***Southeast Chapter Newsletter February / March 2016***

Pauline and I really enjoyed the Southeast Christmas and the January regional rallies. It was wonderful reuniting with old friends and meeting new ones. We want to thank everyone who has kept us in your thoughts and prayers these past few months, you truly made a difference!

A huge “Thank You!” goes out to Larry and Margaret Carter who after several years of hosting the Southeast Christmas rally have passed the torch to Mark and Jackie Belcher along with Stew and Mary Macfarlane. Larry and Margaret have done a tremendous job and their efforts are sincerely appreciated. Mark, Jackie, Stew and Mary are already at work and I know we can look forward to a terrific rally.

Our hardworking Vice president and rally coordinator Rich Forcier along with our rally team, Johnny Spacek and Ken Browning are at work on several rallies. As of this writing our “Spring Fling” rally at the Coastal Georgia RV Resort is half full. This rally is being held one week prior to the ACA Spring National and promises to be a great preliminary for Myrtle Beach.

Our southeast pre-rally team of Ken Browning, Johnny Spacek, Terry and Belinda Moorefield have already put together the menu for three evening socials and a breakfast social! I strongly encourage you to attend our pre-rally to the national, especially first timers! The pre rally is more relaxed than the national and it is a great time to get settled in and acquainted. Our experienced pre rally team is fantastic, they did an amazing job feeding over 100 people at Goshen last year.

“Southeast returns to the Keys 2016” registrations are available and the rally is at over one third of capacity. After missing the 2015 Keys rally, we are looking forward to this annual event.

Our advance planning was thrown a curve ball for 2017 when the Florida Recreational Vehicle Trade Association (FRVTA) changed the dates of the 2017 Florida Supershow. For several years the eastern regional has been scheduled at the same time as the Supershow and prior to that it was southeast’s largest annual chapter rally. The 2017 Supershow will be held a week later than originally planned. We cannot simply change our dates at Lazydays, in January and February, the dates are already contracted well in advance. So, where do we go from this point? We held a meeting during this year’s regional and I am very thankful for all of the feedback I have received.

Based on the input from the regional rally attendees, the opinions were pretty evenly split between people who see the regional held at Lazydays as the most important concern and for others the option of going to the Supershow would be a welcome event. Our solution is to hold two rallies in January 2017, the regional will be at Lazydays the week prior to the Supershow and during the Supershow southeast will host a chapter rally within the Florida fairgrounds. I am very positive about this and cannot think of a better solution. At Lazydays we have reserved more sites and have picked up several larger sites than last year. That being said, I would like to remind you that we had a waiting list for four months for large sites, so get those registrations in!

Southeast rally registration forms are available at [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com) and [www.southeastaca.net](http://www.southeastaca.net) . I am also attaching a pdf file of the rally schedule.

Pauline and I feel very fortunate to be a part of this chapter and we hope to see you soon!

Ray Shea

**Welcome to Southeast’s new members!**

Bob & Connie Bacchiochi, Big Pine Key, FL Terry & Karen Brock, Port St. Lucie, FL

Ronald & Cindy Buck, New Bern, NC Robert Mays, Largo, FL

Hank & Selene Montgomery, Montevallo, AL Billy & Marsha Norton, Deltaville, VA

Edward Whelan, Davenport, FL

**Myrtle Beach National Rally update**. The spring 2016 National has over 150 coaches registered and 64 of them are Southeast, of those 20 coaches are first time attendees! I encourage you to get your registration in and do not forget the pre-rally! There are approximately 30 sites left!

**Supershow Rally information**. <http://events.frvta.org/florida-rv-supershow/>

In 2017 Southeast will hold a chapter rally within the fairgrounds at the Supershow. This will be a new adventure for Southeast. We are in the planning stages, the Florida RV Trade Association (FRVTA) that runs this event does not have people in place to accept registrations yet.

Here are a few points;

Keith and Lynnea Landers have volunteered to co-host.

We will park together and have chapter socials!

We will enter the fairgrounds on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 (the day before the Supershow starts) and camp there till Sunday, January 22, 2017.

The fairground provides 30A electric service, no water, no sewer.

Access to the Supershow is included for all days.

Car parking is included in the rally cost, last January, the rally cost was $195.

Coffee and donuts are available each day and there are three nights of entertainment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

**Southeast Rally calendar - updated January 28, 2016**

**Registration and information for all Southeast rallies is always available at** [**www.myamericancoach.com**](http://www.myamericancoach.com) **and** [**www.southeastaca.net**](http://www.southeastaca.net)

**Southeast Spring Rally April 28 - May 2, 2016 Coastal RV Resort, Brunswick, GA**

<http://coastalgarvresort.com/>

Rally includes four nights at the Coastal Georgia RV Resort. This is a great place to stop on your way to Myrtle Beach. Register and arrive two days early or stay two days late at the low rally rate of $35.70. A great starting point for a rolling rally or caravan 269 miles to Myrtle Beach.

**Southeast Pre-Rally to the Spring National May 6 - 9, 2016**

**Ocean Lakes Family Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC**

After you receive your confirmation the spring 2016 national, call Ocean Lakes to reserve your extra days. Our experienced pre-rally team of Terry (Muffin) & Belinda Moorefield along with Ken Browning & Johnny Spacek will be our hosts. Evening socials May 6, 7, 8. Morning social May 7.

**American Coach Association National Spring Rally May 9 – 14, 2016**

**Ocean Lakes Family Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC**

<http://www.oceanlakes.com/>

The American Coach Association is going “Back 2 the Beach” for the first time since 2007. Registration is available on line at [www.myamericancoach.com](file:///C:\Users\resheasr\Desktop\SEACA\SEACA\SEACA%20Newsletters\www.myamericancoach.com)!

**Southeast returns to the Keys November 10 – 14, 2016 Sunshine Key RV Resort & Marina**

<http://www.thousandtrails.com/florida/sunshine-key-rv-resort-marina/>

November is a great time to visit the Keys. Register for the rally and reserve up to four days before (pre-rally) and/or four days after (post – rally) at rally rate.

Registration form available at [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com) and [www.southeastaca.net](http://www.southeastaca.net)

**SEACA Annual Christmas Rally December 8 – 12, 2016** **Sun N Fun, Sarasota, FL**

<http://www.carefreervresorts.com/rv-parks/florida/sun-n-fun/>

Southeast returns to the award winning Sun ‘N Fun RV Resort for this popular annual event. This rally is a work in progress.

**Annual Eastern Regional Rally January 12 – 16, 2017 Lazydays, Seffner, FL**

**Southeast hosts the 6th Annual Eastern Regional Rally.** This popular rally will be held the week before the nearby Florida RV Supershow. Rally includes four nights at Lazydays RV Campground, meals and entertainment. Check out the registration form and tentative agenda at [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com) and [www.southeastaca.net](http://www.southeastaca.net)

**SEACA attends the Florida RV Supershow January 17 – 22, 2017**

<http://events.frvta.org/florida-rv-supershow/>

Southeast camps at the fairgrounds and attends the RV Supershow. This rally is a work in progress.

**Keep up to date with Southeast at** [**www.myamericancoach.com**](http://www.myamericancoach.com) **and** [**www.southeastaca.net**](http://www.southeastaca.net) **.**