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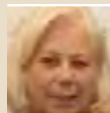
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FROM



Greetings, fellow RVers! I hope this latest issue of *RV Soul* finds you well and enjoying an amazing summer on the road.

Our summer got off to a great start with a couple of exciting events for our team. First up was the second annual Music City Motorhome Expo in Nashville from our partners at National Indoor RV Centers in early June. At this year's Expo, we provided a true Nashville experience—five days of Broadway nights, bright lights, unforgettable sights, and the music that built that city. Throughout the Expo, we showed drivers a true VIP experience viewing and driving the luxury motorhome of their dreams.

On June 7, we held a celebration in Gaffney so our entire team could celebrate our 30th anniversary in style. Reaching that milestone would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of our team, and we enjoyed the chance to celebrate with all of them.

Speaking of our team, I'm thrilled to introduce Michael Brown as our new Customer Excellence Manager. Michael brings a wealth of experience—and a true passion for—the RV industry to his new role. His leadership will help ensure our team continues providing you the best ownership experience in the industry.

And speaking of ownership experience, we're excited to share the newest features to our My 24/7 Direct owners app in the near future—a subscription option giving you access to a series of in-depth instructional videos covering a range of maintenance and operational topics. Available via either a monthly or annual subscription, these videos will bring our full expertise to life in an informative and easy-to-follow format. We'll be rolling them out shortly—in the meantime, make sure you have the My 24/7 Direct app on your mobile device. You can download the app through your mobile device's app store or at My247Direct.com.

Lastly, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp. (FCCC) is accepting orders for Internal Combustion Engines (ICE) RV chassis in all 50 states for 2025. This includes orders for ICE RV chassis for sale in California. Please note that product availability, including RV chassis availability, is subject to change at any time. We are fully committed to supporting our customers in any way we can. We encourage RV buyers to connect with their local dealers, including in California, to explore the full range of options available. FCCC remains focused on delivering innovative chassis solutions to meet the diverse needs of the RV market. For more information, visit fcccrv.com.

From everyone at FCCC, we hope your summer continues to be full of adventure and exploration. Until next time, safe travels and happy trails!

Bryan Henke
Manager of Product Marketing, FCCC

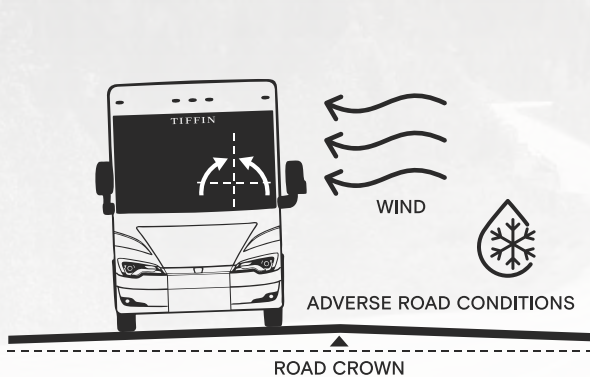
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CAMPFIRE NEWS

VOLUME 1

In Today's News

Sunny 75°

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

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FCOC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow FCOC Members,

Summer is upon us, and now is the time to see all the wonderful things there are to see from the comfort of our motorhome. The North is calling, and there is a plethora of places from which to choose. There is still time to sign up for our event in Coeur d'Alene, ID. This is a small event focused on entertainment. The weather should be perfect, and the scenery is absolutely awe-inspiring. The Pacific Northwest enjoys generally mild weather in the summer months, and anywhere along the coast is about as perfect as the temperatures can be! Wherever you choose, make plans to get out and see our wonderful country during these summer months.

We are making plans for Myrtle Beach, SC, for our November event at the Ocean Lakes Campground. If you choose to run south for the winter, Lakeland, FL, will host a January event coinciding with the Tampa Supershow. Event fees will include tickets for the show. In April 2026, we will be in Crystal Beach, TX, at the Margaritaville RV Resort. So, check out the website or the FCOC Events Facebook page for all the details and start making your plans.

Our annual meeting took place at the Allegan, MI, event in June. If you were not there, there was a vote for our club officers who will serve for the next two years. We also honored Roy Hopper with a lifetime membership by unanimous vote. Roy has served our club for many years in nearly every position on the board. Roy and his wife, Kathy, traveled from their current home in Vero Beach, FL, to be with us. Get to know them better on page 16.

