

We had an interesting and successful trip to Oregon last month. We spend three days at the Monaco Service Center in Harrisburg, Oregon. All in all, it was very pleasant. They gave us a lovely shaded place to park next to the Willamette River. Every morning at 7 am they came and took away our coach, worked on it all day, and returned it to our parking space at 3:30 in the afternoon. Monaco really goes out of their way to keep you informed and entertained. There is something happening all the time: Craft classes in the morning, seminars, tours of local attractions, bar-b-ques, etc., etc. It was like having an almost-free vacation. You are assigned a service advisor who keeps you updated, but you can also wander back into the shop and talk to the technicians working on your coach. We've sure never seen that before. We got another major surprise. The service center does remarkably good work. They seem awfully slow, but they sure are thorough.

From Monaco we went down to AM Solar in Eugene, Oregon, and had all eight of our deep cycle coach batteries removed and replaced with absorbed glass mat (AGM) batteries. No more maintenance, no more corrosion, and faster charging. (Lifeline brand batteries.) Our next improvement will be to replace the two starting batteries with AGMs.

So, we are back at Green Acres RV Park and again serving as the park hosts. While we're here, we had our carpets cleaned by Health Vac of Redding. They came highly recommended and did a great job. Next we went out searching for some kind of carpet protectant that would slow up the staining process. Voila, Scotchgard makes a carpet protectant in a spray can. It's a blue can and is only for carpet. Hard to find, but it seems to work and was easy to apply. Larger Ace Hardware stores seem to carry it.

We just had about half of our windows tinted to reduce heat, UV, and sun damage. After lots of research, we selected Sunblockers in Redding to do the work. It was a good choice. Their advice, price, product, and installation were all first rate.

In summary, we continue to sell off stuff while making improvements in the coach. However, the big news is our FuelMeister biodiesel production system. Thanks to the obscenely high fuel prices, our equipment sales have taken off like a rocket ship. In just the first two weeks of this month, we have sold five systems. Previously, we were doing about one a month. Needless to say, we are now taking this business very seriously. We are publishing a free biodiesel newsletter and much to our surprise, people are subscribing from all over the world. Here in the United States, using our system, you can make 42 gallons of biodiesel a day with a net cost of zero. Yep, basically all the free fuel you could ever want! Curious? Please go to our website and sign up for the free newsletter. [www.doctordiesel.com](http://www.doctordiesel.com)

A few days ago a guy who works for and travels with Willie Nelson called us and purchased a system. We were recommended by Willie who is now into distributing biodiesel big time. He is calling himself Willie Biodiesel Nelson. We were amazed and delighted that Willie knew of us.

We are adjusting to life without a car since selling the truck last month. Every where we

go is on the motorcycle. Some grocery shopping trips are back and forth, back and forth as there is only so much we can carry on the motorcycle. Annika rode with us while we at Monaco since we couldn't leave her in the coach while they worked on it. It was the first time in several years that she had been on a motorcycle. She loved it. She rides between us in a pouch on Donna's chest looking from side to side so she doesn't miss anything. We went out to dinner last week with another motorcycle couple from the park and got caught in a surprise downpour on the way home. We were all soaked to the skin. Thank goodness we only had a few miles to ride. We all laughed about it and saw it as a grand adventure.

If you're 50 years old or over, we have a tip for you. AARP sponsors an eight hour class called "55 Alive." The class is fun and easy and only costs \$10. You get a certificate which you can send to your auto insurer. Chuck took the class and our motorhome insurance will go down by \$70 per year for three years. Hey, pretty good return on investment. If you want to find a class in your area, call 1-888-227-7669 or go to their website at [aarp.org/drive](http://aarp.org/drive).

Hey, the weather in Redding this time of year is absolutely gorgeous. Give us a call and come up for a visit. 530-524-5020.

Until next time, home is where you park it.

Hugs,

Chuck & Donna  
AKA Doctor Diesel