

THE MASON-DIXON HERALD

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone and Happy Springtime. It's nice to see things starting to bloom here in Tennessee. Makes you want to get out. Alice and I took the "D" to Mardi Gras in Biloxi, MS. This was the first trip since the repair to the chassis and everything went just fine. We were also very pleased with the price of diesel; we filled up for less than \$2.00 a gallon, which was a heck of a lot better than the \$4.00 plus we spent last September.

The SE Regional Rally is coming soon and we are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Frank Cason and the Blue Ridge Discoverys have many planned activities to keep us busy. There's just a little time left to get your reservations if you haven't done so already. The next rally will be in West Virginia, hosted by our own Glen Camp for the Blue Ridge Discoverys. We are not only invited but urged to attend. If you haven't been to West Virginia, it's a beautiful area, but a little hilly. We then have our rally in Tennessee at the Caney Creek RV Resort in Harriman, TN. This is one of the nicest parks with sites right on the water. Unfortunately, Alice and I will not be able to attend this one due to family obligations.

Some important insurance information I would like to share with you. Most of us have a supplemental insurance for ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE, many with Coach-Net thru the FMCA. This insurance only covers towing if it is for a mechanical repair. One of our neighbors was involved in an accident and their motorhome had to be towed from the scene and they thought it would be covered by their roadside assistance plan, but it was not because it wasn't a mechanical problem and it cost them a couple of hundred dollars to be towed from the scene. You can add towing to the motorhome vehicle insurance policy, most times for less than \$20.00 a year and it will cover towing for any instance. This is not to say you should drop your Roadside Assistance coverage, but to add towing to your vehicle policy. Just a suggestion.

Another tidbit of information, AARP offers a driving course, (two days-four hours each) and upon completion, you get a certificate to give to your insurance company and most will give a discount for attending the course. It's well worth it.

Along with driving and getting on the road, I recently came across a hand out I received at one of the rallies. It is a checklist for getting on the road and for shutting down. I attached it to the end of the newsletter.

Finally, I added a copy of two letters from Fleetwood regarding their recent filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy for you to look at. I had the pleasure of speaking to one of the Customer Service people just about the time this occurred and ordered a part, and had no problems getting the part and the person was just as nice as could be, so I'm not too concerned about getting repairs or parts.

Safe travels to all

PS HAPPY ST. PATRICK"S DAY

TREASURERS REPORT

As of February 1, 2009 we have \$3,193.37 in the Mason-Dixon Discoverys account.

DUES

Just a reminder the Mason-Dixon Discoverys dues of \$12.00 were due <u>January 1, 2009.</u> If you have not sent them in, please send your dues to Alice Ricciardi 477 The Gardens Dr., Crossville, TN 38555. Please make your check payable to Mason-Dixon Discoverys.

PRAYER LIST

We have some members in need of prayer for a speedy recovery

Elizabeth Deal	Tony Favario
Pam Gordon	Julie Barefoot
Louise Mauck	Butch Mauck
John Torbert	Alice Ricciardi

MASON-DIXON CLOTHING

The hats, shirts and sweatshirts have come in and they look great. Ron Kiebler has everything. If you ordered anything, or want something, you can contact Ron at ronkiebler@msn.com and arrange to get it, but remember to send your payment to our Treasurer, Alice Ricciardi.

CHUCKLE FOR THE MONTH

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office, "Is it true" she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS' "

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation.

As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son, do your best and just remember; if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife....."

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

<u>March</u>

BIRTHDAYS		ANN	ANNIVERSARIES		
14 15 27 28	Barb McCormack Becky Godwin Raymond Shea Sue Smith	9 10 12	Dick & Sue Smith Robert & Margaret Pettinger Ronald & Alice Kiebler		

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Charles Smith
- 15 Robert Pettinger
- 18 Dori Baker
- 18 Dan Fletcher
- 19 Alice Kiebler
- 28 Pam Gordon

7 Pete & Lee Grazier

UPCOMING RALLIES

I would like to again ask the volunteer rally hosts to try to firm up dates and locations for your rally so everyone can make plans well in advance.

APRIL

All chapter members are highly encouraged to attend the upcoming SE Region Rally, 20-26 April 2009, at River Plantation RV Park in Sevierville, TN (near Pigeon Forge). The registration form can be found online at the DOAI website or in the fall issue of the Discovery Express. A copy of the registration form for this rally is also attached to this newsletter. Just a reminder, the new deadline is March 16, 2009. You can make the corrections to the registration form.

