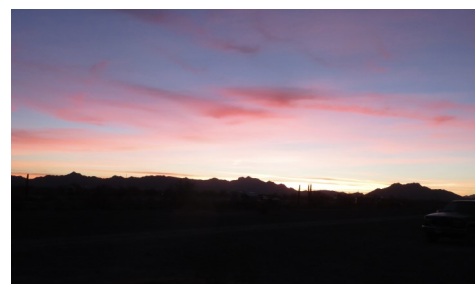
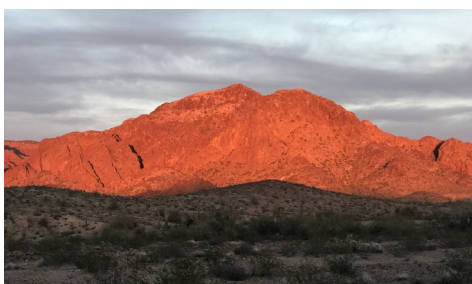
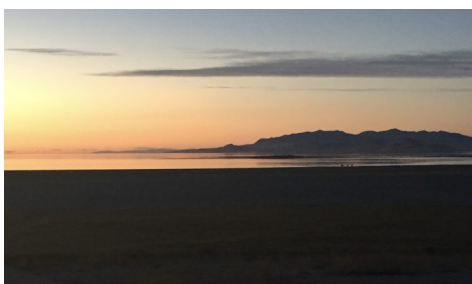


BOONDOCKING 101



Views from boondocking campsites at Antelope Island State Park, Utah (left), Sunset Campground, Death Valley National Park, California (center), and sunset at La Posita Tyson Wash Long Term Visitor Area, Quartzsite, Arizona (right).

My husband and I are ardent boondockers, and we have been doing it for many years in tents, travel trailers, and our current class A diesel pusher RV. We love to spend weeks at a time in places like the Arizona desert in winter or the Bighorn Mountains in summer. In addition, we frequently stay in parking lots when traveling from Point A to Point B, and we stay in National Forest and National Park campgrounds without hookups whenever possible. With the increased visibility and use of such overnight spots as Harvest Hosts and Boondockers Welcome, many who never considered staying anywhere without hookups are now interested in what it takes to stay one or more nights off the grid. I will describe our approach to boondocking, and identify what is needed for short-term and longer-term stays off-grid. Note there are lots of different “right” ways to stay off-grid, but this is what works for us.

The three major topics for staying off-grid are power, fresh water, and waste.

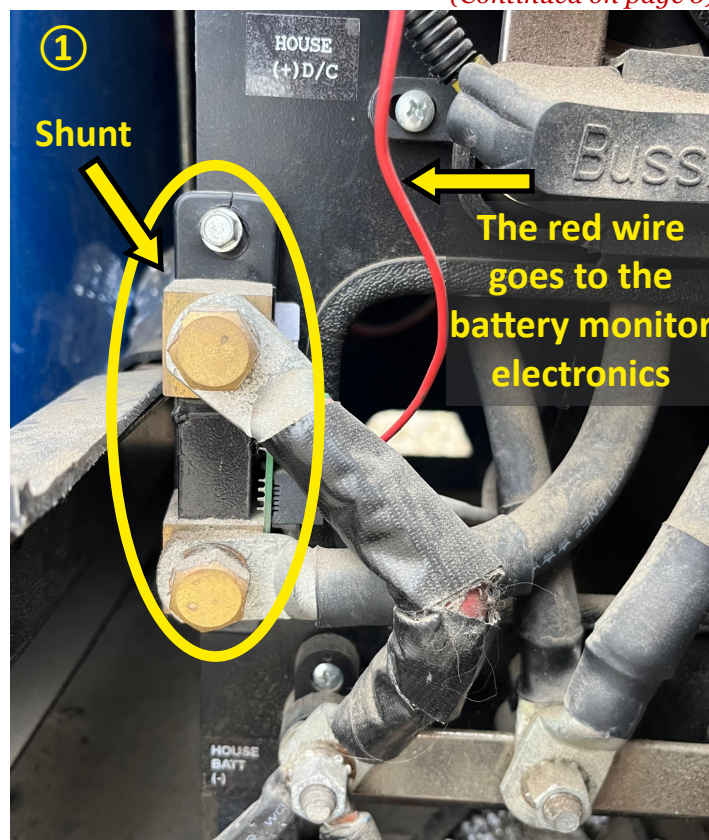
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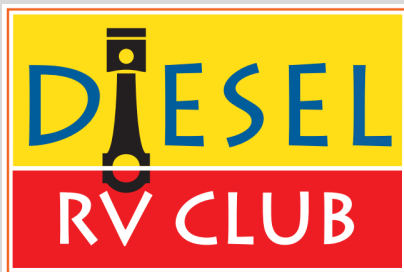
This is the most complicated topic. The first step is to determine how much power you expect to use. There are online guides that can help you calculate your power usage. Since the URLs change frequently, you should do an internet search for phrases like “How do I determine my RV power needs” or “RV power needs for boondocking.” Either will send you to some good sites. They will all ask you to identify the items you need to power, the amps needed, and the time the item will be on.

