



## CAT RV CLUB eNEWSLETTER

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## AMANA RALLY NEWS FLASH!

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

Just a few space are available. We'd love to see you join us! Register now!

We Rally Masters visited the campground and the Colonies just last week to finalize our agenda, meet with the caterer, etc. We feel very good about our upcoming event.

There is a beautiful golf course located just minutes from the campground with a beautiful club house and pro shop. For golfers in the group, the course would have openings on our "free" day, Tuesday, July 26th and the course management welcomes our members. Complete information regarding the golf course can be found at [www.amanagolfcourse.com](http://www.amanagolfcourse.com).

In addition, on our free day, White Cross Cellars is offering a special wine and



**A great golf course awaits. We'd 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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food tasting just for our club members. The tasting will be done in their unique shop located at 755 48th Avenue. They will have this available from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information about their shop and winery, check out their website at [www.whitecrosscellars.com](http://www.whitecrosscellars.com).

As Rally Masters, we have had a wonderful time planning this event and the people of Amana have been amazing to work with. We are so looking forward to seeing everyone.

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

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## AMANA RALLY PHOTOS ONLINE

by Lee Zaborowski, VP Publications and Ken Carpenter, VP Membership & Webmaster

By July 27th you should be able to see rally photos online. Use the link below to see the photos. You can also upload your own as well. By the 30th the two main rally photo groups should be online. Enjoy! [Amana Colonies Photos](#)

When the web application opens, your display screen should show thumbnail pictures of each photo in the album. If you want to view all of the pictures, simply click on slide show. You can also download pictures or even better send a copy to your friends so they will know how much fun we all enjoyed (and what they could look forward to if they joined us).

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Julie Lauderdale, President



Don't forget, the 2011 election of FMCA National Officers will be on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at FMCA's 86th Family Reunion

- [Classified Ad](#)
- [Is Your Contact Information Current?](#)

**Need Club Logo Merchandise?**



**Club Baseball cap now \$10.00. Dick and Joyce Jones can get it to you quickly by clicking**

**on the following link:**

**[CAT RV Club Shopping Cart](#)**

& Motorhome Showcase in Madison, Wisconsin.

Our CAT Club Business Meeting is Friday, August 12th at 5 PM. Join us!

Joe Hipp, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reports the following election information for the CAT RV Club Business Meeting.

### CAT CLUB OFFICERS

Title	Incumbent	Running for re-election	Election year
President	Julie Lauderdale		Even
Senior VP	Ken Carpenter	Yes	Odd
VP Membership	Ken Carpenter		Even
VP Rally	Brent Lauderdale		Even
VP Inventory	Dick Jones		Odd
VP Publications	Lee Zaborowski	Yes (Initial)	Odd
VP Technical	Brett Wolfe	Yes (Initial)	Even
Secretary	Marie McPeak		Even
Treasurer	Kath Letulle	Yes	Odd
National Director	Al Vormittag		Even
Alt Natl Director	Kath Letulle	Yes	Odd
Nominating Comm.*	Joe Hipp, Chairman		
	Brent Lauderdale		
	Derrel Letulle		
	Dianne Wolfe		
Parliamentarian	Lida Carpenter (appointed)	NA	NA

\* Nominating committee is elected each year from the floor.

As usual, we will enjoy an informal social with pizza after the meeting. See you there!

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## FMCA ASSIST PROGRAM - FROM OUR FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTOR

by Alfred F. Vormittag

FMCA ASSIST offers emergency medical evacuations for members who are traveling in their motorhome for business or pleasure at least 100 miles away from their permanent place of residence. All active FMCA members automatically receive this benefit. Read more on this on [FMCA.com and print cards](#) you can carry with you.



This is just another free benefit of belonging to FMCA. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this. Please make plans to attend the CAT meeting at Madison WI. Look forward to seeing you all there.

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## TECH TIDBIT – COACH RIDE HEIGHT

by Brett Wolfe, VP Technical and Yahoo Discussion Group Moderator



With several posts on the Cat RV Club Yahoo website in the last week on suspension and weight distribution and 100% of our coaches do have suspensions that need attention, so let's look at the importance of correct ride height.

If ride height is too low, the suspension can bottom out on bumps, giving a harsh ride and shocks can be crushed on compression. If ride height is set too high shocks can pull apart on extension and the center of mass is raised. Either too high or too low can destroy the U joints and drive shaft, particularly on a Diesel Pusher. [READ THE REST OF THE ARTICLE](#)

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## 2011 CAT RV Club Advertising Program

by Ken Carpenter, SVP, VP Membership & Webmaster

We are in the early stages of creating a value proposition that will encourage dealers to place ads our website, in monthly eNewsletters or in print newsletters. A program announcement was emailed to Caterpillar dealers earlier this month. We are pleased that two Dealers have, in response, elected to participate in the program. Dealers can place a graphic ad on the Dealer Discounts page of our website and display contact information; they also receive a link to the dealer's website and have a MapQuest link for



directions to their service location(s). We thank both [Altorfer Caterpillar](#) (Eastern Iowa, Northeast Missouri, Illinois) and [Foley On Highway Division](#), (Piscaway, NJ) for their support of our Club.

Those eligible to place ads in CAT RV Club media include FMCA commercial members as well as non-FMCA members seeking to earn business from our members. In this latter category, [Essen Haus German Restaurant](#), Madison, WI, has purchased the following jumbo banner ad on several of the webpages on the Club website.



The Club is welcome to suggestions and comments on things we can do to improve this program. Advertising revenue is used to offset club operating expenses.

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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 4 new member families joining the Club from mid-June through mid-July.

Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province
Richard & Carol Nichols Boynton Beach, FL	Douglas & Brenda Posey Stapleton, AL	Bud & Lynne Richards Brownsville, TX
Benjie & Ashley Zeller Round Rock, TX		

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. [Click here to submit an ad.](#)

<p><b>A&amp;E 66" WINDOW AWNING.</b></p> <p>Includes roller tube, blue/cream vertically striped vinyl fabric, and satin arms. Boxes unopened. \$151 when new. Asking \$100.</p> <p><b>email joelashley@msn.com.</b></p>	
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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](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 (VIN) 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 if you want us to do so. All we need is your VIN. This is also a good time to verify that we have your Engine Number properly recorded. To submit them use the following link: [Engine Serial Number/VIN.](#)

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