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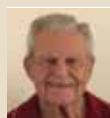
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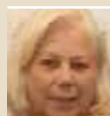
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# FCOC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we close out another wonderful year, we look back to all the special times we had traveling, visiting friends and families, exploring new places, and ultimately the rallies we attended. We also look forward to this year, when we have three National Rallies planned. Our first rally will be in January in Seffner, Florida, at LazyDays, the second one is in March in Vidalia, Louisiana, and the third one is in June in Elkhart, Indiana, which is where we will hold our annual business meeting. We also have an area rally in Yuma, Arizona scheduled in April. Hopefully, we will have a location and date for our fourth rally soon. If anyone has a suggestion (or just knows) of a place that can hold 100 RVs with full hookups and a meeting room that will hold at least 200 people, please contact me or Steve Jeanneret. Please check the website for rallies and dates.

As usual, all our rallies have educational seminars, meals, social hour, crafts, entertainment, and sometimes side trips (excursions). We hope that all members of the club enjoy themselves and take advantage of what is offered. Any suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Check out the website **fcocrv.org** for discount programs, shirt sales, and to keep up on announcement of rallies. You need to check it often to stay up to date!

*James Peek*

*James Peek  
FCOC President*



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# CLUB UPDATES



## Membership Report by Mary Costigan, VP Membership

I want to wish all of our FCOC members a very Happy New Year. I'm sorry I haven't touched base with you for the last couple of years, but I hope to keep in touch with any updates in the future.

We are so happy to welcome nearly 700 new members, as of this writing at the end of November, 2022. I have also received numerous calls and emails regarding the problems our members are experiencing when trying to renew using PayPal. We are so sorry for that experience, and we hope to get that straightened out soon. One comment, make sure when you log on to your profile, go through your information to make sure all of your information is correct. Then, when you go to pay for your membership dues, go to the bottom of the page, where you will find the choice of using PayPal Credit or your Credit card. Process your renewal using the "Credit Card" choice. If that still gives you problems, you can also pay with a check. The address for that is: **FCOC Membership, PO Box 737, Athol, ID 83801.**

In closing, I want to remind you when sending in your membership renewals to please print legibly. Without accurate emails or home addresses, we cannot get your issue of RV Soul magazine to you. Your help with this matter is much appreciate. Also, when you access your Member Profile and make changes to it, please be sure to save your changes.

On another note, many of our members have taken some fantastic motorhome trips during the year, and we would like to hear about it, and possibly be featured in one of our future RV Soul magazines. Send your article to our Editor Cindy Feindel, [editor@fcocrv.org](mailto:editor@fcocrv.org).

If you ever have a question or problem with anything to do with Membership, please let me know at [vp.membership@fcocrv.org](mailto:vp.membership@fcocrv.org)

Thank you, Stay & Travel Safe!

Mary Costigan, *VP Membership*

## Obituary

**Kenneth (Ken) Hawk** was president of FCOC for seven years. He passed away on October 10, 2022, at the age of 86.

He and his wife, Dorothy, served the Club in many ways, especially in building the membership and having great ralliess. Larry and Katherine met them at a campground in Jackson, MS, and asked them to join the club, never expecting them to become such a big part of the club! We express our condolences to his family.





## Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC) Business Meeting | Amana, Iowa | Aug. 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President James Peek. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all. FCOC officers in attendance were: President James Peek, Sr. Vice President Roy Hopper, Treasurer Tom Bernardi, Secretary Pattee Perez, Editor Cindy Feindel, VP Area Operations West Steve Jenneret, VP Business Development Steve Bertling. Officers not in attendance were: VP Membership Mary Costigan, Assistant Area VP Kim Batorson, Webmaster Jonathan Demarest.

President James Peek spoke on the value and benefits of the Freightliner 24/7 Direct application. Reinforced that all members should download on their phones for any questions/information and importance to always use your FCOC #.

Oasis dealers and Overland insurance information are in the RV Soul. Not all of the Oasis dealers offer discounts, so be sure to call ahead before you go. Overland Insurance offers great rates; call for a quote.

**VP Area Operations-West Steve Jenneret, Rallies:** We try to hold 4 national rallies per year as well as a few area rallies. National rallies are larger 100 RV rallies, area rallies are smaller more personal rallies that consist of 20-25 RVs; this is where we need everybody's help, if you know of any RV park that can hold 100 RVs with full hook up sites with 50 amps plus a meeting room that can hold 200 people. We are also looking to hold rallies at the fairgrounds, which require that we carry 1 ML liability insurance, if anyone has insurance knowledge or if you know anyone we can call please let us know that as well. We are always looking for Rally Masters and Assistant Rally Masters, benefits are that you are reimbursed for your fuel to and from the rally as well as your rally fee.

**VP Business Development Steve Bertling:** Steve reported that his main job is to get advertising and sponsors for the RV Soul and to keep all information updated. Steve also shared that he is currently working on trying to getting Michelin Tires to set up a program through FCOC.

**Editor Cindy Feindel:** Cindy shared that she would like to see if we can make the magazine more about us. Let's try to make it our magazine, make it all about us, send Cindy your stories, pictures, places you visited, people you have spoken to along the way. We all have stories; let's share them. Contact Cindy by phone or email if you have something you would like to share.

**Treasurer Tom Bernardi:** Tom gave the treasurers report. Club is in very good financial condition. Membership income is growing, we have 10,000 members, 5,000 coaches; net income for the last 4 yrs has been more than \$30,000. Equity grown went from \$120,000 to \$269,000 at the end of 2021. Current net assets minus liabilities went from 217,000 to \$373,000 plus \$108,000 differs income. Financial reports are not published; if any member would like to go over the statements contact Tom. Tom spoke on how important it is that each member to go on the website and update their profile with current contact information such as mailing address and emails. Contact information for officers is on the website under home then contacts, as well as listed in the magazine if you have any questions.

**Roy Hopper, SR. Vice President:** Discussed the importance of the club to obtain the million dollar liability coverage that is now a requirement for most RV campgrounds and Fairgrounds. If you have any information on that please let us know. Also, this will be the last rally that we will be offering alcohol at our rallies, from now on it will be BYOB. We will still serve sodas and water. Roy shared that we need to put together a nominating committee, which consist of 5 members. Roy will serve on the committee and will need 4 additional members to volunteer; committee members will communicate by phone. Give Roy a call for all the details.

**Rallies for 2023:**

**SEFFNER, FL – January 25-29 | Camp Freightliner: January 28-29**

**VIDALIA, LA – March 27-3 | Camp Freightliner: March 25-26**

**ROCK SPRINGS, WY – July 10-14 | Camp Freightliner: July 7-8**

Please check the FCOC website for any changes and additions.

**Old Business:** None

**James Peek:** Minutes from last year's meeting were published in the RV Soul, James asked for a motion to accept as printed, motion made by Greg Wells, motion seconded by Sally Bernardi, Motion passed.

**Roy Hopper, Nominating Community:** We have 2-year terms but we elect each year; the officers who are elected today will serve for 2022-2024. At the election in 2023, those officers will serve for 2023-2025. They will be President, Secretary, VP Membership, Webmaster and VP Operations West, those are who the nominating committee will be looking for 2023.

The officers up for election this year are: **Sr. Vice President: Steve Jenneret; Treasurer: Tom Bernardi; Editor: Cindy Feindel; VP Business Development: Steve Bertling; VP Area Operations-East: Roy Hopper; Assistant Area VP: Kim Batorson**

President James Peek asked if there were any nominations from the floor; there being none, James closed the nominations. James motioned all in favor of the roster. Motion passed. Congratulations. James Peek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion made by Joan Malin, seconded by Sally Bernardi. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattee Perez  
Secretary





# A LETTER FROM SR VP

Just a note to let you know some general information about Freightliner Chassis Owners Club. I was elected Senior Vice President at our annual business meeting in Amana, Iowa. One of my most important responsibilities is to find RV parks that are suitable for us to hold rallies.

