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AMANA RALLY - OCTOBERFEST IN JULY, SIGN UP NOW!

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

Spaces are still available, but reservations are constantly coming in. 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 Wisconsin.

Plans have come together for our next Rally. Activities and area sightseeing adventures will include packages and tours available for the Amana Heritage Museum; group ticket packages available at Old Creamery Theatre; wine sampling; gardening in Amana; basketry seminar; furniture shop tours; a communal dining experience at Ox Yoke Inn; a taste of Amana food tour; a quilting seminar & workshop; and more!

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. There will be support from an area Caterpillar Dealer (Altorfer). Also enjoy an entire day free for sightseeing.



We are looking forward to a great time in the Amana Colonies and welcome you to 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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Get your registration forms in early!!! They are available on the website now. Go to [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

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FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

by Joe Hipp, Chairman

We have the following positions to be voted on at the next business meeting at FMCA Madison, WI -



- Alternate National Director
- Vice President Inventory
- Vice President Membership
- Vice President Publications
- Vice President Technical

Anyone interested in filling any of these positions, please contact me (gohipp@aol.com) or members of the nominating committee with a résumé. This is a democratic organization. Although we have incumbents in some of these positions, elections are open and all résumés are accepted.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Julie Lauderdale, President



We have been traveling these beautiful highways and byways, trying to stay out of this crazy weather! We are currently in Goshen, IN, attending the INTO Rally and meeting new friends and of course seeing friends we have known for a while. From here we are attending the GLASS Rally in Berrian Springs, MI, one we have never attended and from what we here it is a Very Good rally!! I look at these type of rallies as opportunities to increase our membership. Just like the opportunities we have when we stay in campgrounds to increase our membership and of course to increase FMCA's membership. We all have these opportunities as we travel and I hope everyone will take advantage of talking to their neighbor while they are on the road.

Happy Travels, Hope to See You in Amana!!

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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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TECH TIDBITS 1 – REAR RADIATOR CLEANING

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



By its very design, rear radiator rigs clog up the cooling system fairly quickly. Picture the amount of dirt stirred up from the road/shoulder by a 40' coach with its 6 tires driving at highway speeds. Pass that dirt-laden air over the hot (and sometimes oily) rear axle, transmission and engine BEFORE it is sucked up by the cooling fan and forced through the after-cooler and then the radiator. THEY WILL CLOG UP.

Certainly, dusty environments accelerate this. But at a minimum, all rear radiator coaches need their after-cooler cleaned once a year. Most rear radiator coaches have a SANDWICHED cooling system with AFTER-COOLER first in line (closest to the engine and the RADIATOR BEHIND it (toward the back). Note: after-cooler, inter-cooler and CAC are all the same thing, an air to air radiator between turbo and intake manifold. There are a very few coaches with STACKED after-cooler and radiator. [READ THE REST OF THE ARTICLE](#)

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TECH TIDBITS 2 – CAT C-15 RECALL

from the **May Family Motor Coaching**

Caterpillar Inc. has announced NHTSA recall 11E006000, which affects C15 diesel engines manufactured between April 24, 2006, and March 27, 2009, and used in Country Coach LLC motorhomes and equipped on Custom Chassis Products LLC platforms. The number of engines involved in the



United States and Canada are 27 and 31, respectively, for these manufacturers.

On the affected engines, a weld on the combustion tube, which directs heat through a body and into the diesel particulate filter, may degrade, resulting in radial heat impingement on the body. The heat may burn through certain bodies used on C15 engines and result in a potential fire hazard.

A Caterpillar dealer will replace the combustion tube with a new tube when the part is available in July 2011.

An estimated time of repair had not been established at press time. For more information about this recall, contact Caterpillar Inc. at (800) 447-4986. Owner notification is expected to begin in late July 2011.

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TECH TIDBITS 3 – CARE OF HWH JACKS

by Cindy Genung, HWH Corporation



"In general, HWH jacks require no regular maintenance. Under normal circumstances, lubrication of jack rods is not necessary or advised. If a jack gets coated with dirt or mud it is advisable to clean the jack. It is acceptable to clean the jack as part of normal maintenance but not required."