On a more serious note, I want to take this opportunity to again address an issue that is becoming more significant every day. Right now, there is a lot of confusion about the Freightliner brand and whether a specific coach is eligible for membership. People only see the Freightliner label on the RV. They don't understand the differences between the chassis and the companies that make them. They just see Freightliner.

There are other organizations actively feeding this confusion to benefit personally, to the detriment of their members. I believe the best way to combat this is to invite them to our functions and speak with them directly. This will hopefully spread throughout the RV community and stop a lot of the bad information, allow those other owners a place to learn to enjoy their coach more fully, and possibly develop into future FCCC owners.

Our events offer training relevant to other chassis, such as M2s from DTNA (Freightliner Trucks). Education for common components like Michelin tires, Cummins engines, Onan generators, and Allison transmissions is covered and applies to most coaches. Information on coach systems—inverters, batteries, air conditioning, refrigerators, and more—is broadly applicable across the industry.

Our events provide a place for camaraderie, entertainment, and fun, centered in an atmosphere of FCCC support. Owners will hear about the 24/7 support line and the lifetime information support FCCC provides to any owner of a 4UZ chassis. That can only be a good thing for all of us.

Currently, owners of the M2 chassis are not eligible for membership in our club. Changing this policy would require further discussion and an amendment to the bylaws. However, these owners may attend events and learn more about the club, its activities, their coaches, and the S2 and XC chassis products of FCCC. Members are encouraged to invite owners of any RV featuring a Freightliner nameplate to attend our club functions. Together, we will become a stronger organization providing camaraderie, education, and fun to all Freightliner RV owners.

Safe travels,

Steve Bertling

Steve Bertling
FCOC President

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COEUR D'ALENE, ID

September 22-26, 2025

MYRTLE BEACH, SC

November 11-15, 2025



* Event dates subject to change

CANCELLATION POLICY

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3. Members that register and pay for an event and do not attend will not receive any refund.
4. All refunds will be made at the conclusion of the event.

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NEW EVENT REGISTRATION PROCESS

We are no longer printing event registration forms. All registrations can be done online at FCOCRv.org.

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO

September 22-26, 2025



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WHAT TO EXPECT

Breathtaking Views & Activities: Start each day with a peaceful walk along the lake or a scenic boat ride. The natural beauty surrounding you will take your breath away.

Outdoor Adventure: Hike the nearby mountains, take a guided nature tour, or rent a bike to explore the town's picturesque lakeside trails. For those seeking water activities, the lake is perfect for kayaking, paddleboarding, or simply relaxing by the shore.

Local Attractions: Discover downtown Coeur d'Alene's charm with its boutique shops, delicious restaurants, and local art galleries. For a touch of excitement, visit the luxurious Coeur d'Alene Resort and its iconic floating green golf course.

Exciting Seminars & Social Hours: Engage with industry experts during educational seminars, and connect with fellow RVers during lively social hours.

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE

Unmatched Natural Beauty: Surrounded by lush forests, crystal-clear lakes, and towering mountains, Coeur d'Alene is a nature lover's paradise.

Endless Outdoor Activities: From hiking and biking to water sports and fishing, there's no shortage of ways to enjoy the great outdoors.

A Charming Small Town: Coeur d'Alene offers the perfect blend of outdoor adventure and small-town charm. With amazing local food, unique shops, and a relaxing atmosphere, it's an ideal getaway.

Lakefront Relaxation: Spend your downtime soaking in the stunning lake views, enjoying a peaceful boat ride, or simply unwinding by the water.

MYRTLE BEACH, SC

November 11-15, 2025



ATLANTIC COAST



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MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK



CELEBRATE FALL AT OCEAN LAKES RV RESORT

Join us for the perfect fall getaway at Ocean Lakes RV Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from November 11-15, 2025. This event promises the ideal mix of fun, education, and relaxation, with something for everyone! Enjoy Camp Freightliner, expert seminars, entertainment, and activities—all while surrounded by the stunning Myrtle Beach area, which will be beautifully decked out for the Christmas season. With countless local attractions and Ocean Lakes' vast amenities, you'll have plenty of free time to explore, shop, and relax!

WHAT TO EXPECT

Seminars and Workshops: Learn from top industry experts, including specialized Camp Freightliner sessions to enhance your RV knowledge and skills.