We hold two types of rallies. The first are national rallies where we usually have around 100 coaches. It is at these rallies that we hold educational seminars where speakers from Allison Transmission, Michelin Tire, and Cummins talk about their products. It is also at these rallies that we usually have the famous Camp Freightliner class that teaches practically everything you need to know about your chassis. In addition to the class, the Freightliner instructor also gives a presentation to the entire group, and he entertains a question and answer session. We also offer additional seminars covering such topics as fire safety, weight and tire safety, holding tank sanitation, and medical transport insurance. In the future, we also are planning on offering sessions covering topics such as becoming a full timer, work camping on the road, and traveling on a budget. During these rallies we also offer craft sessions for those who don't want to attend the seminars, and we are available to give recommendations for things to do away from the rally site in the local area. We also have games and entertainment in the evening.

The second type of rally that we do is the area rally. At these, we usually have around 25 coaches. These are less formal in that educational seminars aren't usually given. These rallies are more for fun in that the group has more time to explore the local attractions. Round table discussion may be done where the members can discuss coach/camping issues and solutions with each other. Games and entertainment are also offered during these rallies. They can be held in smaller communities and parks.

As you are all aware, Freightliner Chassis Owners Club is a volunteer organization where we have no paid employees. This is where we need your help. We would like suggestions on parks where we can hold both national and area rallies. You all travel around the country, so who better than you to recommend parks that would be suitable for one of our rallies? The main requirements are that for a national rally we need a park that can provide 100 full hookup sites with 50 amp service. We also require a meeting room that will accommodate 200 people. These are getting harder to find and that is where we really need your help. We are in the process of obtaining insurance where we will





be able to start holding rallies at fairgrounds, so that will make our job a little easier. Requirements for area rallies aren't as stringent. We simply need a park that can handle around 25 coaches for a rally, with a meeting room that will accommodate approximately 50 people. Hopefully, these parks will be in areas where there are enough interesting attractions to keep the group busy for two or three days.

I have one more favor to ask of the membership. In addition to finding locations for rallies, we are almost always in the need of rally masters and assistant rally masters. These are positions that are extremely rewarding. You get to plan and organize the activities of the rally with the help of the FCOC board. It can be challenging and sometimes a bit time-consuming, but rest assured everyone on the board is willing to help. All you have to do is ask. Additionally, an added bonus is that you attend the rally for free and the cost of your diesel fuel is reimbursed by the club.

Our goal is to hold up to four national rallies per year. We will hold as many area rallies as possible as well. Of course, this is dependent on finding suitable locations and volunteers to conduct them. Won't you please help us make this happen?

If you have information on possible sites for area rallies, please contact one of your area vice presidents. Contact the East VP for sites east of the Mississippi River and the West VP for rally sites west of the river. For national rally sites please contact the Senior VP with information, or if you would like to discuss being a rally or assistant rally master, contact me as well. Additionally, if you have any questions you may contact me either at [sjjeanneret@gmail.com](mailto:sjjeanneret@gmail.com) or 785-220-8773.

Thank you for your time and safe travels,

*Steve Jeanneret*

*Steve Jeanneret*  
*FCOC Senior VP*





# MESSAGE FROM



## A happy new year to you and yours!

I love this time of year. Each new year is infused with such potential — new opportunities, new mountains to conquer, new roads to travel.

However, I've also learned that the customary New Years Resolution can be tricky. While it's wonderful to identify ideals, it's far too easy to overcommit and end up off track before you've even started. Rather than committing to one ideal resolution, I find it wise to set a few smaller, more easily achievable goals that lead toward the larger ideal. This helps me to feel pride in each small achievement and gradually work toward my bigger goal.

At FCCC, our first goal this year is to show up in force at the 2023 Florida RV SuperShow in Tampa. We've been planning our presence for several months, and we can't wait to greet each of you at our booth. If you're at the show, please stop by to say hello and tell us how we can help you achieve your RV goals for 2023. We're here to help.

Cheers to the new year,

Jeff Sather  
FCCC President & CEO



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# RALLY UPDATES



## SAVE THE DATES\*:

### SEFFNER, FL

January 24-28, 2023

#### LAZYDAYS RESORT

6130 Lazydays Blvd.  
Seffner, FL 33584  
lazydays.com

### VIDALIA, LA

March 20-24, 2023

#### RIVERVIEW RV PARK

100 River View Parkway  
Vidalia, LA 71373  
riverviewrvpark.com

### YUMA, AZ

April 2-5, 2023

#### FORTUNA DE ORO RV RESORT

13650 N Frontage Road  
Yuma, AZ 85367  
cal-am.com/resorts/fortuna-de-oro/

\* Rally dates subject to change

## CANCELLATION POLICY

1. An administration fee of \$25 will be charged for all registrations received.
2. Members who register and then:
  - a) Cancel a minimum of 31 days prior to the start of the rally will receive a full refund minus the administration fee.
  - b) Cancel 30 or less days prior to the start of the rally will result in no portion of the rally fees being refunded.
3. Members that register and pay for a rally and do not attend will not receive any refund.
4. All refunds will be made at the conclusion of the rally.

## 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 [FCOCRv.org](http://FCOCRv.org).

## SEFFNER, FLORIDA

January 24-28, 2023

### LAZYDAYS RESORT

6130 Lazydays Blvd.

Seffner, FL 33584

[lazydays.com](http://lazydays.com)

## 2023 WINTER TAMPA RALLY

Join us at Lazy Days Tampa RV Resort in Seffner, Florida, for a fun and education filled rally. The rally fee of \$415.00 per coach with 2 persons, \$335.00 per coach with one person, \$120 for each additional person per coach, includes four nights of camping, four breakfasts (for two), four dinners, four social hours with refreshments and game nights. There will also be two plus days of educational seminars covering information that is pertinent to owning a Coach built on a Freightliner chassis.

Additionally, Camp Freightliner will be held January 28 and 29 for those wishing to attend. The extra two nights of camping for the class will have to be arranged individually by calling Lazy Days Tampa RV Resort at (813) 694-3260. They have generously agreed to extend the rally rate for those attending the class. You will also have to enroll for the class through Freightliner. Information for this procedure is explained on the rally enrollment form.



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## THINGS TO DO AND SEE NEAR TAMPA

### VISIT YBOR CITY.

Ybor City is conveniently located just north of downtown Tampa. It also happens to be the only neighborhood on Florida's west coast that has been designated a National Historic Landmark District. Founded by Vicente Martinez-Ybor, this area has a rich and diverse culture. 7th Avenue, the main commercial street, has also been recognized as one of the "10 Great Streets in America."

[yborcityonline.com](http://yborcityonline.com)

### SEE THE MANATEES.

Tampa Electric provides the warm water manatees love. Their Big Bend Power Station in Apollo Beach circulates water from Tampa Bay for cooling, then sends the water flowing clean and warm back into the bay. In the winter months, the manatees leave colder waters to return to this warm and welcoming refuge. Because of this uniquely unusual migration, they've created a Manatee Viewing Center so everyone can have a chance to see manatees gather. Their discharge canal is a state and federally designated manatee sanctuary that provides critical protection from the cold for these unique, gentle animals.

[tampaelectric.com/manatee/](http://tampaelectric.com/manatee/)

### BUSCH GARDENS.

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[buschgardens.com/tampa/](http://buschgardens.com/tampa/)

### PARKSDALE FARM MARKET.

You can check out some of the best in strawberry shortcake and take home some preserves too. Parkesdale Market is a historic strawberry farm market in Plant City, Florida. What began as a small farm market has grown into the largest strawberry, citrus, and produce market in all of Florida! The market is open 7 days a week, 9 am to 6 pm, from November to April.