A simple alternative way to do this is to install a battery monitor, and I highly recommend you get one. We use the

popular Victron BMV model, but there are others. A good battery monitor uses a shunt right next to the battery to accurately measure voltage and current. ①

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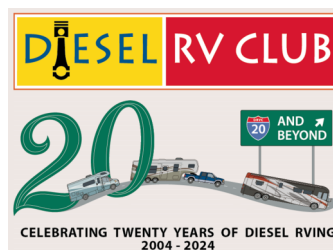
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THE OFFICER'S CORNER

From Dee Blocker, President



Ya'll get ready. It's a brand new year. Time to get out there and enjoy your RVs.

We have upcoming rallies in Arizona in March. The Diesel RV Club Sonoran Sunset rally will be held in Benson, followed by the FMCA 108th International Convention & RV Expo just down the road in Tucson. Hope to see many of you there. The details for these rallies,

plus a SUPER EVENT rally in April we are co-hosting with Freightliner and Fleetwood, can be found elsewhere in the *Travelore*.

On a personal note, my motorhome has been in the shop since September. We had a tailpipe come apart and burn a

bunch of wiring. They are struggling with repairs. Hopefully, we will be able to attend these rallies as well as do a little traveling.

As always, we are looking for a few good folks to get involved with the club as officers. We are also in need of rally hosts. It is not that hard, and you will get plenty of help from the officers. You also get to attend for free as a reward for hosting. See the related article on page 8.

Summer is upon us. It's time to get out there and enjoy this great country we live in.

Safe travels to all of you.

Dee

NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

It is that time of year to let us know you are interested in helping to lead the Diesel RV Club forward. Pick a position and volunteer to be part of a team effort to keep the DRVC going strong!

Elections are held annually at the Diesel RV Club Business Meeting at the summer rally held prior to the FMCA International Convention. The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the following offices for the upcoming election to be held this summer. Each office is for a two-year term beginning following the rally in Oregon in August and ending in the summer of 2026.

- President
- VP Membership
- VP Technical
- Secretary
- National Director

We are also seeking candidates to complete the term ending in the summer of 2025 for the position of Senior Vice President, which became vacant with the election of Dee Blocker as President. Next year (for elections held in odd numbered years) offices to be elected will be Senior Vice President, VP Publications, Treasurer, and Alternate National Director. Nominating Committee members serve a one-year term and are elected at the Business Meeting each summer.

Detailed job descriptions for each office can be found online in the members section of the website

(www.dieselryclub.org) under Governance — Standing Rules.

While Club rally and FMCA convention attendance is not required of officers, participation is expected of officers and members of the nominating committee. The Club pays half of the rally and FMCA Convention fees to officers as an incentive for participation. Select positions also receive mileage

In addition to the above positions, the Club is dependent upon and seeking volunteers for social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube), webmaster duties using the I4a (Internet4Associations) membership application for non-profit organizations, and technical administrative support for the forum using Simple Machines Forum (SMF). While these are non-officer roles, officers have often served in these capacities.

Current members of the 2023–2024 Nominating Committee are: Dee Blocker, Bo Fines, and Kevin Stalnaker

The benefits of Club membership are made possible because members like you have volunteered their time and energy for the benefit of all of us. But this cannot continue without you — so please, step up and help. We ask that you review the roles and responsibilities of these positions. To volunteer or to recommend someone else for one of these positions, or if you have questions about these positions or anything else please contact Dee Blocker at DBlocker100@gmail.com.

DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID (DEF) SENSOR SHORTAGE UPDATE

Replacement DEF Sensors Now Available

Feedback from diesel engine manufacturers says a Recall Notice is in the works, so RVers who have experienced the DEF Sensor (also called the DEF Head) problem will be able to get it fixed at no charge under the recall program. The recall is expected to be announced soon. Reportedly, there is now an adequate supply of replacement parts.

However, there has not been a change in the EPA rules associated with derating an engine once the DEF Head quality sensor reports a problem. The sensor tests DEF quality (concentration of DEF in the tank), temperature (must be within acceptable temperature range of optimal performance), and level (must be an adequate volume in the tank). In the event any of these tests fail, the driver is usually notified through a warning message on the Driver Information Center (DIC). The warning message could be one of the following:

- **Exhaust Fluid Quality Poor:** This message is displayed when the SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction) efficiency is below a calibrated value.
- **Diesel Exhaust Fluid Warning Lamp On:** This message is displayed when the DEF system requires immediate service.
- **Other Exhaust Fluid Quality Related Concerns:** This message is displayed when there are other DEF quality-related concerns.

The DEF warning light, if accompanied by the Check Engine light (red), will trigger a derating process that ultimately results in limiting speed to 5 mph. This is a several-hour period to allow time to get to a service facility. A driver will only be left on the side of the road if they ignore these two warning lights. Prompt response to this warning is critical.

Besides the time limit, any of the following will trigger the 5-mph limit:

- Idling for more than an hour
- Turning off the engine
- Refueling

Typically, if a DEF sensor fails, it is easy to simply install another one. The shortage of these sensors, however, created a problem for many vehicle owners who could not get a replacement. This left many RV owners fearful of being disabled along a busy highway and reluctant to use their rigs.

After the global shortage of DEF sensors impacted vehicle owners, both individual RV owners and engine manufacturers developed solutions that enabled operation until the sensor supply problem was solved.

EPA has approved all the software solutions provided by the engine manufacturers, and manufacturers have already begun implementing many of them. Each manufacturer has numerous engine families, and each family typically requires a unique software solution. Manufacturers determined the pace and sequence for software deployment for each of their engine families. Vehicle owners were advised to contact their local dealership's service department for information about when a solution for their specific vehicle will be available.

Under the recall program notices are to be sent by manufacturers directly to the rig owner along with applicable instructions. Anyone who had the temporary fix must respond to the recall.

With the resolution of the supply problem, the software flash is no longer available, and the DEF head is to be replaced. Rather than wait for the notice, affected owners should be able to get the repair by contacting their dealer or service center.

By: Steve Bertling, F460062, and Ken Carpenter, F312233

Headed to Tucson for the FMCA Convention?

Come say "Hello" at the Chapter Fair on March 19 at 3:45 pm in Thurber Hall, stop by for pizza and wine at the Block Party on March 21 at 5:00 pm (location TBD), or BYOB and a chair to sit with friends at the Chapter Fest on March 23 at 6:30 pm in Central Park/Cantina Lawn. See your convention brochure for details, and check the DieselRVClub Facebook page for the location of the Block Party, currently TBD.



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Modern battery monitors display the battery status through Bluetooth connectivity on your phone or computer, and they are quite accurate. To see how much power you use when off-grid, make sure your batteries are fully charged, then disconnect from shore power. Use your rig as you normally would for at least a few hours, preferably 12 hours or so. Check how many amps hours you use and how your batteries behave. This should let you know your usage. Remember, certain appliances probably are locked out of operating on your battery. Chief among these are air conditioners, many induction ranges, and clothes washers/dryers. You will need to run a generator to operate those appliances (unless you have very large battery banks, a topic which is well outside the scope of this article).

It is recommended that most standard lead acid batteries—the kind that come in most RVs—not be discharged below 50% of capacity for maximum longevity. For example, four standard six-volt lead acid batteries will have a label capacity of 200–220 amp hours. You should not discharge them below 100–110 amp hours if you want the longest lifespan. RV “lithium batteries” are chemically different from the ones in your small appliances and are quite safe. They can be discharged thousands of times to 10% of charge, thereby providing more power for the same space. They are made from LiFePO₄ (lithium iron phosphate). They are significantly lighter for the same amp hours and charge much faster. They are also significantly more expensive, though the price has come down considerably. Be careful of the very inexpensive units; they are not always made with care, and sometimes they do not have a battery management system (BMS). Lithium RV batteries need a BMS to prohibit charging if the batteries are below 32°F. They can be discharged to well below 0°F, but not charged. Lithium batteries are a great enhancement to longer-term boondocking, but probably not worth it for a short overnight at a Harvest Host. But if your lead acid batteries are old, you may choose to get new lithium batteries to have adequate power. We purchased the LifeBlue batteries a few years back. ② They are more expensive than some, but they have a built-in battery heater for charging below freezing. Since we travel in colder seasons and at higher elevations, we were willing to spend the money on that feature. If you always stay south, the self-heating might not be needed.

