



Flagler Beach Rally

March 12th – 15th



ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE

Can you lose 10 pounds in 2 days, Bake a cake on a campfire, Make a designer dress out of trash, Make beer out of bark, Sign up for the Southeast Reality Show at Bulow RV Resort at Flagler

Rally Hosts -- Vic and Joanne Schneider

Beach, Florida. There are still some openings available. If you are a SEACA alumni and wish to attend, contact Vic Schneider. He says there are hotel rooms available if you are coachless. Registration forms are available online.

National Rolling Pre Rally

May 12th – 17th



HEAD ‘UM UP MOVE ‘UM OUT

This will be one fun rally starting at Bella Terra RV Resort in Alabama and ending at the National ACA Rally in Texarkana. The Grahams and Gaynors are working hard at making this one a rally to

**Rally Hosts - Jim & Doty Graham
Don & Wendy Gaynor**

remember. I have already heard of members changing their summer travel schedule just to join the rally. There is more information on the rally in the below article written by Jim Graham in the Vice President’s column.

A Sad Farewell to Dear Friends



Sam McQuagg –

the 1965 NASCAR Rookie of the Year, died January 3rd. He was 73. Sam began racing in the 1950s and entered his first NASCAR race in 1962. His son remembered his father's racing career as something that seemed normal to McQuagg Jr. and his brother. "He was just a really great down-to-Earth, very loyal guy and I've got to say, we're all going to miss him immensely," his son said. In 1966, Sam claimed his only NASCAR victory, winning the Firecracker 400 at Daytona International Speedway. In later years, Sam traveled the country with his wife, Joy, in their American Coach. The couple celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary while he was in the hospital on New Year's Eve. Sam is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.



Lowell Hooper –

Lowell was born August 24, 1930 in Springfield, Ohio died Saturday, January 10th in Macon, Georgia. Mr. Hooper received his Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati in 1959; a 1951 Graduate of Indiana College of Mortuary Science and an Associate Degree in Mortuary Science in 1967 from Miami-Dade University. Lowell and Ruth loved traveling the country in their American Coach. Surviving are his wife of 44 years: Ruth Blackburn Hooper, Inverness; a daughter: Diane (Alan) Hooper Deariso, Milledgeville, GA; a son: Dwight (Paige) Lowell Hooper, Inverness; 4 grandchildren: Foster Marshall Deariso, Jesse Boyce Deariso, Hallie Carson Hooper, and Hunter Dwight Hooper.

President's Message



Dan Lee

We started out this New Year having our annual Lazydays Rally. It was great seeing everyone again. We had 13 first timers join us at Lazydays. Elections were held and all Officers remained the same except that our Treasurer is now Mary Ann Goodhand and our Secretary is now Jill Olinski. Congratulations Mary Ann and Jill and all elected officers. Thank you for reelecting me as President. Cortney Webb has volunteered to be our "Goodwill Lady". Please contact Cortney or me if you have any news concerning our member's achievements or well being. She will be sending out the appropriate greeting cards.

The Board has approved the donation of \$1000 out of our general fund to the ACA scholarship fund. This college scholarship is awarded to American Coach employee's children.

I have sent an email survey to all our members who have a valid email address asking if they would accept this newsletter via email. So far we have had a 90% acceptance rate. Thank you. I understand that not all of you are computer savvy and I will always offer you a snail mail copy. We handed out the 2009 Membership Roster at Lazydays. I'll bring some copies to future rallies for those who didn't get one. Also you can download a copy from the SEACA web site.

A sad farewell to Sam McQuagg and Lowell Hooper. Our condolences go to each family. They certainly will be missed by all.

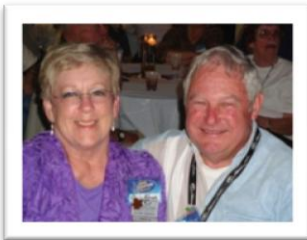
The ACA election ballots will be sent out this month. No more campaign speeches but I sure would appreciate your vote for president.

