MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Align your headlights to keep traffic in sight

If oncoming drivers are honking at your coaches every night, it may not be because they think your drivers are cute. It may just be that your headlights are out of alignment. When headlights are improperly aligned, either the light doesn’t illuminate the road far enough in front of the vehicle for safe driving, or it may be momentarily blinding drivers in oncoming traffic.

Headlamp alignment is something that needs attention on a periodic basis, especially after any incident of front-end damage. Too often, though, it is neglected. No special tools beyond a screwdriver are required to perform this adjustment. Also required is a flat, level surface on which the vehicle is parked, and a bare wall approximately 25 feet away.

There are two different procedures required for the MCI coaches, and you will choose yours according to the different types of headlamps installed on your coach. All coaches using either sealed beam or halogen headlamps will use one of the procedures, while the E4500 and 34500 models will require a separate procedure due to their projector-style headlamps.

Neither procedure is difficult or time-consuming to perform. See your owner’s manual for full details. Spending a few minutes periodically will help guarantee safe driving after dark.