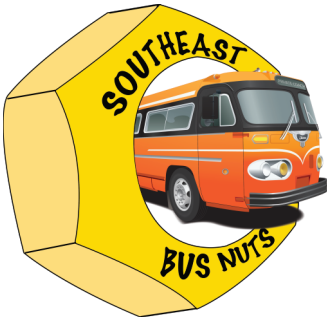






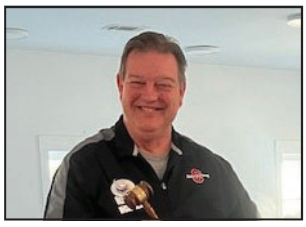
Southeast Bus Nuts Newsletter

Spring 2026

Noble Thoughts
by Bo Noble,
Chapter President

Lots of exciting things going on here in SC, as you probably have seen on the SE Bus Nuts Facebook page, we finally got our bus back from Cardinal Coach in Warsaw, NC. Also, our house build is nearing completion and should be finished around the same time as the Spring Rally.

It's so exciting to see the rally calendar already filled up with dates and locations, thanks to all who stepped up and made this happen! We were extremely disappointed we missed the Winter rally, but the bus is back and ready to roll!



President Bo Noble

I want to give a shameless plug to Cardinal Coach https://www.cardinalcoachinc.com/, It's off I-40 in Warsaw, NC, east of Fayetteville.

If you need any type of mechanical work on your bus, this place is worth the trip! They are not a truck repair shop. Brandon grew up working on buses and has years of experience with every coach imaginable. He and his team replaced our blown engine with the used takeout 8V71 that I was able to source from a local coach company.

Their attention to detail was evident right away, and the pride of workmanship was phenomenal. As they were processing through the swap, he identified multiple issues that have been missed, repaired incorrectly or unknown for years.

I can't wait to show it off in person at our Spring rally at Palmetto Cove!

Hope to see you all there!

Bo Noble
Chapter President

Secretary's Report

The general membership meeting called to order at the Wildwood Rally. After the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, **John and Lisa Sawyer** were thanked for being hosts of Wildwood FL rally.

Previous minutes were not read. It was announced that we have 56 regular members and 12 honorary members

The Treasurer's Report was given by Denise Aldridge and notes were accepted. President Noble announced several upcoming rallies - Spring Rally (hosted by **Kyle and Nandy Brandt**) at Palmetto Cove, Cleveland SC - April 23 - 26, 2026

There was discussion of a tentative Fall Rally after 2026- possibly hosted by Brian and Virgina Miller, the new members that bought 'The Bates Motel', (Herb Bates's MCI). Cherokee Great Smokies KOA, in Swain County NC. Is under future consideration. This is on the western boundary of North Carolina**.**

For our traditional winter rally, the Post New Years 2027 - Member Wayne Harris is working on some possibilities.

Meeting adjourned

Lisa Sawyer, Sec'y

Treasurer's Report (by **Denise Aldridge**)

Spring has sprung! A friendly reminder that dues are due. I am including a payment link (copy and paste into your browser) https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/D886VFUCW3WRG
or use the camera on your phone to scan the QR Code to make your dues payment if you haven't already done so. Easy peazy!

SEBN Membership Dues

To easily pay your dues, scan this QR code with your smartphone!

The Chapter's annual financial report for last fiscal year 2025 is as follows:

Beginning Balance 1-1-2025	**$ 6,240.34**
Revenue	
50/50 (donations)	$ 205.00
Membership Dues/Badges	$ 410.00
Rallies	$16,395.00
Total Revenue	**$17,010.00**
Expense	
Administrative (badges,website,PayPal fees)	$ 1,152.29
Rallies	$12,674.32
Total Expense	$13,826.61
Ending Balance 12-31-2025	**$ 9,423.73**

The Chapter's current financial report through February 28, 2026 is as follows:

Checking Account	$ 7,798.31
Pay Pal Account	$ 368.06
Total	**$ 8,166.37**
Less *Outstanding Amounts	($303.76)
Available Balance	**$7,862.61**

**Outstanding amounts include registrations, refunds, cancellation credits, and reimbursements.*

FRVA Director's Report

No updates from FRVA headquarters. Be sure to read your FRVA e-mails to be informed about your FRVA benefits, national and chapter rallies, RV- related sponsors and vendor connections, and educational opportunities.

Wildwood, FL Post New Years Rally

It was a bit ironic that we brought the Post New Year's Rally to Florida trying to steer clear of the cold weather. Somehow it seemed to follow us right down I-75. Nonetheless we made the best of it, ringing in the new year with fellow bus nuts at the Wildwood RV Village in Wildwood, Florida just south of Ocala, as we warmed ourselves by the fire with hot chocolate and other adult beverages.

Since a majority of the 15 coaches arrived early, our usual Thursday night dinner outing at a local restaurant was replaced with a potluck dinner in the campground clubhouse. Let me just say wow! Our Bus Nuts know how to put on a spread. There was literally so much good food that we nixed our Friday night taco dinner and had potluck leftovers instead. Soooooo good!

