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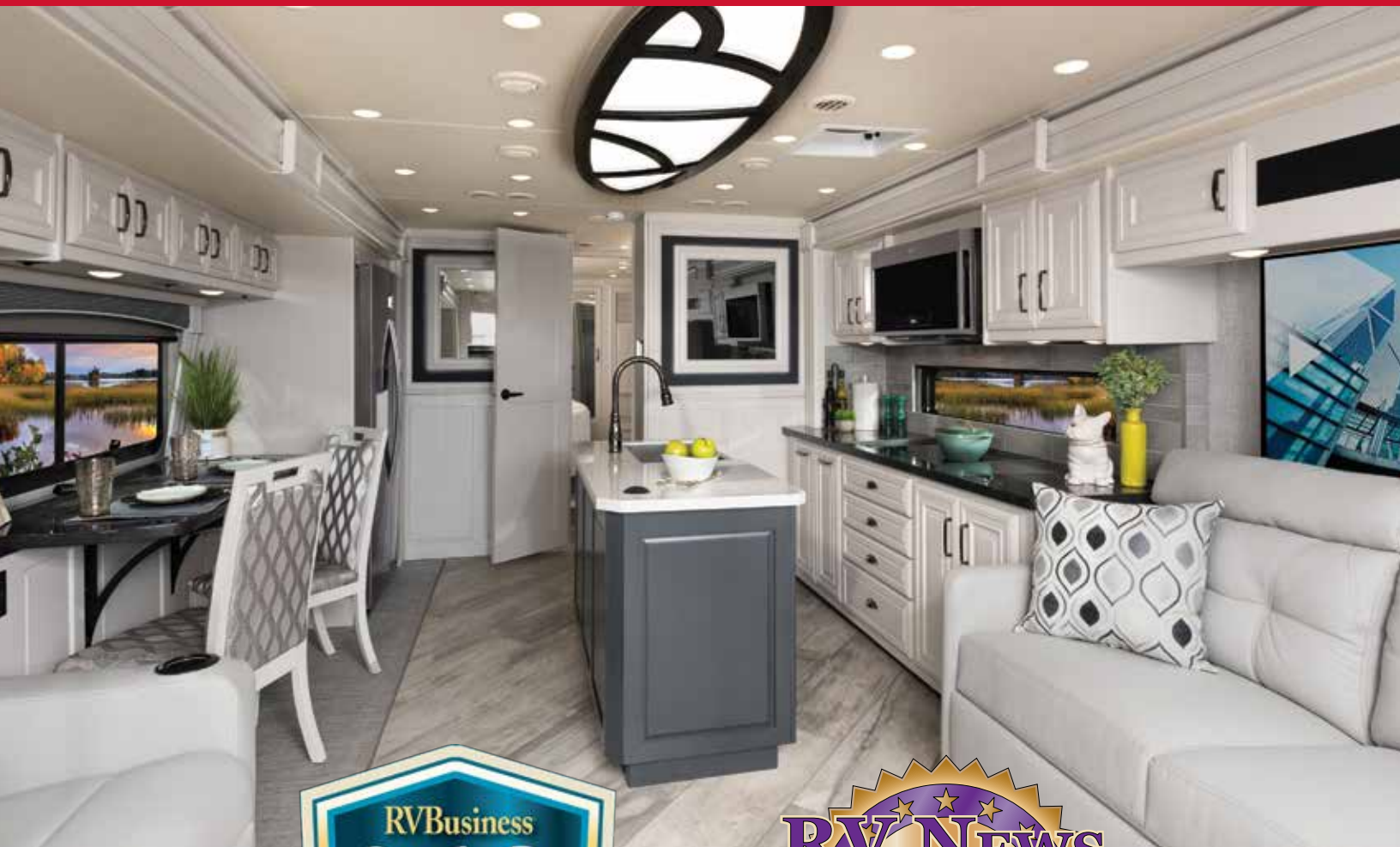
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# FCOC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Good day! Like all of you, I'm looking forward to the end of this pandemic so everything will return to as near normal as possible—having rallies and socializing with each other.