May

Open month; if anyone would like to host a rally please contact either John Ricciardi (252-619-6485 or JONAL135@YAHOO.COM) or Bob Deal (704-682-0345 or bobdeal@bellsouth.net).

June

Glen Camp is hosting a Rally in White Sulfur Springs, WV, with the Blue Ridge Discoverys and we are invited and encouraged to attend. Rally dates are June 10 to 14, with early arrivals June 8 and 9.

July

Open month; if anyone would like to host a rally please contact either John Ricciardi (252-619-6485 or <u>JONAL135@YAHOO.COM</u>) or Bob Deal (704-682-0345 or <u>bobdeal@bellsouth.net</u>).

August

Bill and Marti Katterhenry are hosting a rally at Caney Creek RV Resort, Harriman, TN. (about 20 miles west of Knoxville). This is a beautiful water front

RV resort with activities for the whole family. Rally dates are August 5, 2009 arrival, to August 9 departure. A registration form and activities questionnaire will be sent in a separate email later. We have invited the Blue Ridge Discoverys and the Florida Discovery Rolling Gators to join us.

Dick and Sue Smith will host a late summer rally at Grandfather Campground, near Boone, NC. The High Country area of North Carolina is a stunning part of the Southeast. There are many outdoor activities in this area.

October

Larry and Mary Anne Weinberg and Marshall and Becky Godwin will host a fall rally in the Jamestown / Williamsburg, VA area. This is planned for the last week in October.

Look on the Mason-Dixon chapter section of the DOAI website for updated rally information. The website will be updated as information becomes available.



Contact: The Abernathy MacGregor Group Rivian Bell or Sydney Rosencranz <u>rlb@abmac.com</u>; <u>spr@abmac.com</u> (213) 630-6550; (888) 477-4319 (24/7)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. Files Voluntary Petitions for Chapter 11 Protection; Motor Home, Housing Businesses Will Continue Operations

Travel Trailer Operations Will Close

Riverside, Calif. – Mar. 10, 2009 – Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. (OTC: FLTW) ("Fleetwood"), a leading producer of recreational vehicles and manufactured housing, today filed voluntary Chapter 11 petitions for itself and certain operating subsidiaries in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California in Riverside. The filings do not include any of the company's foreign or non-operating entities.

Fleetwood's motor home and manufactured housing businesses will continue to operate while the company seeks buyers for these business units. While Fleetwood believes it has sufficient cash to operate its businesses in the immediate term, the company is also in advanced discussions with its senior secured lenders for new, debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing to supplement existing working capital. As of Jan. 25, 2009, the company had bank cash of approximately \$23.0 million, excluding cash remaining in non-filing entities, principally its captive insurance subsidiary.

Filing at this time preserves Fleetwood's right to revisit its Dec. 12, 2008 Exchange Offer, in which the company issued its 14% senior secured notes. Under Chapter 11, the company has a 90-day period from the Offer's effective date in which to revisit the terms; that period will expire shortly. Terms of the senior notes effectively restricted the company from seeking investment in its businesses in view of subsequent deterioration in the market.

The filing also facilitates the closing of Fleetwood's travel trailer division, which the company has commenced. This division accounted for losses of \$65.3 million in 2007 and \$16.8 million in 2008. The division closing affects three manufacturing facilities and two service facilities employing approximately 675 people. The company is also laying off an additional 65 corporate associates.

"Although we made substantial progress in restructuring this division and improved the product offering, current market conditions proved too severe to continue the turnaround," stated Elden L. Smith, Fleetwood's president and chief executive officer. "We appreciate the past support of the travel trailer dealers and our associates."

Today's events follow three years of restructuring that management undertook in the face of worsening market conditions and, more recently, unprecedented credit restrictions affecting both dealers and customers. Management's actions included selling two non-core businesses, restructuring and decentralizing operations, reducing headcount company-wide by more than 70%, and adding new distribution points and a modular division. Despite these efforts, however, management determined that a Court reorganization would offer the best means of addressing the company's existing debt structure and ongoing losses in travel trailers, which cannot be supported in the current economy.

"We will use the Chapter 11 process to more rapidly restructure our overhead, pursue potential buyers, and definitively resolve our debt issues," Mr. Smith said. "Fleetwood is one of the most widely recognized names in our industries, with strong market share, an extensive dealer network and

enthusiastic customer support. As important as these assets are, we must take additional steps in response to today's deepening economic challenges.

