

Alpine Coach East

ACE NEWSLETTER

March 2010

From our President - Peggy Bacome

HELLO EVERYONE,

I want to start this out by "Thanking Bill & Judy Fleming" for doing the newsletter for ACE. I really LOVE ACE and all the members. We are a wonderful club that I really enjoy seeing at least twice a year. For those who didn't join us in South Bay, Florida, in January, you missed some really nice weather and we had a great time. We have some really good rallies in the works for the next couple of years and we hope more of you will join us in the future. Mark our dates on your calendar and try and work them into your schedule. A lot can be learned in the "Tech Talks" and "Belle Sessions".

Tom and I went to visit Judy and Bill Bilodeau while we were in Florida and they said to tell everyone they said "HELLO". Bill is doing better and if you call, he will probably be the one to answer the phone. We had a wonderful visit and Rusty and Annie got along great. I really miss them at our rallies.

Next year ACE and ACA will be joining together for a rally in March. It will be a pre-rally to FMCA in Perry. I would like to encourage everyone to support this effort to get more East Coast Members involved with ACA when they come east. We had a great time at Ft. Benning last year and were able to see a lot of the training activities with the Army, thanks to Jim Fivian, Army Retired. The Cooks and Dees will be working with Louie Burch for the rally next year so if you have any suggestions please contact either of them. Jim Fivian has offered to have it at Ft. Benning again because the New Army Museum will be open.

My brother-in-law, Tony Bacome, said to tell ACE hello for him. He really thought all of you were so nice and welcoming. I happen to agree with him. I think we have the best members.

I hope all of you have wonderful safe travels and I'll be looking forward to seeing you all in October for the rally in Summerdale, Alabama.

Peggy

**NEXT
RALLY**

WAGONMASTERS: Grace & Fred Taylor

WHEN: Oct 11 to Oct 15, 2010

WHERE: Rainbow Plantation Escapees Park
Summerdale, AL

See & Do: The Pensacola Air Museum and Imax Theatre,
Shrimp Festival, Fort Morgan, Foley Mall, Gulf Shores

South Bay, Florida, Rally by Sandy Munsil

Thirteen Alpine Coaches met in South Bay, Florida at the South Bay RV Campground on January 18, 2010. Peggy and Tom Bacome organized another great rally for our club. We all gathered at the clubhouse for a potluck supper on our first night. Peggy and Tom furnished the hamburgers and hot dogs. Tuesday, we were on the road early headed for the Seminole reservation where we took an air boat ride, a swamp buggy tour, watched a critter show and had lunch. The afternoon was left free for exploring the area. Anyone that wanted to play games met at the clubhouse around seven in the evening. Wednesday started with our business meeting followed by a tech talk for the guys. We were on our own until 5:00 when we headed to Sonny's Barbeque for dinner. Thursday started with a tour of the sugar cane fields and factory and orange groves & very modern juice factory. The tour also included lunch at the historic Clewiston Inn. At 5:00, we had pizza in the club house. Some people stayed for games after dinner. On Friday, we had coffee and sweets in the clubhouse so that we could say goodbye. We would like to thank Peggy and Tom for another great rally.



Sandy Munsil
Secretary

Our next rally will be at the Escape Park in Summer Dale, Alabama on October 11-14, 2010. The Wagon Masters will be Grace and Fred Taylor. The winter rally will be in March 2011 and will be combined with the ACA pre-rally to the FMCA rally in Perry, GA. Our fall 2011 rally will be in Mackinaw City, Michigan, probably September. Keep these dates in mind when you plan your upcoming trips. We hope to see you all soon.

Welcome to our New Members

Zane & Lynne are former Pennsylvanians who moved to sunny Florida in 2004. They purchased their 2009 Alpine SE Limited coach in January 2008. Travel to date has been limited mostly to Florida; but they are looking forward to traveling across the country later this year since Lynne retired a few months ago.

Zane is a retired Regional Sales Director for a medical supply company and Lynne was the Southeast Region Assistant Director for a Compliance Consulting Firm. They have 2 grown children (a daughter in Pennsylvania and a son in Virginia) and 4 grandchildren. Their hobbies include traveling, snowmobiling, riding motorcycles (Stallion Trike), water-related sports, genealogy research (Zane) and reading (Lynne).



Zane and Lynne Wetzel

Treasurer's Report by Bill Fleming

South Bay Rally Report:

INCOME From ACE Rigs	\$4,880.96
INCOME From Extra Persons	\$0.00
INCOME From non-ACE Rigs	\$0.00
SubTotal Income	\$4,880.96
COST TO ACE	\$4,378.36
NET BALANCE	\$502.60

Bank Balances

Dec 31, 2009:	\$3,840.89
Feb 28, 2010	\$3,998.16

We have paid the Liability Insurance and have paid past due accounts on Web site expenses.

Your annual dues are good until June 30, 2010. I will be sending out the bill for next year late May or early June. If you need to apply for an installment plan, I will be happy to send you an application blank with the usual 69% interest rate plus bank charges of \$205. Thank you.

