



Region 3 Hi-Lites

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida



September 2008

To Be Shared With All Members

The Presidents Corner



I am excited to be your President for the next two years. Your first lady Lynne and I are looking forward to spending time with as many of you as possible. This year we will be doing nine installations, two state rallies, one special event rally as well as the IBT rally, the Region 3 rally and the International rally. Lynne and I are determined to make Region 3 the best region in WBCCI and we will be counting on you to help us reach that goal by becoming as involved as you can be and recruiting new members into WBCCI.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce your new Region officers and their spouses for 2008-2010. 1st VP - Rick and Carol Bell; 2nd - VP Walter and Kathy Culley; Treasurer – Shirley and Elmo Pratt; Secretary – Elaine and Lloyd Ulrich. We also have a great staff for the next two years and I am attaching a complete list of those staff members. Please give them your support by volunteering on their committees.

I would like to introduce you to Joan and Frank Anderson. Joan will be our Region 3 historian for the next two years. Several members from the Georgia Unit will be assisting Joan in putting together pictures, newsletters, news articles and events within Region 3.

They need your help. Please send your newsletters, pictures and any information you would like to be included to Joan Anderson, 7040 Barcelona Blvd., Macon GA 31216 Email: jomayer14@aol.com. You may also mail or leave them at the TOP of Georgia, ATTN: Region 3 Historian, 14255 Hwy. 75 N., Helen, GA 30545. Please provide as much information as possible about you, your unit, or things that happen within or about Region 3.

After the International rally, Lynne and I had the pleasure of attending the Region 10 rally in Calgary, Alberta. The Region 10 officers and their units were wonderful hosts. We had a great time at the rally and enjoyed the Calgary Stampede and meeting people from all over the country as several other regions were represented. After the rally, we

were able to tour Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper. We thoroughly enjoyed traveling the Ice Fields Parkway between Lake Louise and Jasper. The scenery is magnificent, so if you ever get the opportunity to visit this area, we recommend it highly.

Another highlight of our summer was attending Region 3's own Galax Fiddlers Convention rally. We can all be proud of the Virginia Unit and the great job they do coordinating this rally.

Upcoming state rallies within Region 3 are the South Carolina State rally, October 15-19 and the Georgia State rally, October 22-26.

Our Region 3 rally for 2009 will be held in Perry, GA, April 22-26. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending this rally. Martha Kerns is the registrar and flyers are available from your region officers or on the Region 3 web page.

Julian Clements
President, Region 3

Thanks From the Past President

Members of Region 3

It has been a real pleasure to represent you all as President of Region 3. It would not have been possible without your support and the support of my fellow officers and staff. I would like to express special THANKS to Jackie, Martha and Harold Kerns, Dale and Sandra Dowler, Julian and Lynne Clements, Rick and Carol Bell and all of the Unit's in Region 3.

Many thanks also for the gift card from WalMart, my favorite store for all my needs, and the washing brush and accessories to help with a big washing project. It fits me perfectly.

Thanks always, best wishes to all for the coming years.

Tom Tisdell
Past President, Region 3

Region 3 Officers



New President Julian and Lynne Clements



New region 3 officers left to right Kathy Culley and Walter Culley 2nd VP, Lynne Clements new first lady and Julian Clements Region 3 President, Rick Bell 1st VP and his Lady Carol Bell

From The Editor's Desk



My thanks to **Julian Clements, Rick Bell, Frank Carson, Mary Ann Parks, Bruce Flaig and Randy Godfrey** for their input .

Picture yourself sitting at the edge of a quiet lake. The sun went down about an hour ago and dots of light fill the clear, velvet black sky. The air is still with a cool woody aroma unique to the fall season. The moon rises over the trees and reflects on the almost still lake. A trout breaks the surface sending ripples radiating in all directions distorting the moons image on the water. All is peaceful except for the chirping of crickets, counting out the temperature of the cool clear evening. A bullfrog sings his deep throaty song to a lady frog unseen in the night. It's perfect. It's silent. (cricket... cricket... cricket). It's the same silence I get from the Region 3 units in response to my pleadings for input to this newsletter. (cricket... cricket... cricket)

I enjoy doing the News Letter but I need to have more input from the individual Units. C'mon folks. Brag a little!

Vic Smith
Editor, Region 3 Hi-Lites

REGION 3 ROUNDUP

(cricket... cricket... cricket)

REGION 3 Rallies

Florida State Rally

Region 3, what makes it so great? Here are some things you should know about your Region. We are the largest Region in the WBCCI.

- ◆ We have one of the oldest active units.
- ◆ We have some of the best run, best priced rallies and
- ◆ our units in the Region runs rallies somewhere in the Region, twelve months a year.

What's coming up? How about the WBCCI's second largest rally in one of Florida's prime tourist cities at the height of their season. In fact, this rally is right in the cities limits. I'm talking about the **Florida State Rally**. More on this in another article.

In the November Blue Beret, look for the write-up and coupon for the **St. Augustine Easter Rally**. Guess what? A lower price than last year, and 30 amp electric for the first 30 people that sign up. The rest of the sites will have good 20 amp electric which is good enough to run one major appliance. Everyone that signs up before December 25 will get an extra day parking free. That's seven nights parking with water and good 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 November Blue Beret. Remember, this rally is limited to 50 units.

Frank Carson

Director, Florida State Rally

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Georgia State Rally

The Georgia State Rally will be held at the Coweta County Fairgrounds in Newnan, Georgia on October 22-25, 2008.

