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Mini-Newsletter*



## ***Southeast Chapter Newsletter***

***... News of upcoming events and chapter chatter for December, 2005***

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As this newsletter reaches you, the Holidays will be fast upon us.

All of us on the Southeast ACA board wish to take this moment to wish you and your families the best of this Joyous season, and hope that as the new year dawns, it will bring you great happiness throughout the year.....

**Registration forms enclosed for these three events- Mark your calendars and join in the fun.....**

### ***January 19th - 22nd, 2006***

As of this writing, there are still a few places left unreserved for the **Lazy Days/ Rally Park "Extravaganza"** in January.

With the reduction in the rally fee- unless you are coming from Kansas- the great folks at Lazy Days have effectively paid for your diesel.

Fill out and mail this form today-- if you have not done so already. We reserved 150 spaces initially- and certainly don't want any to go unspoken for.

Randy and his crew will be at the rally, keeping our coaches humming- So, please fill out and submit both forms right away- to ensure your spot at this fun-filled event. Please see page 2 for more information--

### ***February 16th - 19th, 2006***

**Disney- Fort Wilderness Campground** - This event is filling up fast, and will quickly sell out. Take a moment to pop your check and registration form into the mail today.

Fun events include an evening at the **Hoop De Doo Musical Revue** in Pioneer Hall- and lots more!!!! - Friday evening will be a pot luck dinner....

### ***March 18th - 21st, 2006***

**Blueberry Hill RV Resort- Bushnell, FL** - Please note: this is not the standard format. This event takes place Saturday through Tuesday- *That's so we can all go to the Webster FleaMarket on Monday- and shop 'til we drop. Details at the rally...*

### **National Rally- Tucson, AZ**

The final pair of events for the spring 2006 rally season are the ACA pre-rally in Benson, AZ - at Butterfield RV Resort and Observatory (**April 22nd - 25th**) - and the National ACA event in Tucson, (**April 25th - 29th**)

Complete details and registration forms for the ACA national event are to be included in the national newsletter, which is due out in January, '06.

Forms for our SEACA pre-rally will be in the next newsletter, and of course we will post them to the website as soon as we have all of the costs and events finalized.

### **Our Website....**

**www.southeastaca.org** - Is the official website for members of the Southeast ACA - Some notes: First, if you ever need an old newsletter, or a registration form for an upcoming rally- look there first. We post all forms and newsletters on the site for your convenience.

Next, as you know, we moved websites in April from the old one at Yahoo.com - to our own, graphical based site. During the process, we lost individual member logins.

Your officers were concerned about placing information of a personal nature- such as member email and mailing address information on the new site- until we could sort out exactly how to do this- to protect our member's personal data.

Framework is in place so that you can immediately sign up and request a login and password. The process generates an email to the webmaster, and you will receive an authenticating email, along with your password to enter the "members only" section of the site within about 48 hours.

Once we have a representative level of requests for personal logins- we will switch off the generic "seaca" - "american" login - and will then be satisfied that we are protecting our members personal information.

At this point, we will be able to post membership lists, members email addresses and the like, without worry that they could be compromised. This transition to personal logins- and subsequent removal of the generic one- will be accomplished not later than April 30th, 2006. As of this writing, we are getting a number of requests daily for personal logins.

**SouthEast Chapter ELECTION OF OFFICERS--- A message from the nominating committee:**

Please note: Chapter officers for 2006 will be elected at our annual business meeting in January at Lazy Days' Rally Park. Your nominating committee is in the process of putting together a slate of candidates for the positions to be filled.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in running for a chapter office, please contact one of the members of your nominating committee:

Reggie Hedrick - rjhedric@strato.net  
Mike Kidder - jklmkl13@earthlink.net  
Ron Wilkinson - ronbarbwilk@earthlink.net  
Jim Youngblood - OleSeminole@msn.com

**More January Rally stuff....  
PUttin' on the PinK-**

Are you looking through your closet for just the right thing ?? Pink Pink and more Pink-- wear it all!!

**It's time again for our annual fund-raising auction!!!**

Load up the motorhome with all the great stuff you're not using, or a gift someone gave you - that just is "not you".

Bring it-- and anything else you've been wanting to get rid of-- to the Auction Thursday evening. Remember- our success depends on the items you bring.

Bake cookies, brownies- a cake or a pie- and bring it Thursday night (January 19<sup>th</sup>) The Pink Ladies and The Pink Panthers will be taking over Rally Park.

This will be the second annual "Puttin' on the Pink" Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society / Hope Lodge. **Any questions call Jo-Anne or Vic --(941) 748-7717**

Note: We still need volunteers for the coffee and cake committee- and the auction committee- contact Jo-Anne.

**Tea at Two**

**Come see Hope Lodge Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm**

Take a tour and See the amazing things accomplished by Hope Lodge, and how your generosity and compassion has made the Lodge a better place. Wear Pink-- Bring a tea cup and a smile.

**Time for a change???? - or Not????**

For many years, the Southeast chapter has conducted the business of putting on rallies in largely the same way. We generally stay at a location for 3 nights- Arrive on Thursday, leave on Sunday, and enjoy catered meals at most events.

With the rising costs of diesel, park fees, food and entertainment, it is probably a good idea to review how we put together an event.

Jim Youngblood and Howard and Mary Ann Goodhand have volunteered to create a survey and hold a short meeting at the January rally to listen to ideas and thoughts regarding the rally process.

The survey will be in the "goodie bag" that you will receive upon checking in at the Lazy Days rally.

You will be asked to fill it out and bring it to breakfast on Friday morning. We will use this input to see if we are on target- or out to lunch.

Please take time to fill out this survey- your thoughts are important to us all. It's all about fun, and how we can have more of it.....

**Presidents Corner:**

We all just got back from the Sun N Fun Christmas Rally- it was wonderful!!! Good food, a great final dinner w/ Santa and a great Gift Exchange.

For a while, I thought Jim Murray was the MC, as he kept having his gifts taken and had to choose again and again.

We even had "The Great Dog Contest" and believe me Southeast has many talented pets. We plan to return next year to Sun N Fun- so if you missed out- mark your calendar.

I will be retiring as President after having served 2 wonderful years...

We will also have a meeting during the rally to discuss future rallies- and how we should conduct them. We want to get as much input from the membership as we can.

To include thoughts like: How much should a rally cost? Should we do more pot-lucks or cook instead of hiring caterers? Would you like more do-nothing rallies?

I'll be brief today, but would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your president the last two years. I've enjoyed every minute of it!!!

*Sincerely,  
Vic Schneider*

**Note from your newsletter editor:**

The very next item that goes to the printer is the annual membership roster. I was picking my way through member names and addresses today- and found that some member information has not been corrected.

The very nature of our chapter relates to mobility- freedom- and being on the road. Please take a few minutes to drop Ron a note- or call him- if any of your personal contact information is out of date. Nothing worse than a roster created with stale information.

This roster will be distributed at the January Rally- and posted to the web as well in PDF. Be sure your entry is up to date!!!