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**President's Message**

We are getting close to the 2011 Maintenance Session and I hope everyone is planning to attend. Your officers have put in a lot of time and energy to make sure we all have a good time. Since we only have one Annual meeting a year, you might want to be there for that. We will have Pressure Pro there for those of you that need tire monitoring. For those that need their Aqua-Hot serviced, Roger Berke will be there as well as Redlands Truck, RV, Rocky Mountain Cummins, and others.

Also, do not forget to send any questions, problems and resolutions that you may have to the Newsletter Editor. Tom looks forward to hearing about your problems so that his do not seem so bad.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Maintenance Session.

Rich Rust, President

**2011 Maintenance Session**

**Reminder:** The Maintenance Session will be held at the Oasis RV Resort in Las Vegas Nevada from October 17<sup>th</sup> to October 21<sup>st</sup>. The resort is extending the session price of \$39.50 per night for two days of early parking and two days after the session is over. This is a real bargain over their normal rate of \$52 per night. Remember that this is a Buddy Rally, so invite your friends with SOB coaches to join you for a session full of learning and fun. To avoid a \$15 late fee, your registration must be mailed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the Maintenance Session Registration form is included in this newsletter.

## **Members' Mailbox**

This is the section where members share questions and input of interest to all members. We've had some great input here and encourage all our readers to offer their ideas and experience to the membership of Chapter 500. Thank you to those who contributed!

### **New Tires**

We needed our third set of tires after 120,000 miles. Les Schwab suggested an alternative to the stock Michelin 255/80 -22.5/14 XRV of Toyo 265/75 – 22.5/14. The overall height is the same but the Toyo tires are a little wider. Michelin tires were about \$550 each and the Toyo were \$375 each. After lots of questions from several dealers and tire experts, this is what I found:

1. Rear dual spacing would be a little less but not enough to worry about.
2. There was no weight vs. air pressure chart but was told it is about the same for both.
3. Front tire wheel cut "should not be an issue" (spacing when the wheels are turned to the maximum) but should be measured.
4. Tread depth was a lot more with Toyo but these are designed for trucks which are run constantly. The overall life (in years) for the Toyo is expected to be less and designed to run out of tread before aging out.
5. Ride is softer with the Michelin and more "stiff" with the truck tire.
6. Michelin has UV protection and Toyo doesn't – again to be worn out before aging out.

Based on the above, I opted for the more costly Michelin for the last two reasons.  
Bob Lundin – 2000 Endeavor

### **Your RV Can Kill You**

Your RV can kill you. Not just in a traffic accident, but by merely stepping into it.

Here is the gist of an article from a recent Muncie Indiana Starpress newspaper:

A Muncie teen died early last Sunday after being electrocuted by his family's RV. David L. Boyle III, 18, was pronounced dead at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital shortly after he was shocked, according to Delaware County Coroner Scott Hahn.

A camper behind the residence became energized after an electrical wire was run from the house to the camper. "When they would go (into the camper), they would feel a little jolt, so they wrapped the door knob in electrical tape so when they turned it, they wouldn't get shocked," Hahn said.

Boyle, who Hahn said was barefoot, was electrocuted as he stepped from the wet ground onto the camper's metal step. "It caused an arrhythmia in (Boyle's) heart," Hahn said.

What a terrible, unfortunate accident -- one that was so easily preventable.

RV electric expert Mike Sokol was asked to comment. He said:

"Anytime you feel a shock or even a tingle while touching the body or doorknob of an RV, it's a warning that the vehicle has a hot-skin condition. The same goes for any sort of power tool or appliance; you should NEVER feel a shock or tingle. If you do feel a tingle it means there's at least 30 volts AC on the chassis and body of the vehicle. And as little as 30 or 40 AC volts through your heart can cause it to go into fibrillation. Without intervention from emergency rescue personnel, you'll almost certainly die from electrocution."

Why this accident happened:

"I would suspect that they plugged the RV into a non-grounded power outlet or extension cord with a broken-off ground pin. That allowed the body of the RV to drift up to 100 volts or so. That's why they put electrical tape on the doorknob; they were feeling an electrical tingle on the knob earlier that week which wasn't enough to cause electrocution since they were most likely wearing shoes. But they didn't realize that the entire RV body was hot-skin energized, and the boy was standing in bare feet on the wet ground while touching a hot-skin RV which completed the electrical circuit. His heart went into fibrillation, and he died from coronary arrest."

"If you ever feel of any kind of electric shock or tingle unplug your RV immediately and do not plug back in till you find the source of the problem. You may need to call a licensed electrician to look at it. Any plug you use at home should be installed by a licensed electrician."

"NEVER accept feeling a shock from your RV. It could kill you the next time."

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### **Web resources**

**HRRVC Chapter 500 (our) Web site is [www.westerndieselpushers.org](http://www.westerndieselpushers.org) NEW!**

HR web site is [www.holidayrambler.com/service](http://www.holidayrambler.com/service).

RV forums at [www.rv.net/forum.index.cfm](http://www.rv.net/forum.index.cfm) and [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ramblin\\_pushers/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ramblin_pushers/)

A good web site is [www.IRV2.com](http://www.IRV2.com)

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## Member Recommended Businesses

Do you have a favorite vendor for RV service, repair, or sales? Send their business card to the Newsletter Editor to have it added to this page.

**Bert Minchow**  
Operations Manager



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**HRRVC Western Holiday Pusher Chapter 500**  
**Membership Application**

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

HRRVC National Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pusher Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine HP: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine Mfg.: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to receive your newsletters by e-mail only? (Please check one.) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_,

Dues: \$15      Make check payable to: Western Holiday Pusher Chapter 500

Send application and check to: **Tom Struthers**, Treasurer, 189 Moll Drive, Windsor, CA. 95492

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**Western Holiday Pusher Chapter 500**  
**Problem Resolution Information (OK to use a separate page or email)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HRRVC # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Chassis: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine: \_\_\_\_\_ HP: \_\_\_\_\_

Problem:

How it was resolved and what did it cost?

Send to: Tom Struthers, 189 Moll Dr., Windsor, CA 95492, or [tomstru@gmail.com](mailto:tomstru@gmail.com)

**Mail completed application & check to:**

Western Diesel Pushers, 189 Moll Drive, Windsor CA 95492-9112

## **Western Pusher 2011 Maintenance Session**

### ***Registration Form***

**Names:**\_\_\_\_\_ **HRRVC #**\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: Home**\_\_\_\_\_ **Cell**\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Coach Model**\_\_\_\_\_ **Year**\_\_\_\_\_ **Length**\_\_\_\_\_ **Engine Mfr.**\_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival Date:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:** Make check payable to: Western Diesel Pushers

**Coach w/2 persons**.....\$250.00\_\_\_\_\_

**Coach w/1 person**..... 210.00\_\_\_\_\_

**Extra person in coach, add**..... 40.00\_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Chapter 500 member, add**..... 15.00\_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee if postmarked after 9/1, add**..... 15.00\_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT PAID (Total)**.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Your cancelled check is your receipt and may take up to 30 days to clear the bank.

Registration packets will be distributed when you check in at the Oasis Resort.