



# Southeast Chapter

July/August – 2013 Chapter News Update

## President's Message

Pauline and I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. We are in Pueblo, Colorado attending the Fleetwood Motorhome Association Rally. We have been touring the west following the FMCA Rally in Gillette, Wyoming. We have toured Little Big Horn, Yellowstone and Grand Tetons and several National Parks.

**The ACA Fall Rally will be held at America's Best Campground in Branson, Missouri from August 27<sup>th</sup> till September 1<sup>st</sup>. Information on the rally may be found at [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com)**

We are less than a month away before the National Rally in Branson. As I write this on August 1<sup>st</sup> the rally is at capacity, 19 coaches are coming from Southeast. This is going to be a great rally! *There will be a standby list. If you have not registered and would like to attend, I recommend you contact the registration chairperson ASAP at [Pauline@southeastaca.net](mailto:Pauline@southeastaca.net)!*

Our pre-rally is from August 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>, call America's Best Campground at 800-671-4399 – ask for Michelle- to reserve your extra days, be sure to tell her you are with Southeast! Note: You must be registered prior to calling for extra days!

Our Southeast chapter vice president Rich Forcier and his wife Sally have had a busy summer, they were at Gillette and are with us in Pueblo. Rich and Sally have worked for months on our September Rally, spending time in Gaffney, SC working with Freightliner and KOA to provide us an amazingly cost effective rally. Rich and Sally have also been responsible for negotiating several improvements to our annual rally at Lazydays in January.

The planning for the October rally hosted by Bill and Phyllis Gabler at Torrey Oaks RV and Golf Resort and our Christmas Rally hosted by Larry and Margaret Carter are complete register at either [www.southeastaca.net](http://www.southeastaca.net). or [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com)

The Third Annual Eastern Regional Rally held at Lazydays in January 2014 promises to be bigger and better than ever. Registration and details available at [www.southeastaca.net](http://www.southeastaca.net) and [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com)

Hope you have safe, adventurous travels. Pauline and I hope to see you in Branson!

Raymond Shea

## Vice President and Rally Coordinator Message

I want to again thank those of you who stepped up and offered to host rallies. Now we need to get the membership out to join in the fun. Make new friends and visit with old ones. Tell old members about upcoming rallies and ask them to join us. Let's get to these rallies and show these hosts we appreciate the work they have done,

We are looking to schedule for 2014.....if you have a destination to look at or if you want to host or help, please let me know. Sally and I are on our way to Branson for the National, then on to Gaffney, SC. Hope to see a nice group, This rally is 3 nights for the price of 2 with food and fun before a lot of us return to Florida for a full winter schedule.

Last but certainly not least, I want to take a moment to give a Big Thank You to Demond McKinley, Matt Sibbick and Lazydays for all the support they give the Southeast chapter. We sincerely appreciate you!!!

## **Welcome to Southeast's new members!**

Walter & Janet Hare  
Pensacola, FL  
Jim & Terri Williams  
Gainesville, FL  
Jim & Barbara Bullock  
Punta Gorda, FL  
Kathy Lotz  
Summerfield, FL  
Ruben Tetsoshevill  
Wesley Chapel, FL  
Darrell & Anne Horne  
Goldsboro, NC  
Sally Burg & Bob Lupini  
Thurmont, MD

## **Welcome back!**

Jim & Carmen Justice  
Green Cove Springs, FL

## **Spartan Chassis Steering Recall**

(by Raymond Shea)

Spartan has a recall that I suspect will affect a large number of our 2006 through 2011 coaches. I speak from personal experience, our coach fell into the window. We had our coach inspected by a Spartan authorized facility last May, there was no damage identified. I had not heard anything since the inspection. Fast forward to July and I called Spartan to find out our coach's recall status. I found out that the fix is available, and our coach was recalled. Spartan was very helpful in providing us a recommended service facility and we have had the necessary work performed. If your coach falls into the dates (or close), I recommend you call Spartan at (800)543-4277. Have your V.I.N. number ready, it is posted on the Spartan decal beside the driver's seat. (Don't confuse this with the F.I.N. – Fleetwood Identification). Spartan is allotting 3.5 hours for repair completion and has a list of facilities authorized to perform the task.

## **Webmaster Message**

Greeting Fellow Southeast ACA Members,  
I hope all has been well for everyone!

