handy guide to dash lights, and the all-new OwnerHQ, which pulls together all your most important owner information. Learn more on page 27.

In addition, this issue provides updates and registration information for a number of upcoming rallies, making it easy to connect with your fellow RVers and FCOC members, as well as members of our team at FCCC. Our featured dealer, Guaranty RV Super Centers, has been providing the best in sales and service in the Pacific Northwest for more than 50 years. And our featured FCOC member, Steve Batorson, should be no stranger to many of you. Steve has served the club incredibly well over the years as president, so we thought it was time we shared his story – and his pride in the club – with all of you.

And 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.

Jeff Sather
FCCC President & CEO

INSIDE

NEWS AND UPDATES
FROM OUR HEADQUARTERS IN GAFFNEY, SC



UPS 50,000 CHASSIS EVENT

A two-decade partnership among two of the most trusted and respected names in the delivery-truck and parcel-delivery industry reached a major milestone, as Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp. recently produced and delivered its 50,000th chassis for UPS. We are honored that our longtime friends at UPS continue to entrust a significant portion of their fleet to us and look forward to seeing all we can accomplish over the next two decades.

VETERAN'S SUICIDE AWARENESS 5K

FCCC held its annual Veteran's 5k run/walk benefit for veteran suicide awareness in which many employees participated. We are proud to be an organization so full of support for our veterans – devoted to bringing attention to the very real impacts of PTSD among U.S. veterans and letting them know they're not alone.



FCCC GOES TO DISNEY

Joe Brazitis of Team FCCC recently took a motorhome, built on FCCC, to Disney with his family. "I enjoyed the comfortable ride of the XCM chassis, as my wife and kids relaxed and watched movies in the back of the coach. The time seemed to just fly by!" he said.

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Highway Driving (Level Terrain)

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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)¹

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)²

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.



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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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The annual business meeting will now be held at the upcoming rally in Sevierville, Tennessee. This will be a great rally with lots of entertainment and acts at local theaters, along with Fireside Chat, social hours and a wonderful venue. We have expanded the number of sites for this rally to 85, but the remaining spots are filling up quickly.

If you are interested in attending this rally, be sure to register online as soon as possible – before the waiting list begins. Given the rapid pace of registrations, it is strongly recommended to register online versus sending in by mail.

You can find additional information, as well as a link to register for the Sevierville rally on our website: www.FCOCRV.org/event/sevierville-tennessee/.

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If so, please give name(s) and age(s): _____

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Primary phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Email address: _____ Share your e-mail with other attendees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Mfg/Model of Coach: _____ Length: _____

Any special events during the rally, e.g. birthdays or anniversary?: _____

First time at an FCOC rally? ☐ Yes ☐ No Volunteer to help with the rally? ☐ Yes ☐ No Handicap Parking? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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2 day maintenance seminars, 2 lunches, 1 dinner. Register direct with Camp Freightliner after registering for this rally. Spots will then open to the public if all slots not filled.

Make check payable to: FCOC. Mail to: FCOC, P.O. Box 1527, Cortado, AZ 85652 no later than September 29, 2018. Additional nights will be paid to: River Plantation RV Park. You must call the park directly to reserve your site from our block of sites and have number of nights (date in and out), length of unit, credit card for guarantee, etc. If registering online, you may pay via PayPal.

Rally fee includes: 4 nights Camping, Full Hookups w/50 Amp Service, Some Pull-thru & some Back-in sites, WiFi, Cable, 3 Dinners, 1 dinner show, 3 Full Breakfasts, 1 Continental Breakfast, Hospitality Hours each day, Seminars, Special Smoky Mountain Opry "Christmas Show" one afternoon, and other extras:

Ladies Social? ☐ Yes ☐ No Crafts? ☐ Yes ☐ No Attending Camp Freightliner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nights staying at River Plantation: _____. If you will be attending the Camp Freightliner classes on 24-25 (Wed/Thurs) you will need six nights pre-rally or 26-27 (Fri/Sat) you will need four nights pre-rally. We are holding 15 sites (Oct 23-Nov 1), and 30 sites (Oct 24-Nov 1) and 75 sites (Oct 29-Nov 1). This will be a sellout so reserve early. Extra nights at \$43.00 per night including taxes. Our extra sites will be released Sept 30.

Date Received: _____ Confirmation Sent: _____

SEFFNER, FLORIDA

February 13-17, 2019

\$345/Coach, \$265/Single

Each Extra Person: add \$50

LAZYDAYS RV RESORT

6210 County Road 579

Seffner, Florida 33584

(800) 350-6731

<https://www.lazydays.com/locations/florida/tampa-florida/rv-resort>



BUSCH GARDENS



THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM



DALE CHIHULY GLASS



HISTORIC YBOR CITY

FROLIC IN THE SUN MID-WINTER NATIONAL RALLY

The Freightliner Chassis Owner's Club will kick off the 2019 rally season at the Lazdays RV Resort in Seffner, Florida. The rally entry time is 1:00pm on Wednesday, Feb. 13 – with registration from 1:30-3:00pm in the west end of the Rally Center.

RALLY FEE INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 4 Nights Full Hook-Ups with 50-Amp Power
- Back-in Sites
- Wi-Fi and Cable
- 3 Breakfasts
- 3 Lunches
- 3 Dinners
- Social Hours and Professional Entertainment
- Freightliner Fireside Chat, Allison Transmission, Cummins Engine and Onan Generator, and Other Seminars
- Crafts and Special Outing for Ladies
- Camp Freightliner Classes Available at Additional Cost (held February 11-12 and February 18-19)

THINGS TO DO AND SEE NEAR LAZYDAYS

YUENGLING BREWERY TOUR: See where America's oldest beer is made in this free tour for all ages. Call ahead to make arrangements. Sneakers are recommended. (www.yuengling.com)

FLORIDA STATE FAIR: Drawing up to a half-million people over its 12-day run, the fair features agriculture competitions, Midway rides, the Pizza Cone, Redneck Burger and Bacon Ice Cream all at an affordable price. (www.floridastatefair.org)

