



Southeast Chapter Newsletter

... Upcoming events and chapter chatter-September/October, 2006

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2006-07 Rally Season Kicks Off!

The fall national rally at Urbanna, Virginia was absolutely wonderful! There were nearly 300 American Member Coaches at the event, with approximately 65 attending from the Southeast group.

We had great weather, a beautiful campground, and got the all-important chance to renew friendships and make new ones. Also, Southeast had about a dozen member coaches who had made their first trek to a national rally.

Randy and his crew were there, taking care of business, making sure all of our coaches were humming and properly tweaked. Several excellent seminars were held over the week, as well as many great vendors were there sharing their expertise and products with us all.

Lazy Days, Tom Johnson and Marty's USRV were the three dealerships represented. From what we are able to glean, the '07 models must have made a hit, as between them- over 30 coaches were sold.

What a wonderful tribute to the continuing excellence of these incredible machines from American Coach! It's so much fun "country surfin'" in one of these.....

The next national rally is scheduled for spring '07 in **Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**. Start making your plans now to join in the fun.

Just a few notes regarding the spring rally- it is planned to take place at the **Ocean Lakes Campground** on the "Grand Strand", May 7th through 12th, 2007.

There is an "early registration" discount, which is good through February. Registration information, as well as other details are posted to the national website-

Our Rally Chairperson, Mary Ann Goodhand, is planning a "rolling rally" for coaches from Southeast planning to travel to the event. Details will follow after the first of the year.

Housekeeping note: The rally that had been planned for Titusville, at the Great Outdoors RV resort- has been cancelled- due to a lack of member coach registrations. If you are one of the (few) folks who had signed up to attend- your check will be returned to you shortly.

That means- **November 9th - 12th** is our next event. Many of us are waiting with baited breath, anticipating the ever-popular **Blue Water Key Resort Rally**.

Your hosts are **Vic and JoAnne Schneider**. A full schedule of fun and food has been carefully planned..... and, the **Jimmy Buffet** atmosphere of old Key West is only 14 miles away.

At press time, Vic tells me we have only 37 spaces available. He is hoping for more- keep your fingers crossed. The best advice we can give for attending is to fill out the registration form in this newsletter- and mail it today.

November 30th-December 3rd:

Right on the heels of the **Key West Rally** is our annual **Holiday Rally at Sun'N'Fun RV Resort** in Sarasota.

Rally hosts are **Fred and Sylvia Soto**. The registration form for this rally is also enclosed in this newsletter. They have great plans for this event- including a trolley ride to St. Armand's key for shopping and lunch..... everyone is invited... Don't miss it.

On into 2007-

January 18th-21st are the dates for our annual Lazy Days blow-out extravaganza. If you are perhaps a newcomer, or for some other reason have not attended this one- make your plans now to be there. Your rally hosts are **Dan and Renee Lee and Paul and Sondra Wells**. (Note: NEW Entertainment this year- Hooray!)

The wonderful folks at **Lazy Days/Rally Park** pull out all the stops to ensure that we have a great time at this one.

Each year, they try to outdo the last- it's great fun!!!

Spring, 2008 National Rally!

Another note here, regarding the spring ACA national rally. As you already know, the Southeast ACA group has been tapped by national to host this event.

There is no doubt that this will be a massive undertaking. Lots of volunteer help, planning and coordination will be required, along with a certain amount of luck and the rubbing of beads.

At this time, we are looking for volunteers to serve in committee chairmanship capacities. As we move through the rally season this year, we will be holding a series of meetings to iron out responsibilities and begin making advance plans for this tremendous undertaking.

The list below are the chairmanship titles:

National Rally Committees:

Agenda	Entertainment
Registration	Food
Parking	Souvenir
Finance	Decorations/Design
Communications	Security
Publicity	Seminar/Meetings
Vendors	

At the club's discretion, one or more of these may be combined as a single chairmanship. Please begin thinking about the part you can play in this rally, and send either myself or Vic Schneider an email at your earliest convenience....

We are looking for help, volunteers, inspiration, perspiration and chairpeople.

Thanks- Call/email soon- We need your help!!!

