



**CAT RV CLUB eNEWSLETTER**  
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**AMANA RALLY -  
OCTOBERFEST IN JULY, NO  
LATE FEE OR DEADLINE!**

by Rally Masters Ken Edwards and Suzie Adcock; John and Joyce Kamp

A few spaces are still available and we'd love to have a full house!

If you would like to step back in time, we have the perfect opportunity. Please join us at Oktoberfest in July, Amana RV Park, Amana, Iowa, July 24-29, 2011 on your way to FMCA in Madison, Wisconsin.

Plans are all set for the Rally. Participate in Rally Maintenance, Seminar Opportunities, Booths, and Entertainment, including-

- HWH Seminar
- Caterpillar Engine Maintenance
- General RV Maintenance
- Support from Altorfer Caterpillar Service Center
- RV Photography Seminar
- Suspension, Handling, Wheel Alignment, Tire Safety & Maintenance
- 4-Corner Coach Weighing (no additional cost, fee included in your registration)
- Jewelry Making



**We have a few spaces available and would love to have you join us!**

*Feel Free to Forward to an FMCA Friend. You do not have to belong to the CAT RV Club to attend the rally.*

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- Booths by Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, others being added
- D J Extraordinaire Lamar Keck
- Dance to Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen

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The Rally cost includes full hook-ups, 50 AMP service, 5 nights of camping, 4 breakfasts, heavy hors d'oeuvres, 3 dinners, and 5 cocktail hours. Also enjoy an entire day free for sightseeing.

Get your registration forms in early!!! They are available on the website now. Go to [Registration Form](#)

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## FROM OUR FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTOR

by **Alfred F. Vormittag**

The 2011 election of FMCA National Officers will be on August 10, 2011 at FMCA's 86th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase in Madison, Wisconsin.



The officers nominated are as follows:

### President

- Judy Czarsty
- Charlie Schrenkel

### National Senior Vice President

- Allen Rein
- Ross Boyer

### National Secretary

- Vicky Ferrari
- Wilma Jean Alexander

### National Treasurer

- Will Young

- Daniel Couch

I have met and talked with all the candidates. If you have any thoughts concerning them or the election, feel free to call me at 303-589-9504 or email me at [abv24theroad@gmail.com](mailto:abv24theroad@gmail.com). I am looking forward to seeing you at the CAT Rally in Amana, Iowa July 24-29 or the FMCA Rally which runs August 10-13, 2011 in Madison, WI.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Julie Lauderdale, President



I hope everyone had a safe spring with all the terrible storms we had this year. We managed to stay out of harms way while attending the INTO and GLASS Rallies!! We saw old friends and met a lot of new friends we hope to see down the road.

I think it is important to attend the FMCA Rallies for all the areas if you possibly can. It is a good opportunity to meet new people and find out their motorhome interest and needs. It also gives you the opportunity to see new and interesting places.

Remember as you travel the highways and byways, check for FMCA Membership eggs and tell them about our club with all our benefits and some of the best rallies around!

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## 2012 RALLY NEWS

by Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator

We are extending our \$325 rally fee for Oktoberfest in Amana. There is still time to send in your entry form and fee to Kathé Letulle so you can join us for the Great Time we will be having in Amana!! Ken, Suzie, John, Joyce have planned an exciting rally so don't miss out on this adventure in the Amana Colonies!! Even if you have been there before, consider joining us this July for a good time to be had by all.



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## TECH TIDBITS #1 –FUEL FILTERS

by Brett Wolfe, VP Technical and Yahoo Discussion Group Moderator



The typical "proper" fuel system layout is: fuel tank, primary fuel filter/water

separator (course filter element - 10 or 30 micron), lift pump, secondary fuel filter (2 micron filter element) WITH Caterpillar manual primer pump built into top of filter housing, engine.

With the above system, you buy either a 10 or 30 micron primary filter element and the Caterpillar 2 micron secondary filter element. Install both DRY (per Caterpillar, not just my opinion). Use the manual primer pump to prime. To use the manual pump, no tools are needed. Unscrew the knurl nut (counter-clockwise). Pump in/out until the resistance goes from easy to firm (this will happen within a few strokes when all the air is purged from the system). IMPORTANT: Re-tighten knurl nut. You are ready to start the engine and drive off.