BUSCH GARDENS: Provides chilling coasters, thrilling water rides, awe-inspiring safaris with lions and tigers and gators, electrifying family-friendly entertainment and cold craft brews. (www.buschgardens.com/tampa)

THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM: This world-class attraction is noted for its emphasis on education and fun, with an assortment of opportunities that range from getting up close with the animals to diving in the aquarium's massive coral reef. (www.flaquarium.org)

DALE CHIHULY GLASS: Housed at the Morean Arts Center, this collection is unique in that both the art and architecture work to create a profound experience for the visitor. (www.moreanartscenter.org/chihuly/)

SALVADOR DALÍ MUSEUM: Dedicated to the work of Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali, the museum houses the most extensive collection of its namesake's work outside of Europe. Both fun and revelatory on the inside, the museum's building itself is an architectural masterpiece. (thedali.org)

HISTORIC YBOR CITY: This "city within a city" is like stepping into old-world Cuba with sights, sounds and glorious aromas that greet you with a friendliness that warms the soul. (www.visittampabay.com/ybor.html)

TAMPA ELECTRIC'S MANATEE VIEWING CENTER: As a designated federal sanctuary, the center's mission is to educate the public about Florida manatee – an endangered species – through use of viewing platforms, interactive exhibits and displays. (www.tampaelectric.com/company/mvc/)

SEFFNER, FLORIDA RALLY

FEBRUARY 13-17, 2019

LAZYDAYS RV RESORT | 6210 COUNTY ROAD 579 | SEFFNER, FLORIDA 33584 | (800) 350-6731

Rally Master: Roy & Kathy Hopper | 772-559-3522 | rhopper517@aol.com

Asst. Rally Masters: Tom & Beth Digate | 260-413-3570 | tomandbeth@digate.us

register online
www.FCOCRv.org

Member #: _____

Pilot: _____
Last First

Nickname for Badge: _____

Co-Pilot: _____
Last First

Nickname for Badge: _____

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: _____ Share your e-mail with other attendees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Mfg/Model of Coach: _____ Length: _____

Any special events during the rally, e.g. birthdays or anniversary?: _____

First time at an FCOC rally? ☐ Yes ☐ No Volunteer to help with the rally? ☐ Yes ☐ No Handicap Parking? ☐ Yes ☐ No

FCOC - Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Member - Two people per coach \$345.00 = \$ _____

FCOC - Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Member - One person per coach \$265.00 = \$ _____

Each extra person in the coach over age 14 (Number of people _____) x \$80.00 = \$ _____

Non-FCOC member additional per coach \$50.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Make check payable to: FCOC. Mail to: Roy Hopper, 5965 41st Street, Vero Beach, FL 32967 no later than 1/14/2019. (\$25 cancellation fee).

You may contact the campground directly for additional nights pre/post rally.

Rally fee includes: 4 nights Camping, Full Hookups w/50 Amp Service, Back-in sites, Wi-Fi, Cable, 4 Dinners, 3 Full Breakfasts, 1 Continental Breakfast, 3 Lunches, Hospitality Hours each day, Seminars, Games, Professional Entertainment one evening, and other extras:

Ladies Social? ☐ Yes ☐ No Crafts? ☐ Yes ☐ No Attending Camp Freightliner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CAMP FREIGHTLINER classes are available to rally attendees for an additional cost. Class Dates 2/11-12 and 2/18-19/2019. 2 people attending class \$285.00, 1 person attending class \$235.00 includes: 2 lunches, 1 dinner. You must register directly with Camp Freightliner at www.fccrv.com/owners/camp-freightliner after receiving your rally registration confirmation as it will include the confirmation number necessary to register for the class. Spots not filled by rally attendees will be opened to the public.

Date Received: _____ Confirmation Sent: _____

SAVE THE DATE:**AMANA, IOWA**

FCOC Summer Rally

July 15-19, 2019

AMANA RV PARK & EVENT CENTER

3890 C Street

Amana, IA 52203

(319) 622-7616

<http://www.amanarvpark.com/>

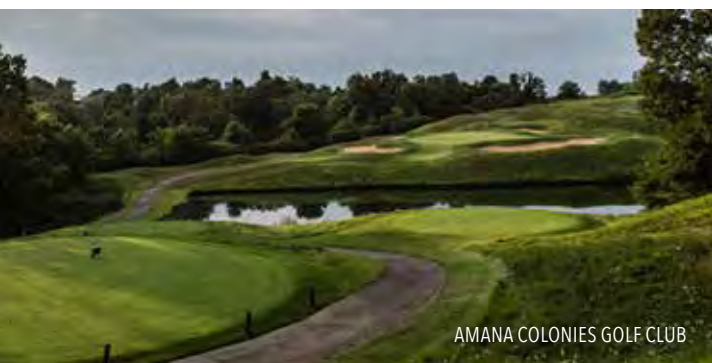
AMANA SHOPS



ACKERMAN WINERY



AMANA ARTS GUILD



AMANA COLONIES GOLF CLUB

AMANA RALLY

Details to be provided at a later date. This rally will offer an optional Camp Freightliner on July 9-10 and July 11-12. Please note that FCOC rallies can no longer accommodate special dietary requests due to the wide variety of caterers and high cost for special menus. We apologize for any inconvenience.

THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN AMANA

AMANA SHOPS: Described as a community of families, farmers and artisans with traditions dating back more than 150 years, visitors will be amazed by the quality craftsmanship and friendly demeanor. Indeed, it's like stepping back in time. (www.amanashops.com)

- **Meat & Smokehouse:** Handcrafting meats since 1855, they celebrate both German and Iowa tradition with "savory foods crafted with superior flavors."
- **Woolen Mill:** Housed in the original building, the mill produces goods for the community and sells textiles across the country with updated designs, colors and materials.
- **General Store:** The village landmark features whole bean coffees, loose-leaf teas, the year-round International Christmas market and delicious candies.
- **Furniture & Clock Shop:** Using century-old building methods, the shop designs and builds beautiful furniture, clocks and home décor. Visitors are welcome to watch the craftsmen at work.

