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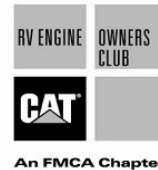


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EXTRAVAGANZA IN FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE'S "EXTRAVAGANZA IN FLORIDA" RALLY NEWS



RALLY REPORT

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

If a survey were to be taken of all rally attendees, the overwhelming statement would be one word - FOOD!!!! Our compliments for the wonderful selections of attendee's dishes at hors d'oeuvres night, as well as our caterer, Cross Creek Steakhouse and Ribs. Breakfasts were more than expected for a "light" fare and the dinners were "to die for!"

Every rally has its firsts and the Jacksonville Rally was no different. The seminars following registration were well received - a wealth of information flowed. The gamut spread through a history of the area, windshield facts and advice, gun laws and warnings, and useful organizational tips.

The Club is very fortunate to have a photography bug. Lee Zaborowski has given us a greater

appreciation of "just taking a picture." At several rallies, he has given us bite size pieces of all that is available in the photography arena, slowly giving us "PHOTOGRAPHY wannabes" entry into this exciting new world. Lee, with artistic wife Jeanne, did a great job with our CAT GROUP PICTURE. Looks fantastic in this newsletter - Photoshop works wonders so everyone is represented. Special note - do not be late next time or no photo opportunity for you . . . Many thanks.

The Rally charity was the Jacksonville Historical Society. Thanks to all who purchased 50/50 tickets. Table center pieces were Blanket Buddies and Bubbles. We would like to thank Al Schneider for this suggestion to donate these stuffed animals with blankets to a Jacksonville area children's hospital - a warm felt thank you letter was received from Jim Plank, President of the Wolfson Children's Hospital Auxiliary, Jacksonville, Florida.

A diverse evening entertainment kept the group active. Our own Lamar Keck - DJ extraordinaire, had everyone in the place doing their "own" version of Karaoke. Great participation made everyone's evening, especially being on stage trying to entertain and not knowing the song. The local band, *Lock, Stock and Barrel*, brought new flare to an exciting evening. Dancing and camaraderie prevailed.

Of course the BIG DAY activities were the Bean Bag Toss and Bean Bag Baseball Tournaments. Some real competition made these tournaments exciting and very competitive. The winners of the Bean Bag Toss were 1st place - Don Tallman and Phyllis Reinholtz, 2nd place - Derrel Letulle and Wendy Whanger. See the pictures within the newsletter of all the activities and

winners.

The CAT Maintenance Seminar was given by our own, now retired, CAT authority, Suzie Adcock and the General Maintenance seminar was given by resident organizer Roy Mueller. Craft sessions were presented by Kathé Letulle. The Budweiser Plant Tour, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle and of course free tourist time rounded out the Rally.

A Great Time was had by all -- SOOO-- those of you that missed this one -- SHAME ON YOU!!! Please keep those CAT family members having negative issues within their lives in your prayers. May all your travels be safe and looking forward to seeing you again at a future rally.

**Don't cry because it's over . . .
Smile because it Happened!**

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YOUR CHAPTER AND BOARD IN ACTION!

August 12, 2010 CHAPTER MINUTES, PERRY, GEORGIA by Marie McPeak

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Julie Lauderdale. Kathé Letulle delivered an opening prayer. Ken Carpenter led in the pledge of allegiance. President Lauderdale introduced the officers - Julie Lauderdale, President; Kathé Letulle, Treasurer/Alternate National Director; Ken Carpenter, Sr. VP and VP Membership; Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator; Marie McPeak, Secretary; Dick Jones, VP Inventory; Al Vormittag, National Director; Lida Carpenter - Parliamentarian; Brett Wolfe, Interim VP Technical (not present); Lee Zaborowski, Interim VP Publications (not present). Julie also introduced the Nominating Committee - Joe Hipp, Chairman; Derrel Letulle; Brent Lauderdale; Dianne Wolf (not present).

Joe Hipp, Nominating Committee Chairman reported that since our last business meeting, Ken Carpenter has been appointed Sr. VP along with his other duties as VP Membership and Webmaster for our Club website. We are looking for members interested in filling the VP Membership position along with a computer expert to help or take over the webmaster duties. The Officer positions up for re-election this summer at Madison are; Sr. VP, Treasurer, VP Inventory, Alternate National Director, VP Technical and VP Publications. There are incumbents running for re-election in all positions except VP Inventory. We are currently looking for candidates for that position and will accept nominations for any and all of the positions up for re-election. If you or someone you know is interested, please give Derrel Letulle, Brent

Lauderdale or myself your name.

