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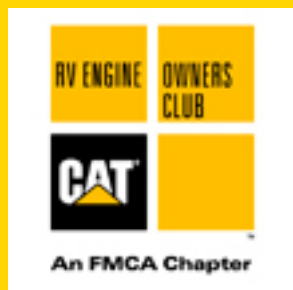
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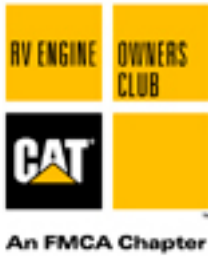
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CAT RV Club Spring Rally



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Julie Lauderdale

by Julie Lauderdale,
President

“There are serious issues during these trying RVing times. Is the CAT RV Club taking the right steps to meet your needs . . . our members? Should we be doing something different? How do we attract new members now that CAT is no longer building new motors for motorhomes? Caterpillar is building the block for the new MaxForce Engine. Should we attempt to welcome these new owners to our Club? Your input and suggestions are needed and I would appreciate your input. Please send your ideas to me at jbminv@hotmail.com.

Time is of essence in addressing these questions and your opinions are always important to me. We are working to update our Bylaws to reposition our Club for continued growth and success. With your help, we can meet these challenges.

Newsletter Delivery.

Your Club is also taking another step to improve member communications while managing operating expenses. The past few years members could elect to receive monthly electronic newsletters or

two printed newsletters, resulting in the majority of members choosing to receive the monthly emails and get far more information than that provided to those receiving printed newsletters. In an attempt to provide all members with the same information and maintain or improve the quality of newsletter content the Board decided to change the offering to quarterly newsletters only. Members can elect to receive the newsletters electronically without an increase in annual dues (\$15) or to get printed versions by mail by paying annual dues of \$25.00. In addition, the electronic version will be in the form of a pdf file that can be downloaded and viewed or printed. This change starts with this September issue.

Newsletter Editor.

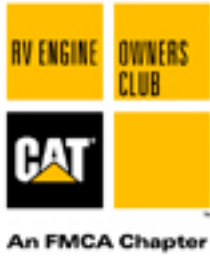
Our main communication with you is through our eNewsletter. As technology advances we've tried to stay on top of the opportunities to deliver cost effective information to you without increasing costs, which translates to keeping our dues at a low level compared to other FMCA Clubs. We've been blessed with great Newsletter Editors, starting with Dianne Wolfe and now Lee Zaborowski. Lee has

been at it for almost 3 years and he wants to pass the opportunity to take on this fun job to the next person. You can step up to make your interest know by emailing me to express your interest. You'll get to be part of the Club Board, enjoy a discount on Club Rally expense, and have the use of excellent Adobe software to produce the eNews (and those little personal projects too . . . wink, wink). Let me know.

A final thought. Each member can help grow the club by watching for the FMCA egg. If you don't see one, knock on the door and introduce yourself, tell them about FMCA and all of the interest clubs and benefits of membership.



BOARD & FMCA NEWS



CAT RV Club Business Meeting Minutes from FMCA Rally, Madison, Wisconsin, August 12, 2011



Marie McPeak

by Marie McPeak,
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by President Julie Lauderdale.

Kathé Letulle delivered an opening prayer. Danny Quarisa led in the pledge of allegiance.

President Julie Lauderdale introduced the officers:

Julie Lauderdale, President
Joanne Fadale, Acting Parliamentarian
Kathé Letulle, Treasurer/Alternate National Director/Acting Membership
Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator

Marie McPeak, Secretary
Dick Jones, VP Inventory
Brett Wolfe, VP Technical
Lee Zaborowski, VP Publications
Al Vormittag, National Director
Danny Quarisa - Past President
Not Present - Ken Carpenter, Sr. VP Membership; Lida Carpenter, Parliamentarian

Nominating Committee - Joe Hipp (Chairman), Derrel Letulle, Brent Lauderdale, Dianne Wolfe

Charter members were recognized. Susie Adcock, who is retired from CAT, and Ken Edwards who is still working for CAT, were thanked for doing the seminar on CAT maintenance.

Report given on the CAT rally at Amana Colonies and thank you to Susie Adcock & Ken Edwards and Joyce & John Kamp, Rally Masters for a wonderful time. We raised \$1,100 in our silent auction and were able to give the Amana Food Bank \$550, which they said was their largest cash donation.