ACKERMAN WINERY: Following traditions established in 1956, the winery handcrafts fruit wines with exotic varieties, including dandelion and red raspberry, as well as produces traditional varieties. Open daily with complimentary wine tasting. (www.ackermanwinery.com)

AMANA ARTS GUILD: This non-profit organization specializes in the folk arts, with exhibits ranging from needlework and baskets to woodwork and blacksmithing. Visitors can find handcrafted dolls and toys, as well as cookbooks with traditional recipes. (www.amanaartsguild.com)

AMANA COLONIES GOLF CLUB: See why the club is rated as one of Iowa's top public courses by *Golf Digest* and *Golf Magazine*. The 18-hole course winds through acres of white oak trees and forest, with a newly constructed clubhouse. (www.amanagolf.com)

KOLONIEWEG TRAIL: This 3.1 mile, mostly paved loop connects the villages of Amana and Middle Amana with scenic views of Lily Lake, farmland and pastures. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash. (www.alltrails.com/trail/us/iowa/amana-kolonieweg-trail)

IOWA BASEBALL MUSEUM OF NORWAY: This museum tells the story of baseball in Norway, Iowa: from its roots after the Civil War to the last team in 2006. Norway won 20 high school championships (including the 2006 team) and produced many college and semi-pro players, as well as 17 minor and four Major League Baseball players. (www.norwaybaseball.com)

SAVE THE DATE: COOS BAY, OREGON

FCOC Fall Rally
September 23-27, 2019

THE MILL CASINO HOTEL & RV PARK

3201 Tremont Street
North Bend, OR 97459
(800) 953-4800
<https://www.themillcasino.com/>



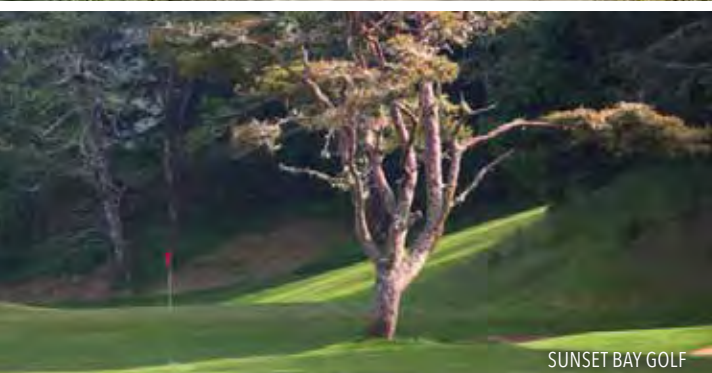
THREE RIVERS CASINO RESORT



COOS ART MUSEUM



OREGON DUNES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



SUNSET BAY GOLF

COOS BAY RALLY

Details to be provided at a later date. This rally will offer an optional Camp Freightliner on September 27-28 and September 30-October 1. Please note that FCOC rallies can no longer accommodate special dietary requests due to the wide variety of caterers and high cost for special menus. We apologize for any inconvenience.

THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN COOS BAY

THREE RIVERS CASINO RESORT: This award-winning casino has two locations on the Oregon Coast – Coos Bay and Florence. Both offer comfortable accommodations, excellent food and great gaming. (www.threeriverscasino.com)

COOS ART MUSEUM: Located in downtown Coos Bay, the museum's permanent collection includes a gallery dedicated to the short, but fascinating life of champion distance runner Steve Prefontaine, as well as contemporary American prints and Northwest art. (www.coosart.org)

COOS HISTORIAL AND MARITIME MUSEUM: South coastal Oregon's rich history comes alive with a collection of over 50,000 objects and more than a quarter million images dating from pre-history through the 1970s. (www.cooshistory.org)

SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST: Stretching from "the forest floor to the ocean shore," this national forest encompasses 630,000 acres between Coos Bay and Tillamook. Activities range from swimming and fishing to hiking and mountain biking. Catch a glimpse of a whale or marvel at the power of a waterfall. (www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw)

OREGON DUNES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA: Stretching 40 miles along the Oregon coast, the dunes provide numerous recreational opportunities, including biking, hiking, fishing, canoeing, horseback riding and camping. (www.stateparks.com/oregon_dunes_national_recreation_area_in_oregon.html)

CAPE ARAGO STATE PARK: It's said that in 1579, Sir Francis Drake sought shelter for his ship around Cape Arago. With breathtaking vistas and plenty of wildlife, the cape highlights the beauty and charm of Oregon's southern coast.

SUNSET BAY GOLF: Professionally designed by John Zoller – who developed Spyglass and Poppy Hills – this par 36 course is as beautiful as it is challenging. Cart and club rental are available. (www.sunsetbaygolf.com)

WATSON RANCH: This 18-hole course sits along the coast and is perfect for all levels of skill. The pro shop has equipment, clothing and services, and is managed by the resident pro golfer. (www.watsonranchgolf.com)



WATSON RANCH

PERRY RALLY

Linda Murphy, Rally Master
Barbara & Jeff Albrecht, Asst. Rally Masters

RALLY RECAP



FCOC "CROSSROADS OF GEORGIA" RALLY

Another successful FCOC National Rally was held at Fair Harbor RV Park in Perry, GA, April 23-27, with 105 in attendance. The Perry Volunteer Outreach and their women's homeless shelter was chosen as the rally charity.

Monday afternoon started off with registration followed by a First Timers Orientation (over 50% of attendees!). After social hour, we were served a delicious dinner of country fried steak with all the trimmings, which was prepared by Oil Lamp Restaurant of Perry. The restaurant prepared all of our meals throughout the rally, served by our awesome FCOC member volunteers, too numerous to mention.