"We appreciate the support of our loyal dealers and customers. We want to assure them that we intend to continue doing business in motor homes and manufactured housing while we complete the processes before us. We will work with our dealers to support the continued sales of Fleetwood motor homes and manufactured homes."

Mr. Smith went on to say that "The RV industry has sound long-term prospects, as RVers remain faithful to the lifestyle, and we anticipate a strong rebound when the financing environment stabilizes and consumer confidence improves. In our manufactured housing business, we see growth opportunities that arise from positive demographic trends, the growing need for affordable housing in this country, and commercial modular applications, particularly for the military which represents an important segment of our market. We will be able to compete more effectively now that financing advantages of site-built homes over manufactured homes have narrowed. We are taking steps to ensure our businesses will be ready when the current markets turn up again."

Fleetwood has filed first-day motions that ask the Court to approve, among other things, payment of employee wage and benefit charges that were incurred before the petition was filed, and the continuation of certain sales incentive programs, warranty service, cash collateral, and cash management systems. The company is working with its largest national lender, Bank of America, to continue to provide competitive RV dealer and consumer financing during the reorganization period.

"The vast majority of our suppliers and dealers should see no disruption in our business," Mr. Smith emphasized. "We will continue to support our current and future product development and manufacturing."

The company's consolidated balance sheet as of Oct. 26. 2008, showed assets of \$558.3 million and liabilities of \$518.0 million. For the last fiscal year, the company showed annual revenues of approximately \$1.7 billion. At the time of the filing, there were no defaults and no outstanding borrowings on the company's secured credit facility other than \$61.7 million of undrawn letters of credit to support the company's performance of certain contracts and obligations. In addition, the company had structured debt consisting of \$81.4 million in aggregate principal amount of the 14% senior secured notes and \$151.3 million of 6% trust preferred securities, respectively.

The company expects to incorporate the impact of the filing on its fiscal third quarter results and file its Form 10Q as soon as it is completed.

Fleetwood is being advised by its legal counsel, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP; its investment banker, Greenhill & Co., LLC; and its financial advisor, FTI Consulting, Inc.

Founded in 1950, Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. and its various subsidiaries produce, distribute, and service recreational vehicles and manufactured housing. The company is dedicated to providing high-quality, innovative products that offer exceptional value to customers. Fleetwood continues to employ more than 3,000 people in 15 plants located in 10 states. Fleetwood's products are primarily marketed through extensive independent dealer networks throughout the United States and Canada. The company is headquartered in Riverside, Calif.

Additional information about the company's reorganization may be found online at www.kccllc.net/fleetwood or the Investor Relations/News section of www.fleetwood.com. For the next few days, a call center will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Pacific Time, at (888) 288-1501.



March 10, 2009

Marshall Godwin Club President Discovery Owners Association, Inc.

Dear Marshall,

Today, Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. and certain operating subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions that commenced the company's Chapter 11 reorganization in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California in Riverside. We also announced that we will be winding down our unprofitable travel trailer operations. The filing will give us more financial flexibility and allow us to continue doing business while we seek buyers.

Fleetwood's motor home and manufacturing housing businesses will continue operating while the company seeks buyers for these businesses. Although Fleetwood believes it has sufficient cash to operate its businesses in the immediate term, the company is also in advanced discussions with its senior secured lenders for new, debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing to supplement existing working capital. As of Jan. 25, 2009, the company had bank cash of approximately \$23 million. This means that we have adequate funds to support our business and will fulfill our commitments going forward.

For nearly 60 years, we have served as pioneers in design and engineering, and we will continue to use this experience to build quality products for our loyal customers. We have asked the Court to allow us to continue to honor existing warranties for Fleetwood motor homes. When our customers buy a Fleetwood, they can still be sure they're getting a product that has been built with quality materials by expert craftsmen.

Just as we will continue to support our customers, we will continue to support the clubs and organizations that bring Fleetwood customers together. We believe that buying a Fleetwood is about more than buying a motor home; it is about becoming part of a community.

DOAI's cooperation and support has played a major role in our success to date. Information about Fleetwood's reorganization is available online at www.kccllc.net/fleetwood. Please feel free to call us with any questions that you may have. You can reach our call center for the next few days at (888) 288-1501.

Sincerely,

Paul Eskritt

President – RV Group

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.



