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Letter From the President

Hurry, hurry, hurry.

Step right up to the amazing FMC 2900R!

The time has come to start getting serious about the 2014 Mega rally coming up in June. I have been hearing of new members that plan to attend. Always nice to meet more coaches, I mean owners! It will be a good idea to register early for this Rally so we can get the preparations underway. Registration forms should be available after the first of the year.

Overdrive update

I got it one piece at a time, (just got 2 oddball bolts yesterday) and it didn't cost me a dime, (Why send a dime to do what a few bucks can accomplish) And a little help from an adapta-kit, (Lots of help from some friends) and parts from the early 60's to some from the 3'rd Millennium.

The gathering is just about complete and the melding into the FMC has to commence soon to have it rolling for the Rally!

Thaw list

I ordered 2 of the Fan-Tastic vents for #902. The day they showed up it started to snow. I got the white domes for #902, my #100 and #289 coaches both have one of the tinted ones in them.

Have to pick one of these and get the overdrive on the road.

Hope to see you at the rally in Red Oak II, the *Sturgis of the Midwest for FMC Coaches!*

Bill Sitton,
President FMC Owners Club

Mega, Mega Rally at Red Oak II, outside of Carthage, MO

There are no leash laws for pets at Red Oak II but be aware that the following animals are also loose: chickens, ducks, peacocks, turkeys, cats, dogs, geese, snakes and tourists.

None of these animals will bother you if you leave them alone. Any pet that does not behave will have to be penned up or go to Jail. There will be ten sites with 50 and 30 amp service, some with water

and dump. Lots of great open sites for dry camping with free dump station.

By, Jim Woestman, Rally Master.

p.s. The location can be found by looking up Red Oak II Missouri. My personal address is also at this address--90974 County Loop 122, Carthage, MO. This is a small village that the artist Lowell Davis developed several years ago. All buildings were moved here from the surrounding area except my new home. You will be camping in times past. Very unique and peaceful. Please use your computer to view the area. <http://www.redoakiimissouri.com>

You will look good filling up your FMC at the Red Oak II gas station!



Remember to mark your calendars so that you will be in Red Oak II July 10-14, 2014 for the largest FMC Rally in Many Years.



This is an aerial photograph of Red Oak II. The Rally Master's house is the one with the red roof in the lower left at the rear of Red Oak II. We will start filling up the green area around and above his house as FMC's arrive. As you can see, we have plenty of room for many, many coaches.

Please note that a signup sheet will be sent to all members in January. As you can confirm your attendance. complete your form and reserve your space

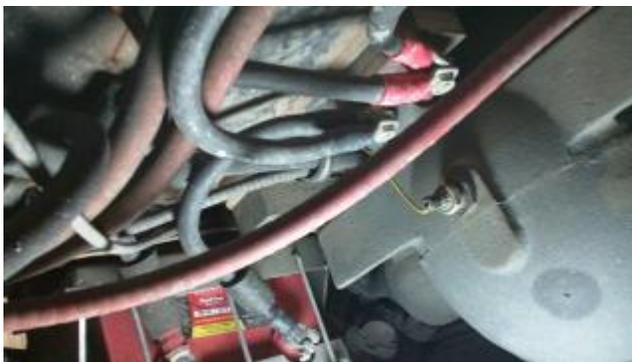
FMC Chassis Battery Relocation

Hi fellow FMCers, for this news letter I am posting pictures of changes that I made to #645 in an effort to transfer weight and free up space in my engine compartment. On the first engine conversion project I used two group 31 batteries and mounted them end to end, parallel to the engine. During the second engine conversion project to a Cummins 5.9, I wanted to remove the batteries from the engine compartment altogether, but where to put them?

When relocating components, I like to use spaces that are roomy but out of the way. Spaces that wouldn't get used otherwise. I decided to mount the batteries ahead of the rear axle, close to each rear wheel control arm. This space was challenging in that there wasn't a huge amount of room, I couldn't let the batteries hang too low and it definitely isn't the most accessible location.



I decided to use Optima Red Top gel batteries because they are small with good output and can be mounted in any position other than upside down. I had a local metal shop bend up 3/16" aluminum boxes and mounted them to the under body of the coach.



The batteries are mounted on their sides with the posts facing each other. The battery hold down assembly in this case holds the battery up in place. Three bolts were used to secure the hold down and all were double nutted to prevent loosening. A junction block was placed between the batteries and the battery cables were run to that. Cables were then run from there rearward to the engine. With this location the cables to the starter are about two and a half feet long, fairly short which is an added benefit.

Time will tell how well this arrangement will work. I've used the Optima batteries in other vehicles and so far they have been fairly long lasting. The Optima batteries are widely available, so that if I needed one on the road it shouldn't be too hard to source. Mounting lead acid batteries in that location could be done but it would be more challenging.

Well I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Mega Rally in Carthage Missouri in July, only 6 1/2 months away. At the rally you will have the opportunity to do a first hand inspection of how the batteries are installed.