Having said that, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays these past couple of months.

At this time, it looks like our first national rally will be in July in Elkhart, IN, and we will be sending out an email when we are ready for members to sign up for this rally. Our annual business meeting will be at this rally and there are several positions up for reelection on the FCOC board.

If you are interested in running or would like to nominate someone for any of these positions, let the nominating committee know. They will be sending an email soon asking for names of people who might be interested.

We are currently looking at several locations to hold national rallies and some regional rallies. You can always checkout the "Upcoming Rallies" section of the website for updates.

If you have a place to recommend for a rally, please contact Roy Hopper, SR VP, who is responsible for rally scheduling. Keep in mind that the biggest issue we usually have with the national rallies, which typically have 100 coaches (200 people), is that the campgrounds do not have a meeting room large enough to hold that many people. Regional rallies usually only have 35 to 50 coaches, and therefore meeting rooms are easier to schedule.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you all about some of the discounts available to all our members. Almost all Freightliner Oasis dealers will discount 10% off any service you need. Many of the other Freightliner locations will also honor this discount, but you need to ask upfront. Both require YOU to ask about the discount when you schedule your service and show them a current membership card.

Chrysler also offers a discount program that allows you to buy a car or truck at a special discount because of your FCOC membership. If you want purchase a new vehicle, be sure to send me an email requesting the information, and make sure you have put your membership number in your email. There are also discounts at Overland Insurance Company and O'Reilly Auto Parts—you can check these out on our website.

Travel safe and we hope to see everyone at a rally this year.

*James Peek*

*James Peek  
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## FCOC Officers

As one of the largest RV clubs in the nation, we are proud to welcome members from many different areas and backgrounds. Our members are the foundation of our club, and each year we give them the opportunity to vote for FCOC officer positions. We want to thank everyone who voted this year, and we are pleased to announce the results of the 2020 FCOC election.

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VICE PRESIDENT NEWSLETTER EDITOR..... CINDY FEINDEL

Fellow FCOC Members,

I wanted to remind everyone to use their 24/7 app when looking for a Freightliner dealer for service. The app will provide you with the phone number for the FCCC support line (1-800-FTL-HELP), which is always great for assistance 24 hours a day, or to help you look for a dealer in your area.

FCCC has been making great headway in getting dealers to become Oasis Service Centers. The *RV Soul* publication provides a list of current Oasis dealers in the back of the magazine. However, new Oasis dealerships are certified frequently and may not yet be listed in the magazine. The last issue added an additional page of Oasis dealerships as we continue to update our information. You will notice some name changes to existing Oasis dealers and a bunch of additional dealers have been added to the system.

The 24/7 app provides the latest information on oasis dealerships and their contact information.

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Next time your RV needs a service, remember to search using the 24/7 app!

Steve Bertling  
VP Business Development  
Freightliner Custom Chassis Owner's Club



## Hey, club members!

We need your input! Please send us your favorite campground or area to camp in and the reason why it's your favorite. Everyone is looking for new places to visit and new things to do, and we need your expert advice. We would also love to get your input on easy recipes you can make in your RV.

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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](http://allisontransmission.com).

<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



FCCO members,

This time of year is always one of reflection – and that is certainly the case this year. It's been a year filled with historic challenges, hardships and prolonged interruptions to what many of us consider normal life. Because of this, however, we certainly hope it's been a year of adaptation and exploration – and of using that interruption to normal life to spend more time with loved ones out on the open road.

As we at FCCC look back, we're incredibly proud of what we've accomplished – especially in the face of such historic challenges. Our industry was one that saw demand rise, not fall, because of COVID, and the response and commitment of our team in meeting that demand has been inspiring. We've certainly faced our own challenges as a company this year – and I'm proud of how we've met them head-on to ensure you continue to enjoy the best ownership experience in the industry.

