

2008 VTCI SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

The Southeast Regional will be held in St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in the nation, May 1-4, 2008. The Space Coast Thunderbird Club (SCTBC) will host the event at the Comfort Suites hotel in the exclusive World Golf Village just north of historic downtown St. Augustine. The Comfort Suites offers every amenity needed to support a successful Regional and the SCTBC promises this will be their best ever.

The SCTBC is keenly aware that in order for a Regional to be well attended it must be reasonably priced, especially during these times of escalating cost. They have worked hard to accomplish this and believe at the conclusion of the Regional attendees will agree. For instance, a group rate of \$69 a night for the hotel's truly luxurious suites has been obtained (substantially lower than their normal rates). In addition some excellent onsite and offsite activities have been planned for your enjoyment during the 3 day event.

The SCTBC anticipates a good turnout for this particular Regional since it will be the first time the New Retro-Thunderbirds (2002-2005) will be judged. Many owners of the new Thunderbirds have been looking forward to this and it should add a new dimension to the VTCI Regionals.

Detail information regarding the hotel, planned activities, and the numerous St. Augustine attractions is provided below:

Comfort Suites Amenities and Planned Hotel Activities

The hotel, situated on a private lake, is located within the World Golf Village. It is located next to Interstate 95 at exit 323, 12 miles south of Jacksonville, 8 miles west of the beaches and 6 miles northwest of downtown historic St. Augustine. This location offers easy access for VTCI chapters to the north.

Hotel Suites are equipped with a sitting room/bedroom combination, either one king-size bed or two queen beds, and a sofa and work table. A microwave, refrigerator, coffee server, 25" TV, two telephones, free high speed Internet, and HBO are also included in each suite. Complementary USA Today newspapers and a deluxe continental breakfast are provided. In addition to the basic group rate of \$69, the hotel will offer a remarkable \$10 upgrade for a limited number of slightly larger suites.

Hotel amenities include a heated indoor pool, outdoor pool with a large sun deck, a hot tub and a fitness room. The hotel's lakeside gazebo area will be used for a planned Friday night BBQ. A large banquet room that can accommodate up to 117 people will be used for the Saturday night awards banquet.

A large room is available adjacent to the hotel main lobby and will support the Hospitality Room activities. Vehicle registration, vendor/club T-bird parts and T-shirt/caps sales will also be conducted in the room. The SCTBC will provide a free lunch for Regional attendees each day in the hospitality room. The hospitality facility is located convenient to the hotel parking area that will be used for judging the Thunderbird cars.

See web site www.cswgv.com for more detailed information on the Comfort Suites

Transportation and Visits to Local Attractions

The SCTBC will provide free transportation to/from the hotel to off-site St. Augustine attractions for registered guests of the regional. Vans will be used to transport attendees on a drop-off and pick-up basis. A SCTBC attractions representative will plan, in conjunction with registered guests, a list of attractions to be visited with corresponding time schedules. Some of the more interesting attractions are presented below.

World Golf Village

The Comfort Suites is located convenient to several golfing attractions within the World Golf Village. Some of these attractions are:

- The Golf Hall of Fame - A museum that tells the history of golf and stories of over 100 members through artifacts, memorabilia, E interactive exhibits.
- World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater - An experience that will present a whole new way of viewing films of various events and topics.
- Murray Brother's "Caddyshack" Restaurant. - A famous dining facility in a total golfing world atmosphere.
- King & Bear/Slammer & Squire Golf Courses

St. Augustine Area Attractions

- St. Augustine Historic District -Numerous attractions are located within the walled city
- Oldest Wooden School House
- Quaint restaurants & gift shops

- Castillo De San Marco - A fort built with local coquina rock by the Spanish in 1672-1695
- Fountain of Youth - 21 acre archaeological park, claimed landing place of Ponce de Leon
- Ripley's' Believe It or Not
- Potters Wax Museum
- Beaches/St. Augustine
- St Augustine Alligator Farm
- Lightner Museum
- Flagler College
- Make it a Vacation

If desired you can turn the Regional into an extended vacation. To assist you in this, the SCTBC has secured an agreement with the hotel to hold the VTCI Regional group rates prior to and after the Regional on a space available basis. Early reservations recommended.

Your vacation can also be expanded to include visits to attractions in Daytona Beach (60 Miles), The Kennedy Space Center (90 Miles) and The Walt Disney World (120 Miles).

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