Bill Fleming - Treasurer

Minutes of Business Meeting on January 20, 2010

President Peggy Bacome called the meeting to order in the club house of the South Bay RV Campground in South Bay, Florida at 9:35 Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Thirteen coaches were in attendance. Minutes of the previous rally in New Jersey were included in the rally packets. Peggy asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Jim Green moved that we accept the minutes as written. Tom Cook seconded the motion and they were accepted by a unanimous vote. Peggy then read the treasurer's report. We have \$3,495.07 in the checking account before accounting for this rally. We expect to break even. Nadine Ogden moved that we accept the treasurer's report as read. Fred Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business: We now a \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance policy to cover all members attending our ACE rallies. The cost is \$124.55 per year. We thank Jesse Rumberger for looking into this for the club.

The fall rally is planned for October 11-14, 2010 in Summer Dale, Alabama. Grace and Fred Taylor are the wagon masters. Information about this rally will be sent out soon.

There was discussion about the our web site. Jesse Rumberger moved that we investigate starting a new web site for the club.

George Burt seconded the motion. Bill Fleming and Peggy Bacome will look into this.

Chris Morgan has resigned the treasurer's position. Bill Fleming will be signing signature cards at the bank sometime during this rally so that he can take over the position.

New Business: Shirley and Jesse Rumberger, Bill & Judy Fleming, and Peggy Bacome will put together a list of guidelines for organizing a rally. These guidelines will be available to any member working as wagon master.

It was suggested that we include an article in the newsletter informing the members about the things discussed during the tech talks at our rallies. Tom Bacome has agreed to do this. Colleen Burt will be our club Historian. She will be taking pictures at our rallies, but would like you to send her your own pictures via e-mail. Bill and Judy Fleming will be working on the newsletter.

The campground has asked that we complete the comment cards and return them to campground.

Tippling by the club was discussed. It was determined that the wagon master would inform members when the tip has been paid for by the club. The members will take care of their own tipping in all other cases.

The meeting was adjourned by President Peggy Bacome.

Submitted by Sandy Munsil.

MEET OUR OFFICERS: Treasurer & Membership - Bill Fleming

Judy and I met in January 1999 at a Super Bowl Party put on by my sister Helen. We were both widowed at the time. I was already retired (I am a physician, specialized in psychiatry), while Judy was still working as a high school teacher. We started seeing each other and found many common interests, along with some explosive counterparts... When we married in 2001, we owned a boat and spent our summers exploring the Bahamas. By 2004, we decided to give up water yachting and take up land yachting, so we bought an older gas powered Fleetwood and were hooked. About a year later, we traded that unit for our Alpine (like everyone else, we drove it - we bought it). In 2005, Judy retired and for the next few years we spent eight to nine months a year on the road. We have travelled to most of the States, a good part of Mex-

ico, including Baja and the mainland to Guadalajara, and the Atlantic Canadian Provinces, including Newfoundland. In the process, Judy has become quite a photographer. She is a dynamo, full of energy, raring to hike or climb anything for a picture. We thoroughly enjoy the RV life and, if we were younger, we would be full-timers. Although I am far from an expert, I do have a basic understanding of the elements of using a computer and enjoy helping others conquer its use.

My first foray into being a Treasurer was with the Audubon Society. I told them I didn't know a bird from an elephant and their only question was "Do you know Quicken?" It is my pleasure to serve as your Treasurer and Membership Director, since it gives me another excuse to sit in front of my PC. by Bill Fleming

ATTENDANCE AT SOUTH BAY FLORIDA RALLY



Tom & Peggy Bacome
Duncan & Shirley Bellinger
George & Colleen Burt

Tom & Janice Cook
Bill & Carolyn Dees
Bill & Judy Fleming
Jim & Susan Green

Lou & Geri Honerkamp
Jim & Sandy Munsil
Jesse & Shirley Rumberger

Bill & Dolores Sacridier
Garry Spahr & Nadine Ogden
Fred & Grace Taylor

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Alpine Coach East (ACE) is a chapter of the National Alpine Coach Association. Because of the distances involved, the purpose of ACE is to promote and facilitate the meeting for friendship and camaraderie among Alpine owners who live East of the Mississippi. These meetings also facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience with the Alpine coaches.



We are on the Web
www.ace-rv.com

+++ FUTURE RALLIES +++

FALL RALLY 2010 October 11-15, 2010 Escapees Rainbow Plantation

Wagon Masters: Grace & Fred Taylor Sommerdale, Alabama

WINTER/SPRING 2011 WILL BE AN FMCA PRE-RALLY WITH ACA IN PERRY, GA

Anyone that would like to be a Wagon Master just let me know. [Pjbacome@aol.com](mailto:pjbacome@aol.com)

FALL RALLY 2011 End of Aug/First week Sept, 2011 **Mackinaw City, Michigan**

Wagon Masters: Sandy & Jim Munsil

WINTER/SPRING 2012 TO BE DETERMINED

What do you think of a rally at Disney World Campground?

Carolyn Evans-Summers is researching costs and activities.

FALL RALLY 2012 TO BE DETERMINED Elkhart, Indiana

Wagon Masters: Ingrid & Jim McIntosh