Minutes of the last Business Meeting at FMCA Perry are posted on the Club website, published and

distributed in the last Newsletter and are posted in the rear of building for members review. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

Kathe Letulle, Treasurer. A copy of Financial Statement and current Balance Statement are posted in the rear of the building for member's review. It was moved and seconded to approve the current Balance Statement as posted. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Kathé Letulle gave the Membership Report for Ken Carpenter, VP Membership. She stated we have recruited 10 new members along with 19 renewals. Due to the increasing expense of printed newsletters, the Board has elected not to increase overall annual dues. Depending on your choice of an electronic newsletter sent to your email address dues will be \$15. Members requesting printed newsletter mailed to your mailing address will increase to \$25 per year. The Club recommends electronic newsletters. As an added reminder, if you are not sure your correct email address is on file; please use the Club website to update all changes in personal data.

Brent Lauderdale, VP Rally Coordinator announced our next CAT rally would be April 15th to 20th at Buckhorn RV Resort in Kerrville, Texas. Brett & Dianne Wolfe & Ken & Lida Carpenter will be the Rally Masters. Dianne reported on activities of this rally. Only 40 sites are reserved. Also, before the 2012 FMCA Indianapolis Convention we will be holding a rally on August 15th to 20th at the Goshen Indiana State Fairgrounds. Suzie Adcock & Ken Edwards and Brent & Julie Lauderdale will be the Rally Masters.

Kathé Letulle gave the INTO Area report. Several changes were made

to By-Laws and Standing Rules. Jay Blumenthal, Nancy Wolfe, and Dave Barr were elected as the nominating committee. There will be no INTO Rally for 2012.

Lee Zaborowski, VP Publications discussed the CAT newsletter and explained changes planned in going to a digital newsletter format. Starting with September we will start the quarterly digital newsletter all in color with estimated 12 to 18 pages. This will save the CAT Club in annual recurring production costs \$4,000/year and will be able to have more articles and picture and will allow flexibility. Lee would also like to have someone interested in this position to begin to mentor the next VP Publications.

Dick Jones VP Inventory. No Report Al Vormittag, National Director. Al reported there are 84,000 active family members in FMCA. 365 National Directors attended the Wednesday August 10, 2011 Governing Board meeting. We are doing better financially. The Governing Board decided not to go to Pomona to save money and forfeited \$100,000 deposit. It was a very close vote. Some of the new benefits for FMCA members are the Michelin Tire Advantage; a new program that is on-line now. Another benefit they will start doing is tours with Fantasy that will benefit FMCA members. Members will get a good deal. Also there are new campground facilities at a discount for FMCA members. Information on these will be coming out in the magazine.

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BOARD & FMCA NEWS



Business Meeting Report

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Election results:

Charlie Schrenkel, National President
Allen Rein, National Senior Vice President
Vickie Ferrari, Secretary
Will Young, National Treasurer
New FMCA Assist cards are available.
See AI after meeting.

AI announced he will be resigning from the National Director position of the CAT RV Club and running for National VP of the International Area of which the CAT RV Club is a chapter. This position is now held by Sonny Gillespie.



CAT RV Club Board, Business Meeting

Brett Wolfe, VP Technical, asked how many go on the Technical website? He announced members could pick up new copy of website interests.

Danny Quarisa, Past President. No report.
Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

Per our Club Bylaws, the following positions are elected at the summer FMCA Club business meeting in odd numbered years; the following are nominees and results of elections.

Sr. Vice President, Ken Carpenter, Incumbent. No nominations from the floor. Ken was elected.

VP Inventory, Tom Treece - qualification posted on back wall. No nominations from the floor. Tom was elected.

VP Technical, Brett Wolfe, Incumbent.

No nominations from the floor. Brett was

elected.

VP Publications, Lee Zaborowski, Incumbent. No nominations from the floor. Lee was elected.

Treasurer, Kathé Letulle, Incumbent. No nomination from the floor. Kathé was elected.

Alternate National Director Kathé Letulle, Incumbent.

No nominations from the floor. Kathé was elected.

We need 3 nominations from the floor for the Nominating Committee
Nominated were, Dianne Wolfe, Joe Hipp, Derrel Letulle. All accepted and were elected.

Julie announced if you are a Charter Member, a Charter Member dangle for your badge can be purchased for \$2.00.

George Young, member, stated that a big part of the CAT RV Club is social. He had requested new member contact information and was refused by

VP Membership
Ken Carpenter. It was explained that emails are not given out because of potential spam; even with secured sites, members have been hit. If a member gives their permission to have their email information sent, Ken

Carpenter will give the new member the information to contact you.

