

Vintage Birds Chapter of FMCA

Vintage Bird Words

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Our President (is not old, He is Vintage) Report



Richard & Sue

Dear Vintage Birds Members:

Exciting things are happening with Vintage Birds. Alan has hit a home run with the Detroit Rally and the '*Alan Darson's Backyard Rally*' (Cape Cod that is) is looking like a winner also.

Shane and Steve are planning to co-host a July 28th to August 4th, 2019 Vintage Birds Chapter Rally in Boothbay, Maine, beautiful scenery and lots of things to see and do.

I am talking about doing a '*Pre Rally Informal Rolling Travel Together*' to get to Boothbay, Maine such as the Finger Lakes and Thousand Island area in New York. Or perhaps a tour of the Canadian Maritime region, which includes Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia after the rally. What do YOU want to do? Share your thoughts with me. If we have interest, we will do it in some shape, form or fashion.

At our Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia this year we need to elect a new Nominating Committee. I want to thank Gary Shilling, Phil Roberts and Mallie Lennon for volunteering to serve. Officer elections will be held in 2019.

Randy Shrimplin has designed a Vintage Birds garden flag for the Chapter that we hope to have available soon. Thanks Randy. Great Job!!!

See you in Cape Cod and Williamsburg!

Richard Ramsey

*As a Great American Said
"We Are All Orphan Birds Of A Feather,
So Let's Flock Together."*

August 1st Deadline FAST Approaching

Vintage Birds Chapter Rally

Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

October 1-6, 2018



A Week In Historic Williamsburg With Visits To Yorktown & Jamestown Settlement. Join us on day trips to the historical sites around the birthplace of our nation.

Monday, October 1

1-4pm

Registration

6pm

Welcome Social Hors oeuvres, BYOB

Tuesday, October 2

8am

Coffee, Tea And Pastries

Free Day

Tour Jamestown On Your Own

[see:https://historicjamestowne.org/visit/tickets/](https://historicjamestowne.org/visit/tickets/)

Tour Williamsburg On Your Own

[see:https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/tickets](https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/tickets)

Busch Gardens Williamsburg

[see:http://www.reservewilliamsburg.com/da/busch-gardens-williamsburg-tickets](http://www.reservewilliamsburg.com/da/busch-gardens-williamsburg-tickets)

Dinner On Your Own

Wednesday, October 3

8-9am	Breakfast
10am	Meet In Yorktown At 10am For Tour Of Historic Area Lead By John McPherson
11am	Schooner Cruise On York River(<i>Optional \$37</i>) <i>see:http://www.sailYorktown.com/</i>
After Cruise	Group Lunch at the Riverwalk Inn (<i>Dutch Treat \$15-\$20 average lunch</i>)
6pm	Pot Luck Dinner

Thursday, October 4

8-9am	Coffee, Tea And Donuts
9-11am	Flea Market And Craft Fair
12-2pm	Technical Session (Boxed Lunch For The Men)
12-2pm	Ladies Luncheon And Craft
3-5pm	Annual Meeting
6pm	Catered Dinner at the Campground, BYOB
7pm	Music By The One Man Band. Plays Music Of Our Era And Is Great For Dancing!

Friday, October 5

8-9am	Breakfast
Free Day Till 6pm or at	
11am	Join John McPherson On Winery And Brewery Tour (<i>Optional \$69 and includes mini bus transportation</i>)
6pm	Dinner Meat Cooked By Shane Bring Side Dish, BYOB Dessert Will Be Provided

Saturday, October 6

8am Coffee, Tea And Ham Biscuits
Farewells And Safe Travels



Rally Hosts: Jan Mohr & Ken Doyle

For more information

contact Jan at janmohr1@earthlink.net or by phone at 703-282-9916.

We need your rally fee and campground reservation by August 1st to hold our sites. After the 1st of August, the campground will release our sites for general reservations and they expect most of them to be full for the fall travelers.

You Must Make Your Own Campground Reservation At American Heritage RV Park:

Tell RV Park You Are With The Vintage Birds And Your Rate Will Be \$49.00 + Tax Per Night For Full Hook-Ups. Arriving October 1st, Departing October 6th

American Heritage RV Park

146 Maxton Lane Williamsburg, VA 23188

Phone # 757-566-2133

Reservations: 1-888-530-2267

Fax: 757-566-8006

E-mail: americanheritagerv@gmail.com

Web: americanheritagervpark.com

**Please Complete The Information Below
And Send It With Your Rally Fee By August 1st**

To:

**Jan Mohr,
100 Pine View Drive
Mobjack, VA 23056**

Name(s):

VB # _____

Leave Blank if not a member, Guest of Richard Ramsey

FMCA # _____

Leave Blank if not a member, Guest of Richard Ramsey

Address:

E-Mail: *Very Important*

Phone: _____

AMERICAN HERITAGE RV PARK Confirmation

_____

Arriving October 1st, Departing October 6th

Make Checks payable to Jan Mohr

Enclosed Rally fee:

\$140.00 for two \$ _____

\$70 for one \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

!! Special Offer !!