Now, for chassis where chassis maker took some "money saving" shortcuts: [READ THE REST OF THE ARTICLE](#)

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## TECH TIDBITS #2 – RV REFRIGERATOR RECALLS

from Roger D and Onna Lee Ford  
Ford RV Refrigeration Training Center  
<http://www.rvrefrigeration.com>

Authors Roger D and Onna Lee Ford, owners of Ford RV Refrigeration Training Center in Benton, KY, today announced they are writing their third book on RV refrigerators. This latest book will be titled "RV Refrigerator Recalls," and will be released in late 2011. "If you want your RV refrigerator recall adventure to be included in this new book, go to [www.rvrefrigeration.com](http://www.rvrefrigeration.com) and click on recalls. This is your chance for your story to be heard," said Roger Ford.

"Average Joe's RV Refrigerator-Common Problems", contains valuable information for all RV owners. This article has also been printed in RV Technician Magazine, Published by RVDA Education Foundation. For a limited time, Ford RV Service & Refrigerator Training Center is giving RV Clubs and RV Associations the legal right to use this copyrighted material in any of their publications and websites, provided they supply in writing to FRV the organizations name, the location it will be used, and a hard copy of the publication for our library. FRV will in turn place your organizations link at our website.

If you have a story about the RV refrigerator recall, a fire, a claim, the response or service you received, or anything you would like to share, we would like to include it in our newest book "RV Refrigerator Recalls", to be released in 2011. Pictures must be in jpeg or bitmap form. Send your story & pictures to: [fordrv@rvrefrigeration.com](mailto:fordrv@rvrefrigeration.com). Sending your story and pictures constitutes permission for Ford RV to use the story in publications. Please indicate how we should list you as the source. Questions? Call us at 270.354.9239

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## by Ken Carpenter, SVP, VP Membership & Webmaster

Today we have 941 active member families, somewhat over 1,800 individuals, in the CAT RV Club. This compares with 1,011 this time last year and reinforces the need for each of us to promote Club membership as you travel about the country and participate in other clubs and organizations, especially coach owner clubs. A lot of coaches have changed hands in the past few years and new owners represent a growth opportunity for FMCA and the CAT RV Club.

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## NEW CAT RV CLUB MEMBERS

### By Ken Carpenter, SVP & VP Membership and Webmaster

Please join us in extending a warm Welcome to the following new Club members! There were 12 new member families joining the Club from mid-May through mid-June.

Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province
Phil & Carol Brooks Fruitvale, BC	William III & Jan Marie Casey Sudbury, MA	Jerry & Patricia Conrad Fife Lake, MI
Walter & Penny Hinds Coudersport, PA	Jim & Pattie Howell Flower Mound, TX	Harry & Rose Ober Ash Fork, AZ
Richard & Lucinda Schwenker Maquoketa, IA	Mike & Sherry Stockum Normal, IL	Arthur & Caroline Sturgis Bluffton, SC
Terry & Lacie Thrall Mesa, AZ	Pete Van Rooy & Susan Hartley Bullhead City, AZ	Hubert & Barbara Lee Walsh Tallahassee, FL


Do you see a new member you'd like to contact? Just send your name and contact information in an email to [membership@catrvclub.org](mailto:membership@catrvclub.org) and it will be forwarded on your behalf. This approach allows us to honor our Club policy of not-disclosing a member's contact information while providing a way for you to make contact with new members from your area.

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## MEMBER CLASSIFIED AD & OTHER ADS

The CAT RV Club advertising policy allows Club members to post one free 40 word ad per year in either an electronic or printed newsletter. Ads must be submitted before the end the month prior to when the ad is to run and must be approved by the Editor. The Club reserves the right to refuse any advertising on the basis of editorial discretion and to terminate any advertising at any time for any reason. The following ad ran in the May issue but the asking price was not correct.

<b>Safari - Zanzibar 3906</b>		
2002	Diesel	
Miles	22,000	
Length: 39ft	Where Located:	
Price: \$75,000	- Arizona	
Phone: (901)481-5957		
email: <a href="mailto:KF4JBZ@HOTMAIL.COM">KF4JBZ@HOTMAIL.COM</a>		



Friends of Angel Bus, an FMCA Chapter is looking for members and volunteers. For more information go to: [Friends of Angel Bus](#)

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## DO YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?

Your name and address information appears above along with your FMCA number and CAT RV Club membership renewal date as is recorded on Club membership records. 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](mailto: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.

The CAT RV Club membership card has always had a line for you to write in your Vehicle Identification Number making it convenient for you to reference this number when registering for service. Now that the Club is preparing the Membership Card, it will be easy for us to print the VIN number if you want us to do so. All we need is your VIN number. This is also a good time to verify that we have your Engine Number properly recorded. Your Engine Serial Number and VIN appear above if we have them on file. If not, you can submit them using the following link: [Engine Serial Number/VIN](#).

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