This time of year is also one of looking ahead. As we at FCCC look ahead, we're incredibly excited about what 2021 holds. Our focus on innovation and service will not change – if anything, the past year has helped reinforce that focus as the foundation for our success moving forward. We're thrilled to share some important product and service updates with you in the coming months.

We hope the coming year brings hope – and a return to normalcy – for you. We also hope it brings continued opportunity to enjoy the open road. As with every issue of RV Soul, this one is full of helpful information and entertaining stories – a last snapshot of a truly historic year, as well as a hopeful look forward.

On behalf of everyone at FCCC, I thank you for your continued support – and I wish you a safe, happy and healthy start to the new year.

*Jeff Sather*

*FCCC President & CEO*





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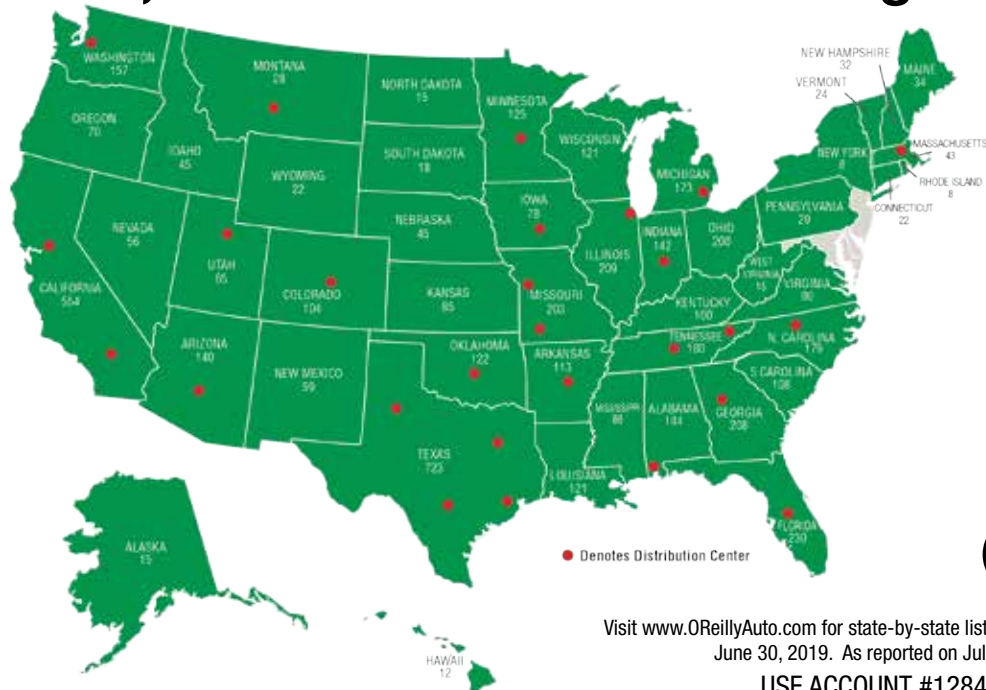
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# RALLY UPDATES



## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

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Although this year's circumstances would have prevented us from meeting the high standards which we hold for our rallies, we still have plenty to look forward to in the coming year.

We all long for a time when we can come together again and enjoy everything the RV lifestyle has to offer. We have plans to hold another year of exciting rallies in 2021, beginning with the 2021 Tampa Super Show in January.

## SAVE THE DATES\*:

### TAMPA, FL

January 13-17, 2021

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4. All refunds will be made at the conclusion of the rally.
5. Cancellation from the rally will automatically cancel your Camp Freightliner registration.

*\* Many of the services we use in hosting a rally have to be paid (some as far as a year) in advance. Due to these non-refundable expenditures, we cannot continue to absorb the costs of late cancellations and must have these rules in place. Thank you for understanding.*

## DIETARY REQUESTS

Please note that FCCC 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.

## RALLY FEE

The stated rally fee includes your campsite fee from the campground, however other campground separate charges, including shower tokens, pet fees, guest fees and other similar charges are the responsibility of the participant.

