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# The Lance Glance

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Lance Owners of America Newsletter



## Presidents Report

Hello and welcome to another edition of the Lance Glance. First off I would like to say welcome to all of our new members. We have had quite a large number of folks signing up over the past few months and I think that is great. As some of you may know we are having our annual Factory

Tour and BBQ in Lancaster CA on April 1 – 4. I hope many of you will be coming this year. There are also plans to hold other events in 2004 but we have no firm dates on those events.

This is going to be a slightly abbreviated edition of the Lance

Glance but the next issue will be back to the normal size with many informative articles and content. *ED*

## Members Rig Spotlight

Mr. Max Gann from North Carolina and his 2003 Lance 820 w/all options. 2002 GMC 2500HD, 6.0 gas, crew cab, airlift 5000 bags, Rancho 9000's, Reese Titan V hitch/48" ext and Happijacs.

Send submissions to [spotlight@lanceowners.com](mailto:spotlight@lanceowners.com) or if you don't use email you can send your photo to Lance Owners of America PO Box 52363 Irvine CA 92619-2363



## Lance Owners of America Rally 2004

The 3rd annual Lance Owners of America factory Tour and BBQ will be held on Friday April 2nd. We will be camping at the Thousand Trails Soledad Canyon campground in Acton in the group area. The price for camping will be 28.00 per night per site. The facility is a very nice, full hookup campground with swimming pools, rec room, mini golf and many other activities to

keep you busy. If you plan on attending please send in your camping fees to the Lance Owners of America by March 25<sup>th</sup> 2003. Last year we all had a really great time at the campout and factory tour. There is much to be learned from the Lance Staff as well as other owners of Lance Campers. Payment for this event is now available by credit in the Lance Owners of America online store. Simply

go to the LOA website and click on "Online Store".

We at the LOA look forward to meeting you all at the rally and finally putting some faces with names from the website.

### **Schedule for Lance Owners Rally/BBQ/Factory Tour**

Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> LOA arrives at campground at 12:00 noon

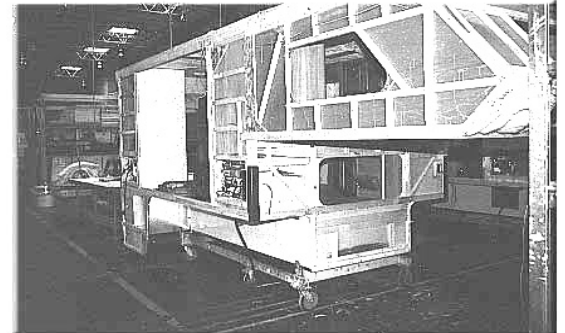
Friday April 2nd Caravan to the Lance Factory at 3:00 pm

Friday April 2nd Lance Factory Tour 4:00 pm

Friday April 2nd BBQ at Lance Factory at 5:00 pm

Friday April 2nd Head back to camp after dinner

Saturday April 3rd Pancake Breakfast provided for all LOA members.



### **Campground Information**

Thousand Trails Soledad Canyon  
4700 Crown Valley Road  
Acton, CA 93510

28.00 Per Night Full Hookups  
Please Mail Pre-registration by March 25<sup>th</sup> 2004  
Make checks payable to:  
**Lance Owners of America**  
**PO Box 52363**  
**Irvine CA 92619-2363**

Payments are accepted by Credit Card in the LOA Online Store.





# Shadetree Mechanic

## Refrigerator Thermometer

### Tools Needed:

Scissors

### Material Needed:

Small fridge digital thermometer, from Camping World or other RV supplier (I prefer a thermometer that uses a foil strip to connect the sensor to the thermometer since it allows a better door seal.)  
Short strip of double adhesive Velcro for attaching the thermometer  
Several very small strips of aluminum backed duct tape

### Directions:

Find an easy to see, smooth flat surface location near the refrigerator door for the thermometer that leaves enough of the foil tape for the sensor to reach to the rear of the fridge. Clean the thermometer mounting plate with alcohol. Attach the Velcro to the back of the thermometer mounting plate. Leave the Velcro strips together. After you find a suitable location, clean it with a little alcohol, and stick down the thermometer. After the adhesive on the Velcro sets a bit, you can remove and install the thermometer where the Velcro joins.

Carefully feed the sensor foil strip around inside the doorjamb and under a refrigerator shelf. Use a small strip of the aluminum dust tape to tie the sensor to the bottom of the shelf near the rear of the fridge. Use a couple of the other strips to secure the foil sensor wire to the doorjamb. See photo

You will be able to easily monitor your refrigerator's interior temperature without opening the door.

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*"If you have a question, comment or idea for the Shadetree Mechanic send it to:  
shadetree@lanceowners.com."*



# Tips and Tricks

## For you and your Lance Camper

### **Topic: Generator Tips**

If you change your own generator oil and filter then read on because this will save you some headache.

#### **Genrac Generator Service Tip**

When changing the engine oil and filter, use a sharp pointed tool and punch a hole in the engine oil filter before loosening it to prevent oil spilling out onto the engine cooling shroud. If the oil spills out on the shroud, it will collect dust and drip for days.

**WARNING:** The oil will be very hot and can cause a severe burn if proper precautions are not followed!

#### **How often....**

There has been much debate on how often you should run your generator in order to keep it in good working condition. Well according to Generac there is an easy rule to follow. It is called the 30 / 30 rule. Every thirty days you should be running your generator for thirty minutes with a moderate load. This helps moving parts from becoming frozen and keeps the lubrication circulated throughout the engine. Your generator will last a very long time as long as you take good care of it.

#### **Jack me up...**

This tip may save you some money. If you ever run down your battery in your camper and you need to use your electric jacks there is something you should know. Attempting to use your electric jacks with a low battery can seriously damage the charging unit in your camper if not done properly. Here is what you can do. If your truck is hooked to the camper then start the vehicle. With the engine running it is safe to operate your jacks. Lance makes an extension cord that is long enough to get your truck plugged into the camper even if the camper is off the truck and lowered to the ground. If you have enough battery power to get your generator started do NOT operate your jacks immediately after starting the generator, wait an hour or so and let the battery charge up first. Then with the generator off, operate your jacks. If you are near a shore power outlet go ahead and plug in but, again, do NOT operate your jacks until the battery has had some time to charge. If you have any questions about these topics or any others you can always call Lance Camper customer service at 1-800-423-7996.

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# *Members Alley*

**The members alley is designed for our members all over the country to send in photos and stories they would like to share. If you have something to send in mail to LOA PO Box 52363 Irvine, CA 92619-2363 or email to [info@lanceowners.com](mailto:info@lanceowners.com).**

Recently my wife and I decided to sell our 45' Prevost bus and use our Lance camper on our Ford F350 diesel. We certainly have less space but now we can get in and out of any interesting stops along the way as well as we never have a problem finding great out of the way campsites. What we don't miss is the expensive repair bills and maintenance, storage fees, and complexity. Our lance is great for the trips that we do and maintenance is minimal. We have all the comforts that we need without the expense, work, and hassle. The convenience and simplicity makes our trips even more fun, After switching from a half million dollar "ocean liner" to a nimble, go anywhere, anytime, easy to park, maintain and operate lance, I am very happy. Prevosts are wonderful machines but between maintenance, storage and depreciation ...our Lance is perfect for us. Sometimes less is more.

Maggie and Todd Keller  
Jacksonville, Fl.  
1999 Lance 1110 Ford F 350 dual diesel