Tour of the NASA Langley Research Center

***Contact Ken Doyle at Ken.HVAC-Conserve@att.net or
Text 301-908-5735. Ken needs 3 weeks advanced notice
of who wants to attend and a completed Badge Request!!***

Currently Signed-Up to Attend the Williamsburg Rally

Randy and Linda Burdette

Dwayne and Patti Cartwright

Butch and Marty Charpentier

Bob and Sonya Costin

Joe and Susan Crocker

Steve and Kathy Enfinger

Shane and Kelly Fedeli

Gregg and Jane Gesse

Daniel & Elizabeth Harris

Dan Hunt and Judy Thomas

Charles and Peggy McKeehan

John McPherson and Ruth Sawyer

Larry and Betty Miller

Jan Mohr and Ken Doyle

Steven and Liliana Pappas

Bob and Joyce Peavey

Sue and Richard Ramsey

Phil and Cheryl Roberts

Molly and Gary Shilling

Mike and Kathy Sparkman

Tommy and Shirley Vance

Jack and Lla Van Den Berg

Charles and Martha Vaughn

Leroy and Glenda Wilson

We have plenty of room for more Birds, so sign up now!!

September 1st Deadline
Vintage Birds Chapter Rally

Alan Darson's Backyard Rally

*You're Gonna Fall in Love with
Old Cape Cod*

September 23rd to 29th, 2018

Sunday

Arrive at your campsite then let's go to the Wellfleet Drive-In for the evening. When is the last time you did that? This is one of the last Drive-Ins in existence in New England. Heck, at our ages we might even watch the movies this time.

Monday

Private tour of Wellfleet, MA and parts of the Cape Cod National Seashore by Chet Lay. Chet is a WWII naval history buff.

Tuesday

Nantucket; The Grey Lady. We will take an early morning ferry to the island. Nantucket has a great cobblestone downtown with loads of shops, galleries and restaurants plus the internationally acclaimed Whaling Museum.

We will then sail on an exact replica of an 1812 Man of War, the 122' square topsail schooner the Lynx. This is a hands on sailing experience so get ready to hoist up the sails, see how the mainsail sets. This is an OPTIONAL trip but it promises to be an exciting adventure on a majestic sailing vessel.

See: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=LNWdRGAAjfM&t=421s>

September 24th at 1 to 4 pm. Lynx will pick you up at the town Dock 34 Washington St. Bring food and drinks. Dress for summer & fall.

Tickets are \$65.00 each. For tickets go to www.tallshiplynx.org. Let them know you are part of the Vintage Birds group.

Wednesday

Let's go to Provincetown. It's a self guided tour but you'll find a days worth of things to do. Great art studios and galleries, restaurants, entertainment, beaches, Art's Dune Rides or even a Whale Watch, and of course the Cape Cod National Seashore if you like. After a long day in Provincetown we will have a clam bake on the beach right next to the Highland Light House about a half mile away from our campground.

Thursday

Trip to Heritage Plantation and Museum. The setting is on the private Cape Cod estate of the drug magnate Eli Lilly. The magnificent gardens are the largest in southern New England with beautiful walks and a free trolley available, a historic carousel, and this year's special event is a display of 20 historic Indianapolis 500 racers. See: www.heritagemuseumandgardens.org

Friday

OK. A free day to rest or explore on your own after a wonderful week of sightseeing on Cape Cod, or go to Hyannis Port, Martha's Vineyard, Woods Hole Oceanographic, Plymouth, Boston, so many places, so little time.

Saturday

Off to Williamsburg for the Vintage Birds Chapter Rally in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia October 1-6, 2018

see: www.vintagebirds.com for more details

We have reserved 30 spaces. Two campgrounds are involved within a couple of hundred yards from each other walking distance or about one mile apart if driving. Perhaps a little inconvenient but I don't know anywhere else on the Cape where we could park 30+ Blue Bird coaches all near one another. They are the North Truro campground and Horton's campground. North Truro Campground Sites are 30 Amp full hookup. (Google Earth them to see how close they are).

The campground manager will make site assignments based upon your coach's length. The sites are sand/gravel with a mixed bag of some with 50 amp, some with 30 amp only, some with and without sewer hookup. As far as the 50 or 30 amp electricity, this is late September so you won't need all three air conditioners running all day long. It's usually becoming cool, and we will be lucky if the Aqua Hots aren't coming on during the night. For those without a sewer connection, the campground will provide you with free pump out service. Sites will be provided on a first come basis @ \$50.00/day for a 50 amp site and \$40.00/day for a 30 amp site.

Our contact's name is James. Inform him that you are part of the Cape Cod Vintage Birds group. Remember to tell him the length of your coach so he can assign a proper spot.

