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Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we were not able to have any of our national rallies this year as facilities could not safely accommodate our group under the current requirements. We also wanted to take extra precautions and prevent anything which could compromise the health and safety of our members.

We are busy planning rallies for next year, and as soon as they are finalized they will be posted on the website. You will also receive an email with these updates, so be sure to check the website and your inbox regularly.

As of now, the only rally we have finalized so far is a regional rally at the Florida Super Show in Tampa. This will take place January 12-17, 2021 and will be limited to 50 coaches. You must sign up for the Super Show first, then register on our website to stay in our area. The Super Show sells out quickly, and their registration will begin on October 5, 2020 at [frvta.org](http://frvta.org).

Due to the cancellation of the Branson, Missouri rally and business meeting, we voted electronically on the open board positions this year. By the time you receive this issue of *RV Soul*, you should have already received the results of the election.

Plenty of good news has still come our way this year: motorhome sales are up and we continue to add new members every day. Remember, our club offers many valuable resources and opportunities outside of rallies—be sure to take advantage of these, as well. We have access to great discounts with many popular vendors.

Whenever you are out camping and spot a Freightliner Custom Chassis motorhome, ask the owners if they know about the club. If not, send them to our website ([fcocrv.org](http://fcocrv.org)).

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*James Peek*

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# HALLOWEEN

## ON THE ROAD

Halloween is right around the corner, and whether you're on the road or parked at home, there are still many festive ways to celebrate. From simple things like decorating your RV to continuing the tradition of pumpkin carving, your RV Halloween can be just as much fun as the holiday is at home.

Dig out your old costume bins, dust off those decorations and plan for your own spooky festivities.

### Decorate Your RV

Your travel décor doesn't have to be over the top (unless you're a Halloween fanatic). There are plenty of simple ways to spruce up your RV for this spooky Holiday.

Try out these ideas to bring Halloween with you wherever your travel:

- HANG A SEASONAL WREATH
- DECORATE WITH MINI PUMPKINS AND GOURDS
- ADD WINDOW DECALS OR SILHOUETTES TO YOUR COACH
- HANG SPOOKY STRING LIGHTS ON THE AWNING



### Save Your Pumpkin Seeds

Don't let the mess of pumpkin carving stop you from bringing this DIY tradition to your RV this year. Make sure to save your pumpkin seeds for a delicious treat – you can easily roast them in an air fryer when you're finished carving your pumpkins.

Simply rinse the pumpkin seeds, dry them with paper towels and cook in your air fryer at 350°F for 35 minutes. For the best flavor, add your preferred oil (avocado, olive, etc.) and seasonings like paprika or garlic.

### Campground Trick-or-Treating

Many campgrounds organize trick-or-treating events for the younger guests staying at their campsites. These trick-or-treating nights might not happen on the night of Halloween, but usually take place at some point during that weekend.

If you are planning to camp over the holiday weekend, and want to participate in Trick-or-Treating by handing out treats, be sure to check your campground's agenda ahead of time. And, of course, don't forget to bring a costume!

No matter how you celebrate this year, stay safe and have a Happy Halloween!







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## 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.





# MESSAGE

## FROM



Fellow RVers,

As we enter the final few months of this year, it's time to look back on what we've accomplished in a year that has been so difficult for so many. It's fitting, as we move into the season of Thanksgiving, that we share that for which we are grateful. For us here at FCCC, we're thankful for you, for your health, and for your support. We're grateful for the strength found in the feeling of togetherness, even if a virus forces us to remain apart.

With that being said, and with more and more people realizing that RVs are the perfect way to social distance in style, our industry is booming. We're seeing record-high production, and record low inventory at dealers around the nation who are moving so many RVs that they're struggling to keep up.

With countless trade shows and expos being canceled or postponed, it has been difficult to navigate this new landscape. But as the industry adjusts, we're starting to see more and more shows cater to a virtual audience. While the opportunity to reach a much larger number is there, there is absolutely no substitute for the face-to-face connections we're used to at FCCC events.

