



CAT® RV Club Newsletter

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by Dianne and Brett Wolfe

Love is in the Air

Caterpillar® RV Engine Owners Club Founder, National Director, and Past President Don Tallman brought smiles and tears to the faces of many club members at the FMCA Convention in Minot, ND as he proposed to Carolyn Bearden with a banner towed by an airplane (see picture below). Don and Carolyn were featured on local TV, the front page of the local newspaper and now the Club newsletter. And, by the way, she said YES! Congratulations to both Don and Carolyn!



New Officers Elected in Minot

The Caterpillar RV Engine Owners Club, better known as the **CAT® RV CLUB**, held their second meeting for 2005 on August 16, 2005 at the FMCA International Convention in Minot, ND. A new slate of officers was elected at this meeting to serve the Club for the next year. Elections are held annually at the FMCA Summer Convention Business Meeting.

Brett Wolfe was elected President.

- Former Vice President
- Charter Member
- Rallymaster Peoria Rally, August 2005
- Senior technical contributor on RV.net
- Teaches RV Maintenance seminars around the country
- Retired business exec, automotive industry

Lamar Keck was elected Vice President.

- Charter Member
- Volunteer Security Crew Leader, FMCA
- Elks Club Member
- Retired Professional Bowler, US Postal Service, Tractor Trailer Operator

Kathe Letulle was elected Treasurer.

- Interim Treasurer 2005
- Volunteer Leader, Texas Polio Survivors
- Retired Accounting Manager

Beverly Marshall was elected Secretary.

- Charter Member
- Active rancher.
- Volunteer Leader for several ranching organizations
- Retired State Agent, Texas Criminal Justice System

Don Tallman was re-elected as National Director.

- Club Founder
- First Charter Member
- Past President
- Current National Director
- Retired, Railroad Industry

Al Vormittag was re-elected as Alternate National Director.

- Charter Member
- Current Alternate National Director
- Retired Green Beret, City Councilman and Real Estate investor

Rich Shamory, George Saam, and Bill Halberstadt were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Full minutes of the business meeting are posted on the Club website – www.catrvclub.org



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We are on the Web

Our official web site is: www.catrclub.org. There you will find information about the CAT RV Club, membership applications, rally information, events, pictures & more. Our Webmaster Rudy Morris is doing a great job.

Remember our communication tool. Check out <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/CATRVClub/>. Thanks to Wally McCorkle (wallynm@yahoo.com) and Bill Halberstadt (halberstadt@mindspring.com) who set up the site. It is a discussion group of people with an interest in Caterpillar® diesels engines. To access, simply obtain a Yahoo ID at yahoo.com and then access the site referenced above and click "Join This Group." No advertisements, for sales, or off topic post are allowed.

Dues are Due

According to our Club By-laws, dues are due in November of each year for the following year. The Club does not bill for annual dues. Many Charter members are currently in arrears for 2005. FMCA Guidelines suggest that once dues are six months in arrears, members should be dropped from "active" status.

Your dues renewal date is printed to the right of your name on the address label for this newsletter. Use the following chart to determine the amount of dues to be paid.

Renewal Date	Dues to remain an active member of the Club
2004	\$30
2005	\$15
2006 or later	Send no money

Please send your check payable to **FMCA CAT RV Club** to:
 Kathe Letulle
 Treasurer, CAT RV Club
 P.O. Box 8761
 Hot Springs, AR 71910-8761



2005 Rally Review

The CAT RV Club held two very successful rallies in 2005. The first, two weeks prior to the Perry, GA FMCA Convention was held March 14-17, 2005 at the Pinecone Campground in Gaffney, SC (near Greenville). 78 Club members toured the Caterpillar engine plant, Freightliner chassis plant, Michelin Tire plant, and some even stayed over to tour the nearby BMW plant.

August 1-5, 2005, the Club held a rally in Henry, Illinois just north of Peoria, Caterpillar's World Headquarters. 162 members attended this rally where we toured the Caterpillar Foundry in Mapleton and the Caterpillar Engine assembly plant in Mossville, attended Caterpillar maintenance seminars, danced to 50's and 60's music, lunched at the Yacht Club, and enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Illinois River.