Safe Travels

Pictures from the Lazydays Rally



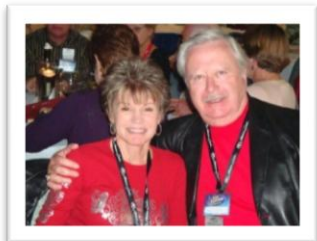
First Timers



Charlie & Gloria Adcock



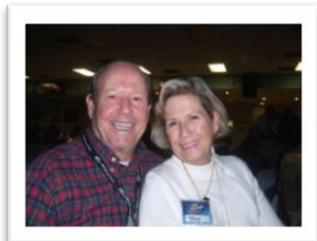
Bowens & Sawins



Larry & Margaret Carter



John & Beverly Wright



Stew & Mary Macfarlane

Vice President

Jim Graham

The rally at Lazydays was fun and I feel sorry for those that missed it. I want to thank everyone for electing me to a second term as vice president. I hope this year turns out to be a better year than last year for all of our members. The fuel prices have come down and hopefully will stay under \$2.75 per gallon for the rest of the year. Now if we can just get the banks to start loaning money for these coaches, maybe American Coach can get back in the business of building and selling and we can get back to buying and traveling. Wendy Gaynor and I have a great pre-rally planned for the National Rally in Texarkana. This is going to be a Rolling Rally and will be five days long. The ones coming from lower FL. are having a gathering point at Topsail in Destin. The official rally will start at Bella Terra, in Orange Beach, AL. We will spend two days there before traveling on to Bay St Louis, MS Hollywood Casino RV Resort. We will spend 1 day here, and then on to Rayne, LA

fairgrounds for 1 day, and then on to Shreveport, LA fairgrounds before going on to the National Rally in Texarkana, arriving on the 18th around noon. The most travel we will do in any one day is 230 miles with most days less than 200 miles. Wendy has all kinds of dinners and good things planned for each place. You can get more detail from the application. You will be able to do as much or as little of this rally as you would like. If you are already west of Bella Terra, you can join us at the next stop or the last stop. The rally has a variable fee and is explained on the application. Some of the meals will be a pay as you go at the casinos and restaurants. We felt this is the fairest way to charge for this rally. If you are going to the National Rally this will be the best way to go and guaranteed most fun, so come and join us. We are planning for 50 coaches and don't know if we can add more, so send in your application early.

Don't forget vote for Dan Lee for National President and Doug Thompson for National VP.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Ann Goodhand



General Account	\$10,339.40	Rally Income (Flagler)	\$ 2,275.00
Rally Account	\$ 7,365.15		
Rally Deposits Pd.	\$ 925.00	Total Assets	\$16,354.55

A full Treasurer's report can now be viewed on the SEACA web site in the Members only Section

Membership

Janice Thompson



Thanks to all who paid their dues at Rally Park. For those that have not paid their dues, they are receiving "past due" postcards in the mail. The deadline for dues is 2/28 - anyone not paid at that time will be moved to the inactive file. Don't miss out on the fun - send me your dues. See you at a rally soon!

**Make \$12 Dues payable to SEACA & Send to:
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Trinity, FL 34655**

A Picture Blast from the Past



Your Chapter's web address is: <http://www.southeastaca.org/>

Upcoming Rally Schedules and Registration Forms
Recent News, Rally Pictures, Links and Past Newsletters

Upcoming SEACA Rallies



Joyce Bennett

Date	Rally	Location	Hosts
March 12 – 15	Bulow Plantation Resort	Flagler Beach	Vic & Jo Anne Schneider
May 12 – 17	5 day Rolling Pre Rally	Orange Bch, AL	Gaynor's & Grahams
May 18 – 23	ACA National Rally	Texarkana, TX	SCC & MV Chapters
October 22 - 25	Halloween Rally	Naples, FL	Les & Virginia Bowen
December 4 – 6	Holiday Rally	Disney World	Chet & Joyce Bennett



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