## NEW RALLY REGISTRATION PROCESS

We are no longer printing rally registration forms. All registrations can be done online at [www.FCOCR.V.org](http://www.FCOCR.V.org).

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## 2021 TAMPA SUPER SHOW

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Once you have your Super Show registration confirmation number, you can then register on the Owners Club website by visiting the following link: [fcocrv.org/event/2021-tampa-super-show/](http://fcocrv.org/event/2021-tampa-super-show/).

As always, registration fees help pay for refreshments and other rally conveniences.



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## 2021 SUMMER RALLY

This exciting summer rally will be at the Elkhart Campground from August 2, 2021 – August 6, 2021. A Camp Freightliner session before the rally will also take place from July 31 – August 1.

This rally will serve as the annual business meeting and election of FCOC officers.



QUILT GARDENS



RV/MH HALL OF FAME



RUTHMERE MUSEUM

## THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN ELKHART

**QUILT GARDENS:** All summer long, the Quilt Gardens combine the beauty of quilting and gardening for a unique art experience. Drive along the Heritage Trail in Elkhart to experience the wonder of these 16 large gardens and their one-of-a-kind splendor. ([quiltgardens.com](http://quiltgardens.com))

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The innovative MC front-engine diesel chassis by FCCC incorporates all of these ground-breaking features for the ultimate RV driving experience.

What makes FCCC diesel coaches revolutionary? Check out the power of diesel by the numbers:

- Diesel offers up to 50% better fuel economy than gas
- Diesel engines generate 50% more torque than conventional gas engines
- Diesel engines are clean-burning with a small carbon footprint, which makes them eco-friendly
- Diesel RVs have a lower cost of ownership overall

And these benefits are only the beginning.

The MC front-engine diesel is crafted with commercial-grade components developed exclusively for motorhomes for improved ride and handling over gas coaches. And, thanks to its incredible power, the MC is optimized for towing and toy hauling.

With a lower engine position, the MC chassis offers a flat floor throughout the coach, and no doghouse between the driver and passenger seats. Its commercial air brakes also provide improved stopping power and lower maintenance costs.

Make the switch to diesel and see just how far you can go.



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Diesel generates 50% more torque than gasoline, because the road to peace and quiet can be steep.

When you're ready to go way beyond the ordinary, your diesel motorhome will get you there. Compared to conventional gasoline, diesel delivers higher performance, better fuel economy and increased reliability—all at a lower cost of ownership. Join the growing number of RV owners who are making the switch to diesel and see just how far you can go.

Visit [FCCCRV.com](http://FCCCRV.com) for more information.



# SEASONAL ARTICLE

## HOW TO PLAN YOUR FULL-TIME RV ROUTE FOR 2021

The cold, cozy months of winter are the ideal time to plan ahead for your road trip adventures next year. If you want to hit the road full-time, it's especially important to begin preparing as soon as possible.

Although much of the thrill of full-time RVing comes from spontaneity and flexibility, planning certain details in advance can make your trips much smoother and less stressful.

### DEDICATE TIME FOR PLANNING

Blocking out a time in your calendar can help solidify your RV dreams. Set aside a weekend or a few evenings during the week to get started on your full-time RV lifestyle plans.

After scheduling a time on your own calendar and coordinating with anyone else who will be part of the process, you'll need to gather some essential resources. Every person's preferred planning method will vary, but we recommend starting with the following tools:

- A dedicated planning notebook
- A digital spreadsheet
- A hard copy of a US map
- A National Park guide (and/or State Park guide)

Digital spreadsheets are much easier to edit than hard copies of plans, but, printed versions can also follow you wherever you go, regardless of internet access. Keep this in mind when choosing your planning materials.

The first step in planning is one of the most enjoyable parts—deciding where you want to go. Pull out your US map and begin by circling the destinations that you do not want to miss. After completing this part of the process, mapping your route becomes much easier, and you can begin deciding how much time you want to spend at each destination.







## CREATE BACKUP PLANS

As much as we all want our travels to go exactly as planned, this isn't always the case. But, it is no reason to feel discouraged. Creating a backup plan can help eliminate stress in between destinations, and help you get the most out of your full-time RV lifestyle.