That evening, Larry Wood spoke about the Perry Volunteer Outreach & Grace Village, Perry's homeless women's shelter, to which we donated an overage of food items during the week. After, rally attendees learned all about natural grown grapes and the winemaking process from Robert, the owner of Tilford Winery, who extended a gracious invite for a wine tasting. The evening continued with an introduction of officers and announcements, followed by the 50/25/25 drawing. Special thanks to all involved.

Tuesday started off with a wonderful breakfast buffet, followed by a Fireside Chat and "Sharpie Marker T-shirt Art," led by Linda Steckley. Later that afternoon, a "Social Media for RVers" seminar given by FCOC Webmaster Tom Digate was well attended, after which we adjourned to start an early social hour and then enjoy pineapple glazed ham for dinner.

Wednesday morning, we enjoyed a generous breakfast buffet of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit and more. After, we were sent off to explore the area before returning to gather in front of the Freightliner truck and chassis for a group picture. Thanks to Ken Lee and his drone-mounted camera, we managed to get some awesome aerial photos.

Next was social hour and dinner – smothered chicken breast. With full bellies, we entered an interesting game of bingo, played Royce's way. The Manager of Fair Harbor has his own approach to the classic game: when you call "Bingo!" you are offered a variety of prizes, as well as the chance to trade in. The end prize was \$100, which was split between two attendees.

Thursday morning started off with scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes and fruit, followed by a very well-attended Fire/Electrical Safety seminar, presented by FCOC members Don Alexander, Larry Steckley and Billy Flowers – all either retired firefighters or electricians.

After lunch, 38 ladies arrived at Lane Southern Orchards where they met the owner, Duke Lane, and enjoyed peach ice cream and fritters. Later, they shopped around the extensive bakery and gift shop. What a treat it was! The evening continued with entertainment by Shirley Blunk of Warner Robins. In her first solo performance, she entertained us all by singing, playing the flute, recorder and guitar, and ending with a musical salute to our veterans on her bagpipes. After, names from each branch of service were drawn to receive a special engraved wooden plaque. The evening ended with a 50/25/25 drawing.



Through our efforts, the raffle prize ticket sales and the bingo proceeds, we were able to present Larry Wood of the Perry Volunteer Outreach a check for \$1,500.

THANK YOU TO:

- Jonathan and Meg Scharf and Marty Waisnor, for handling the raffle ticket sales every evening.
- Ranger and Shelly Russell, for taking care of our social hours each day.
- Tim, Royce and Stephanie of Fair Harbor, for their tremendous help and cooperation before, during and after our rally, as well as during Camp Freightliner led by FCCC's Mike Cody.
- Kim Batorson, Larry Steckley, Beth Digate, and Jerry and Mary Kapcsos, for holding the 50/25/25 drawings and registration.
- Our awesome door prize donors: Dometic Refrigeration, Autumn Lake RV Park, Warner Robins Walmart, T-9, Thetford Products and Camping World near Perry.
- Lamberth's 41 Grocery, who graciously delivered the hundreds of pounds of ice we needed for social hours.
- We cannot forget a person who prefers to remain nameless, who provided hundreds of wrapped plastic ware, many tablecloths, table skirting, napkins and other items.

- Assistant Rally Masters Jeff and Barb Albrecht, for all of their hard work to help make this rally a great success.
- Tom and Beth Digate, who were up very early to make sure the coffee pots were turned on and ready for breakfast.
- Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp., for their support in bringing the truck and chassis, the numerous items for sale, door prizes and goody bag donations from Gaffney, SC, as well as Wayne, and Tommy and Pat Smith.
- Steve Batorson, for always having our PA System available when needed, along with various other duties.

We sincerely hope you enjoyed this rally – and if you missed it, we hope to see you very soon.

Sincerely,
Linda Murphy
SR VP & Rally Master

STURGIS RALLY

Tom James, Rally Master

RALLY RECAP



KICKSTAND RALLY IN STURGIS

With 28 coaches, we had a small but enjoyable rally in Sturgis, SD. It rained off and on, but never interfered with any of our events.

On Monday, FCOC President Steve Batorson led the First Timers seminar – as they made up 30% of our attending members. Afterwards, he and FCCC's Wayne Scruggs presented the Fireside Chat (Knowing Your Chassis seminar). After dinner, we enjoyed a great game of bingo.

After breakfast Tuesday morning, those going on the day trip to Mount Rushmore boarded the bus. They spent the day at Crazy Horse and Mount Rushmore, returning in time for dinner. Those that didn't go instead traveled to Deadwood and Sturgis, while others checked out the Freightliner Chassis on site as Scruggs stood by ready for any questions.

Wednesday was a free day – rally attendees spent some time resting, cleaning their motor homes and shopping. At 7:00 pm, after dinner, we loaded the bus for a night trip to see the lighting show at Mount Rushmore, and what a great time that was! They put on an awesome ceremony about former U.S. presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. At the end of the show, they ask all veterans to come on stage to help in lowering the colors. We returned back to the campground by 11:00 pm.





On Thursday, another free day, some of our members went to Deadwood or Sturgis while others ventured to Hill City to ride the 1800 railroad to Keystone and back. After dinner, some of our members participated in line dancing.

Jeff Sather, the new President of FCCC, spent two days with us, meeting and talking to our members. Sather also discussed the future of Freightliner and their negotiations to improve their relationship with Freightliner Dealers and FCOC, as well as FCCC's new gas engine and chassis that will compete with Ford Class C.

Friday, we had a continental breakfast while saying good bye to friends.

See you down the road!

Tom James

Rally Master

FEATURED DEALER

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Family-owned and operated, and offering guaranteed savings to their customers for more than 50 years, Guaranty RV Super Centers strives to deliver the best customer service in the industry – a goal they've worked towards since their story began in 1966. Through the years, Guaranty has grown from a small-town dealership to a renowned RV super center.

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SERVICE UPDATE



Brand new with this update, OwnerHQ gives you a profound collection of information, accessible at the tap of your finger.