One of the highlights of the rally will be the tours. We will have a bus tour to Atlanta on Thursday, this needs to be paid for in advance and can be accomplished by calling Mary Holcomb at **706-348-6060**'e-mail: ma-al@webtv.net

We will tour the Atlanta Aquarium (largest in the world) and the new World of Coca-Cola. Also a tour to Warm Springs, Franklin Roosevelt's Little White House is planned along with many other activities. This is the first rally held in this section of Georgia and should be quite a good one.

Mary Ann Parks

Publicity Chairman, Georgia State Rally

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REGION 3 REPORTS

Membership Report

September 2008

Have we stopped to look at the prices that we spend just to go to a rally? When you break everything down, let's take a look. \$55.00 to join International. Anywhere from \$10.00 to in excess of \$30.00 to join a Unit. You have to fill your fuel tank, and that seems to be more than \$100.00. Then we go out to a weekend rally, two nights at \$20.00 plus dollars a night, rally fees anywhere from \$10.00 on up. Are we trying to pad our treasuries or are we trying to make an attractive rally, one where, especially new members really want to attend? Maybe we should start extending our rallies to really make it worthwhile to spend the money to go. Maybe we should start having joint rallies. Do we really need the \$20 to \$30.00 per tour, or can we do with a bull and belle session teaching people about their Airstream. When is the last time you had someone check your hitch? We are not all experts, but we all have something to offer.

It seems that everyone is hurting with the economy and that does not leave out the campgrounds. I have been contacted by Thousand Trails and by KOA as well as private campgrounds wanting a chance to show off their parks. Naturally they are looking for the off-season bookings, but what is off-season to one, might be in season to another. If you bring a large enough group to a park, they will talk prices.

It is time to become creative. Survey your unit. Sit around at a "happy hour" and talk to your members. I'm sure they will all have something to say about a lot of subjects. Your members are the one's you have to please.

Finally we get to membership. Is your Unit Membership Chairman calling the new owners of Airstreams that Jodi Morris in Headquarters is sending them? I get the same list as the Unit membership Chairmen. Occasionally after a three month period, I will randomly call some of these people to welcome them. Sometimes I find that these people have never been called. This not only hurts your Units, but it hurts the WBCCI, and that is a shame.

Has your Unit Membership Chairman sent in their email address to me? As I get the list of Members at Large, I will start trying to hook them up with a local unit of their choice.

Frank Carson

Region 3 Membership Chairman

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The International Rally A Different View

My wife Carol and I have just returned from Bozeman along with our 13 year old granddaughter Mary Ann. This is the first time we have ever traveled with any of our grandchildren. I make this statement to let you know just how we saw the International Rally with a different set of eyes this year. We have always seen children and youth at the rally and while we have always enjoyed their company we have not been involved with the things they do. Let me say this from a first hand experience, they do a lot at the International Rally! I thought that they were entertained by the folks that did that kind of thing; little did I know or understand just what they contribute. In numbers there were only 50 or so youth there, but with the guidance of Linda Amme and her family of workers they guided our youth to do so much. We all know that we are to take blankets, hats, warm clothing, and stuffed animals to the International rally. Do you know how they get packaged and counted? I didn't. I do now. Our youth give their time and energy to get all this material together and they have a great time doing it. They also collected money at the evening entertainment to help a severely injured football player meet some of his financial needs. They also did fun things like white water rafting, soaking in the hot mineral springs, panning for gold, and visiting a very interesting museum. This is a first for most of these youth, both in going to an International Rally and in giving back to the community. Its an experience they will long remember and possibly the opening of a door to a lifetime of community service thanks to WBCCI, parents and grandparents and to people like Linda and her family and workers that give so much of themselves to help others.

Rick Bell
1st VP Region 3

Florida Treasure Coast Unit At the International

Florida Treasure Coast Unit had 29 people at International. These 29 people did 49 jobs, won 2 blue ribbons, 2 yellow ribbons for craft, 1 red ribbon games, and 1 yellow in parade for originalty. Way to go FTU.

Our first rally of the fall will be Nov 13 at Dade city and the installation luncheon will be Dec 2 at Mt Dora. Happy camping.

Bruce Flaig,
President, Florida Treasure Coast Unit

Winning Bulletin Boards THEME

Photos courtesy of Randy Godfrey
2nd VP, Florida Unit



Pictures from the Boseman International Rally

Photos courtesy of Rick Bell
1st VP, Region 3



Tampa Bay Unit at the July 4th parade



South Florida Unit at the July 4th parade



Florida Treasure Coast Unit at the July 4th parade



Rainbows are Forever



Incoming Region President's Roast

L to R Hazel Knopp and Adolf Knopp incoming 1st VP Region 10, Lynne and Julian Clements incoming Region 3 President



Region 3 Brunch

Julian and Lynne saying thanks for a job well done to Jackie and Tom Tisdell our outgoing Region 3 President.

Here is a printable coupon.

10TH ANNUAL GEORGIA STATE RALLY
Coweta County Fairgrounds
Newnan, Georgia
October 22-25, 2008

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Code: _____

WBCCI #: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Unit: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Handicapped: _____

Rally Fee:	by 9/22	after 9/22/08	
Airstream w/2 adults	\$90.00	\$95.00	\$ _____
Airstream w/1 adult	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$ _____
Guest	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$ _____
Children under 12	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$ _____
Parking per night	\$10.00	x _____	\$ _____
TOTAL			\$ _____

Early parking starts Monday, October 20th. For further information contact:
Mary Ann Parks – Ph. 478-472-7446, e-mail: maparks@sowega.net

Make checks payable to: Georgia State Rally
Mail to: Bill Cselle
6708 Margaret Dr.
Blackshear, GA 31516



**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.

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