Once your batteries are discharged you will need some method to replace the power. The easiest way for most RVs is the built-in generator on most motorhomes and many fifth wheels. An external generator will also work if your rig does not have one built in. Make sure your charging system is set to the appropriate values for the type of batteries you have. LiFePO₄ batteries take a different charge voltage than lead acid batteries. Your charging unit documentation should show how to set up your system. Note that a sometimes underappreciated characteristic of lithium batteries is they can charge much faster than lead acid batteries due to their chemistry.



600 amp hours of lithium batteries fit in the same space as six 6v batteries.

An alternative or additional power source is solar, which is what we primarily use. However, a good solar setup is expensive so probably not appropriate for occasional overnights. Getting solar can be a good investment for long-term off the grid because it is silent and effective. Solar installations include panels, mounting components, a solar controller, and a charge controller. For example, my husband and I are pretty power hungry in our 2018 rig. We use 250–300 amp hours overnight (8 PM to 8 AM). That includes running our lights, propane furnace fan, residential refrigerator, water pump, a few hours of TV, charging various personal devices, and making coffee in the morning. We also have 600 amp-hours of lithium batteries and 900 watts of solar. In the summer, the solar will charge our batteries completely in clear weather, actively bringing in 700–800 watts at maximum, but low sun angles and short days with 300–350 watts maximum means we use the generator some in winter, usually for an hour or so a day. Flat-mounted panels like we have are significantly less effective than movable panels. There are two main varieties of movable panels, portable and permanently mounted tilting. Portable panels need to be adjusted for sun movement to be most effective, and there is always the possibility (though remote) of theft if left unattended. Tilt panels have become available in the last few years, and we might have gotten those if they had been available when we installed ours six years ago. The mounting components are significantly more expensive though, so it is worth getting the biggest panels the mounts can handle. Our panels are only 100 watts each, and newer panels are both larger and more cost competitive. Note our batteries are on one side of the coach, and the solar controller is in a different bay. The wiring connecting them must be of appropriate size for safety and efficiency, just as the wiring between the solar panels and solar con-

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③ Total of 9 solar panels, flat mounted



④ Solar controller



though I know others might disagree. We sanitize twice a year using the CDC-recommended approach of ¼ cup bleach per 15 gallons of water capacity. Note we almost always use only our fresh water tank even in a full hookup campground, so this is our normal approach. You can use the regular cheap bleach, not the ‘easy pour’ or ‘fresh smelling’ types.

Rigs vary widely in the amount of freshwater capacity. In general, you will need 3–5 gallons per person per day if you are conservative with water. The low side of that is using disposable items and not taking daily short showers, while the high side is washing dishes and taking short showers daily. Short showers are known as “Navy showers,” and they are the standard for both short- and longer-term stays. The approach is to wet your hair and body, turn off the water, apply soap and shampoo, then turn the water back on and rinse. Another approach to minimizing wastewater is to reuse it. Several of my friends catch the cold water that initially comes out of the shower in a bucket. They then use the water in the bucket to flush the toilet. A more expensive solution is a “Shower Miser”⑤ — a recirculating valve that will route shower water back to the freshwater tank until