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KUDOS TO CAT DEALER - N C Machinery

from Jim Auguston, 2005 C-7, Sportscoach Elite

I had a really bad cold start knock in my 2005 C-7 in our Sportscoach Elite 40'. I live 30 miles north of Mt. Vernon, WA, and the area CAT dealer is NC Machinery shop. I drove down and discussed with the manager what I thought it was (I'm a retired heavy equipment mechanic and crane operator). He thought I was right and said bring it down and leave it sit overnight so we can cold start it with the Cat computer connected to it.



I was there at 8:00 AM the next morning for the startup. Yup that was it - #4 injector was bad. The access to the motor was the typical under the rear bed through a hatch that was not overly big. Nasty place to work. The Tech that did the work was great. The motor had 29,600 miles and he said the

initial valve adjustment was due at 30,000 miles and if it hadn't been done he could do it while he was in there. He did it and also checked for computer updates - one was needed and he did it. He said there was a updated fuel pressure regulator and fuel pressure sensor available for it so I had him do it also. They had all the needed parts in stock.

Everyone was great to deal with and I was out of there parts and labor for \$1,500.00. I had expected a lot more. I would recommend the NC Machinery Mt. Vernon shop to anyone needing engine work north of Seattle.

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FYI FROM PILOT FLYING J

from the Pilot Flying J Website (see <http://www.frequentfueleradvantage.com/benefits.aspx> for full details)

The discount on Diesel Truck lanes is only available when you register for Pump Start. Please see any Pilot or Flying J Cashier. As usual, you can always start the pump with any major credit card at both RV lanes and Gas lanes. No 25 gallon minimum or 500 gallon fill up required to receive discounts at the pump.

RV or Regular Auto Lanes:

1. Insert your credit/debit card first at the pump (If prompted, enter your credit card billing zip code)
2. When prompted, insert your Frequent Fueler Advantage Card
3. Select grade of fuel (gas/diesel)
4. Pump Fuel
5. When finished fueling, hang up nozzle. Receipt will print at pump and discount details will be on receipt

Truck Diesel Lanes:

1. Insert only the loyalty card at the pump to enable "Pump Start" (Do not insert any other card such as a credit or debit card at the pump or the transaction will fail)
2. Pump fuel
3. When finished fueling, hang up nozzle
4. Pull forward to clear lane so that others may fuel
5. Go inside and see cashier for payment (Even if paying with credit/debit card still receive cash price and \$.03 discount details will not be printed on receipt but pump price will change at pump to reflect discount)

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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 19 new member families joining the Club from mid-April through mid-May.

Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province
Tad & Carol Allen Sandy, UT	Edward & Gail Avance Port Charlotte, FL	Buddy & Ann Bordes River Ridge, LA
Stan & Brenda Canaris Chula Vista, CA	Robert & Frances Carter Salem, OR	Jerry & Patricia Conrad Fife Lake, MI
Philip & Irene Durand Saskatoon, SK	Walter & Penny Hinds Coudersport, PA	Jean Roche LaFrance & Penny Patenaude Cornwall, ON
Charles & Janet McKinzie Black Mountain, NC	Maurice & Beverly Nichols Mooringsport, LA	Dale & Patricia Pflanzner Imlay City, MI
Robert Randall Langley, BC	James & Barbara Ridener Polk City, FL	Brent & Debi Rufenacht Escondido, CA
Ray Seiwert & Martha Price Seiwert Tucson, AZ	Bob & Janet M. Stiern Fenton, MO	Arthur & Carolyn Sturgis Bluffton, SC
Jim & Sandy Vierra Livingston, TX		

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MEMBER CLASSIFIED AD

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Safari - Zanzibar 3906</p> <p>2002 Diesel Miles 22,000 Length: 39ft Where Located: Price: \$103,000 - Arizona Phone: (901)481-5957 email: KF4JBZ@HOTMAIL.COM</p>	
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DO YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?

[fname] [lname] & [her_firstname] [her_lastname],

[email]

[address1], [city], [state] [zip]

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. Please include your FMCA number. 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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