[parkesdale.com](http://parkesdale.com)



# VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

March 20-24, 2023

## RIVERVIEW RV PARK

100 River View Parkway

Vidalia, LA 71373

[riverviewrvpark.com](http://riverviewrvpark.com)



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VIDALIA LANDING RIVERFRONT PARK



## 2023 MARCH NATIONAL RALLY

Join us at the Riverview RV Park in Vidalia Louisiana on March 20, 2023 for a fun filled educational rally. Arrive on Monday the 20th and depart on Friday the 24th. Rally fee of \$380.00 for two in a coach or \$290.00 for one includes four nights of camping, four dinners, three continental breakfasts, four social hours, games, one night of professional entertainment by Jody Fuller, and educational seminars from presenters such as Allison Transmission, Cummins engine and generator, Michelin Tire, Freightliner Chassis. Weight and tire safety, and holding tank sanitation. Add \$120.00 for each additional person over two in a coach.

The Camp Freightliner class will be given on March 18 and 19. Those wishing to attend the class will be responsible for making their own early camping reservations. Contact the park directly for the extra nights. After you enroll for the rally, and you indicate you wish to attend the class you will be given a code to use on the Freightliner Chassis Corporation website for enrollment into the class, you will also make payment for the class at that time. Class size is limited and usually fills up fast so if you wish to attend, please don't hesitate.

In addition to the normal rally activities a guided bus tour of Natchez Mississippi and two Antebellum houses will be offered for an additional fee of \$65.00 per person. This tour will last for approximately 3 hours and will offer an exciting look into the area done by a professional guide. It will be done on Thursday the 23rd and we will offer one tour of up to 50 people in the morning and one of up to 50 in the afternoon. Please note the number limits on this tour. Once it is full we won't be able to allow any more to register.

Vidalia Louisiana is a small community located on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. From the campground you can sit on the bank and watch the traffic go up and down the river.

## THINGS TO DO AND SEE NEAR VIDALIA

Vidalia Louisiana is a small community located on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. From the campground you can sit on the bank and watch the traffic go up and down the river. Some of the attractions include the Delta Music Museum and Vidalia River Front.

Additionally, right across the river is Natchez, Mississippi. Natchez is a riverside city that is renowned for its beautifully restored antebellum mansions, historic house museums, cultural sites, and recreational and scenic parks. The Grand Village of the Natchez is home to a reconstructed Natchez house and three ceremonial mounds. Magnificent antebellum homes and historic house museums include the Auburn Museum & Historic Home, Magnolia Hall, Rosalie Mansion, and the William Johnson House. The azaleas will be in bloom and tours of the Antebellum Mansions will be in full swing during the time we are having the rally. Natchez is one of the oldest European cities in the Mississippi Valley and is the start of the Old Natchez Trail. It has many interesting sites to see including the Natchez City Cemetery, Magnolia Bluffs Casino, and Charbonneau Distillery. There are also several excellent restaurants to satisfy any food craving.

# YUMA, ARIZONA

April 2-6, 2023

## FORTUNA DE ORO RV RESORT

13650 N. Frontage Road

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## 2023 SPRING RALLY

Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Spring Area Rally will be held at the Fortuna De Oro RV Resort in Yuma, AZ. Come join us in sunny AZ for four days and four nights. Arrive on Sunday, April 2nd departing on Thursday, April 6th. The cut-off for registration is March 15th. \$395.00 for two people per coach \$305.00 for a single person per coach \$95.00 for each extra person. Activities at resort include swimming, golfing, and pickleball. The Yuma Marketplace is a short distance down the road – if you need it, they have it. We will have vendors, card games, bingo, and a brown bag exchange where you buy a five dollar gift, put it in a brown bag, and swap it for another brown bag. We are also trying to set up pickleball and cornhole tournaments.

Steve Batorson will be doing the chassis seminar. There will be New RVs on Freightliner Chassis on display.



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## THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN YUMA

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- Art Galleries
- Pubs, Wineries and Breweries
- River Tubing and Canoe Trips
- Multi-Use Trails (hike, bike, ride horseback)
- Yuma Territorial Prison Museum and Park

**GHOST TRAIN SOUND & LIGHT SHOW:** "Ghost Train" at Pivot Point Interpretive Plaza is a unique sound and light show; laser beams trace the path of the first rail bridge across the Colorado River as the sound of a steam train's arrival echoes from the speakers. A 1907 Steam Locomotive is also on site. ([www.visityuma.com/pivot-point.html](http://www.visityuma.com/pivot-point.html))

**THE PEANUT PATCH:** Its become a rich tradition in Yuma and the Southwest. Stop in for tours to walk through their history or to see how peanuts are grown, indulge in hundreds of candies and natural snacks, or enjoy watching as peanuts are turned into peanut butter – and taste test the fresh product. A trip to Yuma would not be complete without The Peanut Patch! ([www.thepeanutpatch.com](http://www.thepeanutpatch.com))

**ARMED FORCES PARK:** The only park of its type in the state, it has been designed to honor all military veterans – living or deceased – from all branches of service. Each honoree is recognized with an engraved granite plaque through sponsorship. ([www.armedforcespark.com](http://www.armedforcespark.com))

**MARTHA'S DATE GARDENS:** Tour the date gardens, hear the history of the medjool date, see how they're cultivated and processed, and – above all else – send your taste buds to paradise with their world-famous date shakes. ([www.marthasgardens.com](http://www.marthasgardens.com))

**ART IN MOTION:** A mix of old and new shines forth at the Yuma Art Center and adjacent Historic Yuma Theatre (254 S. Main St.). The Center hosts rotating exhibits in spectacular gallery spaces, along with several outdoor art events such as evening Art Walks. ([www.yumaaz.gov](http://www.yumaaz.gov))



# RALLY RECAP



## AMANA RALLY

That's a wrap on our 2022 FCOC National Rally at the Amana Villages in Iowa! This was my first time as Rally Master. I am a fairly new member of FCOC, having joined during last year's Elkhart gathering, so this was a pretty big undertaking. Although I was reluctant to take on this task, I was encouraged with phrases such as "you can do it," "it's not hard," and "it's lots of fun." James Peek, our FCOC President, was a big factor in my saying "yes" as well. Thankfully, I received tons of help and support from many of our members. I must send a huge "THANKS" to Roy Hopper, our FCOC Sr. Vice President. His assistance and patience were much appreciated. (Let's just say there were MANY phone calls and questions.)

This year's Rally was held on Aug. 1-5 in Amana, IA. Attendance was lower than the usual 100+ coaches – mostly due to high fuel prices. We had 56 coaches attend with a total of 125 members. Of these, 80% were new members and first-timers! This worked out well for me being a newbie as everything was new to them as well. It was great to meet everyone.

We had a great agenda of seminars for members to attend throughout the week. Many members attended Camp Freightliner, hosted by Wayne "Bobby" Scruggs. This two-day intensive training class did not disappoint! Many attendees verbalized how much they had learned from this camp.

Other items on the agenda were Freightliner Chassis Fireside Chats hosted by Wayne Scruggs, a Cummins Engines seminar with Karl Wilson, and an Onan maintenance seminar by Dusty Jarrett. Leah Feig, Field Engineer for Michelin Tires, also offered a great and informative seminar that answered many questions. Allison Transmission was also committed to a spot on the agenda but was unable to attend. Luckily, one of our new members, Leigh Wilcox, was able to fill the spot with an informative talk on Lead acid/AGM vs Lithium batteries as well as uses and problems with installations. This turned out to be a great question-and-answer session. Thanks again Leigh for helping us out!



