



GULF STREAMERS E-NEWS

GREETINGS FROM GULF STREAMERS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE.....

October already! The leaves are changing and the air is brisk. Between school activities, winterizing the house and clearing out the garden the time is just flying by.

The 88 Gulf Streamers who attended the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta had an outstanding time. We had 38 coaches from 21 states in attendance. The Rally was wonderful, the balloons a visual feast of color floating across the desert sky, the food was fantastic, the tours informative, the shopping opportunities plentiful and a good time was had by all. Look for a recap to be posted on the website. Many thanks to everyone, especially our Wagon Masters Jean & Les Potteiger, for making this such an outstanding rally.

For Gulf Streamers attending the Nashville Christmas Rally in November the map, campground contact information and Nashville agenda have been posted on the web.

The 2007 rallies are coming together. 2007 promises to be a very busy year filled with a wide variety of travel options. Mark your calendars now for the Back Home In Indiana Rally – the Gulf Streamers club will be celebrating its 20th anniversary and we have an awesome array of activities planned for your enjoyment. This is one year you won't want to miss!

Gulf Streamers are being offered an opportunity to celebrate spring in the mountains of Chickamauga Georgia. Cost per unit for two people is only \$450. Our campground, Raccoon Mountain RV Park & Campground boasts great mountain views, a fun park, and a vast cave system. Gulf Streamers can pan for gem stones, explore the caverns known for their incredible array of diverse formations or just relax and enjoy the spectacular mountain views.

Another opportunity you might want to check out is the Grand Circle Caravan being offered by Adventure Caravans in October. This 29 day tour of the old west encompasses some of earth's most extraordinary geological and archeological wonders. Along the Grand Circle adventure Gulf Streamers will experience a melting pot of various cultures that makes up the countries southwest. Surrounded by some of the worlds most colorful scenery every minute and every mile promises to thrill you with the beauty and the splendor of the region.

Gulf Streamers receive a \$600 discount on the price of the caravan. This is an adventure you won't want to miss!

In order to keep Gulf Streamers better informed about upcoming rallies and events we are sending out the Gulf Streamers e-news on a monthly basis via email and then printing to include with the Main Stream magazine. If you have an email address and are not receiving the e-news please contact either myself, Trish Brown or Jenn Shaw to update your information.



Fun Facts

Nashville's *Grand Ole Opry* is among the 22 national landmarks on the game board of the new *MONOPOLY: HERE & NOW edition* from Hasbro. For this 21st Century makeover, the Opry occupies the real estate formerly known as *Oriental Avenue*.

TOP 10 HAUNTED SPOTS IN THE US

Hollywood Forever Cemetery - Los Angeles, CA
The Driskell - Austin TX
Alcatraz Island-San Francisco, CA
Boston Common - Boston MA
Biograph Theatre - Chicago, IL
The Spaghetti Warehouse - Houston, TX
Grand Ole Opry - Nashville, TN
The Dakota - New York, NY
Heathman Hotel - Portland, OR
Fitzgerald Theater - St. Paul MN



The Road Less Traveled.....

Carnton Plantation
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Franklin, TN 37064-3259
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Built in 1825 by Randall McGavock and later used as a field hospital, Carnton played a central role in the Civil War when four Confederate generals were killed during the bloody Battle of Franklin. Their bodies were placed on the rear veranda of this stately Greek Revival. Bloodstains are still visible on the floorboards. Today, visitors tour the distinctive large brick house to learn of 19th century Tennessee life.

While visiting Civil War buffs won't want to miss the McGavock Confederate Cemetery located on the grounds of Carnton. This historic cemetery is the only one of its kind.

You can learn more about Carnton Plantation the unique and heartbreaking role its owners played in the Civil War –Pick up “The Widow of the South.” By Robert Hicks or visit info@carnton.org.



A.A.A.D.D.

RECENTLY, I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A.A.A.D.D – Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests itself:

I decided to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I looked over at my car and decided my car needs washing. As I started toward the garage, I noticed that there was mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier. I decided to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So I decided to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my check book off the table, and see there is only one check left! My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find a can of Coke that I had been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep

it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye – they need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. Then I decide I better put them on back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water on the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill, then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

- The car isn't washed.
- The bills aren't paid
- There is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter.
- The flowers don't have enough water
- There is still only 1 check in my checkbook
- I can't find the remote
- I can't find my glasses
- And.....I don't remember what in the world I did with the car keys!!!

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled, because I know I was busy all day long and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.....

Growing older is mandatory

Growing up is optional.

Laughing at yourself is therapeutic (I do a lot of laughing)

P.S. I just walked outside and SOMEONE LEFT THE WATER RUNNING IN THE DRIVEWAY!!!!!!

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