



# Southeast Chapter of the American Coach Association



**Jim Graham, SE President**

Hi Southeast Members,

The Southeast Chapter was scheduled to hold the ACA National Rally in the Spring of 2013, however, unforeseen circumstances came up with South Central and the location they had selected to hold the rally...to

save all the details...the bottom line is that Southeast Chapter volunteered to hold the rally in their place. We have selected the **River Plantation RV Park in Sevierville, TN (the Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg area). The dates are May 15th through May 20th, 2012.** This is a beautiful location in the U.S. and the Smoky Mountains. The mountains in springtime are majestic. Our theme for the rally is **"Smoky Mountain Memories"**. We need to keep this in mind when doing our planning. I know that this is an accelerated timeline from what we usually have, but from what I have seen from the GREAT Southeast Chapter, we can do this without breaking a sweat!!! We can do the difficult immediately, the impossible takes just a little longer.

**Rally Chairmen** are: Jim Graham and Jerry Weimer.

The committee chairs are:

**Vendors:** Pat Branigan

**Decorations:** Mary MacFarlane, Joan Farrell, Bonnie Fitzpatrick

**Entertainment:** Bill and Phyllis Gabler

**Golf:** Jim and Alva Younger

**Finance:** Dan Lee

**Food:** Jim and Doty Graham

**Information:** Bob and Jan Rist

**Publicity:** Bob and Mary Ann Frank

**Photography:** David Parriott

**Parking:** Larry Carter

**Registration:** Pauline Shea and Doty Graham

**Seminars/Meetings:** David Knotts

**Souvenirs:** Diane Knotts

**Outside Greeters:** Pat Goodwin

**Security:** Debbie Branigan

**Motorcycle Ride:** David Hillemann

**Master of Ceremonies:** Bob Frank

Our local contact person is a local resident that is also an ACA member: Richard Bender. Richard has agreed to do any of the leg work we may need while planning the rally. I encourage our members to volunteer on one of the committees. Call or email the committee chairman. The fun rally begins when you start to participate in the activities.

The Christmas rally is again scheduled for the first weekend in December, the 1st through the 4th at Sun N Fun in Sarasota, FL. This is one of the most popular rallies that we have. The Weimer's and Mau's have planned some different events that will keep you entertained and fed. We look forward to enjoying this rally with everyone. Kick off the holidays with some of your friends from our chapter.

Safe travels to everyone.

Drive safely.

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**Stew Macfarlane, Vice President**

This January 12-15th, we are having our first ever Regional Rally. We are combining with MacPac and GLC chapters for a fun filled Eastern Regional Rally. If you're familiar with Lazy Days Rally Park in Seffner, you know they have just about everything an RV'er could ask for in a campground...heck, you even get the morning paper delivered to your site. All sites are full hook up with 50 amp service. If you prefer, you can request an electric only site and save \$55.

Besides an opportunity to hang around and meet other ACA members, the highlight of the rally is the giant Tampa RV Show located at the Florida State Fairgrounds (about 2 miles away). This is the largest RV show in the country giving you a chance to check out the latest coaches and gadgets that the industry has to offer. We have not scheduled any daytime events, giving you time for the show or other attractions, especially a trip to Plant City for a Strawberry Shortcake Sundae.

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Where is this sign? I didn't receive any responses. Since this was not a tourist attraction like Mt. Rushmore, this tiny sign on an obscure corner was not as easily identified. I've never seen a sign like this before and probably won't again. However, if you are downtown in **Missoula, Montana**, you will see this one and only sign. We had dinner downtown at a very nice restaurant. There wasn't an inordinate number of bars so we were quite surprised and got a good laugh at this sign.



**Jerry Weimer, Rally Chairman**

Mark your calendars also for our December Christmas rally at Sun N Fun in Sarasota. The dates are December 1-4. Always a good time and great fun. Cheers!!!

**Rally Schedule**

**Dec 1-4 Sun N Fun Sarasota, FL**

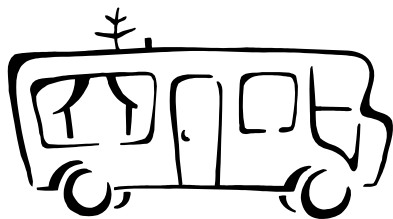
**Jan 12-15 2012 Lazy Days Seffner, FL**

**May 15-20 2012 Plantation RV Sevierville, TN**

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**Dillard Rally Wrap Up, by Bob Frank**

Thirty seven coaches traveled to northern Georgia for a spectacular autumn rally hosted by Bob & Mary Ann Frank, John & Pat Goodwin, and Don and Jill Olinski. We stayed at the scenic River Vista RV Park in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains at the height of the foliage season. There was a spacious rec and dining hall where we centered our activities and enjoyed a welcoming appetizer and specialty pizza gathering the first night. The following day, many attendees drove along the scenic Cullasaja River Gorge with beautiful colors and multiple waterfalls. Others played golf or visited the many shops in the area. That afternoon, everyone enjoyed a barbeque dinner with live blue grass music at the Scaly Mountain, NC, community center sponsored by Creek Side Cove and Wildflower RV Parks. On Friday, there was ample time to further explore the area and then a wine tasting event at Tiger Vineyards sponsored by The Great Outdoors RV Park. Saturday we had a planning meeting for the National Rally in Sevierville, TN. That night we enjoyed a delicious catered dinner. After our meal, there was a Halloween Party with music and dancing sponsored by the RV Park. The weather was cool but clear during the event and everyone who attended had a great time



**Bob Frank, Treasurer's Report**

General Account Balance: \$8,207.75  
Rally Account Balance: \$4,137.08  
(+ \$1000 loan for Nat'l Rally Account)

**Monty Campbell, Membership**



We presently have 165 paid members in the Southeast Chapter. We lost 56 members since last year or 25% of our membership. Of those not renewing, 13 were gift memberships from LazyDays (23%). We have signed up several new Revolution members.