President Julie Lauderdale reported we had 48 coaches at a very successful rally in Jacksonville, FL. Our charity drawing collected \$357 for the charity the Jacksonville Historical Society. Thanks to all who purchased tickets, A special thanks to Suzie Adcock for doing our CAT seminar at Perry. The minutes of the last Business Meeting are posted on the club website, newsletter and are posted for members review. There was one correction to the minutes; Brent Lauderdale was elected VP Rally Coordinator. Minutes of our Redmond Business Meeting were approved as corrected

Kathé Letulle, Treasurer's report was presented and approved. Our beginning balance in 2011 is \$60,772.40, General \$20,346.68, Rally \$40,425.72. Our ending balance is \$61,688.12, General \$23,001.06, Rally \$38,687.06. A copy of the report will be in the newsletter. Per our club bylaws, the club books were audited by three independent club members on March 15, 2011. Motion to approve and seconded. Motion approved.

Ken Carpenter, Sr. VP. Reported the numbers of members for our Club continues to slip along with FMCA membership. We struggled this past year to maintain our numbers. We need everyone's help and feedback on how we can improve and how people feel about and what they get out of the Club. We know the technical information per our website is important and we have over 2,000 hits per month.

Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator thanked everyone for coming to Jacksonville. We had a great time. We have a great rally coming up this summer at Amana Colonies in Iowa. Suzie Adcock, one of the rally masters, welcomed all the members and told about the early forming of the CAT Club. Joyce & John Kamp will be the assistant rally

masters. The theme will be "Oktoberfest in July" so everyone will celebrate a little bit German. The dates are July 24th - 29th. The extra day will give you time to explore the area. The John Deere museum is not far away. The food will be great and we will have our games. There will be 7 catered meals by the local caterers. The local CAT dealer will be there; and we are working with other vendors, HWH will be doing a seminar and possibly a tour. We will be having morning exercise sessions, ladies seminars and craft making. We will also do the Silent Auction again and will have door prizes. The cost for 1 coach with 2 people is \$325.00; 1 single \$275.00. You can come early and stay late. Camping cost for extra night will be \$25.68 per night. Suzie will have more information after she meets with the people at the RV Park.

Brent also stated we would like to get some rally masters to volunteer for future rallies.

Dick Jones VP Inventory announced we have items for sale in the back.

Al Vormittag, National Director reported on the National Directors meeting. On January 3rd, Brad Koshland began the job of Executive Director. This was his first National Convention as Director, although he has attended other conventions as a participant. At Madison FMCA, we will elect a National President, National Sr. VP, National Treasurer and National Secretary. The Nominating Committee has met with potential candidates and interviewed them. The slate of candidates will be presented to the Governing Board when it convenes this summer in Madison. There will be a candidate's forum prior to the Governing Board Meeting in Madison. All are encouraged to attend and learn about the people who would like to lead FMCA. FMCA Candidates are Judy Czarsty
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YOUR CHAPTER AND BOARD IN ACTION!



for President; Ross Boyer & Allen Rein for Sr. Vice President; Wilma Jean Alexander & Vicky Ferrari for Secretary; Dan Couch & Wil Young for Treasurer. The candidates will have their info in the FMCA magazine.

The FMCA adjusted loss of last year was \$870,000. The Governing Board will be voting on a new budget at Madison. Make sure you carry your FMCA Assist Cards (replacing Medex). Details can be found at the information booth. Al thanked Dick Harris for putting the CAT bean-bag team together.

Old Business: There was none.
New Business: A committee was appointed to discuss the subject of rallies in addition to the rally held two weeks before FMCA, as we are currently doing. These suggestions will allow the CAT Club to continue having two rallies a year if FMCA makes a decision to continue with only one rally per year. The committee unanimously agrees it is imperative the CAT Club continues with two rallies per year regardless of FMCA's decision. It was also discussed to hold this rally in conjunction with another rally to draw more participation for both rallies.

A committee was appointed to discuss the possibility of having a "vendor day" the first day of the rally at registration. This committee is still coming up with information regarding fees, etc.

