



## Southeast Chapter of the American Coach Association

### Savannah, GA Rally

May 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2010



#### Lunch at Paula Deens “The Lady and Sons”

We have a great lunch time reserved (in the rally rate) at the Paula Deens restaurant in Savannah. We are parking at KOA Savannah South. I could not make Hilton Head work, because of price and distance to Savannah. The distance to our activities is approximately 50 miles each way, plus a toll bridge. We are going to have 4 fun filled days in the area. We have been to this KOA and it is

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very nice.

We have a fully narrated uninterrupted 90-minute trolley tour (in the rally rate) with unlimited on / off until 5:30pm at Savannah's most popular Trolley Stops. There will be plenty of time for you to do your own shopping in the Savannah area, plus many more Rally activities. Check out the activities and meals for the price, and I am sure you will see the bargain in this rally. I have been able to keep the price to \$275.00 for 4 fun days with full hook-ups and 50A.

### National Rolling Pre Rally

May 15<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>



#### SEACA, ON THE ROAD AGAIN

This will be one fun rally starting at the KOA Savannah South and ending at the South East pre-rally in Rapid City, SD. 1800 miles of pure fun. This will be a pay-as-you-go rally so there will be no rally fee. We have campgrounds reserved along the way, and it will be a very easy, slow moving jaunt across the country, having fun along the way with SEACA members. We'll have stops at casinos in St. Louis and St Joe. We will be limiting our travel to around 300 miles a day. We also will be stopping within a few miles of where a good friend of

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mine grew up in Howard, SD. He still sends me meat from the meat locker there. This area has some of the best beef and pork in the country, and we can get it... This rally will depend on how many want to go to the National in Gillette. If you haven't made plans yet, please do. We are going to have fun. Gillette has a lot to offer if you haven't been there. The area has so much to discover, and the gateway to Yellowstone, just a few miles further west

### A Sad Farewell to a Dear Friend

One of our oldest members passes this year and is remembered by all as a wonderful and beautiful woman. A message from Jim Youngblood, her husband:

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart and trembling hands that I must inform you of the passing of my dearest Barbara. She left us at 3:55 pm the afternoon of (Friday) February 19<sup>th</sup> and is now resting in the loving arms of God. Her family was gathered around her as she departed, assured by our Christian faith of her destination. She is with the Lord!

**Jim Graham**



**President's Message**

We started out this New Year having our annual Lazydays Rally. It was great seeing everyone again. Elections were held and the new officers are: Jim Graham - president, Stew Macfarlane - vice president, Bob Frank - treasurer, and Jill Olinski - secretary. Congratulations to all elected officers. Thank you for electing me as president. Monty Campbell has accepted an appointment as membership chairman. Janice Thompson took over the National membership chair and has her hands full with that project. Thank you Jan for the excellent work you did for the Chapter. Wendy Gaynor has accepted the rally chairperson position and we are excited to see what she has in mind for our rallies.

I would like to thank Dan Lee for the excellent leadership over the past year. Dan and Renee have done a great job in keeping the Chapter together, and close, yet it is still the largest chapter in the American coach Association - not a small task. I hope I can fill his shoes. Dan has agreed to stay on as web master and continue doing the maintenance work on our web page. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated members in our group.

The Board has approved the donation of \$1000 out of our general fund to the ACA scholarship fund. The following was our donation to ACA Scholarship Fund....

50/50 drawing	\$ 246.00
Cash donations (from members)	157.00
Checks (from members)	950.00
Subtotal	\$1353.00
SEACA Match	1000.00

**Grand Total \$2353.00**

The donations were started from a member that challenged the rest of the membership to match his donation, hence the cash and check donations. This member has requested to remain anonymous, but started the challenge with a \$500.00 check.

Our Chapter has donated almost 25% of the scholarship budget for the year. I am very proud of the Chapter's benevolent donations.

We are trying to select rally places for this year with a theme. What I mean by this is a place where we might also enjoy a festival, air show, racing event, art show, wine tasting, or even a civil war attraction or reenactment... We live in a very historic area, and there are so many possibilities available. If you have any ideas, please let Wendy or me know what you are thinking about. All good rallies start with a good idea, let's have some good ideas.

I would like to do some rallies where we are doing a lot of the entertainment and cooking ourselves. I want to get the fun into our rallies, and the camaraderie that comes from doing things with friends. I remember when we did these things because we didn't have the money to do anything else and, boy did we have fun. Let's try it again...

**Membership Chair**

This is my first chance to introduce myself to all of you since being selected to be your membership chairman. I think the SouthEast chapter is the greatest group of people and my wife and I have enjoyed being a part of this group. Hopefully, this job will give me a chance to give back to the group.

**Don't forget you ACA National dues. These go to: Janice Thompson, 1812 Lately Ct., Trinity, FL 34655**

My main job is to keep the records of the member's addresses, phone numbers, and dues payments and also order the "swingers" for the badges giving the city and chapter for each member. We presently have 259 members, but many of you have not sent in your dues for 2010. On the label that in on this mailer, you will notice a date. That is the date your dues are paid thru. So if you have not yet paid your dues, please send them to me now. This is your club and we all need to do our part to make it the best.

If you have any questions or need to update me on any pertinent information, please feel free to contact me.

Fun and fellowship are what it is all about.

**Make \$12 Dues payable to SEACA & Send to:  
Monty Campbell  
8701 Belle Meade Dr  
Fort Myers, FL33908**



**Vice President Report**

First of all I would like to thank you all for the vote of confidence in choosing me as your Vice President. I will do my best to live up to your expectations. I am looking forward to working with Jim Graham and the great board of directors you have chosen.

Even though it has been a rough couple of years for American Coach Company and we American Coach Owners, I am excited about the future. Let's leave that behind us and go forward with what appears to be a great new company. American Industrial Partners (the new owners) seem to be making the right decisions in honoring existing warranties. Even though some of us may not be totally happy with our warranty coverage, they only had so much money to work with. AIP could have done as other companies that were involved in bankruptcies did, start off new and not cover any warranties.

With the fuel prices (somewhat) lower, it is a good time to renew old friendships at American Coach Association's great rallies

.Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Stew Macfarlane

**Bob Frank**



**Treasurer's Report**

Feb 15, 2010

Rally Account balance....\$10,136.86

General account balance... 4,625.62

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

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

*Upcoming Rally Schedules and Registration Forms*

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## Upcoming SEACA Rallies

Wendy Gaynor

<b>Date</b>	<b>Rally</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hosts</b>
May 12 – 15	Hilton Head Outdoor Resort	Savannah, GA	Jim & Doty Graham
May 16 – 25	5 day Rolling Pre Rally	1800 miles of FUN	Jim & Doty Graham
May 26 – 27	SE ACA Pre-Rally	Rafter J-Bar Ranch S.D.	Jim & Doty Graham
May 27 – 31	ACA National Rally	Gillette, WY	Happy Wanderers Chapter
September ??	Need a location	Maybe GA Blue Ridge Mtns	Need Hosts
October	Halloween Rally	Open	Need Hosts
November 25-28	Holiday Rally	Open	Need Hosts



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