Motion to adjourn at 5:45 PM.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned.

FMCA INTO AREA

by Kathé Letulle, Alternate National Director

Heard the term but was afraid to ask the meaning? Well your fears are over . . . here is a brief synopsis. FMCA is divided into 10 Areas for Chapters, each with their own National Vice President. The Areas are: Eastern, Great Lakes, International, Midwest, Northeast, Northwest, Rocky Mountain, South Central, Southeast, and Western.

THE CAT RV CLUB is a chapter in the International Area Organization or "INTO" because our members are Non-Geographically based. The areas do not receive any dues from the chapters and the National Director of each chapter is the voting delegate. In the case of the CAT RV CLUB, the National Director (Al Vormittag) is also the Sr. Vice President of INTO. As a board member of INTO, AI must vote representing INTO. So the voting delegate is then assigned to the Club's Alternate National Director (Kathé Letulle). This is a unique situation with our Club.

During the Spring of each year, INTO holds a Rally (source of income to the Area) somewhere in the US. At the Summer FMCA International Conventions, INTO holds their business meeting. Every Chapter in the INTO Area are invited to attend both the rally and the business meeting.

So the next time you hear the term "INTO" you will note that it means YOU as a member of the CAT RV CLUB a Chapter in the International Area Organization -

www.intlareaorg.homestead.com.

INTO Business Meeting - Summer 2011 FMCA Madison, WI

1. General Membership Meeting Minutes, Redmond, OR, 2010 were approved.
2. Several changes were made to By-laws and standing rules.
3. Nominating Committee was elected. Elections will be Summer, 2012 FMCA Convention Indianapolis, Indiana.
4. Treasurer Report and Audit Report were approved. No irregularities resulted. There was an approximate 7K profit on the Goshen Rally.
5. Oct. 1, 2011 thru Sept. 30, 2012 - Annual budget approved with approximate \$1,100 deficit.
6. There will be no Spring Rally in 2012.
7. Newsletter Contest will begin Oct. 1, 2011, through May 30, 2012. Each Chapter should print the two best newsletters and mail to the Secretary : Maxine Schremp - lucats20@yahoo.com.
8. Past Newsletters are available on the INTO Website -

www.intlareaorg.homestead.com.

MEMBERSHIP



by Ken Carpenter,
SR VP & VP Membership
& Webmaster

Membership By the Numbers

We continue to see a gradual decline in the number of overall memberships. As of today, the Club has a total of 1,845 individual members. The number of family memberships over the past four years, as shown in the table, indicates the trends in active memberships, renewals and net drop in overall total as of the end of July.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE	2008	2009	2010	2011
Family Memberships with				
Current Year Dues Paid	1255	1116	1083	943
Renewals Pending,				
< 12 Months From Last Payment	54	13	19	21
Total Current and Pending	1309	1129	1102	964
New Members				
Preceding 12 months	238	136	203	205
Membership Decline from Prior Year		180	27	138

We do not have anything other than anecdotal information to explain the continued strength in number of new memberships concurrent with the total number of family memberships shown. Measuring active club membership levels is a subjective process since many FMCA members continue to think of themselves as Club members long after the date their membership expired. Also, since there is no consistency between FMCA Clubs, not all memberships renew at the same time. This results in a lot of confusion

among members about the status of their CAT RV Club membership. Each year we see a number of members whose membership had lapsed come back to us because they had lost track of their status. For this reason, we have over 2,100 current and former members in our database.

Membership Cards

Prior to the 2011 Membership year Caterpillar printed an expensive 4 color membership card on 8 1/2" by 11" enamel paper which the member would punch out then write their name

and other information on the card. The card had the membership year pre-printed. The Club would then have to insert the cards in mailing envelopes and pay the first class postage to get the cards in member hands. Starting this year, Caterpillar decided they could no longer justify the expense of printing the cards. As a result, after a review of alternatives, including how FMCA prepares membership cards, the Club initiated a process whereby individually prepared cards with member names, Engine Serial Numbers,



Ken Carpenter

and Vehicle ID numbers are emailed directly to members. This process, while well received overall, has its detractors who find it difficult to prepare the cards on their own printers, who would prefer a card printed on heavier paper or who want to have the cards printed and mailed to them.