Frank Borrmann,
International V.P.

[FMC's Heading to the Heartland](#)

Hello fellow FMC'ers. We are really looking forward to the Holidays and also the Great FMC MEGA Rally in July. If you are east of the sprawling metropolis of Red Oak II, Missouri and interested in caravanning to the rally please let me know. Once we get some feedback we will develop a timeline and suggest suitable places to join up. If you would like to help with or co-Rally Master the westbound caravan portion, please speak up.

We could easily end up with more than one caravan. Our preference is to avoid the Interstate routes when possible, sometimes a little gravel in our travels but at least the scenic byways. It may be too soon for some to commit but if you are planning to go or even considering it please let us know.

Plenty of time but it's not too early to start planning.

Denny Shewmake,
VP FMC East denshew@gmail.com 678.525.9892

Loss of a long time fellow FMCer

It is with a heavy heart I have to tell you of the loss of one of our great friends and fellow FMCer, Wayne Jacoby, who passed this past summer. He is survived by his wife Jerry who will stay in Watseka. Illinois.

I wish I had more detailed information but suffice it to say that Wayne was very instrumental in getting a large portion of this FMC group to come together over the years. He was a big proponent of the GLASS rally which eventually inspired the formation of this group through the meeting of likeminded owners to keep the FMC group going and returning it from the point of extinction.

He was at our big rally in Minden in 2010 whereby he and Jerry stopped in for the day while on their way to Denver. He (seated) then relinquished his National Director post to the new National Director, Gene Albers (standing), who was promptly replaced the next day by Stephen Heinrichs.



We will surely miss him to the greatest extent-----

Barney Martin

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Business Meeting

Gold Beach, Oregon
Annual Meeting Agenda
FMC MotorCoach Owner's Club
July 28, 2013

Meeting Called to Order at 9:41am

Welcome & Introductions:

In attendance: Carlton & Nuntawan Camyre, Ed & Evelyn Hannevig, Stephen Heinrichs, Jim Woestman, Michael Metsch & Alice Kamm, Dean & Laura Lumibao, Greg & Liza Miller, Larry Enocksen, Ed Marshall.

Officers present:

Greg Miller, VP West Coast

Stephen Heinrichs, National Director

Carlton Camyre, Alternate National Director

Introductions of others that did something in an official capacity

Newsletter editor:

Heinrichs is willing to continue to serve as newsletter editor.

We won an award from the FMCA for our newsletter.

Web Master: Jim Evans & Stephen Heinrichs

Stephan gave an update on the current website status. The INTO newsletter is linked to from our current website so we can check there for their information.

Rally Masters/Organizers & Reports:

- § Garden of the Gods (Jellystone) Larkspur, CO Mega Rally 2012:
- § Rally Master - Jim Evans
- § Heinrichs delivered a brief report on the Colorado Mega Rally
- § West Coast Fall Rally- Plymouth, CA. - November, 2012
- § Rally Master - Greg Miller
- § Stephen Heinrichs delivered a report.
- § West Coast Spring Rally-Felton, CA- April, 2013
- § Rally Master - Greg Miller
- § Stephen Heinrichs delivered a report.
- § Mega Rally 2014 – July 10 – 13. 2014 at Red Oak II, Missouri
- § Rally Master: Jim Woestman
- § Alaska Caravan – looking at possibilities for holding this in 2015

Mini Rallies— fliers were available for the following mini-rallies

- 40th Six-State Rally (South Central Area Rally) September 11-14, 2013 Sedalia, MO

Fairgrounds

- Lynn & Ken Clugston, Rally Masters
- INTO (International Area Rally) May 2014, Lynn & Ken in Tennessee

Secretary's Minutes:

Minutes were approved as written.

Correspondence - There was no correspondence to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Reports were available for the membership to view.

Year to date.....July 1,2012-July 10, 2013

(9 Members still have not paid 2013 dues, as of this date.)

Stephen reviewed the report. We are financially sound.

Stephen mails the newsletter to people.

Old Business:

Fund raisers: Cookbook...Lynn is retired now and ready to do this. If Liza is still willing to assist and Louise would be willing, we will start working on this.

This topic was tabled until the Mega Rally in 2014.

New Business:

Election of New Nominating committee

Motion to make up the nominating committee of Jim Woestman, Dean Lumibao, & Harry Day. Seconded. Unanimous approval.

