



GREETINGS FROM GULF STREAMERS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE



December has arrived with many changes taking place at the Gulf Streamers International Office. Trish Brown will be leaving us as of December 22, 2006 to pursue other interests. Her e-mail of trishbrown@gulfstreamcoach.com will be available until this date for those of you who would like to send well wishes her way. I personally want to thank Trish for all the hard work and effort she has put into planning the rallies for 2007. After the date of December 22, please use the following e-mails for your questions concerning rallies or caravans, gulfstreamers@gulfstreamcoach.com, membership information or payment information on rallies, jshaw@gulfstreamcoach.com. We are also pleased to announce that Leslie Bloom has taken over the Main Stream magazine and has done a great job on the issue currently at the printers. Any chapter question or anything to do with the Main Stream should be directed to Leslie's e-mail of lbloom@gulfstreamcoach.com. Our Wagonmasters and International Event Managers, Les & Jean Potteiger, may still be reached at LPotteiger@aol.com. Christina James takes care of the Gulf Streamers website and may be reached at pr1@gulfstreamcoach.com with any questions or suggestions on the contents of the website. Remember to visit it often, as she updates it on a daily basis with rally flyers, recaps, pictures, etc. Just recently added was the recap and pictures of the Nashville Rally where we had 33 coaches with 73 people enjoying the fun and fellowship that Nashville had to offer. Also added are the Albuquerque Rally pictures and recap. The pictures are amazing and most were taken by our very own Lester Potteiger, who I must say – never misses a photo opportunity. I have one of the balloon ascensions saved as a screen saver on my computer. Les' beautiful picture of a Christmas tree located in the Gaylord Hotel is our cover photo for the Main Stream issue you will be receiving soon. Printer promises December 21st as the date he can get them to us for mailing.

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Speaking of 2007 rallies. We have sent out mailers and posted the flyers on the Chickamauga Georgia Summer pre-rally in March 2007 and Pigeon Forge Family Rally in July 2007, and are sorry to say we only have 6 coaches signed up for Chickamauga Georgia and NONE for the family rally. Please let us know if you are interested as soon as possible so we do not have to cancel these wonderful rallies!



We have also posted a flyer on a Lobsters & Lighthouse rally in Maine, scheduled for September 17-21, 2007 and our Winter Pre-rally in Newport Oregon scheduled for August 6-10, 2007. Look these over and sign up soon! The Grand Circle Caravan booked through Adventure Caravans will be the cheapest you will get as I am told. Adventure held their 2004 pricing for the Gulf Streamers and we are sending Les & Jean along to make sure the caravan has support from the International Office. Back Home In Indiana, scheduled for June 18-24, 2007 is almost finalized and we will be mailing a flyer out in the next few weeks. This is Gulf Streamers 20th Anniversary so we are planning a lot of fun and entertainment for you and capping the price for a coach with 2 people at \$350.00. There will be no rally refunds this year but you still need to sign up early in order to receive full hook up sites of either 30 Amp or 50 Amp electricity. The Fairgrounds is working on getting the south camping sites upgraded to 50 Amp but we will not know about that until after January 2007. We are also looking for Chapter Volunteers for the Back Home Rally. We currently have commitment from KYOHWEVA's for the parking (Ralph Gordon will assist us in assigning the parking sites this year – he did a great job last year with the KYOHWEVA's and knows the sites well so he will be able to place the right unit in the best fit.) We will also have a check box on the application for you to request parking with your Chapter or Handicap. It is recommended that if you want to park together that you arrive together. MICHIGAN

OVERLOADERS have once again volunteered to do clean up after meals, a big THANK YOU to them as this is not always an easy job and the Gulf Streamers eat a lot so there is a lot of clean up! The FLORIDA GATORS have volunteered to be in charge of Games. This will definitely be an improvement from past rallies as they are known for their fun games and participation in games! At the Back Home Rally we will also have our 50/50 drawing to charities, daily raffles will be held for each charity that is submitted by our Chapters. We are also collecting used eyeglasses for donation to the Lions Club and worn US Flags that the American Legion in Warsaw collects them and then has a ceremony where they take care of them. So bring your flags and eyeglasses to the International Rally or if you cannot attend this year, ship them to my attention at 503 S Oakland Ave., Nappanee, Indiana, 46550 and I will take them to the rally for you. The pull tabs are another project that Suzanne Palczynski is heading up and has a great passion for. Gulf Streamers office already has one giant zip lock bag full! You may mail your tabs if you can't attend to the International office and we will make sure they get put in the count – every little bit helps and it is such a great cause! Branson Christmas rally is November is also being planned and should be finalized in the next few weeks, so mark your November calendar for Branson – it is a great place to get you in the Christmas spirit!



January 2008 is going to contain a Buddy Rally at the Tampa Show Fairgrounds to include all the seminars and entertainment provided during the Show. A Vegas Rally in April 2008 is also being planned. Keep checking the websites for updates!



As mentioned previously in this newsletter, the winter issue of the Main Stream will be mailed beginning on December 21st. Winners of the Photo Contest and the Pet Contest are profiled and also posted on the website. We want to continue to include these contests and others in our Main Stream. If you have suggestions on any type of contest you would like to see offered in the Main Stream, please contact me so we can include. We have added a new contest beginning with this issue. It is a “MAILBOX CONTEST.” I know in my travels I have seen many unique mailboxes not to mention the ones I see in the magazine my husband receives from the post office

(he is a mail carrier for the city of Syracuse) so we wanted you to take along your camera and capture a picture of a “unique” mailbox during your travels. As a reward 10 lucky winners will be drawn and receive a \$25.00 Gas Card.



Membership Directory will not be printed this year as we did not receive enough requests for a new directory to justify the cost of printing. Remember if you want to receive a new directory, you must submit the form inside the front cover of issue you received for 2006. Cookbooks are not being printed due to not enough recipes being sent in and our having so many of the 2006 in stock. Remember Gulf Streamers cookbooks make a great Christmas token gift to your mail carriers, garbage collectors, teachers, etc., and we are marking them down to \$1.00 if you would like to order some in time to give out – many recipes are from our very own members. Just call Jennifer Shaw at 1-800-289-8787 extension 3067 to place an order. Hopefully, in 2007 many of our great cooks will submit their favorite recipes for us to include in the 2007 issue of the Cookbook! Campground Directories have been compiled by Christina James and will be included in your mailer that we are sending out beginning December 21st. Check ahead at these campgrounds to make sure they are still participating in the program before you travel to make sure you can still get the discount, and to check if they have sites available. Also, if you stay at a campground you think is a good choice for our Gulf Streamers, please present them with the Camp-O-Gram from your Main Stream to ask them to sign up.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE GULF STREAMERS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Bonnie, Jenn, Leslie, Jessica, Christina, Les & Jean!



The reception area of the doctor's office was filled to capacity, but the doctor was working at his usual snail's pace. After waiting two hours, an old man slowly stood up and headed for the door. When everyone stopped talking to look at him, he announced, "Well, I guess I'll just go home and die a natural death."