We need to support CAT RV Centers and be sure you let the CAT dealer know you are part of the CAT RV Engine Owners Club.

It was also brought up at the President's Forum that we should all support the FMCA Campgrounds as we travel across this great land.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 pm.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Alfred Vormittag

On January 3, Brad Koshland began the job of Executive Director. This was his first national convention as Director although he has attended other conventions as a participant. At the President's forum it was discussed how the various committees were invaluable to the running of FMCA.

At the Madison FMCA rally we will elect a national president, national senior vice president, national treasurer, and national secretary. The nominating committee has met with potential candidates and interviewed them. The slate of candidates will be presented to the Governing Board when it convenes this summer in Madison. There will be a candidates forum prior to the Governing Board Meeting in Madison. All of you are encouraged to attend and learn about the people who would like to lead FMCA.

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More information is at the FMCA information booth.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

by Julie Lauderdale

I hope that everyone who attended FMCA in Perry, GA, had a good time and learned from all the seminars you attended. Of course, it did rain, BUT we were in Perry after all!! But not too bad or too long.

A special thanks to all CAT members who volunteered to help the Beaver Ambassador Club with security during the convention. It is good to know we can all work together in these trying times for RVers.

We are looking forward to FMCA in Madison, WI, August 2011. I hope to see everyone there to attend our Seminars and our Business Meeting.

Safe travels, see you down the road!

FOUNDERS AWARD to Don Tallman

Our CATERPILLAR RV ENGINE OWNERS Club presented Don Tallman, at its March 2011 Rally, the Founders Honorary Life Membership recognition.

The award was hereby granted to Don Tallman, as Founder of the CAT RV Club, March, 2004.

Awarded: March 3, 2011
This recognition and certificate entitles the bearer to be exempt from Yearly Dues for life.



Julie Lauderdale and Kathé Letulle present the 50/50 donation to Jerry Spinks, President of the Jacksonville Historical Society.



by Kathé Letulle

TREASURER'S REPORT

CAT RV CLUB AUDITED INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS STATEMENT

1.1.2010 Beginning Balance

	GENERAL	RALLY
60,772.40	20,346.68	40,425.72

GENERAL	RALLY
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INFLOWS

2009 DUES	15.00	15.00	
2010 CAT RV REPAIR CNTRS	2,400.00		2,400.00
2010 DUES	3,075.00	3,075.00	
2010 Membership Fee	250.00	250.00	
2010 Mem Reinstatement Fee	5.00	5.00	
2010 Rally Amarillo, TX			
Cancellation	(1,770.00)		
Registration Fee	7,492.50		
Silent Auction	217.00		
TOTAL 2010 Rally Amarillo, TX	5,939.50		5,939.50
2010 Rally Newport, OR			
Cancellation	(3,170.00)		
Registration Fee	25,112.00		
Silent Auction	1,102.27		
TOTAL 2010 Rally Newport, OR	23,044.27		23,044.27
2011 DUES	11,255.00	11,255.00	
2011 Membership Fee	25.00	25.00	
2011 Rally Jacksonvle, FL-Reg	2,507.50		2,507.50
2012 DUES	480.00	480.00	
2013 DUES	135.00	135.00	
2014 DUES	30.00	30.00	
2015 DUES	15.00	15.00	
2016 DUES	15.00	15.00	
2017 DUES	15.00	15.00	
2018 DUES	15.00	15.00	
2020 DUES	15.00	15.00	
2021 DUES	15.00	15.00	
Club CAT Door Mats	539.65	539.65	
Club Logo Bear Sales	83.85	83.85	
Club Logo Bracket Sales	60.00	60.00	
Club Logo Egg Bracket Sales	529.75	529.75	
Club Logo Egg Sales	55.85	55.85	
Club Logo Fanny Pack/BtleSales	180.75	180.75	
Club Logo Name Badge Sales	126.00	126.00	
Club Logo Picnic Packs	441.70	441.70	
Club logo Shirt Sales	1,910.65	1,910.65	
Electronic Correspondence Rev	102.77	102.77	
TOTAL INFLOWS	53,282.24	19,390.97	33,891.27