We have been working diligently on adding and upgrading the website! If you have not got a chance to login to the member area go ahead and check it out. We have created a map view of where all your fellow members are. We also have been adding a lot of new content including recommended (by SEACA members) places to go and stay and we even have a couple specials out there that are only good for ACA members! Please email me with suggestions of great places to stay, recommended products or anything else you would like on the site. Remember this is our site for all members and between the hundreds of members – I guarantee we all want to hear everyone else's suggestions.

Lynnea and I have been using our Eagle well this summer and are headed north up to Wisconsin in August. We will be stopping at Mecca (Fleetwood's headquarters) on the way and look forward to taking a tour of the plant. I will see if I can get permission to take some photos!

Thanks,

Keith Landers, Webmaster

## **2014 Schedule is in the works!**

We are looking forward to a very active 2014 for Southeast. We already have the Regional Rally at Lazydays in January, and FMCA/ACC rallies will be in Georgia during March. There will be an ACA National in late April. We are looking for great places to hold chapter rallies, if you have any ideas we would sincerely appreciate hearing from you!

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

## Southeast Chapter Rally Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hosts and Notes</u>
Aug 23 – 27 Aug 27 – Sep 1	SEACA Pre-Rally ACA National,	America's Best Campground America's Best Campground
Sep 19 – 22	<b>Rally in the Rolling Hills of South Carolina</b> Hosted by Rich & Sally Forcier and Mark & Jackie Belcher Spartanburg NE – Gaffney, SC KOA	

### **You do NOT need to own a Freightliner to attend this rally!**

Hosted by Southeast and Freightliner at the Spartanburg NE – Gaffney KOA, this three night rally includes a tour of the Freightliner facility, two dinners, three continental breakfasts and an optional (additional cost) tour of the Biltmore estate (Transportation provided by Freightliner). Rally space is limited to 30 coaches. **Three nights at a KOA, two dinners and three breakfasts for only \$129 for two people, \$104 for one person!** Registration forms available at [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com) and [www.southeastaca.net](http://www.southeastaca.net) .

Oct 23 – 27                      Fall Rally at Torrey Oaks    Bill & Phyllis Gabler  
Four nights of camping, Four continental breakfasts (3 by hosts and one by the officers), Three dinners including a poolside cook out. There will be lots of fun and games, activities for all. Golf (optional) for only \$20.00

Dec 5 - 8                      Southeast's annual Christmas Rally    Larry & Margaret Carter  
Larry and Margaret Carter have been working on this rally since last December! Great meals all done on site, live entertainment, music, games, optional gift exchange and a new and different sightseeing boat ride with the group.

## 2014

### **January 15 - 19                      3rd Annual Southeast Regional Rally**

Hosted by Ray & Pauline Shea and Rich & Sally Forcier  
Our annual rally at Lazydays promises to be bigger and better than ever. On our day of arrival we are going to have a cook-out and shrimp boil at the American Coach display area. Rally fee includes four nights at Lazydays RV Campground, three dinners and two nights of entertainment. We only have 100 full hook up sites available and are receiving registrations already!. Registration, Service Requests and a tentative agenda are now available on line at [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com) and [www.southeastaca.net](http://www.southeastaca.net) .

March 11 – 15                      American Coach Chapter of the FMCA Pre-Rally

March 17 – 20                      FMCA's Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase returns to Perry Georgia

April 28 – May 2                      ACA National    Marion, NC

Visit [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com) and [www.southeastaca.net](http://www.southeastaca.net) for updates on all of our rallies!

**Note: If you see something in error, please send a note to [ray@southeastaca.net](mailto:ray@southeastaca.net)**



**New Member**

**Renewal**

**Change of Address**

**[PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY]**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current ACA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ (You must be a current ACA Member)

Owner's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Owner's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

**[Please print or type clearly the City and State you want on your name tag]**

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

Cell Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) own:

- Heritage Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_
- Tradition Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_
- Allegiance Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_
- Revolution Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

- Eagle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_
- Dream Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_
- Limited Year \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to receive your newsletter by email Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ (This will save the chapter costly mailing fees - Thank you)

**Dues:** First Time Member - **\$20.00** (\$12.00 dues + \$8.00 Initiation Fee)

(Your membership will be good for one year from the month you indicate above.)

Annual Renewal Dues - **\$12.00** payable January 1<sup>st</sup> (Note if you are paid up for a partial year remit the difference)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL REMITTANCE**

Please complete this form, make check payable to **SEACA** and mail to:

**Pauline Shea - 411 Walnut St. #4708 - Green Cove Springs, FL 32043**

**e-mail: Pauline@southeastaca.net.**

**Membership Term** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Paid** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_