



## ***Southeast Chapter Newsletter***

***... News of upcoming events and chapter chatter for Nov/Dec, 2006 ....***

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### ***The Holiday Rally- November 30th - December 3rd -***

Each year, this hardy band of RV enthusiasts migrates to and merges upon the Sun N Fun RV Resort in Sarasota for a very special celebration.

Your hosts are **Fred and Sylvia Soto, Temp and Debbie Hamilton and Vic and JoAnne Schneider**. They have prepared a fantastic itinerary consisting of lots of things to do and, as expected, great things to eat- including a poolside Luau.

There is even a round trip shopping excursion to St. Armand's Key aboard the Sarasota Sight Seeing Trolley on Saturday.

As this newsletter is being completed, a check with Fred Soto confirms that there are still spaces available. Don't be left out!!! - get your registration form in the mail today!!!

### ***Annual SEACA Rally- Lazy Days - January 18th - 21st, 2007***

It's certainly not too early to send in your registration form for the big shindig at Rally Park in January- In fact, we have to confirm our reservations by December 15th, or potentially may lose any unreserved spaces.

To ensure that you're included- please get your registration in the mail today.

Your hosts are **Dan and Renee Lee and Paul and Sondra Wells**. They have worked tirelessly in planning the weekend, making sure that you'll have a great time.

Don't forget- the annual RV show at the fairgrounds will be in full swing-- it's always a lot of fun to see what's new and exciting. The wonderful folks at **Lazy Days** are planning some special activities this year- the fun just keeps comin'.....

### ***FMCA Southeast Area Association Rally Brooksville, FL - February (6) 7-11, 2007***

For the first time, Southeast Chapter has scheduled a rally to coincide with the great FMCA Southeast Area Rally at Hernando County Airport in Brooksville, FL.

The dates are February 7 to 11, 2007. They have planned great live entertainment for all four nights. Vendors non-stop. Seminars on just about everything under the sun. Pizza, dogs, burgers, B-B-Q, chicken, drinks - hot and cold, and more are available. This is **dry camping**, so be sure you have empty tanks and full water. Generators are allowed between 7am to 11pm.

Brooksville is a sizeable town and has plenty of restaurants off-site if you desire a more formal dining atmosphere. And, of course, the ever present Wal-Mart is down the road if you need milk, bread, or a new vacuum sweeper!

The tricky part will be to get everyone together to enter and park together! In that effort, we have scheduled an pre-rally overnight (February 6th) at the Hernando County Fairgrounds, which is just down the road from the Hernando County Airport. We have some full hook up sites and some sites with just water and electric...and a whole field if we need it. If you wish to attend the pre-rally overnight, complete the SE Chapter registration and return to Mary Ann Goodhand. For those who cannot attend the overnight, but wish to attend the FMCA rally with Southeast, let Mary Ann know, so she can get you details of how to meet with the group.

For those attending the FMCA rally, send your registration form directly to the Southeast Area Association.

FMCA will mail a confirmation packet directly to you. This is entirely different format for a rally than we have ever had, and for once, we don't have a 30 coach limit. If you have any questions or need additional information, email Mary Ann Goodhand directly at [hgoodhand@msn.com](mailto:hgoodhand@msn.com). By the way, you do NOT have to be an FMCA member to attend this rally.

***And, continuing in 2007-  
lots of fun in store!!!***

**March 22nd through 24th -  
Grand Lakes, Ocala**

This highly rated venue is the scene for our March rally. Grand Lakes is Trailer Life rated 10-10-9.5.... While sounding like the performance scores of a highly skilled Olympic diver, this translates to our having a good time in a relaxed and beautiful spot. The rolling hills of Ocala at that time of the year are beautiful.

The park sports spacious "big rig" sites, and 50 amp hookups. Your hosts are **Lowell and Ruth Hooper and Chuck and Donna Keefer**. Watch for the registration form right after the first of the year.....

**April 22nd through 24th - Holiday Travel Park  
Winter Haven**

Great things are in store for those who attend this rally. Our rally chairperson, Mary Ann Goodhand and her husband Howard- along with other Southeast members from Lake Ashton are your hosts. They have a great weekend planned for us with special events and things to do in the area. More details will follow in the next newsletter, but be sure to make plans now to attend.

**May 4th through 6th -**

This is the pre-rally for Southeast for the Myrtle Beach National event. At this time, it is looking as if it will be an entirely new format, and will likely be a rolling rally as we journey toward South Carolina. Your rally chairperson, Mary Ann Goodhand, is getting initial plans under way for this- if you want to share some ideas, she'd appreciate your thoughts. We are also looking for couple(s) to host this event.

***Waving the banner here....***

As you likely already know, our chapter has been assigned the responsibility of putting on the national ACA rally- in May, 2008. We will have some discussion on this at the Lazy Days/Rally Park event in January, and will be looking for members who wish to serve as committee chairs and volunteers.

Give this some thought- We can certainly put your expertise to good use. It will be hard work, but great fun.

***Annual election of officers for SEACA....***

Each year, the January rally is the forum for the annual election of officers for our chapter. All positions are up for grabs.

We will be electing a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, membership chairman, rally chairman, and looking for someone to publish the newsletter.

In accordance with the chapters' bylaws, a nominating committee has been duly appointed. The members are **Jim Youngblood, Dan Lee and Ron Wilkinson**.

Please contact them if you wish to place your name on the ballot. It's great fun to serve as a club officer, and it is certainly a wonderful way to get to know the membership of SEACA....

**Officers Notes:**

**President-**

It seems like only a moment has passed, and another year is indeed coming to an end. I have truly enjoyed serving as your president this year. I've had an opportunity to meet many SEACA members, and to represent the Southeast Chapter, in serving on the national ACA board. With any luck, you'll let me serve one more year in the office. Takes time to "get up to speed" - by the time you learn what's going on, its time to pass the torch to the next person...