Missouri Mega-Rally – Jim Woestman gave a talk about the Missouri Mega Rally. Red Oak II is an artistic village created by Lowell Davis. The buildings have been moved in – except Jim's house was built there. Unpaved road. Lots of dogs (no leashes). Animals everywhere. Two miles off Route 66. Lots of tourists come to visit. Lowell is a character. He's a talented artist. Requesting donations in lieu of camping fees to help support Red Oak II. Carthage is a historical town with lots of beautiful places to visit and historic homes. Planned events include: bi-plane flyover with photos taken of the FMC's at Red Oak II. Roast pig cookout. There will be more surprises. There is a Vietnamese group that has an event in Carthage in about the same time. 4 hookups with electricity are available at Red Oak II. There are three motels being brought in and another house with electricity, dump station, & electricity. The officers get first choice of sites. There are also dump stations available. There is a beautiful fire pit in the front yard near the weeping willow tree. Stephen talked about the Rolling Rally that Jim hosted a day at Red Oak II. Totally fun. Must have meals at Lucky 7. We should also plan to visit Jim's Sam Hill Building with Jim's car collection and model trains. Plan to be there – it's going to be a time. Plus. Stephen will be there in his FMC 1046. It's a promise. Temperatures and humidity are high. (90's – down to 70's at night)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Submitted by Liza Miller

Secretary/Treasurer's Notes:

Well the end of the year is here again.....seems like this comes faster and faster every year. I am filling out FMCA's end of year paper work, and am sorry to let everyone know it looks like we will be losing several more members, due to not paying either FMC or FMCA dues.

January 2nd, 2014 dues will be due again, only \$10.00. The end of January or early part of February I will be sending out reminder notices. These will tell you how much you owe if you are behind in paying dues, if FMCA or FMC club has suspended or cancelled your membership due to not paying dues.

Our membership is currently 46, which is down more than 10 members from a few years ago. Ideas and suggestions are welcome on how we might be able to retain members and bring new members into the club. Call or email a board member with your ideas.

Looking forward to the Mega Rally next summer in Missouri, start planning your trip now. Hope to meet many of you who we have not met yet.

One other note, when you send dues for next year be sure to update all information using the Membership Application/Renewal sheet found in this newsletter.

Happiest of Holidays to All, Lynn Clugston, Secty/Treas

FMC Motor Coach Owners Club
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION
Membership held *EXCLUSIVE* to FMC Motor Coach Owner's
(You must also be an active member of the FMCA)

Date: _____ Membership: New _____ Renewal _____

FMC Motor Coach No. _____ FMCA Membership No. _____

Name on Badge #1: _____

Name on Badge #2: _____

Number of Children, Names and Age: _____

(Do you want name badges for the children? YES _____ NO _____ If Yes, charge is an extra \$7.25 for each.) [2 name badges come with 1st year dues]

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address(es): _____

(To save on postage, most Correspondence & Newsletters will be sent via email.)

New Memberships/Initiation fees are \$25.00. This includes first year's dues & two name badges. Chapter dues are \$10.00 per year, payable January 2nd of each year. Checks should be made payable to "FMC Motor Coach Owners Club".

If you need an application for FMCA ask Lynn for one or go on line... www.fmca.com
To belong to FMC Owners Club you must also be a member of FMCA.
They are our 'Mother' organization.

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OFFICE USE:
Amt. Received _____

Date _____

Check # _____

Badges Ordered _____

Recreational Vehicle Service (RVS) closing after 37 years

RVS, owned by Jim and Jackie Black, was established in Morgan Hill, CA in 1976 as the authorized service center for FMC coaches when FMC ceased production of the coaches and transformed the manufacturing facility for other uses. Much of the then existing parts inventory and other items needed to service the coaches was transferred so that RVS could provide long term support to coach owners.

This action by FMC and the enthusiasm of the Blacks for FMC coaches has served the FMC owner community well for these many years. The fact that RVS was there to support FMC coaches has greatly helped the community of owners keep the coaches on the road. For this, we owners are very thankful to the Blacks and wish them well. While the business continued to prosper with the servicing of other brands increasing as the volume of FMC's decreased over time, health issues have decreed that now is the time for the business to be concluded. We are thankful for and will miss Jim's openness to giving as much telephone advise as any of us needed.

The Blacks would like to thank the FMC owner community for the support that we, as owners, have given them over time. Additionally, Jim wants to thank the owners for having provided various ideas for improving the coaches which Jim could then make available to other owners. An example of an owner idea for improvement is the overhead cabinets that are above the windshields of many coaches. This was suggested by an owner and then created by Jim. Many were installed by RVS, but they were also sold as kits so they found their way into coaches all over the country.

The last day of operation will be Dec 31, 2013 should you want a part or just want to give them a call. The phone number is 408-779-3173 and the email address is: fmcrvs@yahoo.com



A few things to see and do at Red Oak II July 10-14, 2014

Many surprises await attendees....



Are you in this picture?



Sure, it will fly!



The Marshall may.....



..... put you in jail if you don't behave



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FMC Owners Club

Our objectives are to develop camaraderie, pride in owning a unique and wonderful coach, sharing knowledge in an open exchange of technical information on maintaining, upgrading parts and service. We need to be passionate about owning, driving and working on our FMC Motor Coach.

A high priority is to keep fun in FMC Motor Coach ownership. We are a fun-loving, family-oriented group and will produce and promote events that will include the entire family.



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