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"ROUND-UP IN AMARILLO" RALLY

by Brent & Julie Lauderdale, Rally Masters, and
Derrel & Kathe Letulle, Co-Rally Masters

Register by January 31, 2010 and save \$20.00. What could be easier? Enjoy roundtable discussions, luncheons, dinner groups, and receptions at the upcoming Amarillo rally. You'll find knowledgeable Cat engine owners attending, sharing their latest knowledge and new ideas. Discover a unique historic district and conference experience - Amarillo features some of the best preserved architecture on the old "Mother Road" Route 66. Click here to see the [Activity Schedule](#) or here to [Register](#).

Please note the location change for the "ROUND-UP" is:

Fort Amarillo RV Park
10101 Amarillo Blvd
Amarillo, TX 79124
866-431-7866 toll free, or 806-331-1700
www.fortrvparks.com



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TECH TIDBITS - WINTER ENGINE CARE TIPS

by Brett Wolfe, President Emeritus, Yahoo Group



*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah,
and Happy New Year*

Holiday Prayer

As we celebrate this holiday season, please join us in keeping foremost in your thoughts and prayers the men and women of the Armed Forces Of The United States Of America and other countries who are now in harm's way in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other parts of the world. We thank them and their families for their sacrifices.

We are grateful for the ultimate price of freedom paid by those fallen. We pray for strength and courage for the

POWS and Missing In Action and those held hostage.

We pray for the protection and safety of selfless relief workers and missionaries who help those in need.

We pray for the protection of children and innocent civilians.

We pray for our nation and our leaders.

Moderator

A few simple steps will help caring for your engine during the cold months a lot easier.

I would not recommend starting it weekly if you are just starting it to keep it up. Twice a month is plenty. ANYTIME you start the engine, it needs to be driven at highway speeds for at least 25 miles. If you can't get the OIL (not just coolant) up to operating temperature for a reasonable period of time, it is better not to start the engine. Most don't have engine oil temp gauges, but in most applications, the transmission oil temperature gauge is a reasonable indicator of engine oil temperature. A diesel can NOT have the oil brought up to operating temperature at idle, even high idle. You need a load on it.

A couple of hours are all you're block heater needs to bring the engine up to "easy start" temperature, an hour longer if temperatures are well below zero F. If the engine won't easily start when temperatures are 40 degrees or above or after block heater usage, first verify that the intake manifold heater is working. If it is and still a hard start, take it to a Caterpillar dealer for diagnosis. Also, avoid gelling, use Diesel #1.

The same goes for the generator. If you do start it, run it with at least 50% load for at least 40 minutes.

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**Club Logo
Merchandise**

CAT RV Club Merchandise by Dick Jones, Vice President, Inventory




I will be on the road between Christmas and the March rallies and will not be able to fill paper orders mailed to our home address. However, if you order from the shopping cart and pay through PayPal, I should be able to process those orders in a timely manner while traveling. For those who will be attending the Amarillo CAT Club rally or the FMCA rally in Albuquerque in March, I can assist

you at that time.

For those of you that made purchases using the Shopping Cart, we appreciate your patience. There has been a breakdown in that while notices of the purchases were being sent to the shopper the club was not being notified of the transaction. We have a work around procedure in place that will be in place until the automated solution is available. A shopper has the ability to check the status of an order to see if it has shipped as well as obtain the tracking number.

Here is a list of the Club merchandise to be found on the shopping cart.