THE REIMAGINED 24/7 DIRECT OWNER'S APP, NOW FEATURING OWNERHQ

Geared toward RV owners, the next generation of the 24/7 Direct app seamlessly connects you to a wealth of resources for your chassis and your journey. And as always, you'll be empowered to locate a dealer and contact FCCC 24/7 Direct factory technicians with one click – anytime, anywhere.

The home page provides an updated design and enhanced user experience, including the biggest – and most exciting – update to the app: OwnerHQ. In addition, your "Email FCCC" and "Service Survey" forms are new and improved – meaning a more user-friendly interface that includes auto-fill technology. The dealer locator utilizes location-based technology to automatically list dealerships closest to you at any given time.

OWNERHQ: WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU

MY VEHICLE: allows you to create a login and keep track of any maintenance you've had performed on your motorhome. And since it syncs automatically, you'll never lose the information – even if you get a new mobile phone.

CALENDAR: keeps track of all upcoming RV events, including links to specific event pages for more detailed information.

DASH LIGHTS: offers a complete library of warning lights that you may see on your motorhome's dash, allowing you to self-diagnose the issue – saving time, energy and money.

MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST: provides a thorough guide to suggested maintenance at 6,000, 15,000, 30,000, 45,000 and 60,000 miles.

LIBRARY: lists all owner manuals and warranty information so you never have to go digging for decade-old papers again.

NEWS: will be included in the next update.

FAQS: gives you access to the most frequently asked questions by RV owners just like you. The search bar makes the process quick and easy.

FACTORY SERVICE REQUEST: allows you to request an appointment from your mobile phone – wherever you are.

AVAILABLE NOW

The 24/7 free mobile app with a full suite of owner resources is available for Apple and Android devices. Search: Freightliner 24/7. If you've already downloaded the app, go to your app store to update.



A photograph showing the interior of an RV. A man in a red plaid shirt is driving, and a woman with glasses is pointing at a map on the dashboard. The sun is shining through the windshield, creating a warm, golden light. The text 'SHOP TALK' is overlaid in large, white, outlined letters.

SHOP TALK

GPS: THE INS AND OUTS

GUIDE TO BEST PRACTICES FOR YOUR MOTORHOME'S GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

As a satellite-based navigation system, GPS works in any weather conditions, anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day – in theory. As year-round travelers, we know all too well the errors, challenges and technical difficulties that can come with the use of GPS. These tips will help you avoid any malfunctions, as well as help guide you through any you do experience in your travels – getting you to your destination safely, on time and with confidence.

Why Use GPS?

Economically and environmentally friendly – Efficient routing not only saves you time, but it saves your RV from unneeded wear and tear, cuts down on harmful emissions, and spares your bank account from needless spending.

Avoid distracted driving – Yes, smart phones, tablets and other portable technology can provide navigation, but a GPS allows you to keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel.

Find stops on your route – Your GPS includes information on the latest roads, points of interest and all other essential data points. This means you can locate the nearest gas station or restaurant – or even identify the speed limit – all without clicking out of or deterring from the route to your destination.

Cost-friendly, stress-free – By utilizing your GPS and allowing it to identify the best route for your travels, you're saved the stress and cost that comes with hours spent in traffic or getting lost.

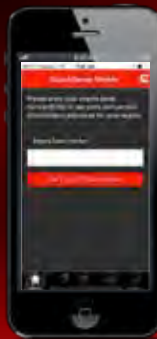
Using GPS Effectively

- ✓ **Always double check** – When entering the address into your GPS, check twice, if not three times, to make sure the city, state and zip code are correct. Auto-fill can be a great feature, but can also have you headed the opposite direction.
- ✓ **Longitude and latitude** – Many rally sites, campgrounds and RV parks are located in the middle of state and national parks, which can mean thousands of acres of land. Oftentimes, the GPS will take you to the absolute center of the park. For this reason, exact longitude and latitude coordinates can save you lots of time, gas and frustration.
- ✓ **Update your GPS!** Construction, road closures, changes to road names and many other factors can cause an out-of-date GPS to route you through an unsafe area or dead end. Updating your GPS will also ensure you are given the fastest, most convenient course to your destination.
- ✓ **Prep for the trip** – We recommend having addresses, websites and phone numbers of your destinations and stops on-hand at all times. There's no shame in a quick call to verify you're in the right spot. In addition, print the maps of the campground to give you a better idea of your location and familiarize yourself with your surroundings.



CUMMINS HAS RELEASED A NEW APP.

CUMMINS HAS INTRODUCED APPLE AND ANDROID VERSIONS OF ITS FREE QUICKSERVE 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.



Once you've entered your serial number, the app provides access to Cummins parts options, parts catalogs and engine dataplate information for 15 million Cummins serial numbers (ESNs). It also includes a fault-code analyzer for Cummins electronic engines, which explains current fault codes, advises which fault codes are dependent on others and recommends which should be fixed first.



JOIN US FOR A *Fireside Chat*

Offered at RV owner rallies and events across the country, Fireside Chat is an abbreviated version of Camp Freightliner – FCCC's wildly popular two-day seminar – reserved exclusively for FCCC owners. It's packed with valuable information about your product, what Freightliner does to make your ownership experience easy and enjoyable, and maintenance tips and tricks for new and veteran RVers.

Although brief, Fireside Chat covers everything from joining the FCCC family to the parts of your chassis – broken down into seven sections to make the class easy to follow and convenient, in addition to being interesting and informative.

Learn more about the benefits of driving a motorhome built on an FCCC chassis by registering for a Camp Freightliner Course at FCCCRV.com/owners/camp-freightliner.

