



# Southeast Chapter of the American Coach Association



Hello to all Southeast Members,

It is an honor to have been elected your new President. I have B-I-G shoes to fill after Jim Graham's wonderful job. I appreciate the people who have stepped up to join me on the Board. With their help, as well as the support of all the great Southeast members, I hope to keep the Southeast Chapter the best and most active ACA Chapter.

We had a wonderful time at the January Regional Rally held at Lazy Days Rally Park at the time of the Tampa RV Show. Southeast was joined by MacPac, Great Lakes and Happy Wanderers. Lazy Days sponsored the first evening's appetizers, plus beer and wine, which was followed by a delicious pasta dinner prepared on site. On the second night, Bella Terra RV Resort, located in Foley, Alabama, hosted us with a hearty appetizer buffet, plus beer and wine. Our Chapter host, Stew Macfarlane, and his crew grilled a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone to enjoy. Our final night included a lovely dinner and a live band that played a wide variety of music for listening and dancing. The positive responses to this rally format were encouraging and plans are being made for a repeat performance next year.

Our next rally will be the pre-rally prior to the ACA National rally at River Plantation RV Park in Sevierville, TN. We have 40 sites reserved from May 12-15 for the Southeast volunteers and early arrivals. This will partly be a final preparation rally and all SE volunteers are encouraged to attend as many days as possible. We will have access to the pavilion and hope to plan some "fun" activities for the early arrivals. The park is handling the registrations and you will be able to remain on the same site for the ACA rally. Anyone attending the pre-rally needs to make your own reservation. Call River Plantation RV Park directly at 1-800-758-5267....ask for Sylvia (our contact person)...and specify that you are requesting a site for the SE ACA pre-rally. I would encourage you to do so early as 40 spots may fill up quickly. When you make your reservation, please let me know your plans by emailing me at: [Bob@southeastaca.com](mailto:Bob@southeastaca.com) so that we can make preparations accordingly.

Plans for the National Rally, "Smokey Mountain Memories", May 15-20, are progressing well. The rally is limited to 200 sites. All sites are full hook-up. I encourage you to send in your registration as soon as possible so you don't miss out. The forms are in the current ACA magazine or available on the ACA website. The committees are making all the necessary preparations and registrations are coming in rapidly.

Many thanks to the hard working Committee Chairpersons listed here. A Chairperson for the Information Booth is needed. If you can help with that, please let me know.

## Smokey Mountain Memories May 15-20, 2012 Rally Chairpersons

**Rally Chairman:** Jim Graham

- The committee chairs are:
- Vendors:** Pat Branigan
- Decorations:** Mary MacFarlane, Joan Farrell, Bonnie Fitzpatrick
- Entertainment:** Jim Graham, Dave Knotts
- Golf:** Jim and Alva Younger
- Finance:** Pauline Shea, Bob Frank
- Food:** Jim and Doty Graham
- Information: Chairman needed**
- 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
- Local Contact Person:** Richard Bender

Safe travels to everyone.  
Drive safely.

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## New Southeast Chapter Officers

The annual election of officers was held at the Lazy Days Rally in January. The following is our new slate of Officers.

- President: Bob Frank of Titusville, FL
- Vice-President: Ray Shea of Green Cove Springs, FL
- Treasurer: Monty Campbell of Fort Myers, FL
- Secretary: Linda Cowgill of Polk City, FL
- Membership: Peter Galligan of Trinity, FL
- Rally Chairman: Dave Knotts



Ray Shea, Bob Frank, Linda Cowgill, Monty Campbell

## Rally Schedule

May 15-20  
2012      Plantation RV  
                 Sevierville, TN

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### Sun N Fun Rally Wrap Up

Jerry and Beverly Weimer and Gary and Linda Mau put on a spectacular rally that will be a tough act to follow. We enjoyed many of the usual things...albeit with a little twist. To mix it up a little and propagate new friendships, one evening we drew numbers and sat at those numbered tables with a new group of folks. Mary Anne Buran provided two evenings of music on the piano. Jerry Weimer played guitar while the gang sang Christmas songs. An unexpected entertainer was Mary Ann Goodhand doing an interpretation of Patsy Cline's song, "She's Got You". It was amazing how many items you can stuff in a bra!!! An evening of games was enjoyed by all. Several different games were going on at the same time and sometimes it was pretty noisy with all the enthusiasm. Mary Anne Buran resorted to playing the piano for quarters to stay in the game. Our Saturday evening dance music was provided by Joni Canova and her singing puppet friends, with back up vocals and guitar by our own Jerry Weimer. A repeat of this rally in 2012 would be great!!!