Vehicle ID Number (VIN) added to member database

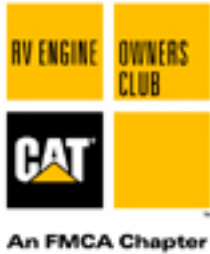
Now that we have the ability to produce Membership Cards it is relatively easy to capture and print the VIN on Membership Cards. So far over 100 Members have submitted their chassis VIN.

New Members

Please join us in welcoming 28 new family members to the CAT RV Club who joined the Club during the period between July 18 and August 27, 2011. These new members are listed on the following page.

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 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. The Club encourages you to make this effort as an ambassador on behalf of the Club.

MEMBERSHIP



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

All memberships renew on November 1. Your membership renewal date appears on copy of your 2011 Membership Card that appears on the email which transmitted this Newsletter. If the date is November 1, 2011 or earlier, it is time for you to renew your Membership. This can be done by completing the required information on the following page then printing it and mailing it along with your check to the address on the form OR online by clicking on the following link <http://www.catrclub.org/membership.htm>. With either option, the amount of your annual dues will vary depending upon your election to receive quarterly electronic newsletters such as this one (\$15/year) or printed quarterly newsletters sent to your mailing address (\$25.00/year).

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING 28 NEW FAMILY MEMBERS TO THE CAT RV CLUB!

FMCA No.	His Last Name	His First Name	Her Last Name	Her First Name	City	State
F415172	Brouillette	Dale	Brouillette	Emily	Palos Hills	IL
F229352	Chitester	Lester	Chitester	Mary	Grant	AL
F413144	Constantine	Gary	Constantine	Brenda	Plano	TX
F421802	Crowe	David			Madison	SD
F331435	Deffinbaugh	Fred	Deffinbaugh	Rosie	St Cloud	MN
F419140	Doran	Gary	Doran	Judy	Palatine IL	
F384364	Elder	Harvey	Elder	Mary	Lynchburg	VA
F389521	Falkenstein	Kurt	Falkenstein	Janet	Cedar Rapids	IA
F417860	Farnan	James W	Farnan	Marisabel	Weston	FL
Pending	Ferguson	Frank			Pottsville	AR
F404192	Finke	Jerry	Finke	Marilyn	Madison	SD
F422704	Hall	Bill	Hall	Carla	Dublin	OH
Pending	Hunter	Robert			Ellensburg	WA
F278622	Kelly	Jack	Kelly	Wanda	Litchfield Park	AZ
F408176	Kindell	Steven	Kindell	Cindy	Roscoe	IL
F406636	Lentz	Dick	Lentz	Hope	Mechanicsburg	PA
F389787	Murphy Jr	Rick	Murphy	Gina	Fox Island	WA
F299325	Ollhoff	Leroy	Ollhoff	Carol	Afton	OK
F422191	Roark	Steve	Roark	Tammy	Neosho	MO
F422111	Rohn	Darrell	Rohn	Kay	Maynardville	TN
F420423	Rowles	Roger	Rowles	Desi	Grand Junction	IA
F311474	Sauer	Fred	Sauer	Linda	Kansas City	MO
F422805	Simonds	William	Simonds	Lou	Winnsboro	TX
F393135	Songer	Byron	Songer	Martha	Louisville	KY
F421423	Wagner	Fred	Wagner	Patricia	Suring	WI
F302777	Woods	Rod	Woods	Betty	Scottsdale	AZ
F286889	Zollo	Pat	Zollo	Nancy	Fort Washington	PA

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! Send an email to membership@catrvclub.org. 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, all email address changes need to be submitted to iContact using the Manage Your Subscription link at the bottom of the email which transmitted this Newsletter.

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 your Engine Serial Number/VIN, send an email to membership@catrvclub.org.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



CAT RV Club – RENEWAL FORM

(AKA: Caterpillar RV Engine Owners Club—an FMCA Chapter)

Fill in the blank windows right on your computer, print out the page, and mail in the form with you payment.



Per the Club By-laws, dues are payable on 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." Annual membership dues vary depending on your choice of an electronic newsletter sent to your email address (\$15) or printed newsletter mailed to your mailing address (\$25).

Mark Choice: The club recommends electronic. eMail - \$15 or Print & Mailed \$25.

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

Make checks payable to: **FMCA CAT RV Club** and mail to:
 CAT RV Club
 3590 Round Bottom Road
 Cincinnati, OH 45244-3026

Only if your personal data has changed, please fill in below:

Please include Engine Serial Number and VIN, if possible.