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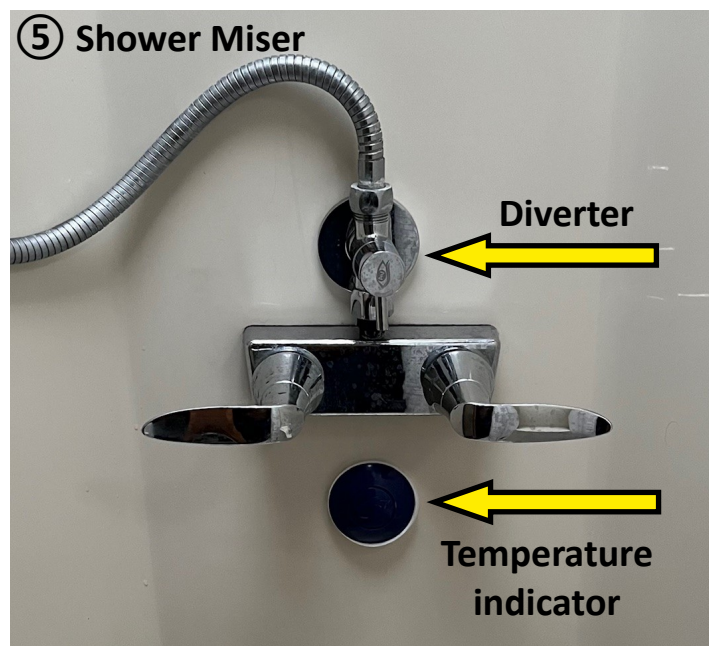
troller must be appropriate. For this reason, make sure a qualified, experienced person designs and installs a solar setup. My husband is an electronics engineer by training, and he did the solar setup ③④ on our last travel trailer and our current motorhome.

If you are moving each day to a different location, your vehicle’s alternator is probably set up to charge your house batteries. Be a bit careful with this with lithium batteries, which are significantly discharged. The charge controller may drive your alternator too hard and eventually cause it to fail. My husband installed a 30-amp DC to DC charger, but we have since found that our 160-amp alternator handles the draw without any issue, so the additional charger wasn’t needed.

Fresh Water

You will need to use your tank water when off the grid, so you need to sanitize the tank appropriately. We never use bottled water due to the plastic waste and inconvenience,

⑤ Shower Miser





More views from off-the-grid campsites at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Ajo, Arizona (left) [Note the generator compartment is partially open to discourage pack rats! Life isn't always trouble free in off-grid spots.]; and Pulltite Campground, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri (right).

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the water is hot and you switch the valve closed. We installed this late last summer, and it would not be recommended for casual overnighting, although it is handy for long-term use. Leaving a sink running while brushing teeth or shaving can use up unexpectedly large amounts of water, so use the same approach there.

Another water hog is the macerator toilet. A friend who boondocks with us for a week or more each year and has 1½ baths recommends using the drop toilet that many bigger rigs have instead of the macerator toilet if water usage is a concern. If you have only macerator toilets, you can limit the water used by turning off your water pump midway through the flush or refill cycle. Then you won't have to reset your toilet bowl water levels each time you boondock.

Your black tank needs a significant amount of water to keep the smells down and solids suspended, so you should still flush the toilet with a normal amount. As an example of usage, my husband and I have a single drop toilet with a bidet, take daily showers, cook meals on our inside propane stove without disposable items, and use real dishes we wash once a day. We use 8–10 gallons of water per day between 2 people, well within the capacity of our 90-gallon fresh water tank for a week. If yours is a smaller tank, it is possible to be perfectly clean with a wash rag, a container of soapy water, and a container of fresh water. That's what my family grew up with in a vacation cabin without running water, and we all survived and stayed clean! Many people I know with limited water capacity alternate a Navy shower with a wash rag cleaning.

Waste Water

Gray tank capacity is generally closely aligned with fresh water capacity, and it is common for the gray tank to fill before running out of fresh water. For example, we always fill our 70-gallon gray water tank before our 90-gallon fresh water tank is empty. Do not dispose of gray water on the ground. Yes, we were able to do that many years ago with a much smaller population, but it violates most land manager's regulations and is a violation of the Leave No Trace ethics we should all be following. Dispose of your gray water in a standard RV dump along with your black water. Black water capacity will rarely be an issue. Ours is 50 gallons, and we start off every trip by putting 5–10 gallons of water in the tank after dumping to make sure any solids stay in suspension. For us, the gray tank fills well before the black tank, and it is the gray tank that drives us to dump.

There are two general approaches to dumping – portable waste tanks and dump stations. We are all familiar with dump stations, but not as many have used portable waste tanks colloquially known as 'Blue Boys,' though they come in different colors. With a portable tank, you use the same approach of dumping you normally use at a dump station, but since portable tanks are frequently smaller than the RV tank, be careful with the amount of liquid you release! You do not want to overflow the portable tank and have waste dumped next to your feet. You then take the portable tank to a dump station. This is easier by far if you have wheels on your portable tank, the bigger the wheels the better.