May your body and mind remain healthy, your tanks remain full, and the roads remain open. From everyone at FCCC, I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

*Jeff Sather*  
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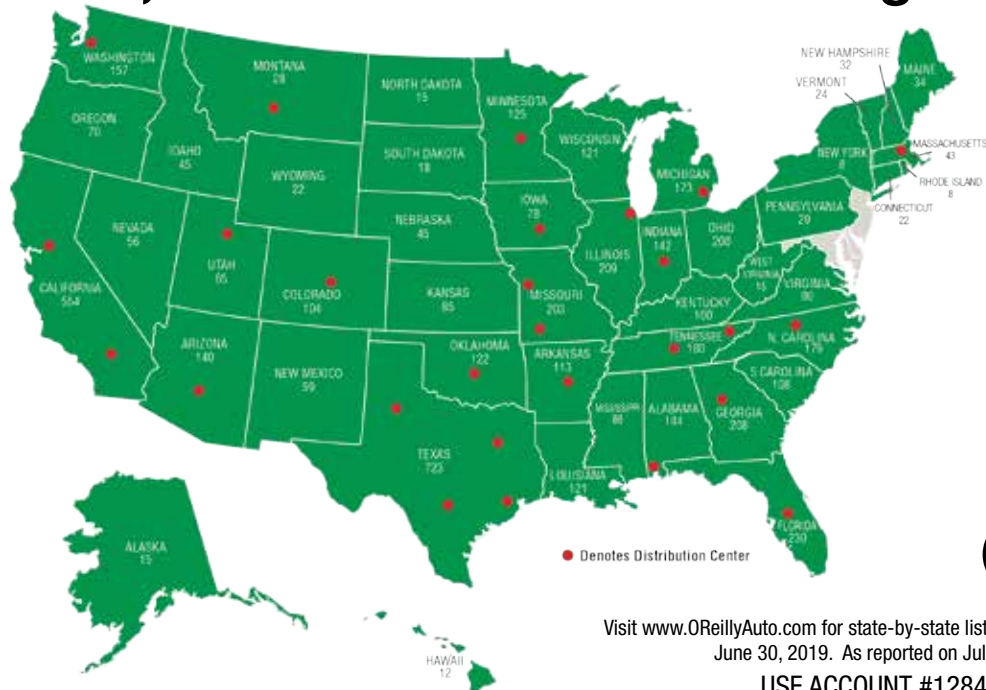
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# RALLY UPDATES



## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

Rallies are the heart and soul of our Freightliner Custom Chassis Owners Club—they connect RV owners across the nation, they bring visitors to new destinations and they encourage exploration. This year, unfortunately, we determined it would be unsafe to our guests to hold our regular rallies.

The current circumstances would have prevented us from meeting the high standards which we hold for our rallies—welcoming meet and greets, exciting entertainment and high-class cuisine all look a bit different this year.

The Branson, MO rally was our last rally planned for 2020, and this event has now been cancelled. Although we were

all looking forward to this time of travel and sight-seeing, we made this decision to look out for the best interests of all our guests.

And, there is still plenty to get excited about—we plan to hold another year of exciting rallies in 2021. We hope for a time when we can all come together again and enjoy everything the RV lifestyle has to offer.

For now, we encourage everyone to continue following safety measures and guidelines at home and on the road. Continue pursuing your love of RV travel and reaching new destinations. And start planning for all the places you'll go and the people you'll meet next year.

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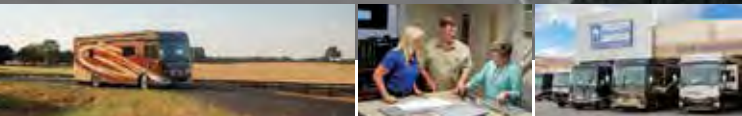
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If you own a coach built on a Freightliner Custom Chassis but don't have an activation code, you can still easily create your own online account. On [customclass.com](http://customclass.com), select the option to "Register without activation code." This will prompt you to fill out some basic information to get started with your new account.