OUTFLOWS

2009 Rally Hillsdale, IL-Welcome Pkg	(1,839.76)		(1,839.76)
2010 FMCA Albuquerque, NM-Mtg	531.73	531.73	
2010 FMCA Redmond, OR-Mtg	813.61	813.61	
2010 Rally Amarillo, TX			
Beverages	565.94		
Catering	7,290.28		
Crafts	332.00		
Decorations	227.46		
Entertainment	1,400.00		
Misc Supplies	25.02		
Prizes	306.62		
Projector Rental	100.00		
RV Parking	3,607.00		
Sound System Rental	300.00		
Welcome Package	931.98		
TOTAL 2010 Rally Amarillo, TX	15,086.30		15,086.30
2010 Rally Newport, OR			
Beverages	780.14		
Catering	9,590.50		
Craft	675.45		
Decorations	204.85		
Entertainment	1,550.00		
Prizes	420.00		
Rentals	2,100.00		
RV Site Fee	6,412.32		
Welcome Package	140.89		
TOTAL 2010 Rally Newport, OR	21,874.15		21,874.15
2011 Rally Amana Colonies, IA-Wel Pkg	18.79		18.79
2011 Rally Jacksonvle FL-Wel Pkg/Crafts	160.22		160.22
Board Meeting	601.01	601.01	
Charity	1.00	1.00	
Club Craft Inventory	132.00		132.00
Club Logo Bears	(22.00)	(22.00)	
Club Logo Caps	4,377.04	4,377.04	
Club Logo Egg Emblem-Brackets	288.00	288.00	
Club Logo Fanny Pack and Bottle	(34.62)	(34.62)	
Club Logo Floor Mats	(931.98)	(931.98)	
Club Logo Name Badges	29.25	29.25	
Club Logo Picnic Tote	1,839.76	1,839.76	
Computer Manuals	32.05	32.05	
Computer Software	49.00	49.00	
Electronic Correspondence	522.69	522.69	
Foreign Exchange Adjustment	0.30	0.30	
Future Rally Giveaways-Badge Hold	(29.25)	(29.25)	
General Rally Expense	198.23		198.23
Mailing Fee	552.16	552.16	
Newsletter	3,348.80	3,348.80	
Office Expenses - Stamps	37.50	37.50	
Office Supplies	776.33	776.33	
Officer Rally Reimbursement			
FMCA	1,729.00		
Mileage	1,749.25		
TOTAL Officer Rally Reimbursement	3,478.25	3,478.25	
PayPal Fees	383.89	383.89	
Postage and Delivery	92.07	92.07	
TOTAL Outflows	52,366.52	16,736.59	35,629.93
12.31.2010 Ending Balance	61,688.12	23,001.06	38,687.06

NOTE: This report is based on the calendar year. Cash basis accounting is the foundation of the accounts. Any reclassification of accounts will be done in the next calendar year period as it is the fiscal year for the club. The financial balance in the general fund is sufficient to enable the club to be solvent for future years.

The financial balance in the rally account is sufficient to support future rallies. There must be a reserve as the club is obligated to set forth deposits for future rally sites, caterers, entertainers and other obligations that may arise. The CAT RV CLUB must have reserves for at least 4 rallies in advance.

Duly submitted as audited financials, Kathé Letulle, Treasurer

RALLY SCHEDULE . . . CLUB MERCHANDISE



Date	Rally Site	Rally Hosts	FMCA Rally
July 25-29, 2011	Amana Colonies Amana, IA	Ken Edwards & Suzie Adcock John & Joyce Kamp	Madison, WI Aug 10-14, 2011
TBD	TBD	TBD	Indianapolis, IN, Aug 27-30, 2012

We are looking ahead to July 24-29, 2011 for our rally in Amana, IA, prior to FMCA in Madison, WI. All the rally masters have planned a great rally with lots to do and lots to see. If you have never been to The Amana Colonies please mark your calendars for this rally, and if you've been there before I know you won't pass up a chance to attend this area again!!

Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator

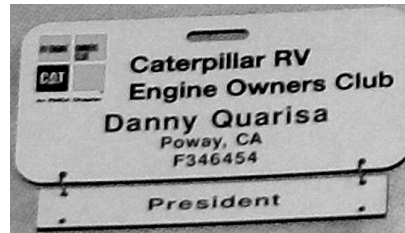
Fill in the form and mail along with your check payable to the **FMCA CAT RV CLUB**. Orders must be prepaid! If you have a question, contact Dick Jones: E-mail - jones5128@sbcglobal.net; 309-697-9343 (home); 309-453-8817 (cell)

His Name* _____ Her Name* _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 FMCA # with prefix and suffix _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Permanent Name Badges

A permanent, plastic name badge with magnetic clasp. Imprinted with your name, city, state and FMCA #. In full color and include our Club Caterpillar logo. Couples should mark the order form accordingly and mail a check for \$24.00 (cost of 2 badges plus shipping) or add the badges to your purchase along with other items. (2 badges = 1 item)

***Badges will be printed EXACTLY as written above!**



Item	Qty	Price Ea	Total
Club "Egg"		\$15.00	
Ladder Bracket		\$10.00	
"Egg" & Bracket Combo		\$20.00	
Logo Fanny Pack & Bottle		\$18.00	
New Style CAT Baseball Cap		\$10.00	
Logo Shirt [Circle your size(s)] SM M L XL 2XL 3XL		\$20.00	
Permanent Name Badges (magnetic clasp)		\$ 9.00	
Logo Picnic Pack (Close Out Price!) **		\$30.00	
CAT Door Mat**		\$25.00	
Total # of Items		Sub-total	
		Shipping Charges	
		Order Total	

The Logo Picnic Pack**

The perfect picnic or pot-luck accessory, has a zippered insulated pocket, sized to carry a beverage or a casserole dish. Complete with fold-down pocket containing glasses, plates, flatware, bottle opener and napkins for two. **Close Out Price - just a few left!**



CAT Door Mat**

This quality door mat will look perfect outside your entry door. Not only does the mat clean your shoes and help keep the coach floor clean, it announces to all your guests there is a BIG CAT pushing the rig down the road!



Shipping Charges

1 item	\$ 6
2-4 items	\$10
5+ items	\$13
**Pack or Mat	\$15 ea.

Mail to:

**FMCA CAT RV Club
 Dick Jones - VP Inventory
 5128 Country Meadows Road
 Bartonville, IL 61607**



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Ken Carpenter

We'd love to put lipstick on the numbers but as is shown in the Membership by Year table, we continue to see a drop in the number of active members. The CAT RV Club is not alone in experiencing this decline which is impacting all FMCA chapters. The industry continues to show signs of a recovery and, importantly as it relates to the CAT RV Club, the majority of our new members are new owners of existing Caterpillar-powered coaches.

Membership & Caterpillar Discount Card Procedure Change

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 elec-

MEMBERSHIP BY YEAR	2011	2010	2009
Current Year Dues Paid	890	951	962
Prior Year Members Not Yet Renewed	329	289	386
Total Current and Prior Year	1,219	1,240	1,348
New Members Since 11/1	85	52	81

tronically on December 7. You will need the 2011 Membership card in order to receive the 10% discount on genuine Caterpillar parts purchased for your RV.

The membership card has a line for Vehicle Identification Number. Now that we are preparing and/or printing 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 Serial Number properly recorded. **Please send your VIN number and/or, Engine Serial Number using the change form below**, the contact us link on the catrvclub.org website, or by sending an email to membership@catrvclub.org.

"Your membership renewal date is printed above your name on the back of the newsletter." If your renewal date is earlier than 11/1/2011, 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 by using PayPal, manually enter the following link into your browser: <http://www.catrvclub.org/membership.htm>. Alternatively, you can complete and mail the form below along with your \$15 check. If you have questions, please contact me - catrvclubmembership@gmail.com.

Per the Club By-laws, dues of \$15.00 are due Nov. 1 of each year for the following year. "2011 10% discount on Caterpillar parts for your RV at Caterpillar dealers" coupons ONLY if you are current on your dues."

Name (last)	His (first)	Her (first, and last, if different)	FMCA # (required)

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3590 Round Bottom Road
Cincinnati, OH 45244-3026

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Please include Engine Serial Number, if possible.

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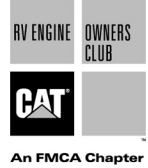
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Daytime Evening Cell

E-mail address _____

Coach Mfg. _____ Model _____ Length _____ Eng. model _____ HP _____ Engine Serial # _____

Vehicle Identification Number _____

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS & CRAFT SESSIONS



RALLY CRAFT CLASSES by Kathé Letulle

A wonderful time was had by all . . . many laughs, surprises, camaraderie. Attendees that did not know each other made lasting friendships as well as being welcomed to the group of regular rally attendees. Amazing how such a small task can yield such grand results. Each attendee was able to make one item in class each day and received a kit to make an additional item at home.

