



GULF STREAMERS E-NEWS

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## GREETINGS FROM GULF STREAMERS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

*I hope you are enjoying a healthy and happy 2010.* Seeing the stores stocked with school supplies is a sure indication that it is only a short time before the start of a new school year. There is still so much to look forward to and to be thankful for in 2010. Labor Day marks the end of the summer celebration, but before it arrives, ***Gulf Streamers “End of Summer” rally in Traverse City Michigan*** will take place. Beginning on August 23rd, we start our rally off with a dinner and entertainment sponsored by Gulf Stream Coach at the Williamsburg Dinner Theater. Many of our members are volunteering at the rally, which shows their commitment to Gulf Stream and the Gulf Streamers Club. Their support is appreciated and needed in order to have a successful rally. We will welcome members who have been to several of the International rallies, along with owners of Gulf Stream products that have never attended a rally or who are just starting in the RV lifestyle. We are offering these new owners an incentive to check out a rally and if it is something they enjoy, they receive a free year membership in the club. Our current members attending will also receive a free year in the club for their loyalty to Gulf Streamers International RV Club.

Knowing that Gulf Stream is a family owned company, their focus is on families and the importance of the RV lifestyle. A company picnic was held on July 31st for all the employees. 1828 employees and their families confirmed their intention to attend. Even with the day starting off with heavy rain, a major portion of that number showed up with umbrellas, ponchos and some even dressed in garbage bags. The sun came out around 10 am and the rest of the day was filled with sunshine. Activities were extended an hour so everyone had time to participate in the games, contests and other activities offered for all ages. The picnic newsletter is posted on our website <http://streamers.gulfstreamcoach.com>, for anyone who would enjoy reading it. Our vendors were very generous, along with the prizes provided by Fairmont & Gulf Stream, which resulted in employees leaving the picnic with a prize or two, along with the satisfaction of coming in first, second or third in one of the contests.

*There has been a lot of controversy over requests to allow owners of other brands join the Gulf Streamers Club and hold officer positions in chapters formed and sponsored by Gulf Stream Coach. The Gulf Streamers Club is an owners club, therefore, the decision to allow owners of other brands join the chapters and International has been denied by Gulf Stream Coach, Inc., Owners of other brands may attend chapter rallies as specified in each chapter by-laws, but they cannot become a member of the chapter or the International Club, nor hold an officer position. They would not be counted in the voting of any decisions in chapter meetings and should not be counted as part of the number needed to pass or decline an item being voted upon. A copy of the Club Policy is attached that should clarify the direction that was taken when the Gulf Streamers International RV Club was formed.*

## **GULF STREAMERS CLUB POLICY**

Use of Trademarks and Logos: Gulf Stream Coach, Inc., and the Gulf Streamers International RV Club reserve all rights to their trademarks, logos and other intellectual property. The use of their trademarks and logos is only permitted in association with local chapters that have been officially recognized as chartered chapters of the Gulf Streamers International RV Club. Any unauthorized use of these trademarks or logos is strictly prohibited.

The following actions are recommended in order for a chapter to be formed and operate in a standard manner. These items will allow the International Office to maintain efficient and effective records of your members.

Correspondence: All written correspondence with the International Office should be addressed to:  
Gulf Streamers International RV Club  
P.O. Box 1005 (street address: 503 S. Oakland Ave.)  
Nappanee, IN 46550-0905

Membership: In order to belong to the Gulf Streamers or any chapter thereof, you must own a Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. recreational vehicle, except as specified under Associate Member.

In order to become a member of the Gulf Streamers, you must fill out an official membership application form and forward it along with the International dues to the International Office. You may receive applications by writing to the International Office or by locating an application in the back of your Gulf Stream recreational vehicle owner's manual. The dues year(s) will extend from the last day of your acceptance month to the same month in the following one, two or three years of membership.

The International Office will notify members the first of the month prior to which their dues are due. If dues are still unpaid by the last day of that month, the member will receive one more final notification. If dues remain delinquent 30 days after the final notice, he or she shall be dropped from the active rolls of the organization and no longer receive the Main Stream newsletter or be eligible for any activities sponsored by the Gulf Streamers organization.

Member renewals and reinstatements paid within six months of their expiration date will receive their original anniversary date. Those paying six months or more after their anniversary date will be reinstated as of the month their dues are received.