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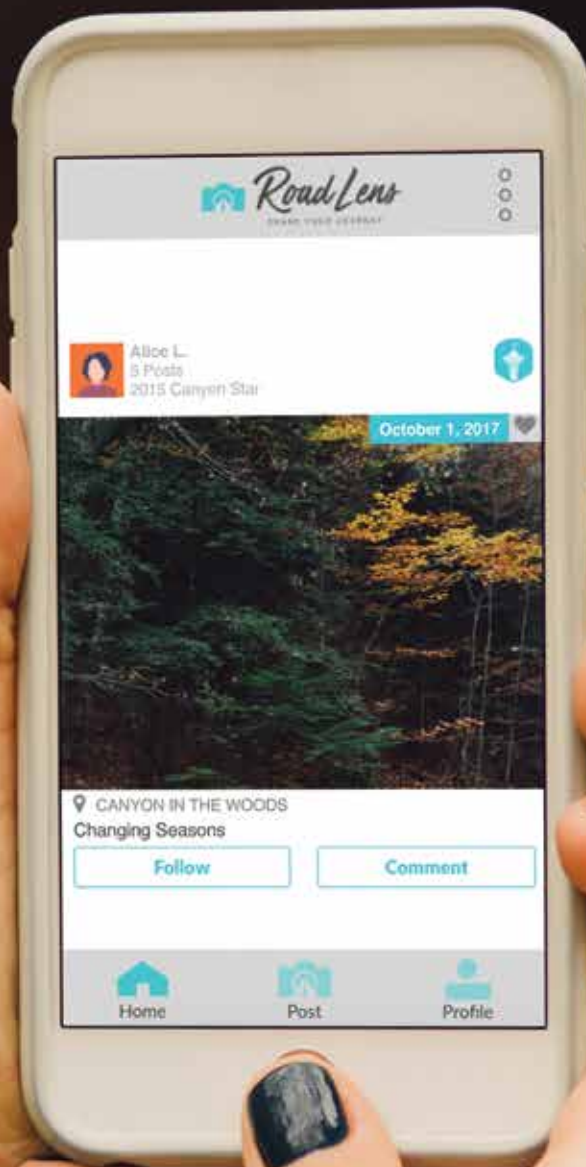
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Discover the
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SHARE YOUR JOURNEY

FEATURED OEM

THE 2019 NEWMAR LINEUP

TECHNOLOGY THAT WORKS SMARTER, NOT HARDER

With RoadLens, Newmar invites RV owners and enthusiasts to share their journey through photos from the road. Users create an account they then use to track their travels through images of campgrounds, landmarks, parks, restaurants and shopping destinations – which can be found by fellow RoadLens account holders with a quick tap of their respective icons. Users can even search to locate posts near their exact current location. Follow your friends and family, or keep up with the hottest destinations and best-kept secrets with popular accounts.

The 2019 lineup of Newmar Class A coaches offer Freightliner Custom Chassis as the base of your motorhome, providing you with the industry's leading 5-Star Customer Experience. With innovative features, equipment and services, FCCC delivers a smooth ride, responsive handling and unmatched driver safety – only possible with technology that works smarter, not harder. What's more, FCCC extends their dedication to you and your ownership experience with premium customer care, which is available at more than 450 Freightliner service centers throughout North America – the largest branded service network in the RV industry.

Take your pick of 2019 Newmar motorhomes and enter the best of both worlds: connecting with fellow RVers through RoadLens and receiving FCCC's ultimate, 5-Star Customer Experience. There's no cutting corners when it comes to this partnership. It's innovation, Driven By You.

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CAMP FREIGHTLINER

We had some wonderful groups join us for Camp Freightliner who were very eager and excited to learn about all the technology we've developed recently, including OptiView dash, RoadWatch and our all-new push-to-start key FOB, just to name a few. There are many Camp Freightliner opportunities in the near future and we hope to see you there!



CAMP FREIGHTLINER I

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Topics:

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2018 CLASS SCHEDULE UPDATED ON FCCCRV.COM

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When you register for the rally at FCOCRV.org, 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.****

****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 CLASS
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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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FROM EARLY BEGINNINGS

Author: Cindy Yuris, *FCOC Member*

In a conversation the other day, the question came up about when the first motorhome was really made. The inquiry really got me thinking and I realized that some form of “mobile home” or “house car” (as they were once called), has been around since at least the 1700-1800s. The Conestoga wagon, used for transporting goods and material, and the Prairie Schooner, created for the purpose of long-distance travel – albeit powered by a team of horses – were both early forms of mobile homes. They provided a place to sleep and carried all the necessary living needs and equipment of the time – including water, which was caught in rain barrels attached to the side of the wagon. The kitchen, of course, was a separate unit known as the chuck wagon. Though they lacked the modern conveniences we enjoy today, they served the same function of carrying occupants to various destinations. Americans used these modes of transportation for nearly two centuries until more modern transportation like the railroad and, eventually, the automobile came into play.

As early as the 1900s, people started modifying cars and trucks to create their own versions of what we now know as a motorhome. Many of the first RVs were built by hand and, in some instances, were built as a separate unit – commonly known as a towable vehicle. A more-modern form of motorhome was apparently introduced back in 1910 by the Pierce-Arrow Motor Company. It was known as the “Touring Landau Model” and was presented at the auto show in Madison Square Garden. It provided storage compartments, some camping equipment and yes, it even had an on-board toilet. But, it wasn’t until the 1920s that the builders and manufacturers started converting trucks and buses for camping use.

It was in this period that “RV camping” really got its start. Unfortunately, manufacturing was short lived, and production was halted during World War II due to rationing. It did not resume again until the 1950s. Later that decade, motorized RVs became more popular, but were considered to be an expensive luxury. They were not

as popular as travel trailers until 1967 when Winnebago introduced their five models of motorhomes, which varied in length from 16 to 27 feet and sold for as much as \$5,000. From there, the modern motorhome began to emerge.