Other sessions included Gary Heimbach from Kleen Tank of Oklahoma, who taught us all about holding tank care, sensor maintenance, and the best additives to use. One of the more interesting items (at least for this author) was that RV toilet paper is not necessary. We were shown that commercial and RV paper dissolve in water equally well. Also, Jeff Gaston from My RV School spent time explaining the importance of safety, RV weights, and fire safety, AND offered RV driving lessons for those who were interested. Finally, Kay Rubin, a representative for Mary Kay, offered seminars on makeup and skin care. The week was filled with great learning experiences for all, and we are thankful to everyone involved.

All of this learning made for hungry attendees! Fortunately, Mandy Shumacher and Hy Vee were able to provide us with some amazing breakfasts and dinners. Happy Hour was offered daily from 4-5 pm where members could sit and chat while having a drink or two. We had lots of fun playing games after dinner, such as bingo and a dice game called Left-Right-Center. Thursday evening, we were all entertained by Randy Andrews who did magic, hypnosis, and music that was enjoyed by all.

Our chosen charity for this rally was CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank out of Iowa City. This wonderful organization offers support groups, outreach programs, a mobile food pantry, and much more for the surrounding community. Despite our



smaller-than-normal attendance, we were still able to contribute over \$1,600 to this charity. Thank you to CommUnity's Director of Development, Julia Winter, for sharing with us all that your organization does.

Once again, I couldn't have done this without tremendous support from Roy and Kathy Hopper. You guys are the best! I would also like to give a shout of thanks to the many other members who answered all my continued questions before and during this rally. Patti and Chris Perez, Jan and Steve Jeanneret, Jan and Steve Bertling, Tom and Sally Bernardi, and our President James Peek, you all helped make my first attempt at Rally Master a memorable one. Would I do this again? The verdict is still out....

## SEVIERVILLE, TN

Steve Jeanneret

We just completed the FCOC Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee. The event was full of educational activities as well as time allotted to relaxation and fun. The Rally began on Monday afternoon, November 14, with signup and the traditional President's message. This was followed by an address by myself as to the planned activities that would be forthcoming that week. There was a representative from the Sevierville Tourism Bureau that told those in attendance about events happening in the area. Christmas shows, lights, and holiday displays were in full operation to celebrate the season. Immediately following the Tourism Bureau talk, a representative from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library gave a talk about their program. He expressed his appreciation for being selected as the charity that we picked for the rally. Dinner followed and the night ended with a game of card bingo. Fun was had by all.

Tuesday and Wednesday were filled with presentations from vendors as well as representatives from Cummins, Allison Transmissions, Michelin Tires, Freightliner Custom Chassis, and National Indoor RV

Center. Tuesday was capped by a charity auction conducted by James Peek as well as a game of Left-Center-Right. Wednesday night, part of the group attended the Pirates Voyage Dinner Show. The rest of the members could attend other shows on their own or visit in the meeting room. On Thursday morning there were a couple of brief presentations including a round table discussion of lithium batteries and issues that coach owners might need help with. There was also a fidget quilt presentation. The rest of the day was free for people to explore the area, as well as to complete their poker run hands. Prizes for the winners of the poker run were handed out Thursday evening, and the check was also presented to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Altogether, we raised over \$2,000.00 for the library. This included money raised by the auction of items donated by our vendors, 50/25/25 drawings, and a fantastic quilt that was generously donated by a member.

Outside displays included a Freightliner chassis that was brought by Wayne Scruggs for display, as well as two new coaches driven in from Nashville by National Indoor. They had to bring these coaches over 250 miles each way, so we want to thank them for that. The weather was a bit chilly for spending a lot of time outside, but I think everyone who wanted to see these displays was able to.

All in all, I believe that everyone had a good time at the rally. I would like to express my gratitude to all of the volunteers that helped with the social hours, serving, and cleanup. Special thanks go out to Steve and Jan Bertling for helping plan the rally, to Paul and Janine Rehder for helping on the poker run, to Linda Murphy for help in various capacities, and especially to Roy and Kathy Hopper, who no matter where they are always go above and beyond helping in every facet.

For those who weren't able to join us this time, please consider future rallies. We are going to work hard on finding new and different things to do in the areas that we go to. We are also going to try to plan more evening activities.



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# SEASONAL ARTICLE

## MOVE ON THE MOVE

It can be hard to stay healthy when so much of your time is spent on the road. According to the CDC, “not getting enough physical activity can lead to heart disease—even for people who have no other risk factors. It can also increase the likelihood of developing other heart disease risk factors, including obesity, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and type 2 diabetes.”<sup>1</sup> Yikes! But there’s hope: you don’t have to become a marathon runner to stay fit. Here are a couple tips everyone can take to move toward a more healthy lifestyle while on the move around the country.

### **Aim for 15 minutes of high intensity workouts each day.**

It may not be practical or even possible for you to dedicate a few hours to a workout at a gym and a shower before you get back on the road. But the good news is that you don’t have to! For a 15 minute period each day, aim to keep your heart rate at 75-85% of its maximum capacity. You can be creative in how you make that happen – jog around your coach when you stop or find a routine on YouTube you can do in your coach. When you arrive at your destination, consider starting a walking club at your campground as a way to keep moving and meet new people at the same time.

### **Stretch whenever you get the chance.**

You’ve probably heard that it’s best to stretch before you do physical activity, but current research says doing so can be harmful to muscles because they are “cold” and less pliable. That’s why it’s best to stretch after doing five to ten minutes of light exercise such as walking, which gets the blood flowing and prepares the muscles to stretch. Hold your stretches for 20-30 seconds, 2-3 times per side, and don’t bounce – see what a difference it makes!

### **Don’t forget to hydrate.**

Whether you’re working out or sitting in your coach for hours, your body needs water to function. It’s easy to get dehydrated when you travel because you forget to drink. Bring a reusable water bottle to refill at every pit stop, and keep drinking!

However you get it in, we encourage you to move while on the move – your body will thank you!

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/publications/factsheets/physical-activity>





## THINGS TO SEE...

### In Casey, Illinois.

Casey, Illinois, is a must-stop on your travels! Located halfway between St. Louis and Indianapolis, it has over 13 of the world's biggest things.

Jim Bolin is the man behind these things. He wanted to do something for the dying town of 2,700 people. First, he built the world's biggest rocking chair, then the world's biggest wind chimes, and so on. Today, the collection includes the world's biggest: gavel and wooden token, antlers, pizza slice, toy airplane, puzzle, ear of corn, rocking horse, yardstick, big w, bookworm, mousetrap, pencil, pokemon ball, bird cage, taco, minion, spinning top, softball bat, and horseshoe.

Today, busloads of people come from all over the world to see what Jim has built for his town. There's also a KOA close by to make it easy to plan your visit!





## PERSONAL SAFETY ON THE ROAD

First, let's define "personal safety" for this article. It means taking responsibility for the safety of you and your loved ones. To carry out this responsibility entails the following:

- Developing a family plan for safety
- Being aware of your surroundings
- Avoiding possible dangerous situations
- Defusing escalating issues
- Knowing the best action to take when action is required

Although we are going to frame this article around RVing, these principles will apply to all of life's situations. Whether at home, the grocery store, or in your motorhome, the above list is the same.

### **Developing a family plan for safety.**

We all know we should have a home plan for a fire emergency (but do we all do it?). We need to develop and practice an escape route, what to wear, a meeting place, and an emergency phone number. We need to do the same thing for traveling in our motorhome; not only for fires, but also for issues involving other situations (bad people).