Live Entertainment & Social Hours: Enjoy lively evenings with fellow RVers, share stories, and make new memories.

Beachside Relaxation & Local Exploration: Ocean Lakes offers a stunning beach, local activities, and plenty of time to discover the charm of Myrtle Beach, which will embrace the holiday spirit during your visit.

MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS & SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1 (Nov 11): Arrive at Ocean Lakes and check-in. Enjoy a casual welcome dinner with a beautiful beachside view and meet fellow attendees.

Day 2 (Nov 12): Morning seminars, followed by a visit to the Myrtle Beach SkyWheel for panoramic views of the coastline. Spend the afternoon shopping at Broadway at the Beach, where you can enjoy seasonal decorations and unique local boutiques.

Day 3 (Nov 13): More informative seminars and Camp Freightliner sessions in the morning. In the afternoon, unwind on the Myrtle Beach Boardwalk or explore the local shops and cafés.

Day 4 (Nov 14): Spend the day at social hours, followed by evening entertainment featuring live music from local artists, creating a perfect setting for mingling and relaxing by the beach.

Day 5 (Nov 15): Enjoy a farewell breakfast with fellow RVers, reflecting on new knowledge and lasting memories, before departing.

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A LIFE OF ADVENTURE TAKES A NEW ROUTE

For Roy and Kathy Hopper of Vero Beach, Florida, the RV lifestyle didn't just happen—it evolved from a lifetime of movement. As a former pilot, Roy was no stranger to life on the go. But in 2000, after a heart attack forced them to reconsider how they'd spend retirement, the couple swapped wings for wheels and never looked back.

"We realized it was time to start traveling while we still could," Roy recalls. What began with a plan to purchase a fifth wheel soon transformed into a full-blown motorhome journey...one that's taken us across every U.S. state (except Alaska) and led to more stories than we can count."

A COACH WITH CHARACTER

The Hoppers currently travel in a 2007 Tiffin Phaeton, a motorhome with its own unique backstory. Originally built on one of only 78 Freightliner chassis briefly fitted with Mercedes engines, their coach spent its early years in the hands of Freightliner executives before Roy scooped it up.

"It had been driven to shows and used for vacations. It was basic at first, but I upgraded a lot," he says. And for someone who does 90% of the maintenance himself, that kind of hands-on approach comes naturally.

FINDING FAMILY IN FCOC

A chance encounter at a gas station on their very first return trip from Florida changed everything. Roy met Ken Hawk, president of the Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC), who handed him an application on the spot. That spark ignited a decades-long involvement, eventually leading Roy to serve in multiple officer roles, including 20 years on the board.

"FCOC is extremely educational. Freightliner has always supported the club in big ways," Roy says. "But more than that, we've met the most wonderful people through this community."

Kathy agrees. "The people are what bring us back to rallies. We've been attending for years and have made so many lasting friendships," she shares.

**THROUGHOUT EVERY MILE
AND EVERY YEAR, THIS
ADVENTUROUS COUPLE HAS
SEEN AMERICA TOGETHER,
ALL IN THEIR TIFFIN PHAETON.**



SEEING AMERICA, ONE PARK AT A TIME

From the Canadian Maritimes to the red rocks of Utah, Roy and Kathy have experienced the breadth of America in a way few ever do. Southern Utah holds a special place in their hearts, especially Bryce Canyon and its iconic hoodoos.

"People talk about traveling to Europe," Kathy says, "but we have the most stunning country right here. Utah's probably my favorite state."

They've driven the coasts, explored national parks, and taken in the majesty of Lake Louise. For them, RVing isn't just about the destination—it's about discovering places they never imagined visiting.

"IF YOU WAIT TOO LONG, IT GETS HARDER. WE'VE BEEN SO BLESSED TO LIVE THIS LIFE, BUT WE KNOW OUR TIME ON THE ROAD WON'T LAST FOREVER."

— Roy Hopper

LESSONS FROM THE ROAD

With over two decades of travel under their belts, Roy and Kathy's advice is simple: don't wait.

"Start as soon as you can," Roy says. "If you wait too long, it gets harder. We've been so blessed to live this life, but we know our time on the road won't last forever."

Still, their love for RVing hasn't faded. And thanks to their Freightliner support system—including a 24/7 helpline that's rescued them more than once—they've traveled with peace of mind.