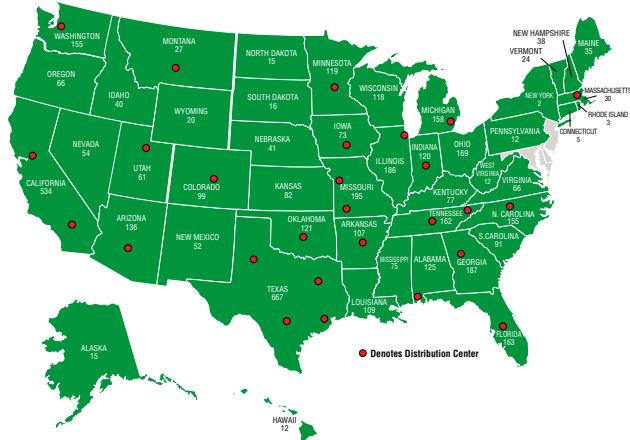
The RV-MH Museum and Hall of Fame in Elkhart, IN, is an awesome place to walk through the history of RVs. In their Founder’s Hall, there are over 50 vintage vehicles. This room is fun to explore – as the floor is painted like a highway that winds its way through history and the displays are set up to give you that campground feel. Along the “road,” you will encounter a 1913 travel trailer that is believed to be the oldest in existence, a 1915 Model T with multiple slide-outs, and various housecar conversions, pop-ups, travel trailers and motorhomes. There are exhibits that would qualify as strange, such as a 1916 Model T “Telescoping Apartment” or a 1935 Bowlus Road Chief, which looks like an Airstream with a fish tail. There is also a Chevrolet Housecar, built by Paramount in 1931 to bribe Mae West into making movies. The world’s oldest Winnebago, from 1967, is also on display – along with the smallest Airstream ever built. We found it fascinating to walk through and see the changes in technology from those early beginnings to the 1980s where the museum’s road through history ends. Truly a trip worth taking if you are going to be in or around the Elkhart area. You can visit their website here: www.rvmhhalloffame.org.

From 1950 to 2018, RVing has become an increasingly popular way to spend time with family and see this beautiful country. There are estimated to be over 12,000 campgrounds – including state and national parks, as well as local campsites – in the United States. Statistics show that in the spring of 2017, the number of people who went camping in the previous 12-month period amounted to 46.95 million.

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FEATURED MEMBER



GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON FCOC CLUB PRESIDENT STEVE BATORSON

FCOC President Steve Batorson's love for travel and adventure began nearly 30 years ago. His is a story we hear quite often in the RV community - it started with tents, next was the transition to a pop-up camper and then, alas, his first motorhome. As he and his wife Kim were still employed, the rigs were used primarily as a means to visit family, take mini vacations throughout the Midwest and northwest, and get to their boat in Arizona on the weekends.

After a little over a decade, the Batorsons knew the road was beckoning. They sold the boat and purchased their first Freightliner in 2006. That same day, Steve attended his first FCOC Rally in Tucson, AZ, where he sat in on the "Knowing Your Chassis" Seminar - and the rest, as they say, is history. At the rally, Steve met former FCOC President Ken Hawk, who invited him to that evening's happy hour event. Steve and Kim have been members of the FCOC ever since.

After a few years of membership, Steve decided to further his involvement and volunteered to serve as Assistant Rally Master for the annual rally in Tucson. It seems the city has a special charm for Steve, as it was here that he was asked to take a position on the FCOC board as Director of Communications, which he served until taking on the title of FCOC President. "It's been seven years since I became President and I've enjoyed the role very much," he said. "I don't think I've missed a single rally since then - even if it meant flying instead of driving due to time restraints."

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**THE BUCKET LIST IS LONG AND WE ARE ONLY
ON THE CUSP OF GETTING IT STARTED.** ”

— FCOC Club President Steve Batorson





NOW ON OUR FIFTH MOTORHOME

Steve says the single best thing about serving as FCOC President is meeting the members and hearing all they have to say. "Our charter is a social club where friendships begin in front of our eyes every day," he said.

Steve will be running for another term as President this year, but says it will be his last. He wants all FCOC members to know that he always welcomes any ideas to improve the club as much as he can while serving his role. "There is a time to move on," he said, "and I believe a fresh President will help keep the energy and growth of our club going."

He reflects on where the FCOC was when he began as President, noting that membership is up by several thousand, that *RV Soul* has become a professional publication and representation of the FCOC, and that the website went from barely existing to being beautifully managed and maintained thanks to former Webmaster Dave Violette and current Webmaster Tom Digate.

Although his time as FCOC President may be slowing down, the same cannot be said for his plans for travel. This year, the Batorson's upgraded to their 2018 Newmar Ventana, which they've been traveling in full-time since taking possession in February. So far, they've hit the FCOC Rallies in Tucson, AZ, and Perry, GA, celebrated the life of Kim's mother in Illinois, and made it home for a short time before heading off to the Newmar Rally in Gillette. They're looking forward to the FCOC Rally in Junction City, OR, followed by a trip to Alaska and a cruise – and then ending the year with the FCOC Rally in Tennessee before heading home for winter. All in all, Steve and Kim are looking at about 15,000+ miles in their coach for 2018 – and many, many more in the future.

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TAKEN IN 1991 WHEN WE PURCHASED OUR FIRST MOTORHOME
(STEVE, KIM, MY SISTER PAM , PAM'S HUSBAND, MY MOM AND DAD)





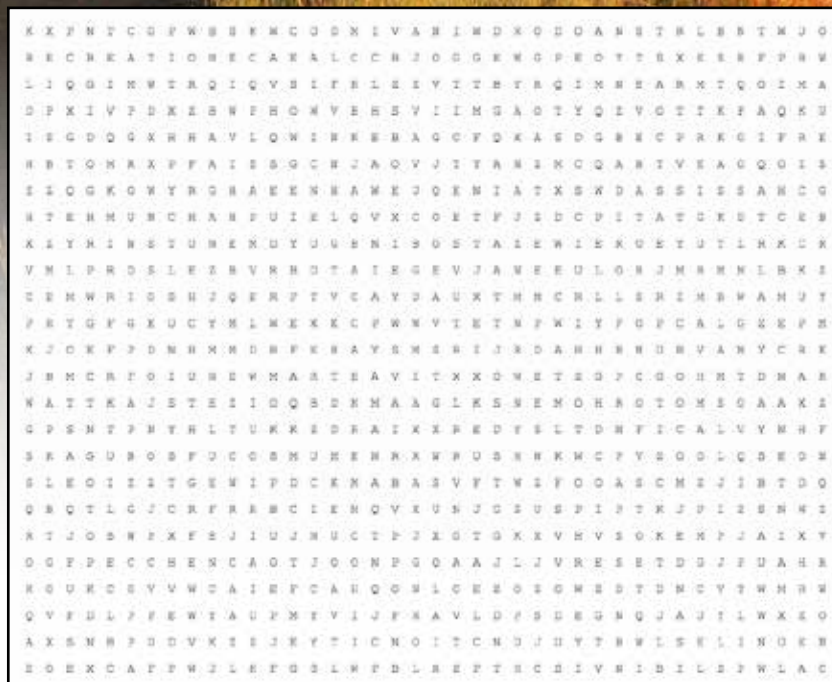
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OVERNIGHT CROCK-POT CASSEROLE