Mailing Address: Street/P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Shipping Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
NO P.O. Box Please

Phones: _____
 Daytime _____ Evening _____ Cell _____

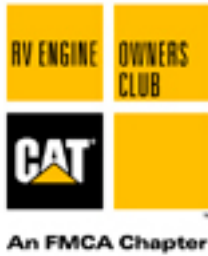
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 E-mail address _____ Coach Mfg. _____ Model _____ Length _____

Eng. model _____ HP _____ Engine Serial # _____ Vehicle Identification Number _____

--- for Club use only ---

\$ _____ # _____
 Amt Date Received 11/1/ _____ Renewal Date Check # _____ Cash

TREASURER'S REPORT



Kathe Letulle

by **Kathe Letulle,**
Treasurer, and Alternate
National Director

CAT RV CLUB INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS STATEMENT

	GENERAL		RALLY			GENERAL		RALLY	
	61,688.12	23,001.06	38,687.06						
1.1.2011 Beginning Balance		15.00	15.00		2011 FMCA Madison, WI		1,033.25	1,033.25	
INFLOWS		2,795.00	2,795.00		2011 FMCA Perry, GL		468.67	468.67	
2010 Dues	(812.50)				2011 Rally Amana IA				
2011 Dues	1,462.50				Beverages		841.50		
2011 Rally Amana, IA	1,137.50				Catering		7,888.75		
Cancellator	16,137.50				Crafts		235.00		
Officer	1,100.00				Charitable Contributions - CASI-		550.00		
Rally Certificate:		19,025.00	19,025.00		Entertainment		650.00		
Registration Fee					Door Prizes		200.00		
Silent Auction	(1,030.50)				Decorations		216.09		
TOTAL 2011 Rally Amana IA	1,032.50				RV Parking		6,753.84		
2011 Rally Jacksonville FL	295.00				Soundssystem Rental		700.00		
Cancellator	11,292.50				Welcome Package		(14.79)		
Officer	353.00				Snacks		111.35		
Rally Host		11,942.50	11,942.50		Game Prizes		129.69		
Registration Fee		1,200.00	1,200.00		TOTAL 2011 Rally Amana IA		18,261.43	18,261.43	
Silent Auction		1,275.00	1,275.00		2011 Rally Jacksonville FL				
Total 2011 Jacksonville, FL		10.00	10.00		Beverages		566.44		
2012 CAT RV Repair Center		60.00	60.00		Catering		6,100.00		
2012 Dues		(1,200.00)	(1,200.00)		Crafts		135.34		
		38.00	38.00		Door Prizes		200.00		
2013 Dues		235.00	235.00		Entertainment		550.00		
Certificates - Rally Accrue		221.00	221.00		Game Prizes		112.47		
Club CAT Decal Sales		90.00	90.00		Ice		42.00		
Club CAT Door Mats Sales		220.00	220.00		Soundssystem Rental		700.00		
Club Craft Inventory Sales		68.00	68.00		RV Site Fee		6,426.00		
Club Logo Bracket Sales		200.00	200.00		Snacks		227.64		
Club Logo Cap Sales		80.00	80.00		Welcome Package		(14.12)		
Club Logo Charter Mbr Dangle Sales		45.00	45.00		TOTAL 2011 Rally Jacksonville FL		15,045.77	15,045.77	
Club Logo Egg Bracket Sale:		162.00	162.00		Board Meeting		967.66	967.66	
Club Logo Egg Sales		60.00	60.00		Certificates Awarded		232.50	232.50	
Club Logo Fanny Pack/Btle Sale:		780.00	780.00		Charity		116.47	116.47	
Club Logo Name Badge Sales		345.90	345.90		Check Printing		25.62	25.62	
Club Logo Picnic Pack:					Club Inventory - Crafts		137.64	137.64	
Club logo shirt Sales:					Club Logo Charter Member Dangles		200.00	200.00	
Electronic Correspondence Rev					Club Logo Name Badges - Officer		8.00	8.00	
TOTAL Inflows	37,667.40	6,699.90	30,967.50		Computer Software		388.24	388.24	
					Electronic Correspondence		129.39	129.39	
					General Rally Expense		178.07		178.07
					Mailing Fee		198.80	198.80	
					Newsletter Printing Fee		1,488.86	1,488.86	
					Office Expense - Stamps		304.55	304.55	
					Office Supplies		1,006.48	1,006.48	
					Office supplies - Copying		50.64	50.64	
					Officer Rally Travel Expense:				
					CAT Rally		2,495.00		
					FMCA		1,609.52		
					Mileage		1,257.50		
					TOTAL Officer Rally Travel Expense:		5,362.02		5,362.02
					Pay Pal Fees		85.92	85.92	
					Postage and Delivery-Badges/Other in		(28.33)	(28.33)	
					Printing Fees		34.60	34.60	
					TOTAL Outflows		45,696.25	6,848.96	38,847.29
					8.12.11 Ending Balance		53,659.27	22,852.00	30,807.27

NOTE: All Treasurer Reports are based on the calendar year with Cash basis accounting as the foundation. Any reclassification of accounts from the previous calendar year period are reflected in this 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.

