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## JACKSONVILLE RALLY - Last Chance to Register!

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

Join other rally attendees for a week in the warm sun, with many seminars, great food, friends and more! Come join us, but you have to act fast. We recommend you email your registration to Kathé Letulle ([treasurer.catrvclub@yahoo.com](mailto:treasurer.catrvclub@yahoo.com)) ASAP (use Word, pdf or jpg formats) and then follow-up with you original registration and check by mail.

Excellent fishing awaits you at the Flamingo Lake Resort's 17 acre lake. From Large Mouth Bass to Bluegill and everything in between (catch and release please). World class shallow and deep water salt water fishing is only minutes away. Our white sand beach makes a wonderful place to relax and enjoy the beautiful lake view or enjoy swimming with the fish! Free wireless internet is provided throughout most of the resort.

The Program Schedule is in the final stages of completion, with many of the details already available at - [Program Schedule](#). Go to the CAT RV Club website to [Register](#). Check out the rally campground resort site at - <http://www.flamingolake.com/>.



**Jacksonville Rally Masters**

Place your reservation now to join us in Jacksonville!

*"As we all travel this year, please remember to talk to other RVers about FMCA and the numerous chapters available."*

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## **CLUB MEMBER KUDOS TO HOLT CAT**

**By CAT Club Member Fred Sowerby**

I've been treated exceptionally well by Holt Cat (<http://www.holtcat.com/>), on W W White Rd., in San Antonio, TX. Holt CAT also has 17 other locations throughout Texas. They have experience with motorhomes, and although they bill at a higher rate for motorhomes, I believe they are fair and do excellent work. You'll definitely need an appointment in advance, but if the work is not extensive, they'll do it while you wait.



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## **TECH TIDBITS – PRAISE FOR THE CAT YAHOO GROUP DISCUSSION OF MP-8**

**By Brett Wolfe, VP Technical and Yahoo Discussion Group Moderator**

Carl Elliott reported to us that he had a mild interest in getting more power for his 1997 CAT 3126, 300HP. So, he followed the MP-8 thread on the CAT Yahoo Group since its inception. Carl says he really enjoy all the dialog from various viewpoints. "What has and continues to impress me is the amount of expertise from the ones posting. Have you ever seen such an impressive list of expert posts? Whether you agree or not, this is what I like about this site. If we had to pay for this type of information and research - well we could not afford it!"

"Thanks to all for the information!"

Carl Elliott

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## **THE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM . . . A GREAT WAY TO RV AMERICA**

**By Ken Carpenter, Vice President, Membership and Webmaster**



"The National Scenic Byways Program (<http://www.byways.org/>) is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. The program is a grass-roots collaborative effort established to help recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads throughout the United States. Since 1992, the National Scenic Byways Program has funded 2,832 projects for state and nationally designated byway routes in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. The U.S. Secretary of Transportation recognizes

certain roads as All-American Roads or National Scenic Byways based on one or more archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities."

Check it out, there is so much to discover. The map on the Byways website shows a number of areas of interest for folks headed to Jacksonville and Perry.

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## **CAT RV CLUB AMANA COLONIES RALLY AMANA, IA, JULY 25-29**

**By Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator**

Make plans to join us this summer in Amana, Iowa for our summer rally. Then motor north to Madison, WI for the FMCA International Rally. Details will be made available soon.



When you arrive in the Amana Colonies, you will notice things are a bit different than other towns. Even the farmland and timber surrounding the Colonies looks different. Even if you've been visiting for years, you might not be able to put your finger on it - what makes the Colonies different?

Take a tour - you'll start to understand the differences. Want to explore on your own? Bring your Visitors Guide to the Amana Heritage Museum and receive a free Historical Walking Tour guide map - it'll get you started in understanding how the Colonies are different from other towns, and it's a great, fun way to learn about the history!

- Drive the Amana Colonies Trail, which links the seven Amana villages.
- The rustic Amana Colonies Nature Trail allows you to experience Amana on the wild side as it winds through the Amana forest and continues to the steep bluffs overlooking the Iowa River.
- The Amana Colonies Golf Club is recognized as one of the top, 18-hole championship courses in the Midwest.
- The Amana Colonies Barn Tour is unlike anything else you've ever done on vacation.
- Enjoy Art Night in the Amana Colonies on various Friday evenings in the summer.

See you there!

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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**By Ken Carpenter, VP Membership & Webmaster**

Historically, we have a number of members who pay on the anniversary of their last dues payment rather than on or before November 1. While their membership is "delinquent" per FMCA rules, we continue to count them in our overall totals. Counting those whose dues are past due, our total membership is 1,195 this year versus 1,086 this time last year. The troubling issue is that the number of delinquents has increased from 282 to 360.

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. If you have not yet paid your dues, please click on one of the options at the bottom of this article.



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](#).

If you have questions, please contact me ([catrvclubmembership@gmail.com](mailto: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. 2011 Membership cards were placed in the mail or sent electronically starting on December 7 and continuing weekly thereafter. If you received your Membership Card electronically and can not print it satisfactorily, please let me know ([membership@catrvclub.org](mailto: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             |
|---|---|--|
| Kenneth & Johann Christmas<br>El Dorado Hills, CA | Huston Crutchfield, III<br>Auburn, WA   | Marvin & Dee Curb<br>Midlothian, TX      |
| John & Peg Harter<br>O'Fallon, IL                 | Thomas, Jr. & Kathy Jones<br>Clovis, CA | John & Suzanne O'Rourke<br>Las Vegas, NV |
| Rodger & Elaine Mills                             | Allan & Carol Scott                     | Lewis & Deb Widrig                       |

Ellicott City, MD

Orangevale, CA

Interlochin, MI

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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.

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