Doug Thompson
President

Membership notes:

Please check the address label on this newsletter. It should say "01/01/xx" - If it doesn't, please take a moment to update it by sending in a check to cover the remaining months plus \$12 for an annual renewal.

Ron is changing all membership expiration dates to January for ease of bookkeeping.

BTW- Ron is home now from his summer travels, and is standing by to receive your check. Also, if you have changed email or mailing addresses, or any personal

information, be sure to let Ron know. There is a form for this on the website- or you can simply drop him a note at: ron@southeastaca.org.

As a housekeeping issue, due to the ever increasing cost of mailing newsletters- if a member is delinquent in their dues by over one year, their name will no longer be included in the mailings.

If someone you know has mentioned that they are no longer getting a newsletter- and, we mail 6 or 7 per year- ask them to check the status of their dues. We want them back!!!

New Members:

Since the last time we've published new member names in the newsletter, we have had over 3 dozen new coaches join the association. The names and cities of our new members are on the top of page 4.

When you see someone wearing that red ribbon, make sure to take time to introduce yourself and get to know them.

We all want our new members to enjoy their membership in Southeast... After all, making new friends is what this club is all about....

Be thinking- We know it's only October, however January will be right here- Remember that our annual club officer elections are held at the January rally. If you are thinking of running for an office, now would be the time to get your name on the slate.

The **nominating committee** is active and looking for folks who want to serve. Get the ball rolling by sending an email to doug@rvzoomin.com.

Website note: If you ever need a copy of any newsletter or registration form, they are posted for downloading to the chapter's website on the morning following the day that the newsletters are mailed.

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Travel safe!!!! See you at the next rally!!!!

For Sale:

Complete (4 windows) set of windshield sun screens in black for a 2004 American Tradition- in excellent condition. email: doug@rvzoomin.com for more details.

Southeast ACA Rally Calendar 2006-2007

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Paul and Sondra Wells

February 7th - 11th
FMCA Regional Rally
Brooksville, FL
Hosts: looking....
(Note: Also, a pre-rally for parking - 2/6 @
Hernando County Fairgrounds.)

March 22nd - 24th
Grand Lakes RV Resort
Ocala, FL
Hosts: Lowell and Ruth Hooper
Chuck and Donna Keefer

April 22nd - 24th
Holiday Travel Park
Winter Haven, FL
Hosts: Mary Ann and Howard
Goodhand & the Lake Ashton
Southeast Members...

May 4th - 6th
Rolling Rally to National
Various states heading north.....
Hosts: looking...

May 7th - 12th
Ocean Lakes Campground
Myrtle Beach, VA
Hosts: Mid-Atlantic Chapter, ACA

Please put me on your refrigerator for rally season
Please make plans to attend...

***Please welcome the following
new members:***

David & Kathryn Ehrhardt - The Villages, FL
Francis Filano - Rockledge, FL
Steven Gibbons - Riverview, FL
Bob and Mollie Gilliard - Clearwater, FL
Edward Grothus - Davenport, FL
Michael Hartog - Treasure Island, FL
Richard Lemmel - Tamarack, FL
Armond Mione - Homes Beach, FL
Richard Norton - Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Lester Oden - Birmingham, AL
Van O'Quinn - Seffner, FL
Angela Patton - Sarasota, FL
Chester Prince - Palmetto, FL
John Roberts - Lakeland, FL
Charles Rowell - Advance, NC

Andrew Schwartz - Naples, FL
Chester & Leslie Lorek - Valrico, FL
Steven Selzer - Edgewater, FL
Friedhelm Steinhilber - Sarasota, FL
Ted Stuckey - Atlanta, GA
Emil Tedesco - North Ft. Myers, FL
Sylvia Truitt - Spring Hill, FL
John Westfall - Lakeland, FL
Eugene Wilkinson - Winter Haven, FL
Keith Willis - Palmetto, FL
Frankie Winseh - Palm Harbor, FL
James & Peggy Teague - Sarasota, FL
William & Ellie Skolfield - Davenport, FL
Doug & Sherry Forward - Port St. Lucie, FL
Mark & Mary Beth Luchi - Drums, PA
Ned & Mabel Moorhead - Lake City, FL
Richard & Connie Doba - Dade City, FL
John Barry - Clearwater, FL

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