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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Julie Lauderdale, CAT RV Club President

A special thanks to Danny Quarisa and his slate of officers for the last two years. We welcome Marie McPeak as our Secretary, Brent Lauderdale as VP Rally Coordinator and Joe Hipp as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

I am looking forward to serving as your CAT RV Club President for the next two years. We have the opportunity to work with the CAT dealers to let them know how much we need their help in the future. Whether we are full-timers or casual travelers we will probably need their expertise on our engines at one time or another.

The FMCA Governing Board has decided for 2012 to hold only one FMCA Convention in Indiana due to attendee participation at previous conventions. These conventions are important to all the many, many chapters for all the important information we can learn while attending the multitude of seminars. We need to support FMCA by attending all these conventions no matter where in the US they are held.

I am committed to doing anything I can to help our chapter excel. Please contact me by email (jbminv@hotmail.com) or phone (580/399-5931) with your suggestions or comments. This is our Club and I want everyone to be satisfied



Julie Lauderdale, President

"I am committed to doing anything I can to help our Chapter excel... This is our Club and I want everyone to be satisfied with what we accomplish."

Julie

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Happy Travels & Always Be Safe.

Julie

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ELECTIONS OF FMCA AREA PRESIDENTS

By Al Vormittag, National Director



The FMCA Executive Board will be reviewing the final three candidates for Executive Director in November at the Cincinnati meeting. On August 26, 2010 FMCA Board of Directors decided to cancel the Pomona, CA, April 2012 Convention. This was due to uncertainty in the RV industry, current economic climate and the availability of the time frame Pomona was available. The money saved will be used to make the summer 2012 FMCA convention a great event. The FMCA International Rally has been changed to FMCA 85th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase and will be held in Perry Georgia on March 14th to 17th. Register Now!

Safe and Happy Travels.

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CAT RV CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA IN FLORIDA

by Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator



As your new VP Rally Coordinator I want to encourage you to sign up now for our Feb. 28 - Mar. 4, 2011 rally in Jacksonville, FL. Sign up early because we only have room for 65 coaches at Flamingo Lakes RV Resort.



Come join us, where unpretentious metropolitan style meets stunning natural beauty, in Jacksonville. The area captures the essence of a lifestyle and landscape reflecting the real Florida. Discover the heart of the city and endless stretches of pristine beaches, while exploring the region's unique shopping, and warm Southern hospitality. Make plans NOW to meet ole friends plus make new ones, and have a grand time at Flamingo Lake RV Resort, Jacksonville, FL. Can't wait? Go to the Cat RV Club website to register. Check out the rally campground resort site at - <http://www.flamingolake.com/>. To [Register](#) or to See [Rally Activities](#).

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TECH TIDBIT - RV WINTERIZING

By Lee Zaborowski, VP Publications



There is no one specific or universally applicable process for winterizing a coach as there are so many different equipment configurations. This information should be considered a menu of steps, some of which you 'may' or 'may not' need to use. For example, owners with an Aqua/Hydro-Hot system would not be dealing with a water heater tank. You may not have a Splendide washer/dryer. In addition, the menu of options has information about both clearing your lines using air and/or RV Antifreeze. So you will need to pick and choose those steps relevant to your particular needs.

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Membership Renewal Time - Your Membership Expires [renewal_date]

by Ken Carpenter, Jr., VP Membership

Caterpillar has renewed the 10% discount program for 2011.

Its that time of year again. All CAT RV Club memberships expire and renew on November 1 each year. If the date above is 11/1/2010, your membership will expire in a few days. Many of you have already paid dues for 2011 or future years. If so, you can ignore this message. For the rest of us, we've tried to make it easy to renew your membership. To pay by credit card using PayPal, click here [PAYPAL](#). To download a form and complete and mail with your check, click here [DOWNLOAD FORM](#). Its that easy. If you have questions, please contact me (catrvclubmembership@gmail.com).



Remember. You are eligible to receive the 10% discount on genuine Caterpillar parts for your RV that you purchase from a participating dealer during 2011 ONLY IF your membership is current.

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NEW CAT RV CLUB MEMBERS

By Ken Carpenter, VP Membership & Webmaster

Please join us in extending a warm Welcome to the following new Club members! There were 16 new member families joining the Club during this past month.

Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State /
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		Province
Steven & RoseMarie Ave St James City, FL	Gerald & Wynona Black Kansas City, MO	Paul & Maryellen Butare Columbia, SC
Thomas & Sandra Curley Clifton Park, NY	Ronald & Marianne Montagna Naples, FL	Lyle & Rosalie Nelson Bend, OR
Marvin & De Pitts Prescott, AZ	Richard & Glenette Reichhelt Morgan Hill, CA	John & Sherri Rouse Sturbridge, MA
William & Sue Rush Ridgeway, SC	Robert & Myra Stickler Enumclaw, WA	James & Sylvia Toothaker Etters, PA
Paul Varney Bethel, CT	Alvin & Wanda Williams White Plains, MD	Richard & Pam Woelk Lake Havasu City, AZ
Tom & Maureen Young Peoria, AZ		

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KUDOS TO WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO, AURORA, CO.

by Don Fowler, Rob & Karen Bennett



I recently posted to the CAT Yahoo Group that the check engine light came on several times in my RV after the fuel filters were changed and again after I had drained a couple ounces of fuel to check for slime. My on-board diagnostic system showed no active faults.

Following the recommendation made by several Yahoo Group folks I finally "bit the bullet" and took my RV to the local CAT Service Center, Wagner Equipment Co. in Aurora, CO. I had initially been reluctant to go to the CAT Service Center because of the bad experiences I have had in the past with auto service centers where they charge a small fortune even to diagnose a problem.

It was a beneficial trip for several reasons. First of all, they attached a diagnostic scanner and saw several "low fuel pressure" codes with time stamps that coincided with my fuel filter and fuel draining activity so it looks like I was causing my own problems. They cleared the codes and assured me that there was nothing wrong with how the engine was running. Then the service manager spent about 15 minutes talking with me about different service and performance aspects of the C7 engine. Since this is my first RV I found the information extremely helpful. Finally, he told me to never hesitate to call if I ever had a question or problem and they would be happy to do what they could to help me over the phone. I went to pay and was told that there was no charge to read the fault codes.

I wonder if all CAT service centers are this helpful?

Don Fowler

 Having lived in Denver for many years, I can tell you that WAGNER treats their RV customers very well. They have an area set to just service RV's which is something that you don't see at most CAT dealers. If you are passing through and need any CAT type service, they are always ready to help. Their labor is just like everywhere else, but they do good work.

Rob and Karen Bennett

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TECH TIDBITS - PROPER TIRE PRESSURE

By Brett Wolfe, VP Technical and Yahoo Discussion Group Moderator

To determine the correct tire pressure for your coach, neither Michelin nor Goodyear recommend carrying the PSI imprinted on the tire sidewall UNLESS YOU ARE CARRYING THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT which is also imprinted in the sidewall. Go to Michelin or Goodyear's RV Tire Guide and you will see that the tire manufacturers do NOT have a single recommended tire pressure for each size tire, but always show a chart where correct PSI is based on actual weight.



To learn how to do this correctly, go to this article . . .

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AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO WESTERN STATES CAT IN MERIDIAN, ID

By Lynn Holland



QUALITY VALUE AND EXCELLENCE

Western States CAT in Meridian, ID, just west of Boise, is also first rate for RV service. They put on free clinics for

RV

owners, and have dedicated RV service writers and technicians. They can handle coach problems, other than engine and transmission, too.

Lynn Holland

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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 membership@catrvclub.org. 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.

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