### WHAT DOES THE CUSTOM CLASS PASSPORT INCLUDE?

The Custom Class Passport is your all-access pass to behind-the-scenes shopping and ownership resources not readily available to RV enthusiasts. Think of this site as your digital glove box, where you can easily access training guides, maintenance information and customer support to help you care for your RV chassis.

No matter where your travels take you, you can rely on the Custom Class Passport to serve as your central location for helpful resources related to your RV.



In your online account, you can also find information on the Freightliner Custom Chassis Owners Club (FCOC), an RV community which is free for the first year and sponsored by FCCC.

Members receive an informative quarterly magazine with news of upcoming RV events, as well as invitations to special events, rallies and club-exclusive caravans. Members can also

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# SEASONAL ARTICLE



## GIVE THANKS

This season is a time to express gratitude – for those around us, for the opportunities we have and for all the little things which usually go unnoticed. Despite the unexpected circumstances which have arisen this year, there is still plenty to be grateful for, especially within the RV lifestyle.

This year, RV travel has been a saving grace for many who wanted to stay healthy and safe, but also wanted an option for vacationing and exploring. When many other travel accommodations closed down, RVs became even more popular. Lifelong road trippers and RV newbies alike all hit the road in hopes of finding a safe escape.

What we all discovered while traveling was a powerful, meaningful feeling that even when we are apart, we are all united around an inherent desire to look out for others and care for their best interests.

If we continue to spread gratitude for the opportunities we have this year and the beauty in the world around us, this united sense of encouragement will carry over for many seasons to come. Through RV holiday celebrations and intentionality while traveling, we can continue creating memories through the lifestyle we all love.

## HOSTING THANKSGIVING DINNER FROM AN RV

With some extra preparation and solid planning ahead of time, cooking Thanksgiving dinner in an RV can be just as simple as any other RV meal. Most of the tools you'll need for cooking – like a slow cooker and extra utensils – will probably already be on hand in your RV.

If you plan to invite more people to your dinner than just those who are traveling with you, consider finding a bigger space to sit down and eat, like an outdoor pavilion or a dining area at a campground. This will prevent close contact with other visitors in your RV, and also provide more room for preparing and cooking food.

The biggest obstacle most RVers think of when planning Thanksgiving dinner is finding a way to properly cook the turkey. With a large enough slow cooker, an entire turkey can be cooked just as well as in an oven at home. Most slow cooker recipes for turkeys require at least 5-7 hours of cook time. To ensure your meal is ready in time, plan ahead with your guests to account for this longer cooking period.

Many other common Thanksgiving dishes, like cornbread and green bean casserole, can easily be cooked on a stovetop. A cast iron skillet is essential for recipes like these. The skillet also works well for many dessert recipes like cobblers, pies and giant cookies. If you do invite other guests, it can also be helpful to ask them to bring a dish to share. This helps reduce the time you'll spend in the kitchen and can make for a less stressful holiday.







### CONTINUING RV TRAVELS DURING THE FALL

Many campgrounds and RV parks welcome visitors throughout the chilly months of fall. The opportunity to continue traveling for the rest of the year is a reminder to express gratitude toward those who make it possible, and to encourage others to share what they're thankful for.



#### **Hearthside Grove** – *Petoskey, MI* ([hearthsidegrove.com](http://hearthsidegrove.com))

The Hearthside Grove RV resort is located in the heart of Northern Michigan, surrounded by the well-preserved natural landscape of rivers, hills and impressive forests. The resort is near many entertaining local attractions, like the Little Traverse Bay and a unique downtown area.

Hearthside Grove offers many activities and luxurious amenities for its resort-goers. Brush up on your cooking skills with classes from local chefs, or relax near the stone-laid hearth fireplaces.