Issues with other people could happen anywhere. It may be road rage, bad guys at the grocery store, or home (RV) intrusion. We need to have a plan for these kinds of situations no matter how unlikely they may be. Awareness is the best antidote for the unexpected.

### **Being aware of your surroundings.**

There are four levels of awareness we should understand. We can assign colors to them to help us understand those levels:

- **White**...little or no awareness. We are absorbed in activities (such as walking while on a cell phone). Most humans cannot give attention to two things at the same time. Phone conversations will take precedence over awareness.
- **Yellow**...constantly observing various distances around us. This means front, sides, and behind us. Not only can we see trouble well before it happens, but we will also be identified as a "hard" target because the element of surprise is gone. Surprise is the best weapon a bad guy can use against us. Making ourselves look like a hard target is our best weapon against them.
- **Orange**...we see a potential issue. A group of people acting strangely, a dark alley or a parking lot, someone following us. Any observed condition that could be dangerous so that we can be prepared to take evasive action. Most likely, we will be over-cautious for the situation; but, better that than under-cautious. Evasive action may be walking across the street, taking the long, lighted route rather than the short, dark one, or being ready to call an emergency number.



- Red...we have an actual threat. Here are the choices in order of action
  - Retreat. Running away and screaming is the best choice if you are outside. If you are inside your RV, call 911 and barricade.
  - Cover or concealment. This is effective if the aggressor has a firearm. Cover is getting behind an object that will stop a bullet. Concealment is getting behind an object to hide but not stop a bullet.
  - Confrontation...meeting force with force. This is the last resort and will not end well for either party. But the number one thing is to do everything you can to protect yourself and your family. The tricky part is using the right amount of force to end the threat and to keep you out of jail.

## **Avoiding dangerous situations.**

The first defense against trouble is avoiding trouble. Sounds simple...as RVers, we already know that fact. We are usually careful about where we go and where we spend the night. There are times when the calling of a Walmart parking lot overrides our sense of danger; we are just glad to have a place to spend the night. Avoiding trouble is more than just having a safe place to park for the night.

We must also not act in a way that will provoke someone to want to cause us harm. When driving, we are aware a lot of people see us, not for a beautiful coach, but as someone who prevents them from getting to their destination 30 seconds sooner because we are driving too slow. In their haste, they may show their skill as an aggressive driver by cutting us off or saluting us with an obscene hand gesture. We don't want to turn aggressiveness into road rage. The former is their anger at traffic; the latter is their anger at us. You have got to keep your cool to prevent provocation. We know that saluting them with a lewd hand gesture may cause that transformation; however, even putting both arms up or using your air horn can turn a bad situation into a dangerous one.

Any place we go driving or walking or just plain existing can become a dangerous situation if we are oblivious to our surroundings. We always want to be in condition yellow. While walking at night, we need to keep to well-lighted areas that aren't secluded and that don't provide good cover for the bad guys. Go the long, well-lighted route rather than the dark shortcut up the alleyway to the parking garage. Walk with confidence (even if you really don't know where you are going) and awareness...no using cell phones for calls or texting. If you need to use your phone to find your way, duck into a store where there are other people. Keep your head swiveling so you know what's in front, sides, and back. Listen to your gut; watch out for groups that seem to split up as you approach. Change direction if you think you're being followed. It is always better to be wrong in your actions, but unharmed, than it is to be the other way.

Try your best not to look like an easy victim. Most of us are in the twilight of our years which notches up our risk factor. If you are using a cane, make it look like you are carrying a defensive club (more about a defensive cane later). Walk as though you have a purpose...stand erect, walk fast, and look like you know where you are going. It doesn't hurt to arm yourself with something you feel capable of using. This could be a noisemaker such as a whistle, a small siren, or whatever to call attention to others and/or change the mind of the bad guy. You could use a spray deterrent (bear spray). I even heard about putting a scotch bonnet pepper in your pocket to get the pepper juice on your hand to rub on an assailant's face (don't touch your own eyes for at least a week).



A very important axiom to remember if you are carrying any personal protection equipment: if you wouldn't go to a place without the equipment, you shouldn't go with the equipment. Any protection equipment might tip the balance a little more in your favor, but it is not total protection. If are not skilled at using the equipment, it could be used against you.

### **Defusing escalating issues.**

The number one safety objective is to protect yourself and your loved ones from harm. The best way to accomplish that objective is to avoid dangerous situations. There will be times when that may be difficult; you may inadvertently end up facing danger. It is most important not to make that bad situation worse. It is best to retreat from danger.

Retreating from danger can take many forms:

- Walk away
- Apologize even if you didn't do anything to offend
- Avoid looks or gestures that may offend and cause escalation
- Forget your pride
- Don't try to save someone other than you or your loved ones

The last point is rather tricky. We all would like to be a hero, but if it means danger to you or your loved ones, leave heroics to those that are trained.





## **Knowing what action to take when action is required.**

On those rare times when we must take action; we need to be trained on the action we are willing to take. We need to decide how far we are willing to go in protecting ourselves and our loved ones from danger. The action could be anything from running away to using deadly force. Deadly force could be anything used that could cause death or great bodily harm to a person. The word "could" is important. The threat of deadly force may be as important as the application of deadly force in the eyes of the law.

In most jurisdictions, deadly force can only be used to stop a person who would inflict death or great bodily harm to you or to another person (check the laws in your location). Some weapons are clearly deadly (gun, knife, club, etc.). Some are variable (a professional boxer's fists).

With the above in mind, let's reiterate the rules for facing certain dangers (such as a mass shooter):

- Avoid or retreat. Remove you and your loved ones from the situation. Go to the nearest exit; you should already know where that exit is. Other than your loved ones, don't try to help others get out. Get out immediately!
- Barricade, conceal, or cover. Move from place to place, if possible, to a final escape route. Avoid moving parallel to the perpetrator's line of sight.
- Confront. Use the best judgment you can to end the force as a last resort. This option usually requires training to be effective.

The last one can be very tricky. It is best to be trained in the force you are using. The training should not only be for your deterrent (weapon) of choice but also for the aftermath. Another article will detail the steps to take in the aftermath to keep you out of legal trouble.

## **Conclusion.**

The best defense we can use for trouble is to not get into a situation that requires physical action. That means being aware of our surroundings and listening to our intuition. If we can't avoid trouble, we need to do everything we can to defuse the situation such as retreating verbally and/or physically. You need to withdraw from the situation; not win an argument or show how brave you are.

The last resort is confronting the trouble, usually with a weapon. An effective weapon depends on personal moral choices and training.

We encourage the reader to research the internet to make choices. We will publish future articles that will help in the research.



# ROADSIDE RECIPES



## PEPPERMINT BARK

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes

Servings: 16

### INGREDIENTS:

- 12 ounces semisweet chocolate chips or chopped semi sweet chocolate
- 16 ounces white chocolate chips or chopped white chocolate, preferably without palm oil
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 3/4 cup crushed candy canes

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Place the semisweet chocolate chips in a medium bowl and microwave for 30 second increments until melted. Stir until smooth.
2. Spread the chocolate into a roughly 9"x 13" rectangle on a piece of parchment paper. Place the chocolate in the fridge for 15 minutes to set.
3. Place the white chocolate chips in a medium bowl and microwave for 30 second increments until melted. Add the peppermint extract and stir until smooth.
4. Spread the white chocolate over the semisweet chocolate layer. Top with candy canes. Let harden in the fridge for about 20 minutes or until the chocolate is completely set. Remove from the fridge and let the bark sit at room temperature for about 10 minutes. Cut or break into pieces and serve.