The Amana, IA Rally is not complete in calculations. At the report given at the business meeting FMCA Madison, WI, there were several outstanding bills. A full accounting of this rally will be in the next quarter for the newsletter.

Duly submitted by Kathe Letulle - Treasurer

TECH TALK



by **Brett Wolfe**
VP Technical;
Moderator, Cat RV Club
Technical Website

DO YOU PARK YOUR COACH WITH A FULL FUEL TANK?

First, let's look at what happens if you park your coach with 1/4 tank of fuel - assume a total capacity of 100 gallons.

As you burned the 75 gallons of diesel, that space in the tanks was replaced with AMBIENT AIR, at whatever temperature AND HUMIDITY the outside air is at that time. So you now have 25 gallons of diesel and, particularly, if driving in a hot/humid area, 75 gallons of hot, HUMID air.

OK, temperature drops to the dew point OF THAT HUMID AIR IN THE TANK. It CONDENSES. Since water is heavier than diesel, it goes to the bottom of the tank where it can cause "algae" growth and/or rust the tank.

Each day, as the temperature rises, air and diesel in the tank EXPAND - actually, air just goes OUT of the tank through the vent line. This happens even if the 75 gallons of air in the tank was dry and/or cold.

Each night, as the temperature falls, air is sucked into the tank through the breather line. As temperature continues to drop, the water vapor CONDENSES and goes to the bottom of the tank.

Repeat 30-100 times. NOT GOOD!

And yes, even if you are in a desert area, your tank WILL get down to the dew point and there will be condensation.

If you fill the tank before parking, there is a MUCH smaller volume of air to condense. Also, liquid (fuel) expands and contracts much less with temperature change than a gas (air) so there is far less "breathing" of the tank.

Add a biocide if storing fuel over 3 months.

If storing with fuel purchased in the summer or fall, use an anti-gel additive available at Walmart, etc. If you fuel up in the winter, the fuel already contains the anti-gel properties.

THE CAT RV CLUB TECHNICAL WEBSITE

The Cat RV Club Technical Website has been an integral part of the Club for almost 5 years.



Brett Wolfe

The address is: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/CATRVCLUB/>

Navigating the website is simple. Clickable links appear on the left-hand side including Messages and Files.

As the name implies, "Messages" is the question and answer section. There are over 15,000 posts on a wide variety of topics related to your Caterpillar engine and its maintenance. Recent discussion topics include:

- How to fix overheating - inexpensively
- How to drive for best fuel economy
- How to extend the crankcase breather tube for under \$10

The "Files" section, has a number of in-depth presentations on topics like:

- Fuel filters
- How to adjust valves
- How to fit a Caterpillar manual primer pump for easy fuel filter changes

There is no cost to participate in the website. Since this is organized as a Yahoo Group, each member is required to "join." Yahoo sets the rules,

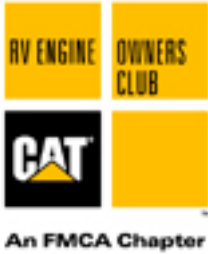
but this protects all of us from SPAM.

Got a question or recently solved a problem related to your Caterpillar engine.

COME JOIN US!



TECH TALK



**from Joe Blankenship, Service Supervisor;
Fabick CAT, Springfield, MO
417.380.4495**

Ed Myles (08 Country Coach Intrigue 530, #12260) reported “. . . the oil cap come off my Cat C-13 engine last week returning from Cape Cod, and lost 11 Qts of oil. No damage but what a dinghy mess!!! Anyway, my CAT dealer locally said Caterpillar had a recall on the oil fill tube and cap...not a safety recall, just an “Oh by the way” recall should you have such an incident. Just wanted to pass this along if any of you folks with a C-13 get oil change service or other engine service at a CAT service location. Ask next time. It won't come up in service bulletins unless queried.”