A JOURNEY WELL TRAVELED

Today, the Hoppers reflect on their motorhome years with gratitude and joy. Though their coach may be older, and the road may one day call them less frequently, their sense of wonder hasn't dimmed.

"It's been a good life," Kathy says. "A beautiful life. And we're not done yet."

As they continue logging miles and memories, Roy and Kathy serve as a reminder of what's possible when you say yes to the road—and to each other.

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SEASONAL ARTICLE

HOW TO VISIT BIG CITIES IN YOUR RV SMART STRATEGIES FOR NAVIGATING URBAN ADVENTURES ON WHEELS

RVers are no strangers to national parks, scenic byways, and quiet campgrounds—but you may be wanting to mix it up and not miss out on popular cities either! Whether it's the museums of Washington, D.C., the music of Nashville, or the cuisine of San Diego, America's cities offer a different kind of thrill for road travelers. And while they may seem incompatible with the RV lifestyle, urban areas are absolutely accessible—if you approach them with the right plan.

Here's how to confidently bring your rig into the city and make the most of an urban RV experience.

TIP #1: RETHINK THE BASECAMP

Most cities lack traditional campgrounds, especially in their core, but that doesn't mean you have to forgo convenience. Instead of attempting to park downtown, set your sights on the suburbs. Look for RV parks, fairgrounds, or even private lots with access to commuter rail, park-and-ride lots, or reliable public transit.

A few well-known options include:

Cherry Hill Park near Washington, D.C., with direct bus access to the Metro system.

Liberty Harbor RV Park in Jersey City offers views of the Manhattan skyline and ferry service into the city.

Campgrounds in Indiana Dunes for travelers visiting Chicago, with commuter rail service into the city.

TIP #2: BE SMART ABOUT PARKING

Urban streets and parking garages are not designed for motorhomes or trailers. Before driving into a city center, research your options using tools like SpotHero, Parkopedia, or satellite view on Google Maps. In some cities, marinas and ports offer overnight RV parking at affordable rates.

If you're only in town for a few hours, it may be worth renting a compact car or using rideshare services to avoid the hassle altogether. For those towing a vehicle, leaving the RV at camp and using your towed car is often the most efficient and stress-free approach.



TIP #3: ROUTE PLANNING IS NON-NEGOTIABLE

Driving through urban environments means facing narrow streets, low bridges, and strict road restrictions. Always plan your route using a GPS app designed for RVs or commercial trucks, which will help you avoid low clearances and weight-restricted roads. Avoid rush hour altogether—target early mornings, mid-afternoon, or late evenings when city traffic is at its lightest.

TIP #4: RESTOCK, RECHARGE, AND MAINTAIN

One of the benefits of big cities is access to supplies, services, and amenities. Plan to:

- Refill propane or fuel at large truck stops or service centers on the city's edge.
- Restock groceries or specialty items not found in rural areas.
- Schedule maintenance, tire replacement, or mechanical checks at urban RV dealerships or service centers.

Being proactive while in the city can save you from surprises on the next leg of your trip.

TIP #5: BOOK EXPERIENCES AHEAD

Urban attractions are often in high demand. Museums, concerts, tours, and restaurants frequently require reservations. Booking online not only saves time but can also secure discounted rates or flexible entry times. Some cultural sites offer dedicated RV parking or discounts for travelers.

TIP #6: LEARN FROM OTHERS

Wondering what urban RV travel actually looks like? Watch a real-world example of how fellow RVers navigated the challenges and triumphs of visiting a city in their motorhome. The video, produced by two fellow FCCC owners, captures the practical decisions, highlights, and lessons learned from one such journey.

Watch the story here:



TIP #7: PICK THE RIGHT CITY

Certain cities stand out as RV-friendly due to their infrastructure and welcoming approach to travelers.

San Diego, CA – Campgrounds within reach of the trolley system and beachfront parking.

Chicago, IL – Accessible via the South Shore Line from Indiana campgrounds.

Nashville, TN – Offers ample parking options and a vibrant downtown that's easy for walkers.

Philadelphia, PA – Multiple RV parks on the outskirts with shuttle services into the historic district.

Boston, MA – Best approached via commuter rail from campgrounds in southern New Hampshire or western Massachusetts.

