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YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE YELLOW TO BELONG TO THE CAT RV CLUB

By Julie Lauderdale, President, CAT RV Club



Ah, I mean your engine does not have to be yellow.

Did you know that owning a coach powered by a Caterpillar engine is not a requirement for membership? The Club offers technical information that covers any engine color and do welcome 'Some Other

Brand' owner participation in Club activities.

Did you know that the person chosen to serve as the Club's first VP had a Detroit Diesel, not a Caterpillar?!



It Does Not Have to be Yellow!

Just because the new rig came with a different color engine does not mean you have to leave your friends and the club.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Julie Lauderdale

I hope everyone had a Wonderful Thanksgiving and will have a Tremendous Christmas and

New Year! This has been an exciting year and I look forward to working with all of you in 2011. We have many opportunities for the new year with the extension of the "dozen" program. I hope everyone in the club will do their best to add at least one new member to FMCA. I know this a challenge to all, so let's see how many we can add!

Roy Mueller, Alt. National Director of Beaver Ambassador Club, has asked for our help with security volunteers at Perry, GA in March. If you are attending this convention, please contact Roy at [<carolroy30@aol.com>](mailto:carolroy30@aol.com) with the following information as soon as possible:

Name
FMCA #
Phone #
Email address

Everyone will have some shifts to work but Roy has promised not to place any CAT members in a shift where they cannot attend the CAT meetings. How about it CAT Club, can we step up to the plate and help Roy out at this convention?

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FMCA NEWS: PRESIDENT RESIGNS; ONE INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN 2012!

By Al Vormittag, National Director and Kathe Letullé, Alternate National Director



Since the 2010 summer FMCA International Convention in Redmond, OR, several significant changes have occurred. It is with sadness that we report, because of health concerns, Charlie Shrenkel has resigned as FMCA National President. He was a great President and did a wonderful job for us. Please keep Charlie and his family in your thoughts. Judy Czarsty will replace him until an election is held. She is the current



Vice President and we know she will do a very good job.

The Governing Board requested the Executive Board to consider only one FMCA International Convention per year. In response to this request, the 2012 Spring International Convention in Pomona, California has been canceled. There are plans for a Spectacular 2012 Summer International Convention. It is anticipated this action will have positive budget implications. That change plus information on attendance at upcoming Area Rallies will assist the Executive and Governing Boards in future decision making.

Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful Healthy New Year.

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THE CAT RV CLUB TECHNICAL WEBSITE... RADIATOR

"HEALTH" AND ROAD SALT

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


The CAT RV Club (AKA Caterpillar RV Engine Owners Club) has two Websites:

1. First, the Club's Website: <http://catrvclub.org/>
2. Second, the Club's Technical and Discussion Website which is hosted by Yahoo: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/CATRVClub/>



If you don't already participate in the Club's Technical and Discussion Website, you might join us - there are over 13,700 posts as well as some great Files - all about maintaining your Caterpillar engine and coach issues related to it. It is a Yahoo group, so you do need to sign up, but there is no cost and no junk emails are generated from it. The easiest way to sign up is to submit your email address in the space provided below.

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RADIATOR HEALTH AND ROAD SALT

OK, on to a timely subject. Here is the post: "Radiator Failure: The radiator on our 2001 DSDP failed on our way home from Thanksgiving due to corrosion of the aluminum." Click here to read the post: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/CATRVCLUB/message/13772>.

Road salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice are very harmful to both aluminum and steel radiators and CAC's (CAC's are also known as inter-coolers and after-coolers). So, what can you do to keep from spending big bucks (\$3,500 in the above post)? At your first opportunity after driving through an area where road salt or other chemicals were used, hose out the CAC and radiator with a water hose. Remember,....

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CAT RV CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA IN FLORIDA

by Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator



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.

Sign up now for our Feb. 28 - Mar. 4, 2011 rally in Jacksonville, FL. Early registration is recommended as we only have room for 65 coaches at Flamingo Lakes RV Resort. We can't wait to see you... we still have spots available but reservations are coming in every day. Don't wait -- send your application in NOW! You can always phone Kathé (501 984-3148) to ensure you have a reservation – she will pencil you in!

Safe Travels from Brent & your Rally Hosts . . . Julie & Brent Lauderdale; Kathé & Derrel Letulle. 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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FLORIDA CRAFT PROJECT INFORMATION

By Kathé Letulle, Rally Co-Host

WOW! Dianne Wolfe presented a beautiful bottle craft at the CAT Newport, OR, rally. To build on her idea, at the Florida CAT Rally, we will make an independent container identifier. For individual identifiers, we will use a serving utensil and sparkling craft identifiers. So, start gathering your serving utensils for this craft. Bring as many as you want and we will help you pick out the best for decorating. I can report that these two crafts are fabulous because I tested them with a group of friends. THEY WERE A HIT!!! You should have seen the results at the POT LUCK! I cannot wait to have you make these yourselves and show them off.

More to come in the next eNews and in rally attendee emails, including pictures!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Ken Carpenter, VP Membership & Webmaster

Your Membership Renewal Date is [renewal_date]

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. Also, just so you know, your membership renewal date is [Renewal_date]. If the renewal date does not say 2011 or greater you need to click on one of the options at the bottom of this article.



The 2011 Membership renewal is approximately 10% ahead of this time

last year. Total membership is at 1,152 this month versus 1,157 this time a year ago. Overall, we are pleased that new member recruiting has essentially replaced the normal turnover we experience as a result of many members only being a part of our mobile life style for a few years.

We changed the Membership and 10% Caterpillar Discount Card process this year. In order to reduce production and mailing expenses, the "Punch Out" card on expensive 4-color enamel paper was replaced by incorporating the "Card" into either an email or one page letter. 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.

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

on:

- 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, 426 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).

Your Membership and Caterpillar 10% discount card will be sent to you 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 11 new member families joining the Club during this past month. This brings the total of new members since November 1, 2009 to 231 new families.

FMCA has renewed the Dozen Does It Program for 2011. Each chapter member who signs up a new FMCA member will receive a thank-you letter, a \$10 recruitment coupon, and a postcard from FMCA's national office. (The \$10 coupon can be used toward the payment of his/her FMCA dues, or toward the purchase of FMCA or Camping World merchandise.)

Thank you to everyone who helped recruit new members and contribute to the continued growth and development of the Club.

Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State / Province
Paul & Janice Bowers Mobile, AL	Mike & Bridgette Bunch Kerrville, TX	Victor & Judy Chaney Medford, OR
Donald & Linda Greig Emery, SD	Ron & Carla Harbour Livingston, TX	Larry & Donna Langford Livingston, TX
Jerry & Deborah Lavite Anderson, MO	Michael & Deborah Maniaci Branson, MO	Gary & Liz Rightmeier Groton, NY
Ronald & Bette Ringhand Athol, ID	Lloyd & Linda Waters Pine Ridge, FL	

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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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