Pictures taken at the rallies can be seen on the club website. The picture above is of half of the group at the Peoria Rally touring the Caterpillar Mossville Engine Assembly Plant, August 2005.

As with these two rallies, the CAT RV Club will continue to have two Rallies each year, scheduled **two weeks prior to each FMCA International Convention**. This will allow members to attend the CAT RV Club rally and another pre-rally prior to the FMCA Convention.



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"California here We Come Rally", March 6-10, 2006

The next Club Rally will be held at the 5-star Emerald Desert Golf and RV Resort in Palm Desert, California March 6-10, 2006. This promises to be a fun rally prior to the Pomona FMCA. Even though there is no Caterpillar facility close to Palm Desert, there will be plenty of Caterpillar participation in this event. In addition, there are a wide variety of entertainment options available in the Palm Springs/Palm Desert area. Ample free time is being set aside in the agenda to allow participants to Golf, visit nearby Casinos, shop till you drop, or see the famous Palm Springs Follies. As always, we will have the Big CAT Bean Bag Games with prizes for the winners.

Jim and Marcy Mannan are Rallymasters for this event. They have held other rallies at this facility and are very familiar with the area.

A Registration Form and tentative Agenda are included with this newsletter. In addition, the Rally Registration Form and Agenda may be downloaded from the club website, printed and mailed to the Mannans.

The Registration Form requests your engine serial number and your radiator location (rear or side). Please include this information. Caterpillar has offered to check for engine updates for each coach attending the rally and they need your engine serial number and radiator location in order to do the research in advance.

With **only 100 sites**, this rally will fill up fast. If you want to attend, send in your registration **NOW!**

Want to park together in Pomona?

Several Members have asked about parking as a group at FMCA conventions. If you have reserved "General" parking and would like to park together at the Pomona FMCA Convention, e-mail Dianne Wolfe at dgwolfe10@earthlink.net. Dianne will take a list and determine a gathering place for those interested in parking together. We are NOT proposing to caravan from Emerald Desert to Pomona as many Members are planning to attend other pre-rallies following the "California Here We Come" Rally. A gathering place in the Pomona area will be determined if there is sufficient interest in parking as a group.

US Mail, E-mail, or Both?

Many members have asked that we minimize information sent via US mail. Please let us know how you would like the bi-annual newsletter and other relevant club information sent. Would you prefer US Mail Only, E-mail Only, or Both? ***E-mail is the fastest and least costly for the club, however, U.S. mail is an option.***

To communicate your preference, **use one** of the following methods:

- **Option 1:** Go to the club website (www.catrvclub.org) and
 - click on the "Newsletter" link.
 - Next, select "Method of Communication." Fill in the form and "Submit." This will e-mail your preferences directly to Weyforth-Haas.
- **Option 2:** Fill out the form on page 6 of this newsletter and US Mail it to Weyforth-Haas. The address is provided on the form.



Update your personal information on-line

Our Webmaster, Rudy Morris has developed an easy method for you to keep the Club records current. If your address, phone number, or e-mail address changes, you can now use the website to update this information.

- Go to the club website www.catrvclub.org
- Click on "Membership"
- Click "Update Club Records"
- Fill in your **Name** and **FMCA #** in the blanks provided and enter the address, phone number and/or e-mail address you want used in the "Comment" block
- Click "Submit" and your updated information will be e-mailed to Weyforth-Haas

Looking for Club Parliamentarian

by CAT RV Club President Brett Wolfe

Robert's Rules of Order are becoming increasingly important as we grow as a Club. We all want our Business Meetings to run smoothly and give every member an equitable say. At Minot and since, I have taken the opportunity to attend several "other" Club Business Meetings to observe how other, more mature Clubs conduct business. Some do a better job and, quite frankly, some fumble considerably more than we.