Associate membership in the Gulf Streamers and the chapters thereof, is available to employees of Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. It is also available to authorized Gulf Stream Coach, Inc., dealers and their direct employees having access to and utilizing Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. recreational vehicles. These members may not hold an office in the local chapter and they have no vote on matters pertaining to club procedures and/or operation.

Upon election of officers, each chapter is responsible for filling out a "Chapter Officers Reporting Form" and returning it to the International Office.

**The International Office will send each Chapter President a computer printout of those Gulf Streamers listed as members of their chapter once a year. It is the responsibility of the chapter officers to completely check their copy, make any necessary corrections and return the printout to the International Office for an update.**

Participation: Participation in state/provincial, regional and International rallies and caravan trips, sponsored by the Gulf Streamers International Office is limited to Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. recreational vehicle owners and associate members.

**Participation in local chapter activities may be extended by that local chapter to friends and relatives who are users of other brand recreational vehicles on an occasional, non-repetitive basis as specified in**

**each chapter's bylaws.**

Identification: Upon acceptance as a member of the Gulf Streamers, each member family shall receive a membership number, an official membership card, quarterly copies of the Main Stream newsletter, the Gulf Streamers Benefits program and unit decals identifying his/her Gulf Streamers membership.

Upon joining a chapter, a member will also receive his or her chapter number to be included with the International decal and membership number on the unit. The chapter secretary should notify the international Office when a member-at-large joins their chapter. This form should be used only when a family who is already a member of the International joins a chapter.

In the event an owner disposes of his unit, he should remove the identification from it. Should that owner purchase another Gulf Stream Coach, inc., recreational vehicle, he may request a new set of identification from the International Office at no charge. Once a membership number is allocated to a member, it is not reused and is not transferable to any other person. If for some reason a member chooses to drop membership for a period of time but rejoins in the future, reassignment of the original number may be given.

Each chapter may design and adopt a distinctive patch for affixing on vests, jackets, etc. to identify that chapter. A copy of the design is requested and required to be sent into the International Office.



**GULF STREAMERS MILITARY CHAPTER**

The West Coast Military branch of Gulf Streamers is planning an outing  
**September 16-20, 2010**

At the Travis AFB campgrounds, Fairfield, California

Some highlights include: California State Military Museum at the Historic California Post at Benicia. This includes the Benicia Arsenal, Benicia Barracks, Benicia Quartermaster Depot, and the Benicia Arsenal Prisoner of War Branch Camp.

On Saturday the 18 we will tour the historic Mare Island and Museum. Sites include the stately Colonial Revival era mansions of Officer Row, St. Peter's chapel with its Tiffany stained glass windows, the Mare Island Artifact Museum and the dry docks along the waterfront of Mare Island strait. Add to this the closeness of Old town Sacramento with its railroad museum and we have a full extended weekend.

Each person should call Travis to make their own reservations (as soon as possible). Call or e-mail me if you would like to help me with the arrangements. I am so far a committee of one.

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***Just a quick shout out to all of the BT Cruiser owners out there.***

I hope your summer is turning out to be a fun one--ours has been good. Our next trip in the BT is to the Minn. State fair. It was quite a coup getting reservations--they fill up in about an hour.

I am looking forward to the **Iowa rally (Sept.15-19)**. It's looking like a good turnout. It is a one day drive from us and I have been to the Amana Colonies several times in the past. My dad grew up near there and we would travel from Minnesota when I was young to visit grandma and grandpa. Kay & I always try to stop there when we are traveling near by. We need to get our reservations for the rally sent in soon.

I talked to Paul Aigner the other day and he sounded fired up about the plans for the Texas rally next spring (March 27-Apr.3). Kathy and Paul had just driven from their place in Arkansas to scout things out in San Antonio and Fredericksburg, TX . He's not giving out any details until the Iowa rally but knowing them, it'll be fantastic.

Iowa is the 11th rally we've had since the BT Cruisers club was started and I think it is the closest to the center of the country of any that we've had. Texas will be by-far the furthest West for any BT rally so far. The response has already been good and I hope we get to see some folks there that have not made it to an "out East" rally yet. I like the earlier start for the Tex. Rally and it should be nice weather in that part of the country at the end of March.