We have work to do! Remember to solicit new members every opportunity you get.

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**ACA Regional Rally  
January 12th to 15th, 2012  
Lazy Days Rally Park, Seffner, Florida**

This years' January rally will be a little different. Our chapter has joined forces with Mac Pack, Great Lakes, and Northeast. This will be bigger and better than we have had in the past at Lazy Days.

The registration form was printed in the September-October 2011 **ACA Across America** magazine. This is a re-cap: Full Hook up \$260. for 2 people Electric only: \$205. for 2 people This includes full breakfast on Friday and Saturday, and continental breakfast on Sunday. Hors d'oeuvres on Thursday night, Dinner on Friday and Saturday. One night of entertainment. Deadline for receipt of registration is December 20, 2011.

If you have misplaced your magazine and wish to register, go to the Southeast Chapter website, where you will find a registration form. Follow these directions:  
go to: [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com)

Click on: Rallies Sub-heading: Rally Calendar

Scroll down to **2012 Rallies** Date: **Jan 12-15**

Click on: **ACA Multi-Chapter Regional Rally (details and registration)**

At this point an information page about the rally will appear. At the bottom of the page, click on "Rally Registration" and you'll have the registration form. After completing the form, you'll mail to Skipper Campbell at the address provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Come to the Southeast American Coach**

**CHRISTMAS RALLY**

**DECEMBER 1 – 4**

**AT**

**SUN-N-FUN RV RESORT**

**SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

**This will be a fun social rally with our Southeast ACA Friends.**

- **Three dinners together. (Friday evening the meat will be provided by the chapter, and we will have a pitch-in for the sides and desserts. Assignments for sides and desserts will be made later.)**
- **Three breakfasts together. (Sunday morning will be a Continental Breakfast.)**
- **We will play games after dinner on Thursday evening.**
- **We will have a sing-along and table games after dinner on Friday evening.**
- **We will have a daily “social hour”.**
- **We will have a “Gift Exchange” during our social hour on Saturday. One gift per coach \$20 - \$25.**
- **We will have Entertainment and Dancing after dinner on Saturday evening. Dress will be “Holiday Smart Casual”.**
- **We will have a short Chapter Meeting on Saturday after breakfast.**
- **OPTIONAL: Ladies Luncheon on Saturday at Polo Grill in the Lakewood Ranch area. Price is \$15 which includes tax and tip. Can be combined with shopping before or after lunch.**

**We are looking forward to a great time together and we hope we will see you there.**

**Co-Hosts: Bev & Jerry Weimer And Linda & Gary Mau**

**SEACA CHRISTMAS RALLY**  
**SUN-N-FUN RESORT AND CAMPGROUND**

DECEMBER 1 – 4, 2011

7125 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota, FL 34240

**Rally Fee: \$238/coach – 2 people**

**Single: \$188. Additional persons - \$50 each**

Please join us for a wonderful gathering of your Southeast ACA friends at our traditional annual SEACA Christmas Rally at Sun-N-Fun in Sarasota. We will have fantastic fellowship, great food, games, singing, entertainment, and dancing with our good friends in the Southeast Chapter. **Includes: Three nights RV Space, One Holiday meal with entertainment, One evening meal with main meat provided and “pitch in” on dessert and sides, One Evening Heavy Hors Devourers, and Three breakfasts (one continental).** Decorate your coach (optional). Bring one gift per coach for our traditional gift exchange (\$20 - \$25). Lazy Days will bring a display coach for our viewing pleasure. Detailed schedule to follow for registrants.

**Register now to guarantee your space at this FUN rally. Final date for registration is November 10th. Your Hosts/Hostesses for this rally are Bev & Jerry Weimer (251 510 4736) and Linda & Gary Mau (plus many others).**

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Last Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ ACA# \_\_\_\_\_ First SEACA Rally? Y / N Coach Length \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional - Friday Ladies Lunch at Polo Grill at Lakewood Ranch \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Please “X” and include in check amount.**

Special Needs (Handicap)? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your 2 favorite songs (to dance to)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to SEACA & mail registrations to:

Bev or Jerry Weimer, 4140 Dunmore Dr., Lake Wales, FL 33859

In consideration of the Southeast American Coach Association accepting the rally reservation described above, I (we) agree to hold harmless, release and discharge the Southeast American Coach Association, its officers, directors, representatives, agents and other organizers of the rally, their insurers and all other acting in their behalf (collectively known as SEACA) of and from any and all claims, debts, liabilities, actions and causes of action, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, arising out of, or in connection with my (our) attendance at this rally, or traveling to and from this rally. I (we) agree that we will bring no claims, actions, or causes of action against the SEACA, based on any of the foregoing.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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