I want to pattern our Club after those who are doing a superior job. Therefore, I am currently looking for a person who will serve as my Parliamentarian. If you are instinctly familiar with Robert's Rules and plan to attend both of the FMCA Convention Business Meetings over the next year, please assist the CAT RV Club and volunteer for this position. If you are willing and able, please provide a short bio to Nominating Committee Chairman Rich Shamory at amore@beanstalk.net.

Caterpillar Support

A hearty Thank You to Caterpillar Inc for their support this past year. To name a few, Suzie Adcock, Jackie Cothren, Tony Kapustka, Jason Phelps, and Tad Petrie have been tireless in their support of the Club and our activities. As our primary interface, Suzie has been there 8 days a week and 25 hours a day. Thanks as well to those behind the scenes, whose names we have missed.

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"California Here We Come"



CAT RV Club Pre-Pomona Rally Agenda

Emerald Desert Golf and RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA

Monday, 3/6/2006

- am-pm Arrival, set up, meet other Club members and relax
- 1:00 pm Round One – Big CAT Bean Bag Tournament
- 4:00 pm Social Hour - The Club will provide wine and soft drinks
- 6:00 pm Catered Dinner

Tuesday, 3/7/2006 – CAT DAY

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Caterpillar Maintenance seminar
- 9:00 am Ladies Game Day
- 12:00 pm Catered Lunch
- **FREE Afternoon and Evening – In the area are golf courses, Palm Springs shopping, casinos, outlet malls, the tram to Mt. Jacinto, the Palm Springs Follies, and many more attractions**

Wednesday, 3/8/2006

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am General RV Maintenance Seminar
- **FREE Afternoon – In the area are golf courses, Palm Springs shopping, casinos, outlet malls, the tram to Mt. Jacinto, and many more attractions**
- 4:00 pm Social Hour - The Club will provide wine and soft drinks.
- 6:00 pm Hollywood theme night potluck – dress up as your favorite actor or actress.
Bring an entrée, vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Bring your own table service.

Thursday, 3/9/2006

- 8:00 am Full Breakfast
- 10:00 am Finals of the Big CAT Beanbag Tournament
- 4:00 pm Social Hour
The Club will provide wine and soft drinks.
- 5:00 pm Awards ceremony
- 6:00 pm Catered Dinner

Friday, 3/10/2006

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- Departure Day



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Please fill out this form and send to:

CAT RV Club
 c/o Weyforth-Haas
 10561 Barkley, Suite 200
 Overland Park, KS 66212

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“California Here We Come”

Rally Registration Form

March 6-10, 2006

Emerald Desert Golf and RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2006 (100 Coach Limit)

Please print & list names as you want them to appear on rally name badges

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Guest: Last name: _____ First name: _____

Email address: _____ FMCA#: _____

Address: _____
Street Address

_____ City State ZIP

Phone: Cell: _____ Home: _____

Handicapped: Yes No (circle one)

Emergency contact: _____
Name and phone #

Coach-make: _____ Length: _____ Engine Serial#: _____ Side or Rear Radiator (circle one)
Caterpillar has requested the serial number and radiator placement to check for updates for your engine.

Cost BEFORE 1/1/06: \$350 for 2 people per coach, each additional person \$200. Singles \$250
Cost AFTER 1/1/06: \$400 for 2 people per coach, each additional person \$200. Singles \$300

Total sent with registration: \$ _____ (100% refund if cancelled by 1/31/06)

Cost of rally includes: 4 nights camping – full hookups; 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners, entertainment, prizes & lots of fun. Emerald Desert Golf & RV Resort rates a TL 9.5/10/8.5

PRINT FORM, fill out form, make check payable to FMCA CAT RV Club & mail to:

Jim Mannan - Rallymaster
13001 Ocaso Ave
La Mirada, CA 90638
562-943-9508
jimmannan@msn.com

The park is fully booked following our rally. To arrive early, call Emerald Desert directly @ (800)426-4678. Mention “CAT Rally” and the park will give you the discounted rate of \$34.61, including tax.



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Name – renewal date (i.e. 2004, 2005, 2006, etc)
Street address
City, State zip