

From the RVC

By the time most of you read this, North Texas Mensa's Regional Gathering will be history, but if you're still thinking about going to your first RG, you'll be glad to know that Gulf Coast Mensa is planning their 2010 RG for the usual Memorial Day Weekend dates in Houston. If you've never been to an RG, you owe it to yourself to try at least one. A whole 3-day weekend surrounded by scores of your fellow Mensans – it's an experience like no other. Games, contests, eclectic programs, usually a dance or two, and a spacious hospitality suite where you can just hang out with interesting people and make new friends; and when you can't keep your eyes open any longer, you just take a short elevator ride to your room and rest up for the next day's festivities. Don't worry about being in a group of strangers; if you don't know anyone when you arrive, you certainly will by the time the first day is over. The only thing better than spending a weekend with a hundred or more Mensa members is spending one with a couple of thousand at the Annual Gathering, and speaking of the AG...

I'm still working on the "MensaTrain" to the AG next summer, and responses are still trickling in. If you think you might be interested, it's not too late to e-mail me at the special reply address: [AGTrain@region6.us.mensa.org](mailto:AGTrain@region6.us.mensa.org) and let me know where you would be boarding and whether you would prefer coach or sleeper (see my September column for route and schedule information, or go to [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) and look up the Texas Eagle route). I should have more information for everyone right after the first of the year.

And, it's probably not too late to join the Mensa cruise out of Galveston, March 7-14, 2010, to Cozumel, the Costa Maya, and Roatan, Honduras. Deposits (\$500 per cabin) were due by Nov. 21, but at the time of writing it looks like we will make our minimum, and after that we can add additional cabins at the same rate as long as space is available. The cost, depending on accommodation, will be a mere \$580 to \$730 per person, double occupancy, including all fees and taxes. Don't have a roomie? Single occupancy is available for a surcharge of about 50%. If you're interested, contact Dennis Nienkerk at: Strong Travel Services, 8214 Westchester Dr #670, Dallas 75225. His office phone is 214-361-0027; Cell: 214-680-7607.