2009 SOUTHEAST REGION RALLY

Discover The Smokies

April 20-26, 2009 River Plantation RV Park 1004 Parkway, Sevierville, Tennessee

REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT legibly or TYPE all information as you want it to appear on your name badge

Pilot's Last Name		First Name	
Co-Pilot's Last Name		_ First Name	
Street	City, State, ZIP+4 Co	de	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Other	
Email			
Emergency Contact	Emerge	ncy Phone/s	
DOAI # DOAI Region Affiliati	on	Local Chapter	
Need handicap parking? Yes	No Firs	st Southeast Region Rally? Yes	No
Are You? DOAI Officer/Chairman			
Guest/s Name, City, State			
\$276.00 per coach with one adult (A \$71.00 each additional person/child \$28.00 early arrival Sunday, April 19	pril 20-26)	person/s =	\$ \$ \$ \$
OPTIONAL TOUR AND OTHER EVENTS:			
Tour 1: Tuesday am, April 21 - Bus	h Bean Factory Tour	$$12.00 \text{ x} _{} \text{ person/s} =$	\$
Tour 2: Tuesday pm, April 21 - Bus	h Bean Factory Tour	$$12.00 x$ person/s =	\$
Golf Tournament: Wednesday, Apr	il 22	$$40.00 \text{ x} ___$ person/s =	\$
Country Tonite: Thursday, April 23		\$13.75 x person/s =	\$

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Buddy Reynolds, Registrar 205 Morgan Ct., Greer, SC 29650-2828 Home 864.268.2052 – Cell 864.979.9202 2blreynolds@bellsouth.net

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 30, 2009

Cancellation may be made up to January 30, 2009 - AFTER JANUARY 30, 2009 - NO REFUND

→ → → COPY FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS ← ← ←

You will receive a confirmation of your registration via email

August 2009 Mason-Dixon Discoverys Rally

Hosts: Bill and Marti Katterhenry and Bob and Elizabeth Deal

Location: Caney Creek RV Resort, Harriman, TN

Dates: Arrive August 5 after 2:00 PM

Depart August 9 by 12:00 Noon

Rates Campground fees are \$139.50 for the four nights. Special rates are

offered for early arrival and late departure if space is available Reservation/Registration will be made directly with Caney Creek Resort (865-882-4042) and must be paid in full by July 5, 2009. The campground cancellation policy is 30 days or more, full return less \$10.00 admin fee, 14-29 days one half of the fee less \$10.00

admin fee, less than 14 days no refund.

Rally fee is \$5.00 per person to be paid to Bill and Marti

Katterhenry 111 Hiawassee Lane, Loudon, TN 37774 by July 5,

2009. No return of Rally fee.

Schedule: The schedule will be very flexible due to the many things to do in

this area of Tennessee, so everyone can have a good time.

Wednesday Supper: Provided by the hosts, Hotdogs and chips bring your

favorite beverage and utensils. Coffee will be provided

Thursday Breakfast Coffee and juice will be provided, attendees to bring either fruit or bread/bakery item to share. Bring your utensils

Friday Breakfast Coffee and juice will be provided, attendees to bring either fruit or bread/bakery item to share. Bring your utensils

Saturday Breakfast Coffee and juice will be provided, attendees to bring either fruit or bread/bakery item to share. Bring your utensils

Sunday Breakfast Coffee, juice and continental breakfast will be supplied by hosts. Bring your utensils

The location of the breakfasts and dinner will be determined by the hosts

One item being considered is an early dinner at the Cumberland Mountain State Park Restaurant and a play at the Cumberland County Playhouse. This could be either Friday or Saturday night. Friday's dinner menu at the state park restaurant is catfish/Roast beef/ Ham buffet (\$9.95) Saturday is smoked Ribs/Smoked BBQ Pork/Roast beef buffet (13.95)

The Cumberland County Playhouse offers Broadway plays staring local actors and depending on the play the prices range from \$19.00 to \$23.00 and they offer a discount for 15 or more people

Reservations would be needed for this type of entertainment so please contact Bill and Marti Katterhenry if this is something you would like to do.

The campground also offers entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Another possibility is for a group dinner at the Whitestone Inn, a local restaurant and bed and breakfast. Their dinners range in price from \$17.95 to \$27.95

The hosts are planning activities to keep us together as well as giving us free time to see the sites and to enjoy this beautiful campground.