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For more information about other ACA activities, clubs, and rallies: Go to [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com)

For more information specifically regarding the Southeast Chapter, go to: [www.southeastaca.net](http://www.southeastaca.net)

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### Monty Campbell, Treasurer's Report



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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance            | \$13,711.61 |
| Deposit from dues            | 732.00      |
| Expenses                     | \$ 194.76   |
| Donation to Scholarship Fund | \$1,000.00  |
| Balance as of 2-10-12        | \$13,248.85 |

### Peter Galligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings from the new membership Chairman. Thanks to all who paid their dues at Rally Park last month. For those who have not paid, please be advised they are due as of January 1st, 2012. The deadline for payment this year is March 15th. Anyone not paid at that time will be moved to the inactive file on April 30th. I would also request anyone that has recently acquired, changed or altered their email address send it to me at

[Peter@southeastaca.net](mailto:Peter@southeastaca.net)

Thank you and see you soon.

Make \$12.00 Dues payable to SEACA and send to:  
Peter Galligan  
10946 Rain Hollow Court  
Trinity, FL 34655

Remember to solicit new members every opportunity you get.

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### 3-2-1 Cake

The internet is a wonderful thing, people send you "stuff" and, most of the time, items that are forwarded to you get deleted before even opening. However, this one got my attention. This is a perfect cake for us motorhomers that would like a little dessert without a lot of fuss and calories. Two ingredients, a little water, pop into the microwave and whoo-la.....out



comes a little (cup)cake. You will need:

- 1 Box Angel Food Cake Mix
  - 1 Box Cake Mix—any flavor, (strawberry, carrot, etc.
- Combine the two cake mixes together in gallon sized zip lock bag, mix well.

This recipe is called **3, 2, 1 Cake** because all you need to remember is:

- 3** Tablespoons (mixed) Cake Mix
- Stir in **2** Tablespoons Water, use small whisk
- Cook **1** Minute in the Microwave

Makes one "cake", custard cup size. Serve with fresh fruit and/or a dollop of fat free whipped topping. If you want to add calories, add a scope of ice cream on top! Store remaining cake mix until next time!

*Men are like placemats. They show up when there is food on the table.*

**Ray Shea, Vice President**

In my first newsletter as Vice President, I want to express thanks to Stew Macfarlane for all his hard work preparing for and heading up the recent Regional Rally at Lazy Days. Stew leaves big shoes to fill in the vice presidential position. I feel reassured that he can be counted on for advice.

During the Florida RV Supershow in Tampa, we had the opportunity to look over the new 38 foot Revolution. Isn't it great to own a coach manufactured by a company that values our input and tries to meet our future needs? Chris Carter, American Coach Product Development, was standing by eagerly awaiting input from experienced owners.

We are very fortunate to have Randy Hendricks and his amazing crew of technicians scheduled to attend our May ACA National Rally. If you are attending this rally, there are two ways to schedule service: 1) Using the form located on the back of the registration form in the recent ACA magazine, the registration chair (my wife, Pauline) will send the forms in, or 2) Another way, which is Randy's preference, is to register online.

You may register for American Coach Rally service online-  
<http://www.myamericancoach.com/documents/serviceform.html>

Please note the cut off date for service is April 15, 2012.

Whichever method you choose to submit your service request, if you do NOT receive a scheduled appoint from Randy before April 23, 2012, please resubmit the form online and notify Randy at 877-735-6303.



Registration Ladies at Lazy Days Rally



Look closely...it's an ice bucket...an Official American Coach ice bucket. Can't get better than that!

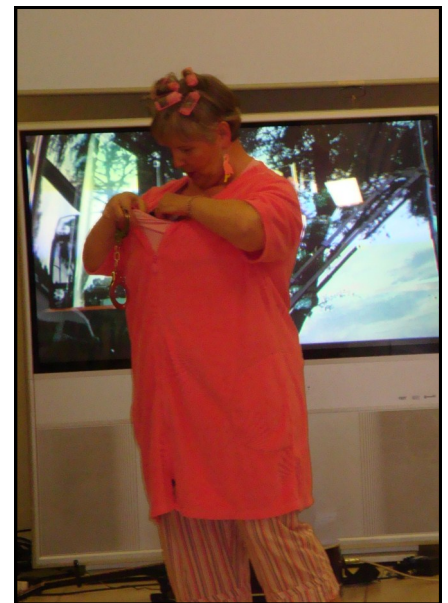
**A few pix from the Sun N Fun Rally in December 2011.**



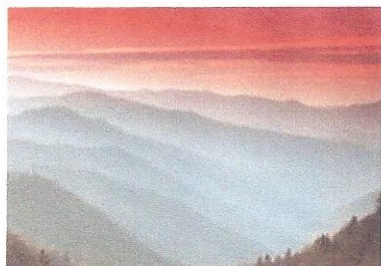
Our Super Fantastic Hosts  
Gary & Linda Mau  
and  
Jerry and Bev Weimer



Mary Anne Buran...she sings, plays the piano, and will do an old soft shoe dance for a quarter.