Your Editor checked with Joe Blankenship at Fabick CAT in Springfield, MO. Joe confirmed Ed's report as follows.

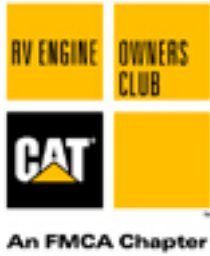
“If the engine is still covered by CAT warranty and the filler and cap is leaking, then yes it should be cover under warranty. If the unit is out of warranty and or the filler/cap is not leaking then no it will not be covered and the customer will be responsible.”

Thanks, Joe Blankenship

Joe also shared the CAT notice below.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Service Information System'. The Fabick CAT logo is in the top left, and a 'Shutdown SIS' button is in the top right. Below the logo is a 'Previous Screen' button. A status line reads: '< Product: NO EQUIPMENT SELECTED Model: NO EQUIPMENT SELECTED Configuration: NO EQUIPMENT SELECTED'. The main content area is titled 'Truck Engine News' with a sub-header '2003/12/01'. It includes 'Media Number -SERD6763-00', 'Publication Date -01/12/2003', and 'Date Updated -01/12/2003'. The article title is 'A New Oil Filler Tube and New Oil Filler Cap are Now Available {1316}' with a sub-header 'SMCS - 1316'. The 'Engine:' section lists various engine models with their serial numbers, including 3126B, 3406B, 3406C, 3406E, C-10, C-12, C-15, C-16, C-18, C11, C13, C15, 3176, 3176B, 3406E, C18, and C7. The 'Truck Engines:' section lists 3126E. A paragraph states: 'A new oil filler tube and oil filler cap are now available. The combination of the new oil filler tube and the new oil filler cap will improve retention of the oil filler cap.' A final paragraph notes: 'The new 241-2942 Oil Tube Assembly replaces the older 7E-4035 Oil Filler Tube. The new 241-5645 Filler Cap or the 068-4497 Filler Cap should be used with the new 241-2942 Oil Tube Assembly. The new oil fill cap can only be used with the older oil filler tube if the current oil fill cap seems loose, or if the oil fill cap will not stay secured.'

TEXAS HOLD 'EM



CAT RV Club Spring Rally April 15-20, 2012 Buckhorn Lake Resort Kerrville, TX

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND!

- **Your Rally Fee includes five nights camping, four dinners, three full breakfasts and one continental breakfast.**
- **Discover the Hill Country Region on our Poker Run. Visit five sites, draw a card at each and win the pot!**
- **On the Poker Run double your luck in the Photo Contest. Take pictures along the way and win more prizes in multiple categories!**
- **Sit back and enjoy our many seminars, including our ever popular CAT Maintenance Seminars, a Historic look at the area, RV Photography, Ladies Crafts, Western Dance Lessons, and a variety of Game Day Challenges, along with great meals.**
- **We'll fill out the evening with music and dancing.**
- **If you come early or stay late the campground will be just bustling with many other social activities.**
- **The CAT Spring Rally is six months away, not too early to make your plans now and register.**

CAT RV Club Spring Rally



**A note from Ken & Lida Carpenter
Brett & Dianne Wolfe**

We are hosting the Spring, 2012 CAT RV Club Rally at Buckhorn Lake Resort in the beautiful Hill Country of Texas.

Every site is landscaped, with full hookups, concrete pads, and are big rig friendly with ease of access. Designed with large rigs and rallies in mind, you'll appreciate the wide paved roads and large event center.

Buckhorn Lake Resort is conveniently situated off of I-10, Exit 501. It's the perfect place to stay while exploring all there is to see and do in the Texas Hill Country.

Buckhorn is a short drive to charming towns - Fredericksburg, Bandera, Boerne & Luckenbach.

We also have lots planned that will keep you busy day and night right at the campground!

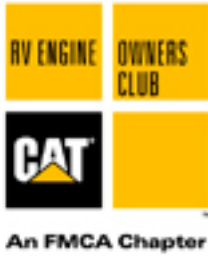
Fill in the form on the next page with information and mail, with your check to the address noted. Confirmations will be sent to the email address on the form. If you have questions contact one of us -

Brett and Dianne - bawolfe10@hotmail.com

Ken and Lida - klc@klcarpenter.info



Spring Rally Registration



- You should register by March 1, 2012.
- Determine Total Fee and mail the form and a check to Kathé Letulle.
- Contact Buckhorn Lake Resort if you will arrive early or depart later.

