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FMCA AND RALLY NEWS

By Julie Lauderdale, President, CAT RV Club

Happy New Year to All . . .

We have two great rallies planned this year. Watching this eNews and also checking out the Club website (<http://catrvclub.org/>) will keep you on top of the latest information about the rallies. In particular, you should read the note in a following news item from our VP Rally Coordinator, who has set the Early Bird Registration date later on the calendar. We may not catch the worm, but we hope we'll catch a few more of you . . . registering for the rally!

I hope 2011 is treating everyone well thus far! Brent and I are looking forward to seeing and visiting with friends old and new as we travel across our wonderful USA.

As we all travel this year, please remember to talk to other RVers about FMCA and the numerous chapters available. There is something out there to attract just about any interest a person could have, including engine type, model of motor home or area where you live. Some belong to many clubs and others just belong to a couple but they all start out with a membership to FMCA. Oh, be sure to check out the FMCA Member Benefits, noted in a following news item.



Place your reservation now to join us in Jacksonville!

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FMCA MEMBER BENEFITS UPDATE

By Lee Zaborowski, VP Publications



The just published FAMILY MOTOR COACHING 2011 January issue contains important Member Benefits information and cards. You should take the time to review pages 103-119. There are 33 items of note.

Here are some highlights.

- Planning an extended RV trip? Check out the MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE, pg. 105.
- New to RV tripping and want some TRIP ROUTING help? See pg. 106.
- FMCAssit is FMCA's new EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION program. They have a new provider, so go to pgs. 107-8 to read about the benefits and cut out your policy cards and put them in your coach!
- Need a roadside assistance plan? FMCA has partnered with Coach-Net, and there is a discount. See pg. 109.
- Looking for discounted telephone, cell or Internet services? Check out pg. 110 for partner programs with American Telecom Network, Power Net Global and Verizon.
- Need on the road assistance, advice and/or fellowship, provided by other FMCA members? Learn about the STOPPIN' SPOT FELLOWSHIP, LOCAL SERVICE INFORMATION program on pg. 111.
- Looking for insurance or a new credit card? FMCA has 5 different programs, summarized on pgs. 111-114.
- Activities are at the heart of the FMCA mission. See the options on pgs. 114-115.
- Five other DISCOUNT PROGRAMS, from campground, fuel and shipping discounts, to shopping gift cards . . . are all outlined on pgs. 116-117.
- The Member Benefits sections closes with a summary of ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, see pgs 117-119.

And lets not forget the CAT RV Club 10% discount on authentic Caterpillars parts!

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CLUB MEMBER KUDOS TO N C MACHINERY AND COACH-NET

By CAT Club Member James Godward, Belgrade, MT

In the December eNews Brett Wolfe referred to our radiator problem, <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/CATRVCLUB/message/13772>. I am commenting here on the service we received from both a Caterpillar dealer, N C Machinery, (509) 248-2371 in Yakima, WA, and Coach-Net. N C Machinery has 8 locations in Washington and 5 in Alaska, [(800) 562-4735 in WA and 800-478-7000 in AK].

Our radiator problem occurred on Sunday afternoon as we were descending the east side of Snoqualmie Pass nearing Ellensburg, WA. We limped into the truck stop in Ellensburg

and called Coach-Net. After assuring them we were in a safe place they indicated that since all the repair shops were closed, they would find us a place for the repair and a tow on Monday morning. We moved to the Ellensburg KOA so that we could have power as the weather was cold, with single digit temperatures. They were very accommodating and we were parked in a pull through for the evening.

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TECH TIDBITS – COACH 12 VDC BATTERIES AND CHARGING

By Brett Wolfe, Vice President, Technical and Yahoo Discussion Group Moderator

There is a lot of confusion about batteries and what charges them. There are some conventions followed by all motorhome manufacturers, but there are enough differences that one can not categorically say “They are all like this.” This Tech article will clear up the confusion!



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CAT RV CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA IN FLORIDA

By Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator



We still have spaces available for our Jacksonville, FL rally and will extend our "early bird" \$\$ amount until February 13, 2011! Please call Kathé Letulle 501 984-3148 to ensure your confirmation with the extended date. Jacksonville has so much to offer for everyone, so if you haven't signed up for this rally take a moment to reconsider and send your rally form and your check to Kathé today! **You should have received your confirmation if you submitted your reservation before Christmas. If you have not received it, please contact Kathé.**

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.

The Program Schedule is in the final stages of completion, with many of the details already

available at - [Program Schedule](#). Can't wait? Go to the CAT RV Club website to [Register](#). Check out the rally campground resort site at - <http://www.flamingolake.com/>.

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2012 RALLY NEWS

By Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator

Our pre-FMCA rally for 2012 should be held near Indianapolis, IN. If anyone has any ideas or knows a special location please call me at 580 759-5091 and let's discuss the location and the possibility of you hosting this rally. There will only be one FMCA Convention in 2012 so let's work together to make our pre-rally "Outstanding."

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Ken Carpenter, VP Membership & Webmaster

Your Membership Renewal Date is not shown if you are using non-email version. If you do not know your renewal date, please contact [CAT RV Club Membership](#)

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

The 2011 Membership renewal is running about where we were last year. Total membership is at 1,164 this month versus 1,177 this time a year ago. Overall, we continue to be pleased that new member recruiting is running at a pace to offset the normal turnover we experience as a result of many members only being a part of our mobile life style for a few years.



Renewal can be made by taking advantage of one of the PayPal options or by mailing in your check. The printed form is not required if you have not changed your contact information but please do remember to put your FMCA number on the check. To renew now, click one of the following options:

- 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](#).

FMCA rules call for Chapters to mark a membership as open but inactive during the first 90 days following membership expiration. As of today, 381 memberships fall into this category.

If the date shown above is 11/1/2010 your membership in the CAT RV Club has expired the grace period is about to run out and YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE your Caterpillar 10%

discount during 2011 if you do not renew. If you have questions, please contact me (catrvclubmembership@gmail.com).

2011 Membership Cards

We changed the Membership and 10% Caterpillar Discount Card process this year in order to reduce production and mailing expenses. The first batch of 2011 Membership cards were placed in the mail or sent electronically on December 7. If you received your Membership Card electronically and can not print it satisfactorily, please let me know (membership@catrvclub.org). You will need the 2011 Membership card in order to receive the 10% discount on genuine Caterpillar parts purchased for your RV. Membership and Caterpillar 10% discount cards are sent by email shortly after your renewal is processed.

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NEW CAT RV CLUB MEMBERS

By Ken Carpenter

Please join us in extending a warm Welcome to the following new Club members! There were 9 new member families joining the Club during this past month.

Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State / Province
John Ahrens & Janet Harbaugh Mesa, AZ	Ken & Cheri Buck Puyallup, WA	Jerry & Becca Caligiuri Des Moines, IA
Gary & Dorothy Coats Port Orange, FL	Don & Jane Goulet Manchester, NH	Bill & Fran McCurdy Houston, TX
John & Glenna Pargman Newport, WA	Don & Joyce Robinson Murfreesboro, TN	William & Terry Weschler Livingston, TX

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DO YOU 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 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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