



Southeast Chapter Newsletter

News of upcoming events and chapter chatter for July/August, 2007 ..

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The '07-'08 Rally Season is nearly here!!!

Hello to all from the news desk. It's the middle of summer, and everyone we've spoken to so far is looking for a dry, cool spot to put down their jacks and "stay a spell."

This mid-summer newsletter results from our ever continuing efforts to keep everyone informed about chapter "happenings." As you know, it is our turn to host the national rally for the American Coach Association next May in Mobile. More details follow, later on in this newsletter.

But, for now, let's focus on the SEACA's upcoming season-

Zephyr Cove RV Park - September 23-26

Our first event is the pre-rally to ACA's Napa Valley National event. It takes place at the Zephyr Cove RV Park, South Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Your news staff spoke with the reservations desk at Zephyr Cove just before this newsletter went to print- to make sure that the recent fires in the area did not cause any damage to their facilities. They indicated that the fire had come close, but that they had suffered no damage.

There is a registration form for this rally in this newsletter- since Mary Ann and Howard are "on the road" as you read this- make sure you get it filled out and in the mail right away. Also, they ask that you either call or email them as soon as you complete the registration, so they can keep on top of the registrations and expected number of coaches.

More details and information are on the form. Be sure to book early and get your "spot". We will caravan into Napa Valley on Wednesday the 26th. For planning purposes, it is about a 5 hour drive from Zephyr Cove into Calistoga.

Napa Valley National- Sept 26 - Oct 1

The fall national rally in Calistoga, California is being hosted by the Northern California Chapter. In the event

that you haven't yet registered- and still need the forms to do so- they are available on the ACA national website, or in the May/June edition of your ACA Magazine.

Housekeeping notes regarding the Napa Valley Rally:

First, the waiting list for attending the Balloon Festival after the national rally is at this time, relatively short- you might still have a chance if you act quickly. Call **Bill Dettmer** if interested.

Next, about 8 Southeast member coaches have signed up for the **Balloon Festival** Rally in Albuquerque. If you plan to also join the rolling rally, which rolls from Calistoga to Albuquerque- you will have to contact **Debbie Darby** directly and get the planning and stops information in advance. She is at: 805-469-2903 - or debdarby48@yahoo.com.

Port Charlotte - October 25-28- Also billing this as the "2nd Annual Do Nothin'" rally-

On the heels of criss-crossing the country is a rally at **Harbor Lakes**, an Encore Super Park in Port Charlotte. Your rally hosts are **Barb and Monty Campbell**. A Woodalls 5W park, Harbor Lakes is sure to be a fun experience.

The registration form for this event is in this newsletter. The park is at 3737 El Jobean Road(SR 776)- which is very near many attractions and activities, including restaurants, Sanibel and Captiva Islands- and the world renowned Fort Myers Beach-

There are many attractions to see such as The Edison/Ford Estate, the South Florida Museum, Bishop Planetarium and the Town Center Mall on Route 41.

We'll have burgers, dogs and a dish to pass one night- Lazy Days is providing a wine and cheese reception. This will be a hoot!!! - Fun, and all for a rally fee of \$99.76. At this rate, the only entertainment you'll see is maybe Monty and Doug wearing a lampshade for a hat at happy hour.

Holiday Rally - Sun 'N Fun Resort November 29th - December 2nd

Our annual Holiday Rally is again scheduled at the Sun 'N Fun Resort in Sarasota. Your rally hosts are Fred and Sylvia Soto and Ron and Barbara Wilkinson.

As always, this is a very special rally with lots of great food and entertainment planned. Registrations are limited, so make sure you sign up as soon as the forms are available. One of the fun parts of this job is publishing a newsletter while crossing the country- but, we'll 'git 'er done somehow- so you've got the registration forms in hand in plenty of time.

Annual Spectacular and Blow-Out Rally Park/Lazy Days - January 17-20th, 2008

We all look forward to the annual Lazy Days rally in Seffner. Great food and entertainment is always at hand, the coach displays are spectacular, and of course we can take the bus over to the fairgrounds to the big RV show.

At this time, we are looking for one or two host couples to oversee this event. If you are interested- please contact either Doug Thompson or Mary Ann Goodhand.

February 5th- Pre-Rally to FMCA Regional-

We plan to meet at the Brooksville Fairgrounds on US 41, just south of State Road 50 just like last year. We'll overnight here, most spaces have full hookups- we'll caravan in together to the FMCA rally the next day- and be able to park together.

February 6th-10th- FMCA Regional Rally - Brooksville Regional Airport

It is not for the faint of heart (those folks who don't like to dry camp) - However, our beautiful American Coaches are more than equal to the task. Remember, come with empty tanks, a full larder and enjoy the fun.