Please contact Bill and Marti Katterhenry or Bob and Elizabeth Deal with your feelings about the dinners and the play

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Caney Creek RV Resort and Campground 3615 Roane State HWY Harriman, TN 37748 www.caneycreekrvresort.com 865-882-4042

Cumberland County Playhouse Crossville, TN www.ccplayhouse.com

Cumberland Mountain State Park Crossville, TN www.tennessee.gov/parks/cumberlandmtn/

Whitestone Inn Harriman, TN www.whitestoneinn.com

Directions:

From I40 westbound, exit 350 and turn left at bottom of ramp approximately .2 miles and turn right onto 70 (west) for approximately 2.5 miles when you see the ROANE STATE COLLEGE sign on the right, turn left approximately 100 feet after the sign (you will see the sign for Caney Creek RV Park

From I40 east bound stay right at base of exit and follow the above directions

CHECKLIST FOR DISCOVERY RV

STARTING CHECKLIST EXTERIOR CHECKS

1) INSIDE COACH

- a) Batteries on. Check levels in fresh water, grey water, black water and LP gas tanks.
- b) Check steering wheel for excessive play. Air brake set? Ignition on. All warning lights come on? Transmission in neutral?
- c) If slides extended: Will slides clear obstacles inside coach? Retract slides. Retract jacks.
- d) Turn ignition off.
- e) Check HVAC & refrigerator. Vents (kitchen & head) closed? Coffee pot secure?

2) OUTSIDE FRONT OF COACH

- a) Visually check antennas and leveling jacks.
- b) Check windshield washer reservoir.
- c) Check generator engine oil and coolant. Start generator if desired.

3) **ENGINE BAY**

- a) Check automatic transmission oil level.
- b) Check intake-air restriction indicator (filter minder) (<25" H₂0).
- c) Check coolant reservoir, hydraulic fluid and engine oil level.
- d) Check radiator for clogging/damage.
- e) Check fuel/water separator sight glass. Drain any water.

4) TIRES

- a) Remove tire covers
- b) Check tires for pressure (gauge or thump), damage & wear, loose nuts.

5) <u>LEFT SIDE OF COACH</u>

- a) Check left side of coach (slides retracted, storage doors and fuel door closed and locked).
- b) Water, dump hose and electric cable stored?

6) ELECTRIC BAYS

- a) Inspect inverter/charger, batteries, battery cables and chassis wiring.
- b) Inspect engine, radiator and hoses for fuel, oil, or coolant leaks. Check drive belts and chassis wiring.

7) RIGHT SIDE OF COACH

- a) Check right side of coach (storage doors and fuel door closed and locked). Awnings stored and locked?
- b) Check LP gas tank bay.

STARTUP- ENGINE START

1) INSIDE COACH

- a) Ignition on. Transmission in neutral. Air brake set.
- b) Start engine. Check engine oil pressure gauge. RPM to 1000 RPM.
- c) Air suspension to auto.
- d) Driving lights, fog lights and left turn signal on.

2) OUTSIDE COACH

- a) Visually check driving, marker and fog lights and left turn signal.
- b) Visually check left side and rear marker lights and left turn signal.
- c) Visually check right side marker lights.

3) INSIDE COACH

a) High beam driving lights and right turn signal on, fog lights off.

4) OUTSIDE COACH

a) Visually check high beam driving lights and right turn signal front/rear.

5) INSIDE COACH

- a) Driving lights on low beam. Turn signals off. Hazard lights on.
- b) Check horn, windshield wipers, washer and defroster.
- c) Check air pressure gauges.

6) OUTSIDE COACH

- a) Check hazard lights.
- b) Check automatic transmission oil level. (Engine temp. = 160-200° F.)

7) INSIDE COACH

- a) Check fuel level.
- b) Release parking brake. Engage transmission. Test service brake.

SHUTDOWN

Transmission in neutral. Parking brake on. Idle at low idle for 3 minutes. Ignition off. Dump air suspension.

OVERNITE:

- a) Level coach and extend slides: Ignition on. Use jacks to level coach.
 Will slides clear exterior obstacles? Extend slides.
- b) Entry step: Open door. Turn step switch and ignition off.
- c) Connect utilities:

Water: Run water. Rinse connection. Run water through hose.

Rinse hose connection. Connect to coach. Turn on water.

Electricity: Check polarities and amperage. Connect to coach.

STORAGE:

- a) Turn off HVAC and refrigerator. Open refrigerator. Open vents (kitchen & head).
- b) Turn off inverter, water heater, water pump, and batteries at panel.
- c) Connect exterior electricity to coach. Check connection & amperage at power panel.