*Recipe and photos from dinneratthezoo.com.*

## SLOW COOKER BEEF STEW

Prep time: 20 min

Cook time: 4 hours

Servings: 6

### INGREDIENTS:

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|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| - 2 pounds beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch pieces | - 1 ½ cups beef broth      | - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce |
| - ¼ cup all-purpose flour                         | - 4 medium carrots, sliced | - 1 teaspoon ground paprika       |
| - ½ teaspoon salt                                 | - 3 medium potatoes, diced | - 1 clove garlic, minced          |
| - ½ teaspoon ground black pepper                  | - 1 medium onion, chopped  | - 1 large bay leaf                |
|                                                   | - 1 stalk celery, chopped  |                                   |

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Place meat in slow cooker.
2. Mix flour, salt, and pepper together in a small bowl. Pour over meat, and stir until meat is coated.
3. Add beef broth, carrots, potatoes, onion, celery, Worcestershire sauce, paprika, garlic, and bay leave; stir to combine.
4. Cover, and cook until beef is tender enough to cut with a spoon, on Low for 8 to 12 hours, or on high for 4 to 6 hours.

*Recipe by allrecipes.com. Photo by Dotdash Meredith Food Studios.*



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.



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# FEATURED MEMBERS

## GEORGE & IDA ZIMMERMAN

George Zimmerman has been RVing since he bought his first pop-up camper in the '70s. A former Boy Scout who loves the outdoors, he moved from that first pop-up to a Class C, then to a 38-foot 5th wheel. When setup became difficult, he got his first diesel pusher. He and his wife Ida bought themselves a 37-foot Sportscoach 339DS in May of 2021 in Tampa, FL, and they're already wishing they'd bought a bigger one.

Why does he like his new coach so much? In George's eyes, the biggest difference between a 5th wheel and a Class A is that he has so much more control and feels so much safer when driving. "I feel like when I'm on the highway I can trust the chassis below me," he says.

George says the body on the Sportscoach is great, but the chassis itself is like having a Lamborghini. "FCCC has done things right and really listens to you when there is a problem," he says. And George would know — he likes to do a lot of his own coach maintenance. A licensed electrician, George was eager to learn all he could about his new rig, so he and Ida attended a virtual Camp Freightliner class through Zoom.

George was impressed by the fact that before he even went into the class, FCCC had shared a lot of maintenance information he could have printed and ready to go. By taking time to prep before attending Camp Freightliner, George felt he made it a more beneficial experience. The instructor answered all questions raised in the class, giving detailed information and recommending Oasis Dealers.

Based on the instructor's advice, George took his coach to the Oasis Dealer at the Freightliner Custom Chassis service center in Gaffney, SC, and was so impressed that he's taking his coach back up for its yearly service. He's doing the winterizing himself, though, based on what he learned at Camp Freightliner. His great experience there is part of the reason George gives this advice to any new RVer he meets: "Whatever rig you buy, make sure it's an FCCC chassis."

George and Ida joined the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club when they bought their new Sportscoach in 2019. They went to Brunswick, GA, in October of 2021 and met James Peek, who has become a very good friend. George and Ida went back to the Sevierville Rally and enjoyed it as well.

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## CAMP FREIGHTLINER I

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While Camp Freightliner classes are paused, we will still be offering Free Fireside Chat Seminars to keep you up to date on maintenance and service. Please feel free to contact Pamela Little at [pamela.little@daimlertruck.com](mailto:pamela.little@daimlertruck.com) if you have any questions.





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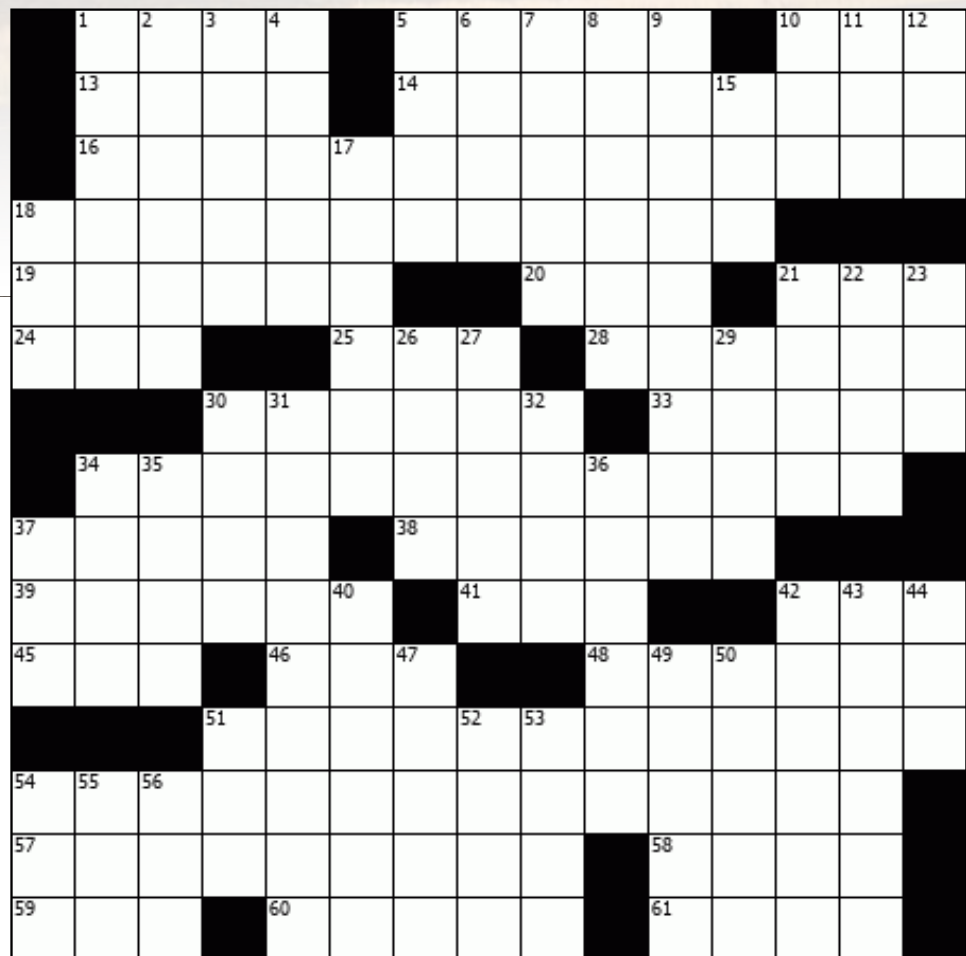
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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

1. Nicky of "Boston Public"
5. Indian state bordering Myanmar
10. Cookware item
13. Lasting start
14. They're adjustable
16. Kraft product
18. The Black Lady was one
19. Husky
20. Like
21. CD players
24. NY comedy show
25. Something to chew
28. Stain
30. Otolaryngologist's diagnosis
33. "Me, Myself & \_\_\_": Jim Carrey film
34. Its wind speed may exceed 200 mph
37. Actress Massey
38. Gaunt ones
39. Company that began as a gunpowder manufacturer in 1802
41. Men
42. Sink
45. Pink-slip
46. Drench
48. Serving stand
51. Employee file item
54. Large cargo carrier
57. Superlatively fuzzy
58. "\_\_\_ sight!"
59. Mongrel
60. Daggers of old
61. Leonard \_\_\_: Roy Rogers



### DOWN

1. "Annie Hall" Oscar winner
2. Profession
3. Sax type
4. Lock
5. Pretentious
6. Filter
7. La \_\_\_
8. It turns red litmus paper blue
9. Using the wrong handle
10. Wee bit, in Bordeaux
11. Tolkien menace
12. "Cats" monogram
15. Highland denial
17. Metallic currency
18. Speech stumbles
21. Stowe novel
22. Hera's Roman counterpart
23. Make out
26. Beehive State natives
27. Deep-six
29. They may be backless
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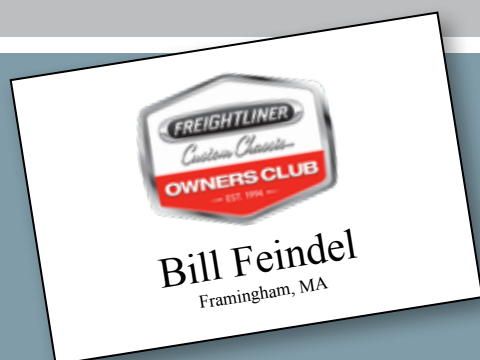
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Anyone can access our website without logging in by going to [www.FCOCRV.org](http://www.FCOCRV.org). When a Member wants to update their member profile or pay their dues, they will need to log in with two pieces of information: a membership number and a password. When a Member has difficulty signing in, it is usually either because they forgot to include the letter "F" at the front of their membership number, or because they forgot their password. If a new Member joins via our website, they will provide their own password at that time. New Members who apply by mail will receive their password by email when their registration information has been entered. Members can change their password at any time by logging in and updating their profile.