Big cities don't need to be off-limits to RV travelers. With careful planning, creative logistics, and a flexible mindset, visiting urban centers can become an enriching part of the RV lifestyle. Whether you're looking to catch a Broadway show, explore a historic district, or simply enjoy a world-class meal, America's cities are waiting—and they're more accessible than you think.

ROADSIDE RECIPES



CHARBROILED SALMON

Prep Time: 5 min. | Cook Time: 10 min. | Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons red wine
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 pounds of salmon steaks
- 4 sprigs fresh parsley, for garnish
- 4 slices of lemon, for garnish

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine soy sauce, red wine, ginger, and black pepper in a large, resealable plastic bag. Seal and shake vigorously to mix ingredients. Add salmon steaks, squeeze out excess air, and seal. Refrigerate, turning frequently to keep all sides in contact with the liquid, for at least 2 hours.
2. Preheat an outdoor grill to medium-high heat.
3. Cook on a hot grill for about 5 minutes per side, basting freely with extra marinade.
4. Serve with parsley garnish and lemon slices.

Recipe and photo from Allrecipes (allrecipes.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.



PANZANELLA

Prep Time: 15 min. | Cook Time: 10 min. | Servings: 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 pound ciabatta or sourdough bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 1/2 pounds tomatoes, sliced into wedges or halved
- 1/2 English cucumber, sliced into half moons
- 6 ounces fresh mozzarella, torn (optional)
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, torn, plus more for garnish
- Sea salt

DRESSING:

- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar
- 3 garlic cloves, grated
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Heaping 1/2 teaspoon sea salt

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the bread on the baking sheet, drizzle with the olive oil, and sprinkle with salt. Toss to coat and spread evenly on the sheet. Bake for 7 to 10 minutes, or until crisp around the edges.
2. Make the dressing: In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, garlic, mustard, salt, and several grinds of pepper.
3. Add the onion, tomatoes, cucumber, and bread to the bowl with the dressing and toss to coat. Add the cheese, if using, and the basil, and gently toss. Season to taste and serve with more fresh basil on top.

Recipe and photo from Love & Lemons (loveandlemons.com).



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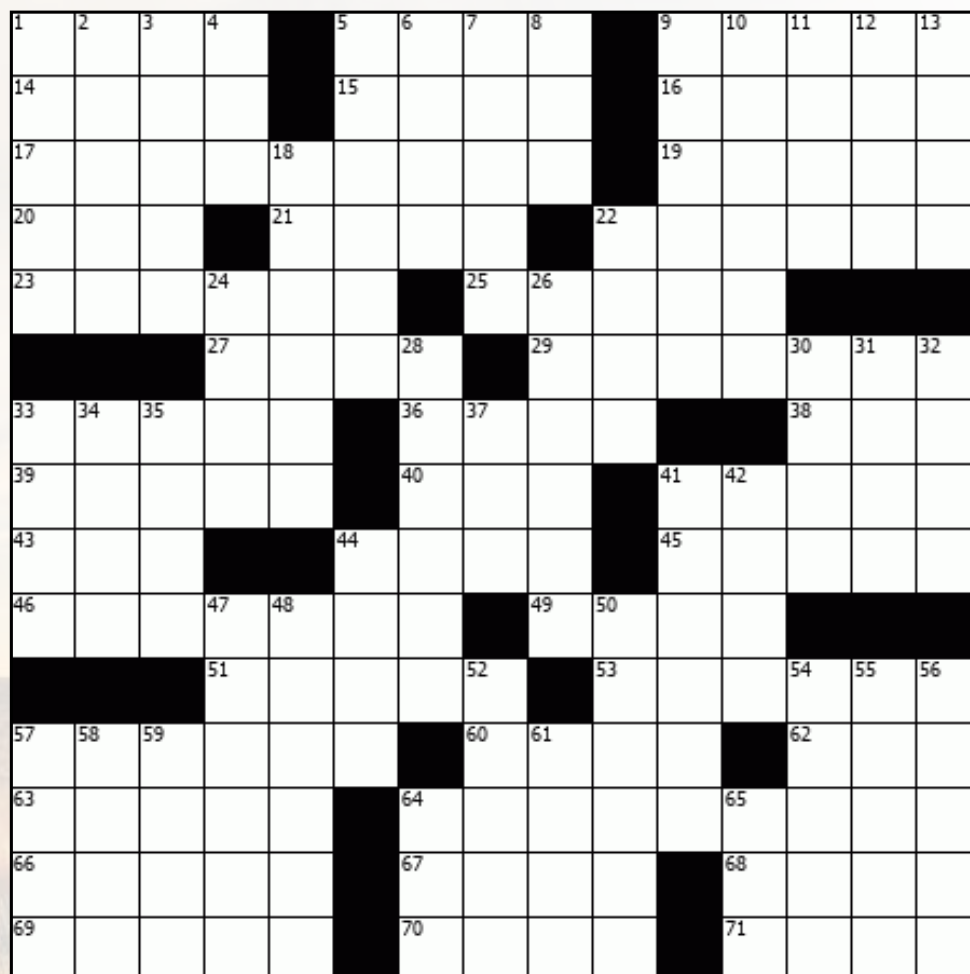
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11. Farm measure
12. Cows' calls
13. Breathe rapidly
18. Part of NATO
22. Confederate
24. Drop heavily
26. Snoozing
28. African desert
30. Songstress ____ Turner
31. Love god
32. Inferior grades
33. Nest eggs (abbr.)
34. Pub missile
35. "____ dead people!"
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37. Implore
41. Lurch
42. So be it!
44. Religious order
47. Idolized
48. Untidy conditions
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52. ____ and fauna
54. Barbecue site
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56. Skier's cabin
57. Actor ____ Baldwin
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59. Nutmeglike spice
61. Overlook
64. River blocker
65. Picasso's creation