#### **The Ridge Outdoor Resort** – *Sevierville, TN* ([theridgeoutdoorresort.com](http://theridgeoutdoorresort.com))

The Ridge Outdoor Resort is near several popular destinations in Tennessee, including Pigeon Forge and the Great Smoky Mountains. This resort offers amenities like a dog park, a golf simulator and a unique "Sunset Circle" with an incredible view.

Visitors in the fall can enjoy the natural beauty of Tennessee with all the amenities of home.



#### **Normandy Farms Family Camping Resort** – *Foxboro, MA* ([normandyfarms.com](http://normandyfarms.com))

Normandy Farms is nestled in the beautiful woods between Boston and Cape Cod. This luxury destination makes for a memorable vacation with a bike park, creative arts center, dog park and recreation lodge.

For outdoor enthusiasts, this resort is adjacent to the Foxboro State Forest, which features 23 miles of trails and unbeatable views.



#### **Massey's Landing RV Retreat & Campground** – *Millsboro, DE* ([masseyslanding.com](http://masseyslanding.com))

This waterfront resort is full of roomy RV sites, calm waters and all the amenities you could ask for. Take a stroll by the water in the morning and participate in activities like renting bikes or paddle-boarding.

This resort is conveniently located near several golf courses and marinas for local charter fishing.

# ROADSIDE RECIPES



## SLOW COOKER WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

Prep time: 10 min

Cook time: 5 hours

Servings: 6-8

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can (10 oz) green enchilada sauce
- 2 cans (15 oz each) white beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken thighs or breasts, thawed and cut into chunks
- 1 can of corn, drained
- 2 cans (4 oz each) diced green chiles
- 3/4 tsp oregano
- 1 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tbsp cumin
- 3/4 tsp paprika
- 3-4 tbsp fresh cilantro
- 2 cups chicken broth or stock
- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- Toppings as desired: sour cream, avocados, jalapeños, shredded cheese, tortilla strips

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Add the enchilada sauce, beans and chicken to the slow cooker.
2. Stir in the corn, green chiles, oregano, chili powder, cumin, paprika, cilantro and salt and pepper to taste. Pour in the chicken stock or broth and stir everything until combined, making sure the chicken is submerged in the liquid.
3. Cover and cook on low for 5-7 hours or on high for 3-5 hours, or until the chicken pulls apart easily.
4. Remove the chicken from the slow cooker and shred using forks. Add the softened cream cheese to the slow cooker and whisk until completely incorporated. Add the chicken back into the mixture.
5. Serve with desired toppings.

Recipe and photo by [chelseasmessyapron.com](http://chelseasmessyapron.com).



## PUMPKIN BROWNIES

Prep time: 10 min

Cook time: 35 minutes

Servings: 12

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven according to the brownie instructions.
2. Prepare the brownie mix in a bowl according to their instructions. Add the chocolate chips into the brownie mix and set the bowl aside.
3. Mix the pumpkin, cream cheese, sugar and pumpkin pie spice until smooth.
4. Coat the baking pan with cooking spray. Pour half the brownie mix into the pan and spread evenly to cover the bottom of the pan.
5. Add the pumpkin by either separating it into chunks or spreading it evenly on top of the brownie mix. Cover the pumpkin with the remaining brownie mix and smooth out the top layer.
6. Bake using the brownie instructions and add about 10 extra minutes. The brownies are cooked when a fork poked into the center comes out clean.

Recipe and photo by [thecookierookie.com](http://thecookierookie.com).

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.



# FEATURED MEMBER



## JONATHAN DEMAREST

My wife, Joanna, and I have been RV travelers since 1989 when we first started renting RVs. In 2002 we purchased our own Class C RV and, after 15 years of traveling in the Class C, we upgraded to our 2015 Tiffin Phaeton. Two years later, after retiring from my 47-year career, we began our full-timing RV adventure.