Come join us on the BT Cruiser blog. About half of you have signed up and it has really been a great way to exchange information about anything to do with your BT <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/BTCruisers/>

Keep on cruising,  
Mark Ulm  
President BT Cruisers

## **ILLOWA GULF STREAMERS Fall Campout—Kentuckiana Kampground - Mackinaw, IL (south of Peoria) - September 17, 18, 19, 2010**

Friday we will have a potluck at 6 pm and a chapter meeting after. Saturday am, we will have breakfast at 8:30 am —Menu still to be decided. Saturday afternoon time to explore on your own or just visit and rest. Saturday evening the Kentuckiana is having a beans and ham dinner from 4-6 pm for \$4.00 which includes coffee and dessert—bring your own table service—or some may wish to go out?? At 8 pm free entertainment begins at the campground. Sun 8:30 am coffee, rolls, juice and say our goodbyes until spring.

The Kampground does require a 1st night deposit to hold the spots. The cost is \$28.00 per night for full hookups—\$2.00 extra if you run your AC. Be sure to tell them you are with the Gulf Streamers group. They do not take credit or debit cards, just cash and checks—so get those checks in the mail to them!

We want to have another GREAT turnout and I hear the entertainment is good! For more information on the Fall Campout or to request a Kentuckiana Kampground brochure —contact Mick and Marty Parker, 559-907-7494. We hope to see to see you there!

## GULF STREAM INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER OF F.M.C.A.

*We are excited about the future of the Gulf Stream International Chapter of F.M.C.A and would like to introduce you to the new officers listed below.*

### New Officers

Effective January 1, 2011

<b>President .....</b>	<b>Frank Bagnoli</b>	<b>National Director</b>	<b>William Campbell</b>
<b>Vice-President-West.....</b>	<b>Ron Riffel</b>	<b>Alt National Director</b>	<b>Les Cerise</b>
<b>Vice-President-East.....</b>	<b>Bob Combs</b>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	<b>Mary Bagnoli</b>

An updated application and information on the upcoming events planned for the chapter will be posted on the Gulf Streamers website, <http://streamers.gulfstreamcoach.com>, and listed in a future newsletter. If you are an owner of a Gulf Stream motorized product and would like more information on the chapter, please send an e-mail to the Gulf Streamers International office [bcooper@gulfstreamcoach.com](mailto:bcooper@gulfstreamcoach.com). If you would like more information on FMCA, please visit the website of [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com). Membership in the FMCA organization is required, but membership in the Gulf Streamers International Club is not required, but appreciated!

## **Fall Rally** **September 23,24, 25, 2010**

The Fall Rally is coming up fast and I'm sure your will enjoy this one! We are camping at Oak Lake Family Campground, in Fair Oaks, Indiana, just off I-65.

Thursday evening we will have Kentucky Fried Chicken. We need you to bring a salad or side dish to share. We have planned for a visit to "Down on the Farm" like you have never seen before. Thousands of acres, and thousands of cows. See them from birth and see how the milk that many cows. Great bus tour through the facility of Fair Oaks Farms. Beautiful grounds with a cheese factory, as well as a snack shop with ice cream. We will have lunch there on Friday. After coming back to the campground that evening, we will have a bonfire with hot dogs and s'mores for dessert.

On Saturday, we are planning a trip to Albanies Chocolate Factory in Merrillville and are working on finding out about the many windmills in the area. The candy factory is about a 45 minute drive and we will caravan there. You won't believe the two-story chocolate fountain. See gummy bears made...Saturday lunch is on your own and at 6:00 pm, we will have dinner at Kozy Kitchen Buffet. The cost of the buffet is \$7.99 and is not provided. Sunday morning breakfast provided by the men of the club...

Application and itinerary posted on the Gulf Streamers website, <http://streamers.gulfstreamcoach.com>, click on chapters then Indiana. Please submit your form by September 1, 2010. If you prefer to have a copy of the application and itinerary mailed to you, **contact Buster at 937-417-9124**. Rally cost is \$150!!!



# Cardinal Gulf Streamers

Ohio Cardinal Gulf Streamers Rally  
September 16-19, 2010  
Krodel Park – Point Pleasant WV

September is just around the corner which means, hopefully, more comfortable daytime temperatures and cooler nights. It definitely means the Ohio Cardinal's fall rally is coming. Our rally hosts Ron and Mary Psota and Ron and Candy Belanga have put together a fun filled weekend.

On arrival Thursday we will sit down to a pizza party and a chance to find out what everyone has done to keep cool this summer. After dinner there will be time for renewing friendships as well as cards and games.