While you might prefer to have every day accounted for in your calendar, we suggest adding some cushion and accounting for potential hiccups between destinations.

For example, if you book a reservation from Thursday through Sunday, leave your calendar open for Monday and Tuesday before traveling to your next stop. If you fall in love with one campground and want to stay longer, this gives you extra time to do just that. And, if you run into an unplanned RV repair, this window of time might be just what you need to fix your coach before returning to the road.

In addition to adding some wiggle room to your calendar, it's also beneficial to create backup plans for campgrounds. By booking at least six months in advance, you can usually avoid being turned away because of no availability. This is important to consider at all campgrounds, but especially popular destinations like Denver and Yosemite.

Searching for backup campgrounds near your destination will help when you can't make a reservation far enough in advance, or if your preferred campground unexpectedly meets their capacity.

## DOUBLE-CHECK THE DETAILS

Double-check all of your plans before deciding you're ready to leave. Here are some important questions to consider:

- What is the cancellation policy of each park/campground?
- Can you access the details of your destinations offline?
  - Address, phone number, reservation date, site number, check-in and checkout times, full hookups or not, confirmation numbers
- Can you access your complete route offline? Do you have a hard copy?
- What nearby locations offer boondocking?

While the planning phase is necessary for full-time RV travels, it's also important not to get hung up if you miss a stop along the way or have to stray from your schedule. Flexibility and an open mindset are two road trip essentials you should always bring along for the ride.

# ROADSIDE RECIPES



## COCONUT CLUSTERS

Prep time: 10 min

Cook time: 12 minutes

Servings: 24

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ cups coconut flakes
- ¾ cup pumpkin seeds
- ¼ cup chia seeds
- ¼ cup real maple syrup
- Add in chocolate chips if desired

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Add all the ingredients to a large bowl and combine well.
3. Use two teaspoons to form the rounded clusters and drop onto the baking sheet.
4. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until the coconut just begins to turn a golden color.
5. Allow the clusters to cool for at least 30 minutes. (Note: if liquid from the syrup spreads out onto the baking sheet, try to push it back toward the clusters. This holds them together once they are cool.)

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



## SOFT GINGERBREAD COOKIES

Prep time: 15 min

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 46 cookies

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Add molasses, brown sugar and shortening to a medium saucepan and melt the mixture over medium-low heat, just until smooth. Remove from heat and stir in the baking soda and water. Let it cool to room temperature.
2. Once cooled, mix in the egg, salt, baking powder, ginger, cinnamon and cloves until combined. Add in the 4 cups of flour and mix well (add up to ½ cup more flour if the dough seems sticky.) Shape into a ball and cover in plastic wrap, then refrigerate for at least 2 hours (up to 24 hours).
3. Preheat the oven to 350°F and line baking sheets with parchment paper.
4. Shape the dough into balls and place on cookie sheets 2 inches apart. Do not flatten.
5. Bake for 10-12 minutes, or until risen and no longer shiny. Set the cookie sheets on a wire rack to cool for a few minutes, then transfer cookies to the racks to cool completely.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups flour
- 1 cup light brown sugar, lightly packed
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 cup vegetable shortening
- 1 tbsp baking soda
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ¼ cup water
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground cloves

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



## MARGARET AND BILL CRONIN

My husband, Bill, and I started “camping” back in 1970 in a VW camper bus, traveling all over New England. To this day, we cannot figure out how we fit in there along with our four children, but we wouldn’t change a thing.

Now, after 53 years of being together, we generally travel on our own, heading in a direction and making side trips as we look along the route for unique and odd places to see, like the largest iron skillet. We currently drive a 2008 Fleetwood Expedition 38F and have enjoyed many adventures in it so far.

We first heard about the FCOC while visiting Gaffney, SC. We have both enjoyed all the rallies, attending the educational activities and exchanging ideas with other travelers. Best of all, we have met some great people and have shared some incredible memories with them. Plus, the included 24/7 hotline is a good ace in the hole.