Between rentals, our Class C and our current rig, we have logged nearly 200,000 miles. Our favorite place to travel is anyplace we haven't been before. Now that our kids are off on their own, we do try to get near them on a regular basis. Our daughter is in Seattle, WA and our son is in Brooklyn, NY, so that alone keeps us moving.

We were excited to join the Owner's Club with our current RV. We both saw this as a great way to find out more about the technical side of the coach, plus, it also had many other benefits.

Joining the club has proven to be helpful to us in many ways. I would now say that the single most important thing I have learned about the RV lifestyle is that you should take the time to learn as much as possible about the systems on your rig. Frequently, what appears to be a significant problem can be easily addressed if you know what you are looking at.

The Owner's Club has helped us feel more comfortable in tackling those issues. We're thankful for this great FCCC support system we have to rely on.

Even with everything going on in the world, we are still on the road, but we are looking for more secluded campgrounds. One of our favorite recent stops was a secluded little campground in the mountains of North Carolina. It was the ideal place to isolate and spend time in nature.

While we do enjoy the occasional thrill, like white water rafting in the smokies or horseback riding through Zion, for the most part we are happiest with hiking and biking. We have experienced some unexpected thrills along the way, like the time we received a three-hour notice to evacuate a Charleston camp to run from a hurricane or huddling in the camp office in Georgia as a tornado went by overhead. Even in the most unexpected adventures we've enjoyed the time we have spent on the road.

Joanna and I have made many incredible memories in our FCCC RV, and we look forward to making many more.



*Get to Know Your Chassis.*



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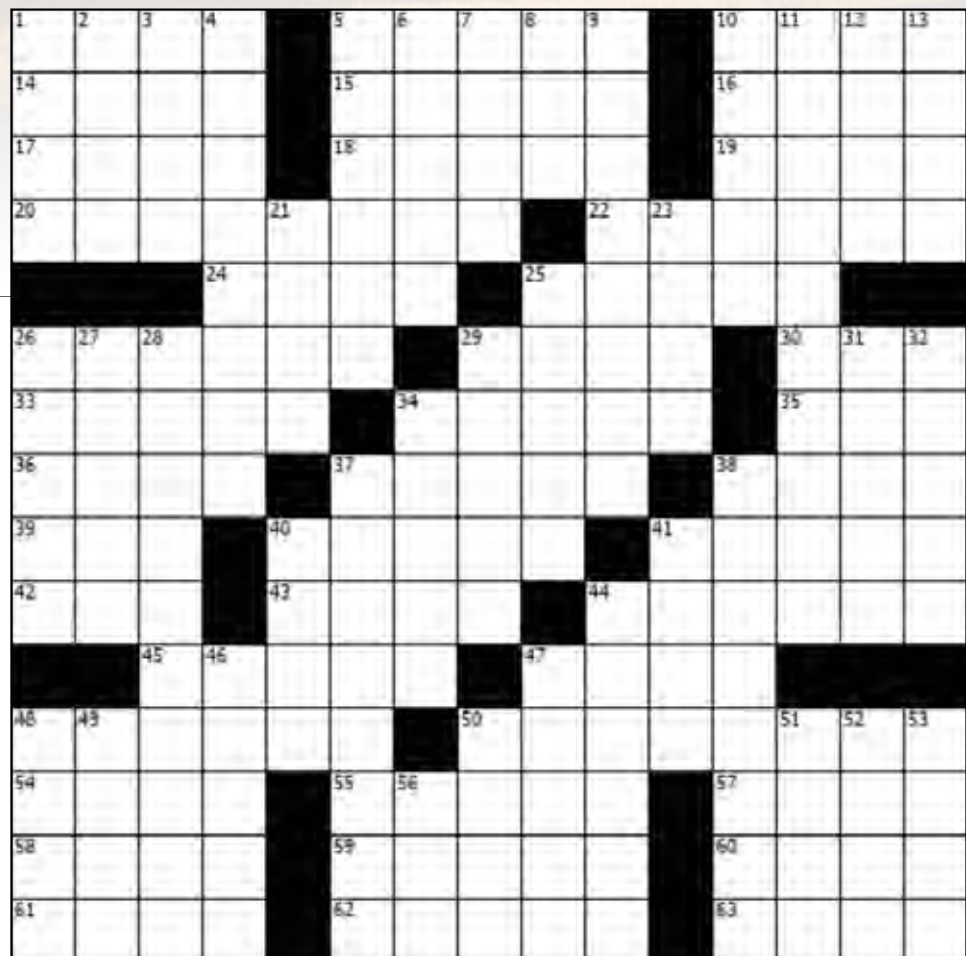
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## CROSSWORD

