



Region 3 Hi-Lites

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida



December 2008

To Be Shared With All Members

The Presidents Corner



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This year, Lynne and I had the pleasure of installing officers for nine of our 22 Region 3 Units. We had a wonderful time at each of the rallies and it was great seeing long-time friends and meeting several members for the first time. All new officers for our Region 3 Units have been installed and they are busy preparing for next year's activities.

We are looking forward to traveling to Montgomery, Texas for the Mid-winter IBT Rally and meeting on January 12-16, 2009. This rally is always a lot of fun and we get to visit with friends from all over the country. Make your plans now to attend. We know you will enjoy the rally.

We have the following events scheduled in Region 3 for 2009:

February 18-23 Florida State Rally, Sarasota, FL

April 7-12 ST. Augustine Easter Rally, Elkton, FL

April 21-26 Region 3 Rally, Perry, GA

April 26 to May 14 Region 3 SW Georgia Caravan -

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(706) 244-2129

August 3-9 Galax Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA

September 10-13 Virginia Commonwealth Rally, Salem

VA

October 14-18 Carolinas State Rally, Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC

The Carolinas State rally is a combined North Carolina and South Carolina rally.

Our Region 3 Rally community service project for this year will be the Rainbow House Children's Resource Center.

Toys, quilts, blankets and stuffed animals would be well received at the center. Volunteers also visit the local hospital for new born babies where rattles and crocheted blankets are provided. There is a special need for stuffed animals because they are given to the children to hold during interviews and are taken home with them. Money may also be donated which will be used to purchase gift certificates that will be given to families in need. Please contact Betty Ivy, e-mail: jatara@juno.com for questions or for additional information.

The Region 3 Rally will be held April 21-26, 2009 in Perry Georgia. The theme is Moonlight and Magnolias and we look forward to an exciting time at this wonderful rally site. We will have great entertainment highlighted by Leon Jacobs on Saturday night. We also have some very good seminars planned and as always, fun, fellowship and great food. Middle Georgia will be beautiful in the springtime. So, make your plans now to attend.

**Julian Clements
President, Region 3**

REGION 3 REPORTS

Membership Report

Region 3 Membership December 2008

We were sad to see the Central Florida Unit close down their Unit. Ever since selling their park, prices have risen and made the cost of rallies too expensive. Then the problem of getting officers made it worse. We are thankful that most of the active members joined other units, remaining with the WBCCI and Region 3.

Region 3 membership went down in 2008 by 123 members. This figure is as per Headquarters, and reflects the totals as per December 10, 2008. Hopefully membership will increase before the end of the year. Four Units raised their totals with one Unit remaining even.

As most of you know, I am both the Treasurer of the Florida Unit as well as Region 3 Membership Chairman. It becomes embarrassing to keep calling people to renew, but we realize, and we hope the people we have called realize, that we know people have other lives and need reminding.

We as a Region have to start and continue the Mentor program. This will make it so much easier for the Unit treasurers when renewal time comes. We must list the renewal time in the newsletter in August. In September I send out renewal notices to those that have not renewed. In October, I start calling. If you do not do these things, then you are losing membership. These are things, that if you have never been a Treasurer, you would not understand what we go through.

To summarize, we must have a Mentor program where some members will call members who do not come out to functions. New members are sometimes shy, so if you do not contact them, you may lose them.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road.

Frank Carson
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REGION 3 Rallies

Florida State Rally

*Sarasota Fairgrounds
Sarasota, Florida
February 17-22, 2009*

What's coming up in February? How about the WBCCI's second largest rally in one of Florida's prime tourist cities at the height of the winter season. In fact, this rally is right in the cities limits.

I'm talking about the **Florida State Rally**. See the rally flier on page 4 of this issue. This is a **MUST** attend for everyone.

Contact:

.Frank Carson

Director, Florida State Rally

St. Augustine Easter Rally

*St. Johns County Fairgrounds
Elkton, Florida
April 7 – 13, 2009
Limit 50 Airstreams*

This is a WBCCI National Rally

Guess what? A lower price than last year, and 30 amp electric for the first 30 people that signed up. The rest of the sites will have good 20 amp electric which is good enough to run one major appliance. Everyone who signed up before December 25 got an extra day parking free.

Sign up today and get 6 nights parking with water and 20amp electric, first class entertainment, all tours at one of the most historic sites in the country.

