



## Region 3 Hi-Lites

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida



February 2007

To Be Shared With All Members

### The Region 3 Rally Promises A Good Time for All

By Tom Tisdell, Region 3 President

"All come and "Discover St. Augustine."

The Region 3 Rally will be April 10 - 15, 2007. Rally fee will include 3 days of riding the "Red Train", a tour of the city, and of Flagler College. Henry Flagler will be our entertainment on Wednesday.

The Annual Region 3 Board meeting will take place, as well as Officer Training, and other seminars.

The Rally includes 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, with afternoons of sightseeing. And of course ice cream will follow after the evening entertainment. The Rally will conclude with a banquet on Saturday.

So make your plans now for the Rally in April. Coupon is in the Blue Beret.

### Attention Unit Presidents

Voting on the Constitutional Amendment submitted by the South Carolina Coastal Unit will be delayed until I send you a written report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Then the report should be considered along with the amendment. Deadline will be set at a later date.

Tom Tisdell, Region 3 President

### Region 3 to Host Luncheon at WBCCI International in Perry, Ga

By Julian Clements, Region 3 1st Vice President

The Region 3 Luncheon for the 50th WBCCI International Rally in Perry, GA will be held on:

Date: Friday, June 29th

Time: 11:30 am.

Place: Heritage Hall #2, Perry Fairgrounds

Cost: \$16.00 per person

The meal will consist of:  
Tender and Juicy Pot Roast,  
mashed potatoes and gravy  
squash casserole

green beans

pecan pie

rolls

sweetened and unsweetened tea

Water

Tickets will be on sale at the Florida State Rally and at the Region 3 Rally in St. Augustine.

Tickets must be purchased prior to June 27 to allow the caterer to properly prepare our food. We are expecting a very large turnout as this is the first International Region 3 luncheon held within Region 3.

We have reserved space for 400 and we look forward to having a wonderful event.

Reservations can be made and tickets purchased from:

Julian and Lynne Clements

Phone: (706) 244-2129

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### Report On the WBCCI Mid-Winter IBT Rally

By Rick Bell, Region 3 - 2nd Vice President

The mid-winter IBT rally held in Perry, Ga. January 15-18, 2007, was my first such rally. From the moment I arrived until the moment I departed, I was impressed with the organization, grounds, and facilities. I arrived with five

other trailers and we were promptly parked together.

I attended the two-day IBT open seminar

as well as the IBT meeting. At the IBT open seminar many motions were brought before the board and the membership for discussion. I was very impressed at the orderly manner in which the Robert's Rules of Order were followed. This allowed both the board and the membership in attendance an opportunity to express their opinions on items brought to the board. This was a very democratic process. Each speaker was allowed ample time to express their views.

The room used for meals was decorated beautifully using a theme that reflected our being in Georgia. The meals, and there were lots of them, were tasty and satisfying. We were treated to a wine and cheese reception on the first day, which gave attendees a chance to see who was there and renew friendships.

The entertainment was first class. We

enjoyed a variety of presentations that

ran the gamut from Southern gospel singing to stand-up comedy with some

beauty queens in between.

We had a free day, which provided time for tours that were offered. Lots of folks went to local eateries for samples of good Southern cooking. Museum and garden tours were also available.

My experience at my first mid-winter IBT meeting was a very positive one. Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter is a wonderful place for a rally. The buildings and grounds are well maintained and attractive. The location is central to plenty of restaurants, fuel, and shopping areas. Region 3 officers and members did a fantastic job of organizing meals, activities, and parking. The more I see WBCCI in action the more I appreciate its operation. I am happy to be a part of such a democratically run club. I am looking forward to returning to Perry, Georgia for the International rally in June. Hope to see you there.



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### Membership Report

Frank Carson, Region 3 Membership Chair

I would like to congratulate the four Units, Northern Virginia, Eastern North Carolina, Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and the Florida Unit on raising their membership in the calendar year December 1, 2005 to December 1, 2006. I would also like to congratulate both the Everglades Unit and the Coastal Georgia Units for maintaining their membership at the same level they were last year.

It is time now to forget about last year's numbers. A lot of the loss has to do with members selling their rigs and some passing on. We cannot look back. At this point there is only one thing that matters, membership. We can look at things in the club that you feel have to be changed, but that is of little consequence at this point. If you do not have the members, then there is no reason to change anything. The number one thing in the club, whether it be the International, the Region or the Unit, is membership. Below is a list of items

that have to be addressed.

**Rallies:** Are your rallies attractive to the majority of members? Are they diversified, or are they all in the same place, doing the same thing every time? Will a prospective member look at your rally schedule, then look to another Unit because

your rallies are not interesting? Try something different. Join in with another Unit for a joint rally.

**Cost:** Most of us can afford any rally or function that is run, but why should we? Make all rallies and functions affordable. Affordable means attractive. Members will look at a rally and then at

the price. A lower price will always draw attention.

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**Membership Chairpersons:** The Membership Chairperson has one of the most important jobs in the Unit, next to the President. Do not randomly

change Membership Chairpersons, or use it like a tack on job for an incoming officer. If someone really wants

the job of membership, and is willing to put in the time, keep them in the job. Familiarity with doing the job makes the job easier and stable. Have the membership person keep in contact with the Region Membership Chairperson by giving him their Email address. This is the fastest way to get in contact with someone. When you are away from home, maybe it is time to give your cell phone number out. If it is a cost factor, contact your Unit, or maybe the Region. Cell phones are affordable. There is no reason any money should ever have to come out of your pocket. You do not have to subsidize your Unit. Maybe you could ask your Unit to purchase a \$20.00 phone card to use when calling prospective members.