Friday morning will find us off to check out the "Our House" Museum in Gallipolis. After lunch we will be off to explore the Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande including a tour of the Evans home. Then off to the Merry Family Winery to "wet our whistles" before we sit down to a pasta dinner at the winery. Back at the campground there will be games and cards available.

Saturday morning will begin with our traditional Pancake Breakfast put on by the men. After breakfast we will visit Fort Randolph located on the grounds of Krodel Park. The afternoon will be free time to visit attractions in Gallipolis and Point Pleasant. Our evening meal will be a catered BBQ dinner in the campground clubhouse followed by our chapter business meeting and BINGO.

Sunday we will enjoy the Ladies Continental Breakfast before hitting the road for home.

All Gulf Stream members are welcome to join us. Please contact me for a registration form. Also check out our website at [rvcardinals.webs.com](http://rvcardinals.webs.com).

Just can't wait to get on the road again!

Kathy Holmes, Secretary  
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# Prayer Chain Requests



## **Phillip and Margaret Ditchen:**

On August 12, 2010, Phillip Ditchen was moved to the Extended Care/Hospice unit at the local VA Hospital on Leestown Road in Lexington, KY.

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**Journey update – Don & Lori Smart [tanker7@chartermi.net](mailto:tanker7@chartermi.net)—received July 6, 2010**

Howdy all!

Well, it looks like we are going to be Houstonians for a few months as we got final test results today and tomorrow we begin a unique clinical trial here at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Last year, I remember reading about a new trial drug that was not a chemo drug; but it was an agent that boosted the immune system instead. Thus it allows your immune system to kill the cancer cells (which is what it should do.) My thought at that time was that this concept is the key to the cure for cancer. And that was all I knew about the trial. Little did we know what God had up His sleeve, because not only did we feel lead to MDA, but our doctor is the chair of this trial and it is only offered here. Our good Lord is handing us a huge gift and the best part is that we can help so many others as a result of the trial. We are also so grateful that this drug is non-toxic to the body. So if you think of us in the next few months, please lift us up in prayer, if you would. You can reach us by e-mail, call our home phone number (the call will be forwarded to our cell) or by snail mail as we are having everything forwarded to us down here. Thank you all for being in our lives and for lifting us up in prayer.

Love, hugs, and blessings to you  
Lori and Don

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## **Clyde & Reta Lanning—Received July 18, 2010**

Florida Sun Gator former member has cancer and Hospice has been called in. Please send out a prayer request for Clyde Lanning his wife Reta and family. They are going through a very difficult time. Please read her e-mail below which explains his situation.

WE WERE REFERRED TO AN ONCOLOGIST TODAY. TODAY WE FINALLY GOT SOME ANSWERS THAT WE WERE SEEKING. UNFORTUNATELY, THE ANSWERS WERE NOT WHAT WE WERE HOPING FOR, BUT, WERE WHAT WE EXPECTED. DR MOSKOWITZ, A SPEC IN ONCOLOGY IN NAPLES, REVIEWED CLYDE'S RECORDS, TALKED TO CLYDE AND US. HE COULD SEE, JUST BY LOOKING @ CLYDE THAT HE WAS IN EXTREME PAIN, VERY WEAK AND NOT DOING WELL. HE IMMEDIATELY HOOKED HIM UP TO AN IV OF DEMOROL. HE RETURNED TO DISCUSS CLYDE'S CONDITION WITH TERESA & I. GIVEN THE POOR CONDITION THAT CLYDE IS IN, THE DR DOES NOT RECOMMEND ANY FURTHER TREATMENTS. AND ESTIMATED THAT ONLY WEEKS REMAINING. HE THEN WENT TO TELL CLYDE THE SAME THING. THE DR WAS EXTREMELY COMPASSIONATE AND KIND. HE HAD EXPERIENCED LOOSING BOTH HIS MOTHER AND FATHER TO CANCER. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HOSPICE. WHICH, WE ARE ALSO INVOLVED. DR TOLD US THAT CLYDE ALREADY KNEW THIS AND THAT HE WASN'T AFRAID AS HE IS GOOD WITH GOD. A VISIT FROM A HOSPICE NURSE THIS EVENING RESULTED IN INCREASED MEDICATIONS TO KEEP CLYDE COMFORTABLE AS THAT IS THE GOAL AT THIS POINT. THE NURSE WAS WONDERFUL AND TOOK TIME TO LISTEN TO OURS AND CLYDE'S CONCERNS AND FEARS. .ALSO, A CHAPLAIN FROM HOSPICE STOPPED BY THIS MORNING TO DROP OFF SOME MEDICATIONS, SOMETHING HE DOES NOT NORMALLY DO. CLYDE HAD A WONDERFUL VISIT WITH HIM, AND TOMMY, AS THE CHAPLAIN IS CALLED, PROMISED TO COME BACK AGAIN. SHORTLY AFTER HE LEFT, WE HEARD BY TELEPHONE THAT CLYDE'S REGULAR CHAPLAIN HAS HAD A RATHER SERIOUS HEART ATTACK AND IS IN THE HOSPITAL. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY GOD'S WAY OF KEEPING CLYDE STRONG IN HIS FAITH.