Last year, we had a ball. The weather cooperated, the happy hours were happy- it was a great time. Hope to have a greater turn-out this year.

More details will be shared as we get closer. Many of our members already enjoy this annual event, and are quite familiar with it. Watch the FMCA magazine for a registration form, or sign up on the FMCA website this fall. It's a hoot.

Spring ACA National Rally- Mobile, Alabama

As you know, Southeast Chapter is hosting the spring rally for the American Coach Association. An event of this size takes a lot of volunteer power. To that end, the first of two new websites having to do with this event have been launched.

Please take a minute to surf to:

www.southeastaca.org/mobile.

In January at Lazy Days, dozens of people volunteered for various duties. This information has been posted to this site, as well as the contact information for all volunteers and committee chairpeople.

At this time, we are looking for volunteers to chair 3 additional areas. These are: **Tour and Offsite Events, Decorations and Tables and Facilities and Support Services**. Please send email- or call any member of the board if you would like to help.

There will be a preliminary working rally in Mobile in October (14th - 18th) specifically for all committee chairs. Fleetwood representatives will be on hand to help with issues and organization. There will also be another working rally in the spring at a destination yet to be decided- to make sure we have our collective ducks in a row.

We are all looking forward to this event. It might be a great deal of work- but it is also a great deal of fun and an opportunity to forge new friendships.

Be part of the action- volunteer today! - drop an email to doug@southeastaca.org - or any member of the SEACA board today.

Food for thought-

Please keep in mind, after all the hard work of putting on a national rally, you'll need some rest and relaxation. To that end, we have put together a special post-rally cruise to relax/celebrate.

We'll depart from the port of Mobile on the **Carnival Cruise Line** ship "**Holiday**".

This **5 day cruise** will visit two ports in Mexico including **Cozumel and Calica**.

The ship departs on May 19th. Special group rates apply. Additionally, great arrangements have been made for a place to keep your coach, as well as folks to pamper your pet(s) - So, there is no reason not to come with us. If you would like further information- contact us right away, we'll put you in touch with **Paul Parker**, our cruise director, or view the specific details on our website.

The Chapter Bylaws- call for appointing a nominating committee in July of each year. We've complied with that tenant. Please be thinking about this- the chapter will undergo a relatively wholesale change on the board in January. If you have ever thought about holding a chapter office- this is the time. Contact a member of the committee for details- **Mary Ann Goodhand- 863-232-6227 or Ron Wilkinson- 727-808-0804.**

Vice President's Notes:

Happy Summer to All,

Hope you are all traveling and having a good time this summer. As this newsletter finds you, John and I are back in Florida, spending our summer at Blueberry Hill in Bushnell.

As most of you know, I am a working girl, working for a builder. Well, we have a project that is about to kick off and I have been summoned back to Florida to really work now. What a bummer, but that is what keeps the paycheck coming. We were dreading being here due to the heat, however, it appears that it is hotter in most of the country than here in Florida. Not so bad after all.

As you all know, it is time for nominations for the upcoming elections in Jan. 2008. Due to my being so involved working, I am not going to place my hat in the ring for President in 2008. I do not feel that I would be able to fulfill my duties as I should as my priorities are elsewhere. I have been busy seeking vendors, arranging seminars, obtaining door prizes and donations for our spring rally in Mobile, AL., as well as performing my Treasurer duties as required. We need you to volunteer to serve.

It is a lot of fun and certainly gives you lots of opportunities to meet more people throughout the ACA membership community. I must admit that I have enjoyed traveling and usually running into someone that you know. Now it is your turn.

Speaking of the spring national rally in May, 2008, we still need people to step up to the plate and help out with this rally. This is a rally to be put on by the SE Chapter, that doesn't mean that a handful of people will attend to all. It takes the efforts of all of us. Please contact Doug or myself and let us know what you would like to get involved in. Your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated.

Enjoy your summer, travel safe

Pat Leszewski, Vice President/Treasurer

As you can tell by the lengthy **new member list**, it has been a long while since we have printed a newsletter. We are so fortunate to welcome these new members to

Southeast- It is an honor to have them, and we invite them to join in the fun of our rallies..... A hearty welcome to:

- William & Wanda Amick, Green Cove Springs FL
- Joseph & Sharon Andres, Tavernier FL
- Jeff & Debbie Becker, Indian Rocks Beach FL
- Ted & Elaine Blanchard, New Smyrna Beach FL
- Russell & Debra Sites Bohley, Nokomis FL
- Jeff & Marcia Bratsburg, Kallaska MI
- Gary & Nancy Brink, Silver Springs FL
- David & Amy Brown, Glen Lake City FL
- Terry & Phyllis Brunson, Candler FL
- George & Debbie Bryan, Umatilla FL
- Larry & Genie Buchanan, Palm City FL
- Tom & Coni Burt, Titusville FL
- Jerry & Syndria Carter, Jacksonville FL
- Vincent & Patricia Catallozi, Winter Springs FL
- Gene & Betty Cody, Lakeland FL
- Nick & Laurie Coffin, Cooper City FL
- Larry & Linda Collins, Felda FL
- Steven & Laura Connock, Wesley Chapel FL
- David & Nancy Crossan, Cincinnati OH
- Thomas & Judith D'Eath, Mount Dora FL
- Lane Dumser, Clearwater FL
- William & Betty Dunnuck, Marco Island FL
- David & Connie Evens, Belleview FL
- Paul & Beth Britvec Gaetano, Sebring FL
- Peter & Sandra Galligan, Trinity FL
- Don & Sandra Gandee, Columbia TN
- Darryl & Sharon Getman, Mount Dora FL
- Lew Hall, Lakeland FL
- Mike & Barbara Hardy, Canton MS
- James & Carolyn Harshey, Branford FL
- Doug & Dawn Haynes, Alachua FL
- Allan & Evelyn Heath, Fort Myers FL
- Lynn & Josephine Pulizzi, Naples FL
- Johnny & Ruth Jones, Tampa FL
- Allan & Nancy Joyce, Melbourne FL
- Jim & Carmen Justice, Green Cove Springs FL
- Steve & Jewel Lamb, Crystal River FL
- Larry & Claudia Lambert, St. Petersburg FL
- Marshall & Penny Lounsberry, Pensacola FL
- Bob & Janet Lee, Titusville FL
- Cecil & Diane Lee, Daytona Beach FL
- Eric & Shannon Levine, West Palm Beach FL
- Tom & Wanda Loope, Bellaire FL
- Don MacMillan, Raleigh NC
- Frank & Lois Manno, Sarasota FL
- McGuire & Molly Martin, Pensacola FL
- Martin McGowan, Tampa FL
- Mack & Gertrude McLaughlin, Fortson GA
- Raymond & Virginia McLaurin, Laurel MS
- David & Evelyn Mohr, Mims FL
- Todd & Kimberly Morris, Wetkumpka AL
- Larry & Pat Myers, Vero Beach FL
- Russell & NancyMyles, Grand Bay AL

Adam & Wendy Nash, Miami FL
 Gary & Bonnie Neighorn, Crystal River FL
 Ken & Brenda Little, Jupiter FL
 James & Janet Ousley, Cartersville GA
 Ernie & Bettie Parra, Lawrenceville GA
 Randy & Rayna Perillo, Wesley Chapel FL
 John & Mary London Pravdica, North Port FL
 Chester & Anne Prince, Palmetto FL
 Floyd & Nina Ray, Jacksonville FL
 Robert & Mary Reeves, Odessa FL
 Dale & Janet Rogalski, Newberry FL
 Edward & Kathryn Rundberg, Vancleave MS
 Barry & Donna Rutter, Bellaire MI
 Chris & Carla Rybecky, Ponte Verde Beach FL
 Larry & Dorothy Ryherd, Summerfield FL
 Robert & LeAnn Sapp, Brooksville FL
 Raymond & Shari Overtoner, Port Richey FL
 Donald & Ina Scoggin, Ellisville MS
 Bart & Robyn Stone, Carrollton GA
 James & Peggy Teague, Sarasota FL
 Joseph & Pat Traylor, Clearwater FL
 Daniel Tschan, Naples FL
 Santo & Chaidi Vaccaro, East Palatka FL
 Rudy Valle, Myrtle Beach SC
 Christian & Elizabeth Vandenheuvel, Tavernier FL
 Elmer & Diane Welch, Bokeelia FL

James & Anita Welch, Summerland Key FL
 Theodore & Gail Wentzel, Sarasota FL
 Max & Susan Whitt, Buford GA
 Dennie & Joy Wilcox, Apopka FL
 James Wilson, Tampa FL

Editor's notes: The next newsletter will contain registration forms for both the Holiday and Lazy Day's Rallies. It should be in the mail around the first of October. If you need current information regarding Southeast ACA's chapter activities, the most up to the minute postings are always on our website at:

www.southeastaca.org

..... Don't forget to volunteer to chair a team- or work in some way on the Mobile Rally in '08 !!!

And, please check your dues expiration date on the mailing label. As we ran them, there were 84 members who had not paid their dues for January, '07. According to chapter rules, this will be the last newsletter sent out to these members unless they renew.

Safe and Happy Travels- See you down the road-
 Doug Thompson

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