Then on Saturday we had a wonderful Italian meal complete with homemade pasta fagioli soup, salad (just like Olive Garden's), Texas toast and your choice of homemade beef or spinach lasagna. DeeLish! We definitely do not go hungry at our rallies. Of course our breakfasts were also delicious with everything from pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit, eggs, to biscuits and sausage gravy. We might need to start including an activity like pickle ball or dancing to our rallies to work off all that extra goodness :)



Typical Wildwood campsite

Of course, no rally would be complete without game night. We had two game nights with lots of winners at this rally but it is clear….no, wait, **extremely** clear, that trying to fill Mike Heron's game emcee/connoisseur shoes is nearly impossible. So let it be known that Mike, when you are not in attendance at a rally, it is your duty to appoint someone to take your place. Please and thank you :)

Thank you to everyone that pitched in, and to our hosts **John** and **Lisa Sawyer**. 'It takes a village' and our Bus Nuts are the best village everrrrr!

Denise Aldridge

Wildwood FL Rally Photos

As with all SEBN rallies, the food was plentiful and very tasty. Here are the Aldridges (left), Jerry and Patsy Hodge at the rear, and Lydia and Jim Marin on the right.





The weather was a bit nippy but during daytimes it was fairly mild—here are Ray and Denise Aldridge in front of a roaring fire

Craig Bowen tries some of Lou Kirk's special stew from his Eastern European homeland. That's Renea dishing it out with the chef, Lou, in the middle





Wildwood is a huge RV park, with around 500 sites. Several of our rigs were able to be near each other, and we had full use of the well-appointed clubhouse.

More Wildwood Pix



One of the games we played at the rally was inspired by the "Minute to Win It" TV series. In this case contestants had to stack 16 red solo cups into a pyramid, and then unstack them —within one minute.
Here are the winners: front row are Jerry and Rosemary Campbell, and back row are Clairevon Nixon, John Sawyer, Ray Aldridge and George Nixon.

'Card Bingo' was the name of the other game we played. Teams of four were dealt 13 cards each and the host would draw a card from a fresh deck, and the contestant having that card would discard. First one to play their last card won.
This foursome includes, from the left, Kevin Clark, John Sawyer, Lisa Sawyer and Camillia Clark.





Lots of delicious home-cooked food at the buffet table. The Bus Nuts ate very well at this rally!

SEBN Spring Rally

April 23-26

Rally fee $230
Rally Hosts Kyle and Nancy Brandt

Palmetto Cove RV Park, near Cleveland SC
https://palmettocove.com

Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:00 pm All guests will check in at Office upon arrival. 6:00 pm

Make your Own Pizza night (everything needed will be provided)

Friday, April 24, 2026 8:30 am Breakfast in the Clubhouse Hang out at the campground or explore the towns.

Things to do include Table Rock State Park, DuPont State Recreational Forest, Caesars Head State Park, Victoria Valley Vineyards, Campbell's Covered Bridge, Travelers Rest.

6:00 pm Dinner in the Clubhouse (smoked burgers, brats & hotdogs)
7:00 pm Entertainment/Game TBD

Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:30 am Breakfast in the Clubhouse 9:30 am. Caravan to car show hosted by the SC region of the Antique American Car Club (AACA) to benefit local charity (10:00 – 2:00 pm)

Hang out at the campground or explore the towns. Things to do include visits to Table Rock State Park, DuPont State Recreational Forest, Caesars Head State Park, Victoria Valley Vineyards, Campbell's Covered Bridge, or Travelers Rest.

6:00 pm Dinner in the Clubhouse (crockpot spaghetti and alfredo noodles)
7:00 pm Entertainment/Game TBD

Sunday, April 26, 2026 8:00-9:00 am Continental Breakfast and fare-wells at President's coach 11:00 am Check out

Any questions, contact host **Kyle Brandt 864-616-0384**

Future Rallies—Mark These Dates!

Spring Rally!

The SEBN will return to Palmetto Cove near Cleveland SC **Apr 23-26** for our 8th spring fling! Registration now open on our website!

Palmetto Cove RV Park



Lake Aire RV Park is near Charlestown in the town of Hollywood, SC . SEBN member Wayne Harris has been hard at work on this one!

Check their website at www.lakeairerv.com

Save the Date!
SEBN Autumn Rally
Tentatively set for **Oct 22-25, 2026** at Lake Aire RV Park

Post New Years Rally
Dec 31-Jan 3, 2027

The Surf RV Resort
Palmetto, Florida just north of Sarasota
Rally host: Wayne Harris

Save the Date!
Call chapter treasurer Denise Aldridge for further information 407-466-4431

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2025-26 Advisory Committee:

(*in addition to Chapter Officers)*

Jerry Hodge, Chaplain
Mike Heron

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