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 8 hours Servings: 8-10

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb. frozen bag hash brown potatoes, diced or shredded
- 1 cup onion, diced small
- 1 ½ cups bell pepper (any color or a mix), diced small
- 1 ½ cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 lb. hot or mild turkey sausage (could substitute with pork sausage, ham or bacon), cooked and crumbled
- 12 large eggs
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ teaspoon ground mustard
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place frozen hash browns in the bottom of slow cooker (use cooking spray if you're worried about sticking).
2. Place chopped onion and peppers over the potatoes.
3. Next, layer the cooked sausage and top with shredded cheese.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs and remaining ingredients, and then pour over the top of the cheese.
5. Cover with lid and cook 8-9 hours on low.
6. Delicious when served with a variety of toppings, including shredded cheese, diced tomatoes or salsa, sour cream or Greek yogurt, avocado, green onions, cilantro or hot sauce.

Recipe by Real Housemoms.

Did you enjoy this recipe? We'd love to see how it turned out! Have a recipe of your own? We'd love that even more! Post your pictures on Facebook and don't forget to tag us – it could be featured on our RV Road Trippers Facebook page or in the next issue of *RV Soul*.



SLOW-COOKER CHICKEN ALFREDO

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 2 hours, 20 minutes
Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 4 tablespoons butter, softened
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup chicken broth
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ½ lb. rigatoni
- 1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan
- Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

DIRECTIONS:

1. Add chicken, butter, heavy cream and chicken broth to your slow cooker. Season with garlic powder, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper.
2. Cook on high for two hours, until the chicken is cooked through. Shred with fork and set aside for later.
3. Keeping the slow cooker on high, stir in pasta and Parmesan. Cook until pasta is tender (20-25 minutes).
4. Return the chicken to the crock-pot, stir to combine, garnish and enjoy!

Recipe by Delish. Photo by Parker Feierbach.

SLOW-COOKER CINNAMON ROLL MONKEY BREAD

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 2 hours
Servings: 8-10

The monkey bread will stick as it cools. We recommend removing while warm to avoid a long soak.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cans Grands! cinnamon rolls (5 per can)
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted

DIRECTIONS:

1. Open cans of cinnamon rolls and cut each roll into six pieces. (Reserve the icing.)
2. Place granulated sugar and cinnamon in gallon Ziploc bag. Add cinnamon roll pieces, seal and shake to coat. (They will fall apart a little, so no worries!)
3. Stir brown sugar and melted butter together.
4. Spray a 5-7 quart slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. Place half the dough pieces in the bottom and cover with half the melted butter mixture. Repeat.
5. Cover the slow cooker and cook on high for about two hours. (We recommend checking at one hour, and then again after another 30 minutes – just to be safe). The edges will start to brown, but the top will still be a little gooey-looking. Turn off the slow cooker and let sit for five minutes before serving.
6. Drizzle the icing over the top of the monkey bread in the crockpot.

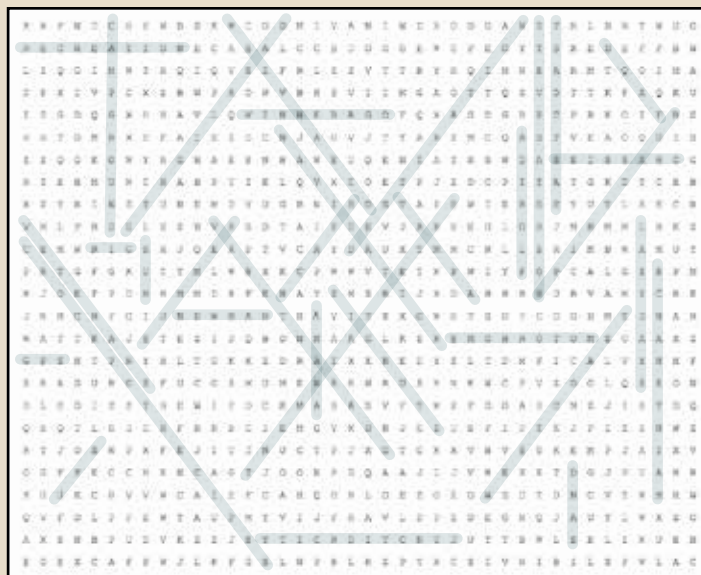
Recipe by Crazy for Crust.

NOTE: Not all slow cookers/crock pots are created equal. Go by how yours has performed in the past.

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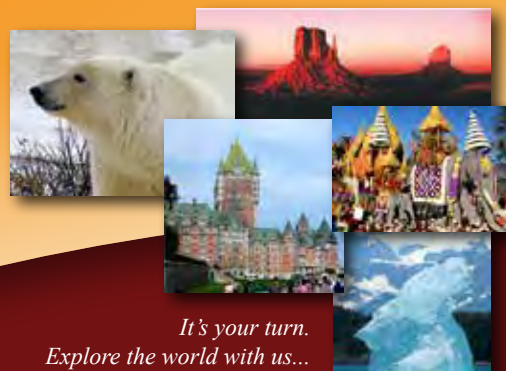
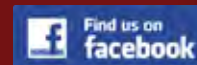
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