## TO JOIN FCOC:

1. Select "Join FCOC" on the home page or in the top right corner of any page on the site.
2. Select the number of years you'd like to commit to and pay for.
3. Fill out all relevant fields. Those with an asterisk (\*) must be completed.
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We have multiple National Rallies a year. The National rallies normally include 4 nights of camping, 4 breakfasts, and 4 dinners, plus service seminars from Freightliner, Cummins/Onan, Allison, Michelin and others.

We also hold small regional rallies. These are usually smaller rallies at local places of interest.

Come enjoy discounts at several of our sponsors, such as participating Freightliner Oasis service centers, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Chrysler Affiliate Rewards, MASA and others.





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After logging in, you have the ability to conveniently renew your membership using PayPal. Simply click "Renew/Pay Dues" in the top right corner of your screen.

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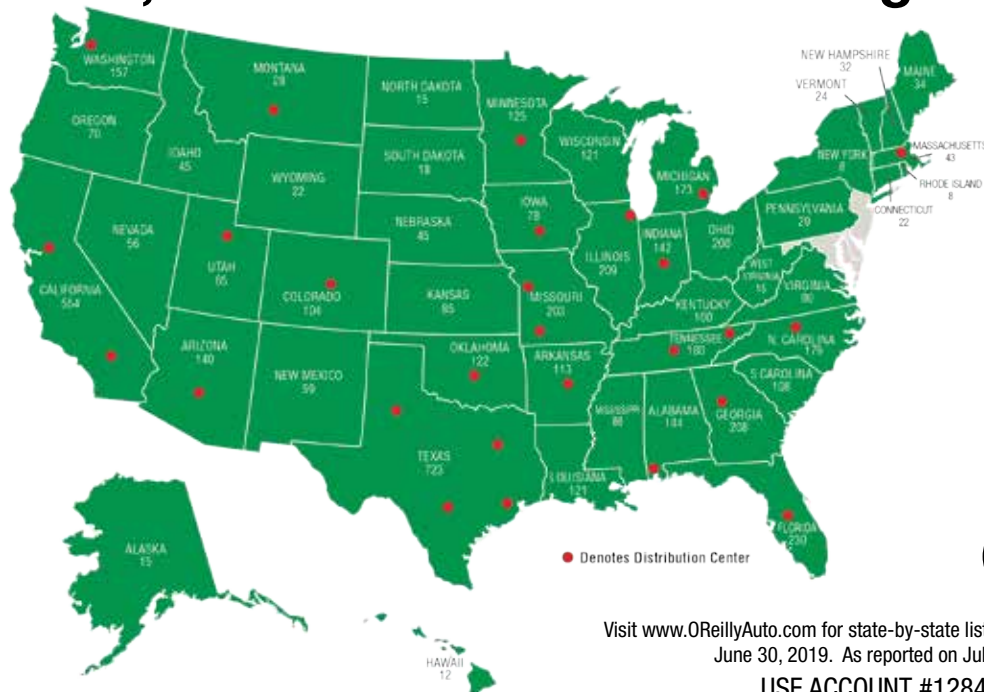
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# OFFERS FROM OASIS AND PARTICIPATING DEALERS

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

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

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

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

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

If the Oasis Dealer you wish to use is not on the list of participating dealers, we would encourage you to let them know of your desire to have them participate in the program. Dealers wishing for more information about the program should contact Steven Bertling: phone (951) 491-1297, email VP.BUSDEV@FCOCR.V.ORG. Also, if you have any problem with any Oasis Dealer on the list, let Steven Bertling know, and he will try to help.

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

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

**+** Some Dealers below offer hook ups for our RV Members. Look for the symbol to see which Dealers offer which hook ups:

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**DP: DOGGIE PARK L: LOUNGE RV**

## PARTICIPATING OASIS NETWORK DISCOUNT PROGRAM CENTERS:

OASIS DEALER NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	TELEPHONE	SERVICE MANAGER	SYMBOL
Four Star Freightliner of Dothan	1507 Reeves Street	Dothan	AL	36303	(334) 793-4455		
Empire Truck Sales (Mobile)	2495 West I-65 Service Road North	Mobile	AL	36612	(251) 330-0088		
Tag Truck Center	5712 Commence Square	Jonesboro	AR	72491	(870) 972-8588	Brian Carter	
Doggett Freightliner of Arkansas	11700 Valentine Road	North Little Rock	AR	72117	(800) 562-8875	John Siverd	
Doggett Freightliner of Arkansas	2675 West Sunset Ave.	Springdale	AR	72762	(479) 751-4551		
Truck Centers of Arkansas	2675 W. Sunset Blvd.	Springdale	AR	72762	(800) 495-4551	Bill Partain	
Doggett Freightliner of Arkansas	129 Access Road	Van Buren	AR	72956	(479) 474-9900		
Velocity Truck Centers	1230 Akimel Lane	Chandler	AZ	98226	(480) 282-4000		
Velocity Truck Centers	9899 W Roosevelt Street	Tolleson	AZ	85353	(623) 907-6642	Larry Winiewicz	W, E, S, DP, L
Velocity Truck Centers	5650 E Travel Plaza Way	Tucson	AZ	85756	(520) 514-5700		
Bakersfield Truck Center	8140 Golden State Hwy	Bakersfield	CA	93308	(661) 393-6950		
Transwest Truck Center	10150 Cherry Avenue	Fontana	CA	92335	(909) 770-5623		W, E, S, D, DP
Velocity Truck Centers	13800 Valley Boulevard	Fontana	CA	92335	(909) 510-4000		
Delta Truck Center	10182 S. Harlan Road	French Camp	CA	95231	(800) 400-4161		
Velocity Truck Centers	8995 Three Flags Avenue	Oak Hills	CA	92344	(760) 948-6442		
Velocity Truck Centers Ventura County	2501 Camino Del Sol	Oxnard	CA	93030	(805) 751-1800 (888) 487-8810		
Sacramento Truck Center	100 Opportunity Street	Sacramento	CA	95838	(916) 286-2000 (800) 485-8311	Lawrence Cowan	
Velocity Truck Centers	6006 Miramar Road	San Diego	CA	92121	(877) 454-5456 (619) 564-3700	Gene Hust	
Velocity Truck Centers	2429 Peck Road	Whittier	CA	90601	(562) 447-1200		
TransWest Truck Trailer RV	20770 Interstate 76	Brighton	CO	80603	(303) 301-7500		
TransWest Truck Trailer RV	7550 E 1-25 Frontage Road	Fredereick	CO	80516	(303) 684-3400		