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| 14. Jazz singer ____
Fitzgerald | 33. Dolt | 60. Suffer defeat |
| 15. Surrender | 36. With competence | 62. Time past |
| 16. Hot chocolate | 38. Intense rage | 63. Untruthful ones |
| 17. Offered in response | 39. Hoarse | 64. Controlled |
| 19. Slugger Hank ____ | 40. Laughter syllable | 66. Host |
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6. Complete your payment information and follow instructions to submit.

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Premier Truck Group of Salina	1288 South State Street	Salina	UT	84654	(435) 670-1000
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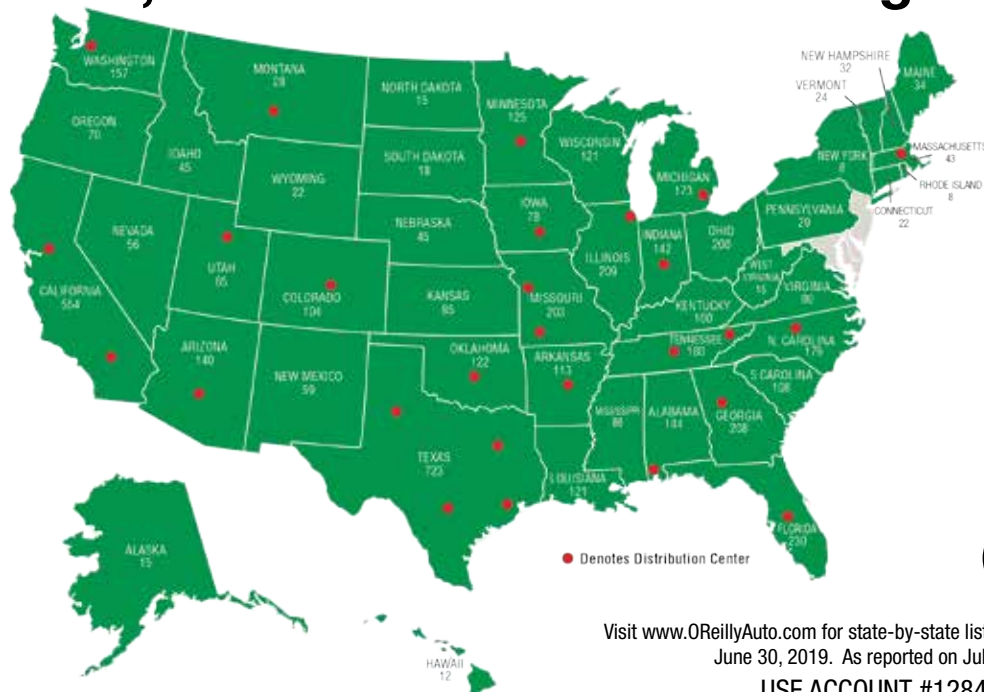
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