Mary Ann Goodhand...she portrayed Patsy Cline's song, "She's Got You" .....literally



# Registration Form

Spring ACA National Rally – Sevierville, TN

*Smoky Mountain Memories*

Hosted by the Southeast Chapter (the fun chapter) May 15<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

First National Rally (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ ACA# \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Parking Information:**

Length of Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Parking Preference \_\_\_\_\_

**Handicap Parking?** \_\_\_\_\_ (If YES, you must have a state-issued Handicap Placard)

**Notes:** Early arrivals will not be available due to a prior event at the RV Resort.

On Tuesday, parking escort services will run from 9am until 4pm.

**Fees Schedule:**

|                             | Early bird | Late (after 3/15/12) | Number | Amount |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Coach and 2 people          | \$350      | \$370                | _____  | _____  |
| Coach and 1 person          | \$268      | \$288                | _____  | _____  |
| Extra person (up to 16)     | \$ 0       | \$ 0                 | _____  | _____  |
| Extra person (16-21)        | \$ 82      | \$ 82                | _____  | _____  |
| Extra person (Adult)        | \$134      | \$134                | _____  | _____  |
| Golf Event (includes lunch) | \$ 75      | \$ 75                | _____  | _____  |
| Ladies Luncheon             | \$ 18      | \$ 18                | _____  | _____  |
|                             |            |                      | _____  | =====  |

**Total Enclosed**

Make checks payable to:

**Southeast American Coach Association**, and mail check, registration and any other activity forms to:  
**Pauline Shea** –411 Walnut St. PMB #4708; Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

In consideration of the American Coach Association accepting this reservation for the National Rally mentioned above, I (we) agree to hold harmless, release and discharge the American Coach Association, it's officers, directors, representatives, agents, servants and employees as well as the Local Chapter and other organizers of the rally, their insurers and all others acting in their behalf (collectively the "ACA") 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 the National Rally, or traveling to or from the National Rally. I (we) agree that we will bring no claims, actions or causes of action against the ACA based on any of the foregoing.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

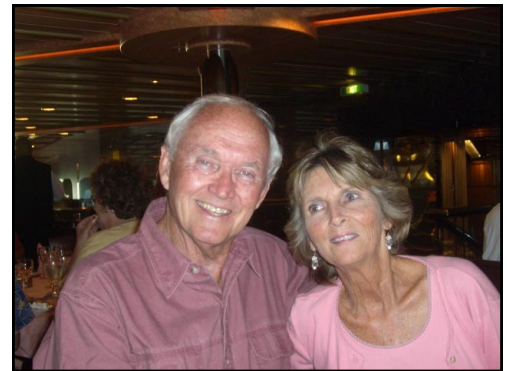


The Sevierville, TN National Rally is coming together and it is just around the corner. All of the committee chairs have done their jobs well in planning and now are in the process of the execution of a great rally. It would please me to see as many SEACA members as possible at this rally. There are so many things to do in the area that it will take an extra week to be able to see it all. Please remember there are only 200 sites available and we will not be able to accommodate more folks because of the size of the dining hall. Get your registrations in early.

The Regional Rally was quite a success and I want to thank Stew Macfarlane for doing such a good job at planning and completing this rally. He had his hands full with the dealing with Lazy Days, arranging for the entertainment, garnering sponsors, not to mention the food and drink. Very commendable Stew, thank you very much. It was a challenge, but he had a lot of good help from the other chapters that went together to plan and do this rally. Skipper Campbell had one of the toughest jobs with the registration and Jerry Cowen had an equally hard job in assigning parking for everyone at Lazy Days, both from MAC PACK. Bev DeAngelis, Great Lakes Chapter was responsible for all of the great donations that were given as prizes and raffled off. I am sure she had help also but I don't know everyone that helped. There are a number of folks that pitched in from decorating to cooking, but I don't have room for everyone's name in this small article, thank you all for making this a great first East Coast Regional Rally.

Our past President, Dan Lee, handled the finances for this rally and I am sad to say it will be his and Renee's last rally, as they have sold their coach and are moving on in a different direction for a while. Sorry to see you go Dan and Renee, you have done so much for this Chapter. I wish you the best in whatever you do next...

Hope to see everyone at Sevierville.  
 Jim Graham  
 Immediate Past President  
 Of Southeast Chapter



Dan and Renee Lee

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**The Importance of Exercise**

Walking can add minutes to your life. This will enable you at age 85 to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at a cost of \$7000 per month.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again!

I joined a health club last year; spent about \$400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

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