### DOWN

1. "Brandenburg Concertos" composer
2. Hosiery hue
3. Inclusive abbr.
4. "The Santa Clause" star
5. Dog days month
6. The lesser of two \_\_\_\_
7. Fiji capital
8. "\_\_\_\_ Buttermilk Sky"
9. Idiom
10. Disreputable
11. Island fruit
12. Its work is decreasing
13. Word with oxygen or pup
21. Regard
23. \_\_\_\_ meridiem
25. Hardly the prim sort
26. Having a musical key
27. Shopping hub of old Athens
28. Island-inspired Presley film
29. 757 or 767
31. Red cosmetic
32. They're cutting, sometimes
34. Intrinsically
37. Picnic serving, perhaps
38. Summit
40. Mannheim mister
41. Meat quality
44. Pie-eyed
46. Artistic category
47. Singing Osmond
48. Never-ending sentence?
49. Noted D.C. office
50. Tailless domestic cat
51. Kind of cloth
52. Cookie favorite
53. Utters an afterthought
56. Long-term investment



### ACROSS

1. Shade of red
5. He wrote of "sour grapes"
10. Narrow peninsula
14. Play section
15. Part of the back of the mouth
16. Britain's neighbor, formally
17. Pack in tightly
18. Unselfish sort
19. "... and \_\_\_\_ with joy receiveth it" (Matthew 13:20)
20. Island dance
22. Threnody
24. More, proverbially
25. Tucker of country music
26. Writing pad
29. Closely confined
30. Start with school
33. Girl-watched
34. Preakness bet
35. Group of seals
36. It's not always proper
37. Knock off
38. Product mention
39. "Just the Way You \_\_\_\_"
40. "Stormy Weather" singer
41. Belgian city
42. "Well, \_\_\_\_-di-dah!"
43. Otherwise
44. There are five, maybe six of them
45. Be of the same mind
47. Piteous sound
48. Reduces
50. Island volcano
54. Rival of Boris and Stefan
55. Masters of misinformation
57. Cloth with a ribbed surface
58. Type of shake
59. Gilbert Grape's brother
60. Emulated Pinocchio
61. Nobelism Wiesel





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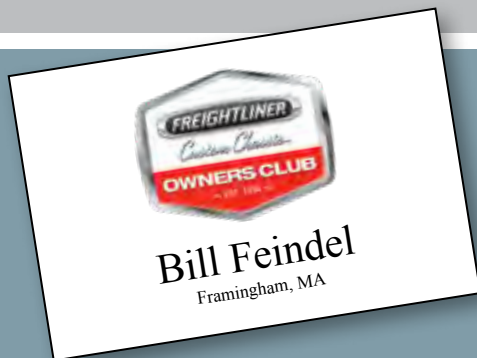


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Last month, two MASA members were traveling in their RV when suddenly one of them needed medical attention. 911 was called, & they were taken by ground ambulance to a local hospital. Soon, it was known he needed airlift to Big Town General for emergency surgery. After a 3 week stay they were transported back home to recuperate at their local hospital. Since that time, their RV was shipped back to their driveway.

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