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To find a dump station and fresh water fill while you are off-grid, you can look at any number of campground apps. Some fuel stations, highway rest areas, and many public areas like National Forests will have them in central locations. Many private campgrounds will allow you to use their facilities for a reasonable fee, \$10–\$20. I don't fill my fresh water tank anywhere I am not confident the water is tested. Therefore, I prefer campgrounds (public and private) to highway rest areas and fuel stations. When we boondock, we generally like being in an area for 5–7 days, then we head into a full-service campground for a day or two to dump tanks and do laundry and shopping. We do stay in the Arizona desert for 3–4 weeks at a time, though, so we find and use nearby public dump stations under those circumstances. Many public campgrounds without facilities have centralized water and dump stations not too far away. For example, in the Bighorn Mountains in Wyoming, the National Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management operate multi-lane central dump stations in a few spots rather than putting water and dump stations in the remote individual campgrounds.

Trash Disposal

Disposing of trash can be a surprising issue. While going to a dump station might be a once-a-week task, you might need to dispose of a trash bag every day or two. Try to crush all possible items, such as cans, to reduce the volume of trash. I always break apart boxes to minimize their size, too.

While some locations have recycling at a central spot, those are becoming fewer even in locations like national and state parks. We can generally find a public trashcan at facilities like picnic areas. This is one time when a big trash bag is not an advantage! We can dump small trash bags the size of a grocery bag at most fuel stations when we get fuel, but big ones are hard to fit. Don't use the dumpsters at a private facility unless you ask first; it costs a company money to empty a dumpster.

Summary

Boondocking and off-grid RV travel can be a fabulous alternative for many. From a simple overnight in a Harvest Host parking lot to spending time in a beautiful natural area or a National Park, learning how to manage resources opens up another way to see an area. Hopefully, this article motivates you to give it a try.

Pam Stalnaker, VP Membership, and husband Kevin



UNRAVELING THE RALLY MASTER JOB MYSTIQUE

All of us were once new to RVing and similarly first timers attending rallies. New activities, new interests, new friends, and the unknown create a mix that can be intimidating. Guess what? It's a lot like hosting your first dinner party in a new neighborhood. And the good news is that the guests are always appreciative. They'll even step up and lend a hand during the rally—all you have to do is ask them.

In our Club, rally planning involves all of the Chapter officers in addition to the rally team, and organizing a rally can be a fun and rewarding experience. The Diesel RV Club holds two International Rallies each year. They are called "International" rallies as they precede the FMCA International Conventions and RV Showcase events by one week. The rally site is to be within 300 miles of the FMCA Convention. Rallies typically start with arrivals on Sunday and, after five days of activities, end on the following Friday. Depending on the location and Rally Master interests, they may participate in site selection, which is especially helpful when the Rally Master is from or very knowledgeable about the geographic area and potential locations.

There are two areas where Rally Masters and Co-Rally Masters are a great help. The first involves planning activities: RV Tech talks, RV Mods, Owner Roundtables, RV lifestyle seminars, games, and visiting local attractions. The second area is meal planning. A rally routinely includes four dinners, three breakfasts, and a continental breakfast before departure on Friday morning. Evening activities start with a happy hour and some type of structured program. Chapter officers are involved in rally planning, site selection, and budgeting, and take care of rally promotion.

Being a Rally Master or Co-Rally Master entails serving as hosts and coordinating most activities during the week. In exchange, Rally Masters and Co-Rally Masters do not pay to attend the rally. In addition, they receive a certificate worth 50% of the fee for a future rally. If interested in serving on a rally team, contact Dee Blocker, president (DBlocker100@gmail.com).



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FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB NATIONAL SUPER EVENT

Please join us for the first Freightliner Chassis Owners Club National SUPER EVENT in Yuma, Arizona. For this event FCOC is joining forces with Fleetwood Motorcoach Association and Diesel RV Club members.

