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## JACKSONVILLE RALLY - WRAP UP

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

Here is a brief wrap-up of the Rally. See the April print Newsletter and eNews for full details

We had a very good rally in Jacksonville, FL with 48 rigs attending! Flamingo Lake RV Resort catered to our every need. They stated we were their largest rally and want us to come back! The weather for the games could have been a little warmer and a little less windy but everyone had a fun time!! Several couples visited the Budweiser Brewery for the free tour and several others went back for the Brewmaster Tour, you pay a fee but you get an up close and personal tour of the whole plant and take away several "free" souvenirs! All the seminars were well attended and we heard nothing but compliments about the presenters. The caterer couldn't have been any better. All the "light" breakfasts were more than enough food and all the evening meals were outstanding!



*Jacksonville Rally Masters*

What fun! "Flamingo Lake RV Resort catered to our every need and the food was great."

*"Make Plans Now to Join Us in the  
Amana Colonies at the Octoberfest  
in July"*

***In This issue:***

There were 94 attendees; the Silent Auction netted \$353; the 50/50 donation event yielded \$358 in cash to attendees, \$357 to The Jacksonville Historical Society. The club made a donation of 16 Blanket Buddies and 18 Liquid Blow Bubbles to Nemours Hospital for Children.

We are looking forward to Amana, IA, July 24 - 28, 2011 with Rally Masters Suzie Adcock & Ken Edwards along with John & Joyce Kamp. They have a Great Rally planned.

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## OCTOBERFEST IN JULY - PREVIEW OF COMING RALLY ATTRACTIONS

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



Plans are really coming 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.

Get your registration forms in early!!! They are available on the website now, click below.

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## TECH TIDBITS 1 – CATERPILLAR RV DOCUMENTS POSTED TO CLUB WEBSITE

By Brett Wolfe, VP Technical and Yahoo Discussion Group Moderator

Six documents are now at on the 'Tech Tidbits' page of the Club website. You will now find -

[Bio Diesel Facts](#)

[CAT RV FAQ's](#)

[RV Performance](#)

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## TECH TIDBITS 2 – THE CAT CT660 WILL BE UNVEILED IN 2 WEEKS

By Brett Wolfe, VP Technical and Yahoo Discussion Group Moderator

Have you wondered about Caterpillar's joint venture with Navistar. Visit [DriveCat.com](#) to get a video glimpse of the new Cat CT660.

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## JACKSONVILLE RALLY PHOTOS ONLINE

by Lee Zaborowski, VP Publications

Click on the READ MORE link below to see the rally photos. You can also upload your own as well. Enjoy! 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).

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## RECREATION.GOV - EXPLORE YOUR AMERICA

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



Are you looking for a quick way to get everything from trip planning information to scheduling reservations? Whether your trips involves your auto or your motorhome, or biking, camping, hiking, historical and cultural sites or tours, the link below will guide you for everything from autotouring and biking to recreational vehicles and water sports. There is also a link to America's Byways, volunteering, outdoor maps and guides and much, much more... Enjoy.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT and MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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

As of March 1, 2011 the number of family memberships in good standing was 865. This compares with 933 a year ago. 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. Nonetheless, CAT RV Club memberships are "delinquent" after 90 days from November 1 of the prior year per FMCA rules.

So far this current membership year, we have added 48 new members. This number does not include the membership applications received in Perry. This time last year we had added only 58. A total of 209 members were added during the prior membership year and we appear to be on track to for a total of over 200 new members again this year.

Renewal can be made by taking advantage of one of the PayPal options or by mailing in your check. The printed form is not required if you have not changed your contact information but please do remember to put your FMCA number on the check. To renew now, click one of the following options:

- To pay by credit card using PayPal, click here [PAYPAL](#).
- To download a form and complete and mail with your check, click here [DOWNLOAD FORM](#).

If you have questions, please contact me ([catrvclubmembership@gmail.com](mailto:catrvclubmembership@gmail.com)).

## 2011 Membership Cards

Membership and Caterpillar 10% discount cards are sent by email shortly after your renewal is processed. They look a lot different than last year as they either come by email or are printed on regular business weight printer paper. Have you received your 2011 Membership Card? Were you able to print it? If you did not receive your card or had difficulty printing it, [click here to request a replacement or to print it for you](#). We changed the Membership and 10% Caterpillar Discount Card process this year in order to reduce production and mailing expenses. You will need the 2011 Membership card in order to receive the 10% discount on genuine Caterpillar parts purchased for your RV.

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## NEW CAT RV CLUB MEMBERS

### By Ken Carpenter

Please join us in extending a warm Welcome to the following new Club members! There were 9 new member families joining the Club during this past month.

Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province	Name, City, State/Province
William & Beverly Beilby Nepean, ON	Tom & Edna Brinker Carmel, IN	Larry & Margaret Chandler Alexandria, VA
Don & Jane Colapietro Bonita Springs, FL	Keith & Eileen Cooper Alpharetta, GA	Ray & Toni Courtier Panacea, FL
Tom & Shirley Day Highland Village, TX	William & Debra Dorris Taylors, SC	Jack & Mary Ann Dougherty Pinelas Park, 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](mailto:membership@catrvclub.org). Please include your FMCA number. Also, we can not share this information with FMCA, so let them know as well: <http://www.fmca.com>. In addition, any email address changes need to be submitted to iContact using the Manage Your Subscription link at the bottom of this page.

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