**Web Pages:** Does your Unit have a web page up? All you need is a generic page. You do not have to go through the expense of having someone do it. Most carriers give you free space. This is the fastest way to keep in contact with your membership. Web pages can

be changed in minutes. The Region has gone to great expense to put a web page up so you can hook your Units page to it. If you have a problem doing this, contact some of your members, or your Region Officers.

Remember that we are still the oldest and most copied

RV club in the world. Be proud of your club.

Frank Carson



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### REGION 3 RALLY ANNUAL CHARITY PROJECT

By Pat Finn,  
Region 3 Community Service Chair

What an exciting project we have selected for St. Augustine!

#### *The Florida School for the Deaf and Blind.*

As I've driven by this school many times, my impression was that it was a beautiful facility; the only fact I knew about the school was that "Ray Charles" attended that school. But, now I know a lot more...like...it was founded in 1885 with only 17 students. Now they have 748 students on campus (120 off campus).

Students at a glance: 75% deaf  
24% blind  
01% dual sensory impaired  
Over 80% qualify for meal subsidies  
70% have additional handicaps  
\*\*\*\* Over 70% of graduates move on to schools of higher learning.

In addition to the school itself, there are two outreach programs: The Parent Infant Program (birth through 5 yrs of age) and the Small and Rural District initiative that serves school-age children, ages 3 through 22 years. Since we Airstreamers have a heart for children, I thought we would be excited about helping both the young children who are in outlying rural communities as well as the students in the school. That leaves us with lots of things to bring to the Reg. 3 rally in St. Augustine the week after Easter.

For the babies, there is a special program going on called "Jazz With Me Baby." When children are deaf/hard of hearing and/or blind/visually

impaired, there is a need to have parents/children

bond at an early age. We'll hear more of this at the rally, but what they need are:  
CD's with jazz music. CD players that both child and parent can hear at the same time.

For all the children of all ages:  
#1 need are "theme based single-bed sheet sets."  
#2 colorful bedspreads.  
#3 stuffed animals  
#4 art supplies – and other school items  
#5 posters for bedrooms  
#6 VCR and DVD players and child appropriate tapes/discs.  
#7 toys  
#8 all kinds of sports equipment (basketballs, footballs, tennis balls, skateboards, rollerblades, elbow/knee pads/helmets, fishing poles and gear.  
#9 personal hygiene items  
#10 GENTLY USED CLOTHING THAT IS "IN STYLE." (Check it out with your teens!)

Thank you, Airstreamers, for your generosity in the past! If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me (patfinn@bellsouth.net) or call (321-638-2484) in Florida.

See ya in St. Augustine the week after Easter!

Even in a time of elephantine  
vanity and greed, one never  
has to look far to see the  
campfires of gentle people.  
~Garrison Keillor



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### More Kudos for the Mid-Winter IBT Rally

Region 3 sure has done themselves PROUD!!!  
Thanks for a GREAT Rally- sure did have a  
"Cotton Pickin Good Time in Georgia".

The food, entertainment, door prizes, facilities and  
especially the family fellowship were fun.

Daryl & Myrna Ewels. WBCCI #140

### Florida State and Post Rally

By Martha Keene

The next big Region 3 event is the Florida State  
Rally, Sarasota, Florida that will be held February  
21 - 25, 2007, followed by the Post Rally, which  
will be held at the Cypress Gardens Adventure  
Park, Winter Haven, Florida February 25 - 27,  
2007.

A full range of events are scheduled for the  
"Florida State Hoedown" (Florida State Rally).  
Including continental breakfast each morning,  
catered dinner, four evenings of professional  
entertainment, Seminars, Games, Dancing, Crafts,  
Demos, Contests, Tours and MORE. The  
Sarasota area has a lot to offer, you may want to  
visit some of the sites, beautiful beaches, Ringling  
Museums, unique shopping, many terrific  
restaurants and various others things of interest.

The Florida State Post Rally two days at Cypress  
Gardens Adventure Park. Cypress Gardens is  
under new ownership and management therefore  
many invigorated things to see and do. You will get

two meal vouchers for "Aunt Julies Buffet" to use  
at any time of your choice during your stay. The  
parking will be two days and three nights totally  
self-contained at the Cypress Gardens parking lot.

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### A Motion for Consideration at International

Motion – A:  
The motion below passed unanimously at the  
International Board of Trustees meeting held in  
Perry, Georgia on Jan. 19, 2007

I move that the International Board of Trustees  
bring forth to the Delegates Meeting in June, 2007  
the following motion:

Amend the WBCCI International Constitution to  
include the words after "manufactured by  
Airstream, Inc." as follows: "as well as the Class A  
motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds  
International division of Thor Industries, Inc. The  
Class A models of Four Winds motorhomes will be  
labeled "Airstream Edition" at their respective  
factories or authorized dealerships in order to  
make their owners eligible to remain or become  
WBCCI members."

Maker of motion Robert Thompson, Pres. Region 1  
Secunder of motion Tom Tisdal

Motion passed unanimously  
Jean Helker, International Recording Secretary

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