I'd like to take a moment here to express my appreciation for all the hard work performed by the members of the board this year. It has truly been inspirational, working with everyone in ensuring that events are carefully planned and executed, and that club business is enacted. My sincere thanks to the team!!!!

Doug Thompson, president

**Vice-President-**

Well, we've made our annual trip to Camp Decatur. Everyone goes once a year just to visit with all our friends, not that we have any issues with our beautiful coaches??!!!!

We arrived about a week early and hoping to get some things done under the "Drop in" policy. We succeeded in doing so. The following week was our scheduled week for service. Once again, the great crew(s) there succeeded in getting all of our items fixed as well as doing additional work that we were unaware of.

We met many new friends and of course, reunited with old ones. It is always interesting to talk to everyone and hear the trials and tribulations they have had.

We even met people who have never been to Camp Decatur and they were very impressed on how well they were taken care of.

We scheduled our appointment for the second week of October thinking that we would see lots of beautiful foliage and that it would be comfortable temps. Well, we did see beautiful foliage, however, the snow flurries were a real RUDE awakening. This Florida girl is not used to that, and to think I am going back for more in Dec. What is wrong with this picture????

We went to the factory to see if we could find our new coach on the line. Went to talk to Tom Liechty and succeeded!!! We went directly to the coach, which was just out of the paint booth, and took the tour of the coach. How lucky was this??? Several people took the factory tour and were so impressed on how well our beautiful coaches are built, and the time and effort involved.

It takes four weeks for one of our coaches to be built from chassis to completion. Tom said that they can build 8 "Discovery" units in the time that it takes to build 1 American Heritage. WOW!!!

ACA has really improved our parking facilities there. The new lot is a larger, all new power, and they have added a second dump station. Wow, some of us may never have to leave the Mother Ship.

Pat Leszewski, vice president

#### **Membership Chairperson-**

Finally, fall weather has made its way to Florida. I HOPE ALL OF YOU HAD A GREAT SUMMER. We have two great rallies coming in Dec.'06 and Jan '07, and we certainly hope to see you there. Currently, we have 321 members in the SEACA chapter. However, 77 of these are delinquent in their SEACA dues.

PLEASE look on the address label of this newsletter for your due date. (It's in red) Send your dues to me; made out to "SEACA", and make them current to JANUARY of any year. This makes the book keeping much easier. We also have 4 members delinquent in their National ACA dues. That due date is on the address label of the national magazine. Remember, if you are not current in your National dues, you do not belong to an ACA chapter.

Also, I have been receiving back 5-7 copies of each news letter that is marked "undeliverable" because of the wrong address. Please send the membership chairperson your change of address.

Due to the cost of printing and mailing newsletters, you might not receive the letter if your dues are delinquent. NO DUES, NO NEWS.

Ron Wilkinson, membership chairperson

**Editor's notes:** Questions have arisen recently as to whom to contact regarding information on a specific rally. Check first with the rally host for that event. If unable to contact them, your next checkpoint will be the rally chairperson. Also, you can look on the chapter website for the rally registration form- it is posted as soon as it is available under the "Rally Schedule" tab at [www.southeastaca.org](http://www.southeastaca.org).

**Also**, take time to look carefully at the mailing label on this newsletter. If there are any corrections that need to be made- possibly you have a new email address or cell phone number as well, now is the time to communicate these updates to Ron Wilkinson, membership chairperson. The intent here is to have a membership roster, as complete and as accurate as possible- available for any member who wants one- at the January rally. These are great to carry on your coach- you never know when you'll need to contact a fellow member, and if the information you have is wrong, it certainly slows things down.

**And**, as of this writing, there are now 65 people who have signed up for a login and password to be able to reach the chapter website's "Members Only" section.

The most recently available membership roster, as well as many chapter forms and documents are always kept in this area of the website. If you don't have a logon yet, visit the site and request one. It's painless, and allows you to access membership information as needed.

#### **This note is from Chet Sedke, regarding Russ Sawin's recent surgery:**

Hello everyone, thanks for all your prayers. Russ's surgery went well and he was in recovery late Thursday afternoon (10/26). The doctors had him walking and exercising yesterday. He has a long way to go and continues to need your prayers. He will be at Shands hospital for a few days after which he will be going further north to a rehabilitation and recovery center.

Rosemary is doing OK, however I'm sure she needs your prayers as well. A phone call would be appreciated. Cell for Rosemary is 224-217-0555. Or: Russ & Rosemary Sawin, 28229 S. CR33 Lot 114W, Leesburg, FL 34748.

*Thanks, Chet.*

**Treasurer's Report, Southeast Chapter American Coach Association:**

As of: October 20, 2006

**Income:** ( Last 60 days )

New Memberships & Renewals		1,322.00
Rallies:		
	Lazydays 07	0.00
	Sun N Fun 06	0.00
	Bluewater 06	0.00
	Virginia Beach	4,341.00
	Winterhaven 07	0.00
Charity	Urbana	134.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,797.00</b>

**Expenses:** ( Last 60 days )

Newsletter	October	291.47
Swingers		97.81
Office supplies		146.52
Bank Charges		3.00
Rallies:		
	Lazydays 07	0.00
	Sun N Fun 06	650.00
	Bluewater 06	0.00
	Virginia Beach	4,021.92
	Winterhaven 07	75.00
	Deposit	75.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,285.72</b>

**Balances:**

General Account:	6,945.27
Rally Account:	8,179.54
Charities Account:	263.75
<b>Total cash:</b>	<b>\$15,388.56</b>

Ron Wilkinson, Membership Chairperson  
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**To:**