Tuesday, the craft class taught was the art of wire beading on a serving utensil handle. Utilizing jewelry round pliers, each attendee learned to make a wire curl, stretch over the end of the utensil, wrap the artistic wire stabilizing the curl and beginning the bead wrap process down the handle of the utensil. Alternating wrap and bead techniques to within a three inch space at the bottom of the utensil was the objective. At that point another curl was formed and placed on the front side of the utensil handle. And what do you know - the project is complete!!! All attendees could identify their own personal possession.

Thursday, the craft taught was the individual bottle identifier. This craft took much strength and the use of large needle nose pliers with the ends wrapped in tape as not to mar the wire. Both ends of the large wire were curled leaving a 6" or less center. Large beads were glued to each curled area. Once the glue dried - the item could be wrapped around a bottle . . . wine, liquor, beverage etc. This would identify the bottle as your own personal one as well as be a decorative accent. The beads would be decorated with stick on alphabet letters, symbols, etc. further enhancing their uniqueness.

Both of these projects make excellent gifts. Each of the projects can be expanded using each attendee's

unique talents. This group, and that includes both days, was very cohesive and not shy with suggestions - which really assisted in making these classes a success. THANKS



Bob Handren - Guns and RVs



Emily Retherford Lisska-Jacksonville



Larry Diaz - Windshield Repair



Roy Mueller - CAT Maintenance



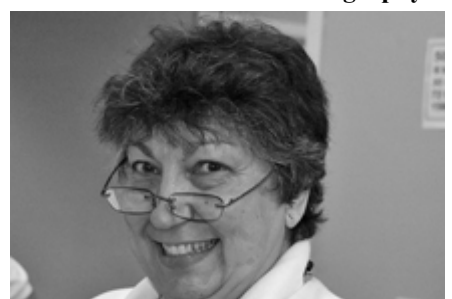
Cheryl Handren- On the Go Organizer



Suzie Adcock - CAT Maintenance



Lee Zaborowski - RV Photography



Kathé Letulle - Crafts

100 RALLY PHOTOGRAPHS by Lee Zaborowski

Go to the following link to see 100 rally photos. You can also upload your own as well. Enjoy!

<https://picasaweb.google.com/108060352513912436035/JacksonvilleCATClubRallyPhotos?feat=directlink>

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).

Oktoberfest in July

at the Amana Colonies,

Your Handcrafted Rally Escape!



July 24-29, 2011, Amana Colonies RV Park, Amana, Iowa

Discover the Amana Colonies, a historic utopian society located in the rolling hills of Iowa's River Valley.

The Amana Colonies were established just before the Civil War by a group of German-speaking European settlers who belonged to a religious group known as the Community of True Inspiration. They began a communal system of living, a period which lasted from 1855 to 1932. The Amana villages originally consisted of 40 to 100 buildings.

By the 1930s, the communal system in Amana had generated stresses which it could not resolve. Many community members found the rules associated with communal living to be petty and overly restrictive. In 1931, the community found itself in a crisis. In addition to social strains, the community had suffered several economic setbacks in the previous decade.

Today, the Amana Society, Inc., corporate heir to the land and economic assets of communal Amana, continues to own and manage some 26,000 acres of farm, pasture and forest land. Agriculture remains an important economic base today, as it was in communal times. Because the land was not divided up with the end of communalism the landscape of Amana still reflects its communal heritage. Over 450 communal-era buildings still stand in the seven villages-reminders of the past.

Included in your Rally Fee:

- Full Hook-Ups, 50 AMP service, 5 nights of camping, 4 breakfasts, heavy hors d'oeuvres, 3 dinners, and 5 cocktail hours. Take part in numerous educational seminars, nightly entertainment, craft seminars, and great Silent Auction items.
- Support from Altorfer Caterpillar Service Center
- Enjoy an entire day free for sightseeing.