After retiring in 2013, we set a goal to visit the lower 48 states in three years. Each year we would do a section of the country, spending 6-9 months on the road. During our first trip, we decided that we could not count a state unless we visited the capital grounds.

As things changed, our bucket list grew and we added Alaska and most of Canada to our list.

Three years turned into eight, and in 2020 we finally completed our goal and could count the state of Florida. It became quite a joke during our travels that even though we have lived in Florida for 30 years and had traveled extensively around the state, we had never been to the capital.

Our goal now is to go back and see other areas that we may have missed. We want to head up to New England, New York and a few other places as we have seen, but haven’t stopped at their most unique attractions.

Some of our favorite places to travel have been the furthest points, New Foundland-Labrador to the East and Alaska to the west. We probably won’t revisit them any time soon, so we’re glad we took our time there. We are thankful to live in a great country with so many beautiful and unique areas to visit.

Our advice to other travelers is to just take your time and don’t be afraid to visit the areas outside your comfort zone. For us, traveling in Alaska was not a problem, we just took it slow and enjoyed the journey.

And, do not try to rush through places, because meeting locals can enrich your experience and the friendships you make along the way can be everlasting. Stay safe and enjoy your upcoming travels!



*Get to Know Your Chassis.*



## CAMP FREIGHTLINER I

Take advantage of FCCC's comprehensive and captivating two-day training session to learn about the benefits of driving a motorhome built on an FCCC chassis. In this class, you will spend time exploring a bare chassis to become more familiar with all its features.

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## CAMP FREIGHTLINER II

Camp Freightliner II is a Service & Maintenance class held virtually at the Factory Service Center. This course pairs you with a service technician in the service bay to observe proper service techniques, and give you an opportunity to ask questions about the chassis.

Fee: \$159.00+ cost of your scheduled maintenance.

### Important Notes:

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.

## 2021 VIRTUAL CLASSES

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Check out your full suite of owner resources and service options – search for “Freightliner 247” and download the app to your device.



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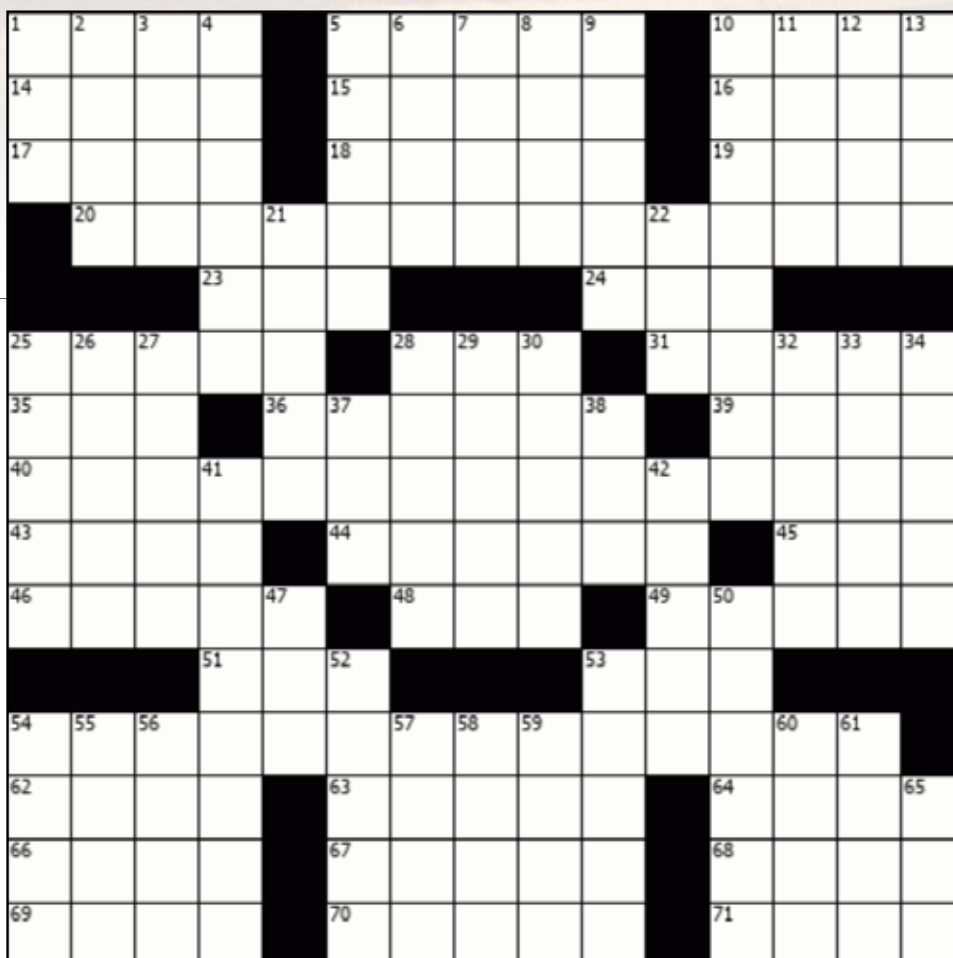
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## CROSSWORD