This is a self-fillable form you can complete on your computer. Fill in the information requested and print 2 copies, one to mail, one to file. Mail a copy with your check to the address below. Confirmations will be sent to the email address on this form. If you have questions contact one of our Rally Hosts -

Brett and Dianne Wolfe - bawolfe10@hotmail.com

Ken and Lida Carpenter - klc@klcarpenter.info

PRINT NAMES AS YOU WANT THEM TO APPEAR ON RALLY BADGES

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____
Guest Name _____ FMCA # _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Email _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
Coach Make _____ Model _____ #Slides _____ Length _____
Handicapped YES _____ NO _____ (X one) First Timer(s) YES _____ NO _____ (X one)

Rally Fees

\$375 for 2 people and 1 coach: \$ _____
\$325 for single and 1 coach: \$ _____
\$195 for each additional guest: \$ _____
Total Fee Included: \$ _____

Make checks payable to **FMCA CAT RV CLUB**
and mail to:
Kathé Letulle
P.O. Box 8761
Hot Springs Village
AR 71910-8761

If you have a question e-mail
treasurer.catrvclub@yahoo.com

Arriving Early or Staying Over?

Make reservations with
Buckhorn Lake Resort,
2885 Goat Creek Road,
Kerrville, TX 78028-9410
TOLL FREE: (800) 568-6458
DIRECT: (830) 895-0007
FAX: (830) 895-0013
Info@buckhornlake.com
N 30° 07' 194" [30.11990]
W 99° 11' 900" [99.19833]

Buckhorn has a 48 hour cancellation policy.
\$25 Cancellation Fee for less than 48 hour
notice. Site rates subject to change without
notice.

CLUB MERCHANDISE



An FMCA Chapter

• The form below is a self-fillable PDF form. Fill in the windows to the right with the number of items ordered, prices, add the shipping charge and get a grand total. Print 2 copies of this page, one to mail with your order, the other for your records.

• Mail along with your check payable to the FMCA CAT RV CLUB. Orders must be prepaid! If you have a question, contact Tom Treece: E-mail - merchandise@catrvclub.org;

His Name* _____ Her Name* _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 FMCA # with Prefix & Suffix _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Club 'Egg' and Bracket



"Egg" Identifies CAT RV Club @ **\$15/ea.**

Ladder Bracket to mount "Egg" @ **\$10/ea**

This combo includes the CAT RV Club "Egg" and mounting brackets for the coach ladder as shown @ **\$20/ea**

Number Ordered	Item(s) Price
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Logo Fanny Pack & Bottle



This Fanny Pack carries the CAT RV Club logo and includes a metal bottle, and has two zipper pockets @ **\$18/ea**

_____	\$ _____
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Logo Shirt



This White Polo Shirt features the CAT RV Club logo @ **\$20/ea**

Mark # of each size
 SM _____
 M _____
 L _____
 XL _____
 2XL _____
 3XL _____

_____	\$ _____
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Logo Baseball Cap



A classic style that will never grow old is the baseball cap. These adjustable long-time favored headpieces are designed to keep the bright sun out of your eyes and your CAT RV Club logo proudly on display @ **just \$10!**

_____	\$ _____
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Permanent Name Badges* names will be as filled in on form above; (with magnetic clasp, 2 badges=1 item)



This CAT RV Club Name Badge comes with a magnetic clasp, has the Club Name and the member's name. Please allow to 14 to 21 days to produce and deliver the name tag @ **\$9**

_____	\$ _____
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Logo Picnic Bag



This is a quality insulated picnic bag with two plates, napkins, wine glasses, bottle opener, and service in the zippered outside pocket. The bag has the CAT RV Club logo and comes in black trimmed in red @ **closeout price of \$30!**

_____	\$ _____
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CAT Door Mat



This quality door mat will look perfect outside your entry door. The mat cleans your shoes, helps keep the coach floor clean, & announces to all there is a BIG CAT pushing the rig down the road @ **\$25**

_____	\$ _____
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Mail completed form and check to:
 FMCA CAT RV Club
 Tom Treece - VP Inventory
 6239 White Oak Dr., Frederick, MD 21701-6717
 (301) 663-5361
 Orders can also be placed online at
<http://catrvclub.dynamic-storefront.com/Merchant/>

Shipping Charge Table
 1 Item - \$6
 2-4 Items - \$10
 5 + Items - \$13
 Pack or Mat - \$15 each

Subtotal	\$ _____
Shipping	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____