DJ, LANCE, DANA AND LEYNA COME IN TOMORROW, TISHA IS COMING OVER, AND SO OUR WHOLE LITTLE ORIGINAL FAMILY PLUS OUR SWEET DANA AND LEYNA WILL BE HERE TOGETHER FOR SOME PRECIOUS TIME. CLYDE'S ATTITUDE IS VERY POSITIVE AND THE HOSPICE NURSE TOLD HIM TONIGHT THAT HE WILL LEAVE A LEGACY OF FAITH.

OUR LOVE & APPRECIATION GOES OUT TO ALL OUR FRIENDS. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH OUR FRIENDS AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS.

## **Ross & Linda Knowles – received 7/6/10 - Prayer Requests Continued**

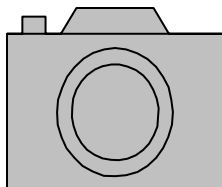
For the past several weeks, Linda has been relatively stable. I say relatively in the sense that there have been no significant changes. That is not to say she did not decline both physically and mentally during this period. Unfortunately, that seems to have changed and in the past week or so there has been a noticeable decline in both. Last week, I spoke with the nurse from Hospice that is responsible for Linda's care. She has always seemed to have a positive attitude, and when asked about her view of Linda's condition, usually admit only in a rather vague way that Linda was declining. However, last week she stated without my asking that she felt Linda was declining.

She is clearly weaker physically and has lost more of her mental capabilities. The staff still gets her up for meals, but she is very selective in what she will eat and consumes very little at best. She will drink Ensure which I suspect is providing most of her sustenance. She seems to recognize me, although it is difficult to tell. She is in some ways like an infant that smiles back at you when you smile. Conversation is impossible. She will start to say something and after one or two words begin to stutter. She often hallucinates and just stares into space. During a recent visit, we were sitting in the activities room where there is a TV, some books and other items to remind the patients of daily life, including a bassinet with a couple of dolls. She looked at the bassinet and began talking to one of the dolls as though it was real. She will have spurts of memory and mention family names, but then doesn't know who you are talking about when you repeat the name or the relationship. I'm not sure what these new changes mean, but since the onset of this disease, it seems to have progressed in periods of rapid decline and then a slower rate of decline. This could be the beginning of a period of rapid decline.

As always, please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Love to all,

Ross



### **Gulf Streamers Photo Contest**

The Gulf Streamers Photo Contest will begin January 1, 2011. More details will be posted on the Gulf Streamers website and in upcoming newsletters. Prizes and categories have not been determined at this time. If you have a suggestion as to a new category or idea for a prize that all would be able to use, please submit that in an e-mail to

[gulfstreamers@gulfstreamcoach.com](mailto:gulfstreamers@gulfstreamcoach.com). Start checking the website at the beginning of 2011 for the rules, categories and prizes and start submitting in your photos!

### **" Class A Tours by appointment "**

(Call 800.289.8787 Ext 3005, M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, EST)

### **" Class C Tours by appointment "**

(Call 800.289.8787 Ext 3005, M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, EST)

This helps Gulf Stream provide the best tour experience for our customers.

Our Plant Tours are offered 3 days a week (Monday & Wednesday @ 1:00 pm and Friday @ 11:00 am, EST)

**Questions or to arrange a tour of our towable facilities, call 800-289-8787 ext. 5101**

Pla-Mor Campground offers anyone visiting Gulf Stream or the Nappanee area a discount for camping. Please visit the website <http://www.pla-mor.net/rates.htm> for more information about the campground and area activities. A flyer with a coupon is available to print on the Gulf Streamers website, <http://streamers.gulfstreamcoach.com>, or you may pick up a flyer with the coupon when visiting the Gulf Stream facilities in Nappanee Indiana.