

SOUTHEAST AREA NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I have just returned from the RVIA show in Louisville Ky. It was a well attended show and our sales team did an excellent job of interfacing with our advertisers. I was able to make some connections with our coach vendors who will attend our SEA rally in Brooksville in February.

I am now back in Florida working on our rally, 'SEA SALUTES THE MILITARY'. Kathy Bradley, our entertainment tent captain wants all veterans to bring a photo which will be placed at the entrance to the tent for our "WALL OF HONOR".

THE NEW FMCASSIST

Many FMCA members have signed on with the new program. If you consider the cost of \$105.00 per family comes out to \$8.75 per month and that also includes foreign travel.

NEW SEA CHAPTER

Please join me in welcoming our newest chapter to the Southeast Area. They are the **NORTHEAST FLORIDA CAMPERS CLUB** and all 20 charter members did not previously belong to a chapter.

RALLY UPDATE

"SEA SALUTES THE MILITARY" will be held from February 6th through the 10th. Lazy Days will be bringing in 30 coaches, Alliance 30 and Orlando RV 12, so if anyone is in the market for a new coach there will be plenty to choose from. Entertainment will be great!!!! Wednesday will be the **LADIES FOR LIBERTY**. Thursday **KEVIN ADAMS**. Friday **KENNY EVANS** and Saturday, **THE 42ND. ST. 6 PIECE BAND** starring **CAROLYN CLINE**, the first cousin of **PATSY CLINE**. Remember to sign up for the chapter fair. Recruiting new members benefits both FMCA and your chapter.

AIRPORT UPDATE

I have received our airport lease as of Thursday December 6, and I have forwarded it to Vicky Ferrari, our National Secretary, who is a contract attorney for Dell Computer. She will review the lease and send comments to me.

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At the SEA Executive meeting held in Gulf Shores, Al. our board directed me to negotiate a 2 year lease with a 1 year “option out” clause due to the fact that we are spending down our reserves every year, and according to our treasurer, Bob Sim he forecasts that at the current rate we will be bankrupt in 3 years.

Fully aware of our financial situation, our Executive Board paid a site visit to the Volusia County Fairgrounds. Our Long Range planning committee visited this site previously and recommended the visit as a future site for our SEA rallies. During our Executive board meeting the board voted to liquidate Brooksville following our 2013 rally and relocate to an area where the area can get back on it’s feet financially. There was only 1 “no” vote to relocate.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of our Board of Directors will be held at 9a.m. on Monday 4 February in Lawler Hall. Registration will commence at 8:15

The meeting agenda will be sent to the chapter National Directors within the next couple of weeks.

IN CLOSING, ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE SUE AND THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE BOARD I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

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