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Southern Connecticut Truck Center	15 East Industrial Road	Branford	CT	06405	(800) 448-8480	Michael Beavton	
Freightlinere of Hartford	45 Brainard Road	Hartford	CT	06114	(860) 290-8061	Scott Thayer	
Orlando Freightliner	2455 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Apopka	FL	32703	(407) 295-2846	Lee Feeser	
Empire Truck Sales (Mossy Head)	15 Sand Mine Road	De Funial Springs	FL	32435	(850) 951-2100		
Southport Truck Group	16110 Lee Road	Ft. Myers	FL	33912	(239) 210-9480		W, E, S, DP, L
Tom Nehl Truck Co.	383 SW Arrowhead Terr.	Lake City	FL	32024	(904) 389-3653 (386) 755-9527	Rex Steven	
Four Star Freightliner of Florida	270 Four Star Way	Midway	FL	32343	(850) 701-0163		
Ocala Freightliner	3950 W. Hwy 326	Ocala	FL	34482	(352) 840-0070	Scott Pauley	W, E, S, D, DP
Empire Truck Sales (Pensacola)	2255 West Detroit Blvd	Pensacola	FL	32534	(850) 316-9000		
Southport Truck Group	7528 US Hwy 301 North	Tampa	FL	33637	(813) 262-0890		
Peach State Freightliner	1755 Dry Pond Road	Jefferson	GA	30549	(706) 367-8998		
Peach State Truck Centers	100 Stereling Place	McDonough	GA	30253	(678) 583-8800		
Premier Truck Group of Chattanooga	137 Gateway Drive	Ringgold	GA	30736	(888) 443-2324		
Four Star Freightliner of Tifton Georgia	3346 Highway 41 South	Tifton	GA	31794	(229) 382-2822		
Four Star Freightliner of Valdosta	3550 White Water Road	Valdosta	GA	31601	(229) 316-4948		
Truck Country Cedar Rapids	700 29th Avenue, SW	Cedar Rapids	IA	52406	(319) 365-0531 (800) 332-6158	Chris Flockhart	
Truck Country Quad Cities	2350 W. 76th Street	Davenport	IA	52806	(563) 445-5870	Darin Bohr	
Truck Country Dubuque	10785 Route 61 South	Dubuque	IA	52003	(563) 556-3775 (800) 553-3642	Ray Clark	
Kent Mitchell Bus Sales & Svs	41430 East I55	Hammond	IA	70403	(985) 419-8347	Emile Musso	
Harrison Truck Centers	101 Plaza Drive Elk Run	Heights	IA	50707	(800) 582-5789	Todd Rathbone	
Harrison Truck Centers	PO Box 1708	Waterloo	IA	50704	(319) 234-4453	Rodd Rathnone	
Truck Country Decorah	1653 State Highway 9	Decorah	IA	52101	(563) 382-6551 (888) 545-9297	Ray Clark	
Truck Centers, Inc.*	1700 Gillenwater Ave.	Effingham	IL	62401	(217) 342-3300		W, E
Truck Centers, Inc.*	300 East Ashland Street	Morton	IL	61550	(309) 263-4240		E, L
Truck Centers, Inc.*	621 S. 45th Street	Mt. Vernon	IL	62864	(618) 244-2545		E
Truck Centers, Inc.*	2981 E. Singer	Springfield	IL	62703	(217) 525-1280		
Truck Centers, Inc.*	2280 Formosa Road	Troy	IL	62294	(618) 667-3454		W, E
Stoops Freightliner Quality Trailer, Inc.	6105 Columbus Avenue	Anderson	IN	46013	(765) 644-1400 (877) 881-7992	Doug Dau	
Truck Centers, Inc.*	2000 Cassopolis St.	Elkhart	IN	46514	(574) 262-3441		W, E, D
Truck Centers, Inc.*	325 Rusher Creek Road	Evansville	IN	47725	(812) 868-2700		W, E
TransChicago Truck Group	2333 W. 25th Avenue	Gary	IN	46404	(219) 949-8595		
Stoops Freightliner Quality Trailer, Inc.	1851 W. Thompson Road	Indianapolis	IN	46217	(317) 788-1533 (877) 518-8221	Mike Miller	
Stoops Freightliner Quality Trailer, Inc.	12247 Declaration Drive	New Haven	IN	46774	(260) 749-8587 (877) 518-2065	Jeff Bouck	



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Tag Truck Center	215 Campbell Drive	Calvert City	KY	42029	(270) 395-8200	Randy Mathis	
Empire Truck Sales	10 Frontage Road	Sidell	LA	70458	(985) 641-4000		
Baltimore Freightliner	2723 Annapolis Road	Baltimore	MD	21230	(410) 685-4474	Jessica Levine	
Freightliner of Grand Rapids	5285 Clay Ave SW	Grand Rapids	MI	49548	(800) 968-9680	Mark List	
Freightliner of Kalamazoo	53449 Main Street	Kalamazoo	MI	49071	(800) 968-9680	Mark List	
Momentum Truck Group	701 15th Avenue S.E.	St. Cloud	MN	56304	(320) 251-0931		
Truck Centers, Inc.*	720 North Service Road	Foristell	MO	63348	(636) 978-3870		W, E, D
Tag Truck Center	1485 Hwy 177	Jackson	MO	63755	(573) 339-1890	Jeff Runnels	
Kansas City Freightliner Sales	7800 NE 38th Street	Kansas City	MO	64161	(816) 453-4400		
Tag Truck Center	3792 Hwy 67 NO	Poplar Bluff	MO	63901	(573) 785-0193	Devin Russom	
Tag Truck Center	307 Lynual Drive	Sikeston	MO	63810	(573) 471-7100	Mark Riney	
Truck Centers, Inc.*	747 E. Taylor Street	St. Louis	MO	63147	(314) 381-3800		
Empire Truck Sales (Biloxi)	8480 West Oaklawn Road	Biloxi	MS	39532	(228) 365-0000		
Empire Truck Sales (Richland)	373 Highway 49 South	Richland	MS	39218	(601) 939-5000		
Tag Truck Center	2448 McCulloough Blvd	Tupelo	MS	38826	(662) 844-3262	Gary Greszier	
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FYDA Freightliner Columbus, Inc.	1250 Walcutt Road	Columbus	OH	43228	(514) 851-0022		
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Premier Truck Group of Oklahoma City	53011 40 West	Oklahoma City	OK	73128	(877) 621-0428		
Premier Truck Group of Tulsa	5104 W. 60th Street	Tulsa	OK	74107	(866) 599-8351 (918) 445-5300		
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McCoy Freightliner	4060 Interstate PL NE	Salem	OR	97303	(503) 463-6303		
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Premier Truck Group of Knoxville	1413 Everett Road	Knoxville	TN	37932	(865) 824-2400		E, DP, L
Tag Truck Center	4450 American Way	Memphis	TN	38118	(800) 264-0336	Mark Sampson	E, DP, L

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Premier Truck Group of Amarillo	2210 South Whitaker Rd.	Amarillo	TX	79118	(806) 374-1033 (800) 753-1556		
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Premier Truck Group of Fort Worth	1804 NE Loop 820	Fort Worth	TX	76106	(800) 580-9101		
Houston Freightliner – Sterline & Western Star	9550 North Loop East	Houston	TX	77029	(713) 672-4115		
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Premier Truck Group of Salt Lake City	2240 South 5370 West	Salt Lake City	UT	84120	(800) 574-2707		
Freightliner Northwest	524 Jacks Lane	Mt. Vernon	WA	98273	(360) 848-0472	Jonathan Callis	
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**If you are a Dealer and have any of these items and would like to be put on this list, contact Steven Bertling at [vp.busdev@fcocrv.org](mailto:vp.busdev@fcocrv.org).**



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