### DOWN

1. Climber's challenge
2. Nitwit
3. Crummy date
4. Show up
5. Fire sign?
6. Pueblo Indian
7. It takes the cake
8. It comes with a proposal
9. Easily annoyed
10. Side dish
11. Mine, in Marseilles
12. Artist Chagall
13. Blade of yore
21. Smart \_\_\_\_
22. With-it
25. Breakaway groups
26. Jeweler's weight
27. Deliver from a dais
28. Goes for the gold
29. Secret motive
30. Sir or madam
32. Merman of Broadway fame
33. Liqueur enhancer
34. Birdbrains
37. Illumined
38. "Evita" role
41. Explanations for some shots
42. Eleniak of "Baywatch"
47. Winebibber
50. Gracefully delicate
52. Revolutionary Allen
53. Recoils
54. Individual effort
55. Tractor attachment
56. Den mother?
57. Actress Skye
58. Wimple wearers
59. Toughness
60. Pink, so to speak
61. Reinterpret, in a way
65. Tommy takes two



### ACROSS

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| 1. Four musical Swedes   | 23. Quaffer's order           | 45. Suffix with Japan or Sudan | 67. Punjab's friend |
| 5. Needing money         | 24. Type of man               | 46. Choreographer's specialty  | 68. In shape        |
| 10. They may be overhead | 25. Arrange for the orchestra | 48. Seat of a religious office | 69. Has in hand     |
| 14. Flying maneuver      | 28. Place for pins            | 49. Runs in place?             | 70. Cozy spots      |
| 15. Reel thing           | 31. Make a case               | 51. Phalanx locale             | 71. Longings        |
| 16. Muscat's country     | 35. Trophy handle             | 53. Jamaican pop music         |                     |
| 17. Kind of deck         | 36. Health facility           | 54. Making petty distinctions  |                     |
| 18. Sports competitions  | 39. ____ time (never)         | 62. Hodgepodge                 |                     |
| 19. Tribal wisdom        | 40. Exerting control          | 63. Virgin of Koranic paradise |                     |
| 20. Welcoming a stranger | 43. "Gotta be going!"         | 64. Neck piece?                |                     |
|                          | 44. Penn's pal                | 66. Exemplar of craziness      |                     |





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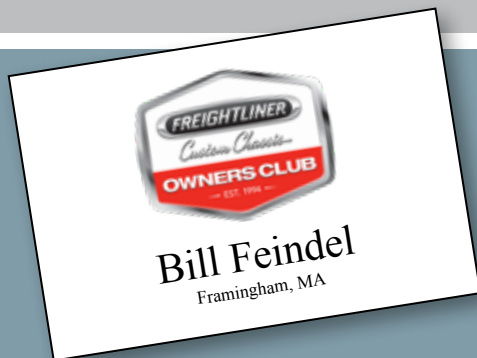


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