Easter in St. Augustine. Don't miss the coupon in the February Blue Beret. Remember, this rally is limited to 50 units

Contact Frank Carson Email: fc23343@aol.com

Region 3 SW Georgia Caravan

Region 3 SW Georgia Caravan (R-276) will be April 26th to May 14th. We will meet at Twin Oaks Campground in Elko, GA with stops in Cordele, Albany, Columbus and Pine Mountain.

We will be touring harness racing farms, train to Plains, Andersonville National Historic Site, The Parks at Chehaw (Wild Animal Park), Albany GA, Westville 1850's living museum, Providence Canyon, Callaway Gardens and Warm Springs Historic Village. We will go to the Springer Opera House and see Red White and Tuna. Several meals are planned and deposit is \$250 with kitty fee for Airstream with 2 adults \$1300, limit 10 rigs.

Contact: Julian Clements, email dandylynn@alltel.net , (706) 244-2129.

REGION 3 ROUNDUP

The Everglades Unit Activities

The Everglades Unit is well into the new season activities.

We have had rallies at the Corps of Engineers camp site on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River at Franklin Locks. This is a wonderful facility with paved parking ,35 – 50 amp electric service with water at each site.

Our second rally was at the beautiful Highland Hammock Florida State Park outside Sebring, FL Many of our Airstream friends who no long have their Airstreams visited our 4PM social hour and often staying for dinner.

On the evening of December 13th were occupied with the annual Christmas party at the Brooks Country Club.

The next unit rally will be January 7 – 11 at Koreshan State Park in Estero, FL

Then of course, the big State Rally at Sarasota, FL WE ARE HAVING A PARTY February 17 – 22.

George F. Ebel
President



**WELCOME
TO
THE 36TH ANNUAL
FLORIDA STATE RALLY
AT
SARASOTA FAIRGROUNDS
FEBRUARY 17 TO 22, 2009**



“WE’RE HAVING A PARTY”

Rally Director: Frank Carson

All new this year

Opening ceremonies are on Tuesday evening, (one extra night of parking)

Discount if paid early

Lower Price for Weekend

Professional Entertainment

Hobby show, Games, Door prizes

Saturday evening dinner changed to a Roast Beef dinner, with salad, rolls, green beans, sweet potato with the trimmings, and ice tea and cookies

First Timers seminar, 2 days, Wednesday morning and Saturday afternoon

Saturday afternoon fashion show by Dawn, Vintage Open House

Flea Market Saturday morning

Donuts and coffee each morning

Tours

Seminars

Airstream Company on grounds

Airstream Vehicles on Display

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Name(s) _____ Address _____
 Phone (cell?) _____ Email _____ Pet yes ___ no ___
 WBCCI # _____ Unit _____ Trailer _____ Motorhome _____
 Airstream w/2 people: \$170.00 \$ _____
 Airstream w/1 person: \$120.00 (extra person, guest \$50.00 ea.) \$ _____
 Weekend rate with 2 people, Friday to Sunday, \$80.00 \$ _____
 Weekend rate with 1 person \$50.00 (extra person, guest \$30.00 ea.) \$ _____
 Register before January 3, 2009, deduct \$5.00 from total \$ _____
 Handicap _____ State HC placard required. Total \$ _____

**Make check payable to WBCCI Florida State Rally, and mail to:
 Randy Godfrey, Registrar, 2148 Auburn Lakes Dr, Viera, FL 32955-6764
 Cancellation fee before January 3, 2009, \$5.00, after January 3, 2009, \$20.00**

Include 4x9 Self addressed stamped envelope for receipt.

Region 3 WBCCI Rally

April 21-26, 2009
Georgia National Fair Grounds & Agricenter
Perry, Georgia

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

WBCCI # _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____
Code _____

Office _____ Present ___ Past ___ Handicapped? _____

Region _____ Unit _____ Telephone _____ Vintage Parking? Yes ___ No ___

Rally fees: Airstream w/2 adults ----- \$ 145.00 ----- \$ _____
Airstream w/1 Adult ----- \$ 75.00 ----- \$ _____
Guest (per person) ----- \$ 75.00 ----- \$ _____
Weekend (Friday arrival per person) ----- \$ 30.00 ----- \$ _____
Saturday Banquet (per person) ----- \$ 20.00 ----- \$ _____

Sub-total rally fee: ----- \$ _____

Parking: (early Parking April 20st)

_____ Nights x \$ 18.00 per night ----- \$ _____

Total fee: (rally fee & parking) ----- \$ _____

**Make checks payable to Region 3 Rally. Include the coupon and a *SASE.
Mail to: Martha Kerns, 18133 Nantz Road, Cornelius, NC 28031-8609**

***Self Address, Stamped *LARGE* (4x9) Envelope**

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