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Educational seminars, good food, professional entertainment, crafts, and time for exploration of the local area for those that wish to do so. Camp Freightliner classes (separate registration, limited availability) are being offered pre-rally for Class A rigs, or post-rally for Super C chassis. Registrants are encouraged to sign up for the event with the clubs with which they have memberships. *If FMCA/ Diesel RV Club members belong to FCOC or Fleetwood, they should register for the event using links for those clubs found below.*

- ♦ FCOC / Camp Freightliner – Optional: If your Coach has a Freightliner or an S2RV Chassis and you want to register for Camp Freightliner, **click on this FCOC LINK** (<https://www.fcocrv.org/event/spring-2024-rally-yuma-arizona/>) to Register. The FCOC Registration form will ask if you want to attend Camp Freightliner. If you say yes, you will receive a confirmation letter with an EVENT code to use on the Freightliner CORPORATE website. All FCOC Members are asked to use the link to register.
- ♦ Fleetwood RV Group Member: **FLEETWOOD RESERVATION LINK** (<https://fma4fun.org/page-1153440>)
- ♦ FMCA / Diesel RV Club Members: **REGISTER HERE NOW** (www.dieselryclub.org under the Events tab)

Join us at the **Mosey INTO Muskogee FMCA INTO Area Rally in Muskogee, Oklahoma, May 17–21, 2024.**

Registration information can be found at <https://www.fmcainto.com/rally-registration/>
For more information contact Bob Weithofer [bobww.fmca@gmail.com or call 615-218-7530]

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Diesel RV Club FAQs

Q. How much is membership?

A. Membership is \$25 per year (eNews and/or printed newsletter via USPS), and is due on the anniversary of club membership.

Q. What do I get for being a member?

A. Membership entitles you to full access to the Diesel RV Club website, the Technical Forum, *Travelore* (Newsletter), and discounts from our Valued Partners.

Q. How do I find the Club's home page and the diesel engine forum?

A. Everything can be accessed from this URL:

<http://www.dieselryclub.org>

To go directly to the engine forum:

<http://forum.dieselryclub.org>

Q. What do you do at rallies?

A. A typical rally is about four days long with multiple maintenance seminars, hobby and how-to sessions, group social and get-acquainted times, catered meals, evening entertainment, dancing, and time to see local sites. Rallies may include silent auctions, access to some coach services and presentations by RV vendors

Q. What is the upcoming rally schedule?

A. You can find the schedule of upcoming rallies on the Club website, along with planned rally activities. You can also register online as well as download, print, complete, and mail the registration form.

Q. Do you have any charity and fundraising activity?

A. Although the Chapter's purpose is to educate its members, we do contribute to various charities and organizations in the areas where rallies are held.

Why Join the Diesel RV CLUB?

- Exchange information on RVing and diesel engines with hundreds of diesel enthusiasts at the state-of-the-art Diesel RV Technical Forum and seminars at all DRVC rallies.
- Enjoy fun and fellowship through the Club's full-color newsletters and at club rallies held across the country.
- Attend FMCA activities, such as area rallies and FMCA conventions, with others from the Diesel RV Club.
- Take advantage of 5% to 10% discounts on parts and service through our exclusive Valued Partner arrangements as well as a discount on parts at O'Reilly Auto Parts stores nationwide.
- Share tech tips, travel advice, and problem-solving information with fellow Diesel RV Club members.
- Meet interesting people, form lasting friendships, learn more about motorhoming, swap coach modification and maintenance information, and visit interesting places while creating lasting memories.

How to Become a Member

Complete and mail the form on the next page or signup online!

If you have other questions, email one of the following officers:

President: Dee Blocker – president@dieselryclub.org

Membership: Pam Stalnaker – canoepam@yahoo.com

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**Diesel RV Club — Membership Enrollment Form**

Mission Statement: We are a club for RV owners with an interest in diesel engines including how to maintain them, get maximum performance, and keep repair costs to a minimum. Rallies always include social activities and technical seminars and are conducted in all areas of the U.S.

Membership in FMCA is required for full Diesel RV Club affiliation.

Membership Type (check one): ☐ Regular or ☐ 1st Year Free, provide FMCA Number _____ ☐ Forum Plus

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Note: Please feel free to duplicate for other FMCA members who are interested in Diesel RV Club Membership. Online enrollment available on the Club website — <https://dieselryclub.org> — under the “JOIN” tab.

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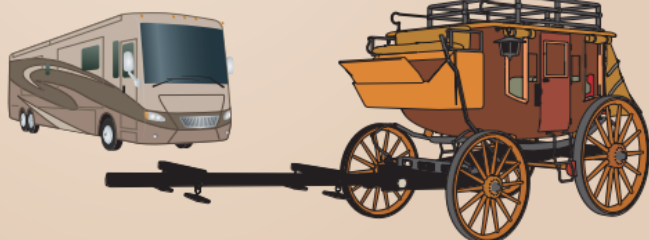
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