Rally Maintenance, Seminar Opportunities, Booths, Entertainment

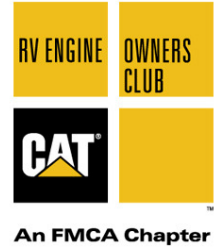
- HWH Seminar (you must contact HWH directly for a plant tour)
- Caterpillar Engine Maintenance
- General RV Maintenance
- Support from Altorfer Caterpillar Service Center
- RV Photography Seminar (Lee Zaborowski)
- Suspension, Handling, Wheel Alignment, Tire Safety & Maintenance (Dick Lorntson from Precision Frame & Alignment, Inc.)
- 4-Corner Coach Weighing (no additional cost, fee included in your registration)
- Jewelry Making
- Booths by Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, others being added
- D J Extraordinaire Lamar Keck
- Dance to Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen

Amana Activities & Area Sightseeing Adventures (Some have an added expense/fee):

- **Tour the Amana Heritage Museum:** includes the Noé House, built in 1864, originally a communal kitchen & later a doctor's residence; the Schoolhouse, built in 1870; the original washhouse/woodshed, houses wine-making & gardening displays.
- **Communal Dining at Ox Yoke Inn.** An Amana Colonies Tradition Since 1940. World famous for food served "Family Style." Hearty and light portions including chicken, steaks, roast beef, sauerbraten, wiener schnitzel, Amana brats, ham, pork chops, ribs, catfish, shrimp, sandwiches, salads, homemade soups and desserts, 'Pies to Go.'
- **Amana Furniture Shop Tours.** Two original buildings house the Amana Furniture Shop. Furniture made in the Amana Colonies continues the tradition of being individually handcrafted by a skilled artisan.
- **Wine Sampling; Gardening in Amana; Basketry Seminar; Taste of Amana Food Tour; Quilting Seminar & Workshop.**

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July 24-29, 2011, Amana Colonies RV Park, Amana, Iowa

Now is the time to make your plans to attend the CAT RV Club Pre-FMCA MADISON Rally!
Be among the first XXX coaches to register and ensure you don't miss the 2011 Amana Colonies Rally.
 Registrations received after the Rally is sold out will be placed on a waiting list and moved in the order your registration was received as space allows.

Fill in this information and mail, with your check, to the address below. The cost includes Full Hook-Ups, 50 AMP service, 5 nights of camping, 4 breakfasts, heavy hors d'oeuvres, 3 dinners, and 5 cocktail hours. Take part in numerous educational seminars, nightly entertainment, craft seminars, and great Silent Auction items. There will be support from an area Caterpillar Dealer (Altorfer). Enjoy an entire day free for sightseeing. Confirmations will be emailed to the email address on this form. If you have questions contact one of our Rally Hosts -



Ken Edwards and Suzie Adcock (right): suzanne.adcock@att.net
John and Joyce Kamp (left): kampja41@hotmail.com

PRINT NAMES AS YOU WANT THEM TO APPEAR ON RALLY BADGES

Last Name _____ First Name _____
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 Guest Name _____ FMCA # _____
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 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
 Coach Make _____ Model _____ #Slides _____ Length _____

Early arrivals or units staying over must make reservations with
Amana Colonies RV Park, 3890 C St., P.O. Box 345, Amana, IA 52203
 800 471-7616 or email amanarvhost@amanas.net
 Website - <http://www.amanarvpark.com/>
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 The cancellation policy is 24 hours before scheduled arrival. The cancellation call or email must be received by midnight the day before arrival. If someone is a "no show" or does not contact us until the scheduled arrival day to let us know they will not be with us that day, there is a \$10 fee charged to their credit card for every site reserved.

- [Mark appropriate box(es) to Register by June 15, 2011]
- \$325 for 2 people and 1 coach
 - \$275 for single and 1 coach
 - \$175 for each additional guest

Total Fee Included:
 \$ _____

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Bean Bag Toss

1st Place - Don Tallman & Phyllis Reinholtz



Bean Bag Toss

2nd Place - Wendy Whanger & Derrel Letulle



1st Place Bean Bag Baseball

Bobbie Vormittag Kathy DuCharme Ken Carpenter Gerry Conway Dick Porter Carol Mueller



2nd Place Bean Bag Baseball

Gus Gustafson Nancy Anderson Ray Miley Derrel Letulle Marie McPeak Dick Jones



3rd Place Bean Bag Baseball

Helen Miller Don Robinson Joyce Jones Carolyn Beardon Andy Anderson Don DuCharme Doc Dooley

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