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<i>Item</i>	<i>Photo</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Price Each</i>
Club "Egg"		CAT RV Club "Egg" identifies Club Members	\$15
Ladder Bracket		Bracket to attach "Egg" to coach ladder	\$10
"Egg" & Bracket Combination		"Egg" and Bracket combo - Save \$5	\$20
Logo Fanny Pack & Bottle		This Fanny Pack carries the CAT RV Club logo and includes a metal bottle and has two zipper pockets.	\$18
Logo Bear		This popular CAT RV Club Bear was a featured gift item at the Charleston rally. It has movable arms and legs and comes in yellow only.	\$8
Club Logo Shirts		This white Polo Shirt features the CAT RV Club logo. Available in sizes (S) Small, (M) Medium, (L) Large, and Extra Large sizes (XL), (2XL), and (3XL).	\$20
Permanent Name Badge		This CAT RV Club Name Badge comes with a magnetic clasp, has the Club name and the member's name. Please allow 14 to 21 days to produce and deliver the name badge.	\$9
Logo Picnic Bag & Service for 2		This quality insulated picnic bag comes with two plates, napkins, wine glasses, bottle	\$39.99



opener, and service in the zippered outside pocket. The bag has the CAT RV Club logo and comes in black trimmed in red.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AND SUGGESTIONS

by Brent Lauderdale, Chairman, Nominating Committee



New Blood Welcome

I want to remind all who may be interested in any of the four CAT Board position openings to send me your resumes so I can get them to the hands of committee members. We have reviewed the list of member occupations and know we have a wealth of talent to draw on; all members are welcome to volunteer. The slate to be voted on in Redmond, OR in August, 2010 will include candidates to fill the following offices expiring at that time:

- President
- VP Rally Coordinator
- Secretary
- National Director

If you are interested in one of those positions, send your resume electronically or by snail mail to Brent Lauderdale, jbminv@hotmail.com, P.O. Box 725, Stratford, OK 74872. [Return to Index](#)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - RENEWALS AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

by Ken Carpenter, VP Membership & Webmaster

All club memberships renew on a "class" basis annually on November 1. Reminders have been sent to everyone whose membership has expired. If you've been procrastinating, please hesitate no longer.

The 2010 Membership renewal is approximately 68% complete versus about 53% at this time last year. The first batch of 2010 Membership cards were placed in the mail on December 4. The next batch will be mailed in early January. You will need the 2010 Membership card in order to receive the 10% discount on genuine Caterpillar parts

purchased for your RV.

Just in case you are encouraging your FMCA friends to join the CAT RV Club you need to know that our supply of New Member Kits is almost exhausted. When the kits are gone the New Member fee will be dropped to the \$15 annual fee applicable to all members. While the kits last, the new member fee is still \$40 and covers the annual fee plus the cost of the club logo bearing ball cap, visor, and club pins.

Renewal can be made by taking advantage of one of the new PayPal options or by mailing in your check. Please remember to put your FMCA number on the check. To renew now, click on:

- [PayPal](#)

- [Renewal Form, Print and Mail](#)

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INTO RALLY IN QUARTZSITE

by Al Vormittag, National Director

It is not too late to take advantage of the invitation to attend the INTO Rally to be held from January 20th to January 24th in Quartzsite, Arizona at the Rose RV Park. INTO has leased an exclusive area, so come with your chapter and/or friends and park together! **Have your own rally within our rally.** When you register you can indicate you are with the CAT RV Club Chapter by filling out this line on the form:

Are you Parking with a Chapter? __ Yes __ No. If Yes, Which Chapter:

You will find the complete form at [INTO Registration Form](#).

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New CAT RV Club Members

Please join us in extending a warm Welcome to our newest Club members!

New Members	City	State / Province
Mike & Sally Brown	Bend	Oregon
Gary & Kathy Christensen	Clearmont	Florida
Alan & Bobbie Dobson	Garland	Texas
Louis & Rebecca Lupo	Tucson	Arizona
Robert & Carol Ann	Nacogdoches	Texas

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NEED TO CHANGE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?

If you have changed your mailing address, email address, or cell phone, please do not forget to tell us about it. Let us know by sending an email to catrvclubmembership@gmail.com. Please include your FMCA number. Also, we can not share this information with FMCA, so let them know as well: <http://www.fmca.com>. In addition, any email address changes need to be submitted to iContact using the Manage Your Subscription link at the bottom of this page. [Return to Index](#)

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