46 Highland Road, North Truro, MA 02652 Phone: 508-487-1847

www.abccamping.com Click on "Cape Cod".

Rally Host Alan Darson alan.darson@gmail.com

The rally fee is \$145 per person. *(I know it's a lot but things are so dang expensive in the Northeast.)* This covers the clambake on the beach, one other dinner, donuts and coffee in the morning and tent rental in case of inclement weather.

Please Complete The Information Below And Send It **BY SEPTEMBER 1ST**

With Your Rally Fee To: Alan Darson 5 Bismark Way, Dennis, MA. 02638

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail:(**very important**) _____

Phone: _____

VB # _____ Leave Blank if not a member, Guest of Richard Ramsey

FMCA # _____ Leave Blank if not a member, Guest of Richard Ramsey

Make Checks payable to Alan Darson

Enclosed Rally fee:

\$290.00 for two \$ _____

\$145.00 for one \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Rallies Make our BlueBird Communities Come Alive

2018

Olympia, Washington July 30-August 5

Ludington, Michigan September 6-9

Cape Cod, Massachusetts September 23-29

Williamsburg, Virginia October 1-6

Sevierville, Tennessee October 10-13

Pine Mountain, Georgia October 17-21

White Tanks, Arizona November 9-12

2019

Quartzsite, Arizona January 12-27

Lake Havasu City, Arizona February 11-18

Vidalia, Louisiana February 23-March 3

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina April 10-14

Muscoda, Wisconsin May 17-19

Shipshewana, Indiana June 5-9

Hood River, Oregon July 2-8

Boothbay, Maine July 28-August 4

Red River, New Mexico October, 2019



Flock Together

Planning to attend an FMCA Rally, why not find other Birds attending and flock together! Email your name and the rally you plan to attend to:
birdrallysupport@4email.net

And we will forward your information to other Birds attending. From there the attending Birds can decide if they want to park together or just meet up during the Rally. Find the FMCA Rally Information at:
<http://vintagebirds.com>

All Bluebird Rallies and Rally Highlights-Flock Together

Support our Blue Bird Communities
All Bluebird Rallies and Rally Highlights

<http://vintagebirds.com>

Arizona Hot Birds

<https://azhotbirds.shutterfly.com/>

Bayou Blue Birds

vettehead45@yahoo.com

Birds of a Feather Password "flocktogether"

<https://birdsofafeather1.shutterfly.com/>

Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA

<http://bluebirdchapter.org/>

Lonestar Birds Password "bluebird"

<https://lonestarbids.shutterfly.com/>

Vintage Birds

<http://www.vintagebirds.com/index.html>

Wanderlodge Gurus

<http://www.wanderlodgeregus.com/>

Wanderlodge Owners Group

<https://www.wanderlodgeworkersgroup.com/>

Face Book Groups: bluebird wanderlodge; BlueBird Wanderlodge; Blue Bird Wanderlodge, Buy, Sell or Trade; Bluebird Wanderlodge Owners; Bluebird Wanderlodge Renovations; Lady Bird bluebird Wanderlodge Group; Wanderlodge FC Owners; Wanderlodge Owners Group; wanderlodge tech talk. **RVillage Groups:** Blue Bird Wanderers; Blue Bird Owner's Group (BOG)

If you know of another Blue Bird community we missed or if you want to start a new community let us know at vintagebirdssecretary@4email.net and we will include you.

Photos From Good Times in the Past!



Member Notes
(or What Have You Been Upta?)

Send us stories and pictures of trips, locations, events



Alan & Debi Host Another Great Rally
With More to Come

Got an idea or picture for the newsletter, let us know
at vintagebirdssecretary@4email.net

Got a favorite Campground, let us know why and
send pictures to vintagebirdssecretary@4email.net

Coaches for Sale as of June 15, 2018

A Free Service Supporting All Blue Bird Communities

2000 Wanderlodge LXI 43'	Asking \$115,000
1984 Wanderlodge FC35SB	<i>Reduced to \$29,500</i>
1966 Wanderlodge FC31SB	Asking \$10,000
1981 Wanderlodge FC35	<i>Reduced to 18,500 OBO!!</i>
1982 Wanderlodge FC35	Asking \$29,500
1984 Wanderlodge FC35 RB	Asking \$12,000

See More Details and Pictures of These Coaches at

<http://www.vintagebirds.com/index.html>

Check out

The Vintage Birds Web Site for

Listing your Vintage Bird

Highlights of Blue Bird Wanderlodge Model Changes

Including list of all models for each year

Pictures and Specifications For All Years

Vintage Wanderlodge Buyer's Check List

Terms & Abbreviations for Blue Bird Motor Homes

**You might also want to check out these great sources of
Wanderlodge coaches...**

[Face Book Group--Blue Bird Wanderlodge, Buy, Sell or Trade](#)

<https://www.birdconnection.com/>

<https://www.buybyebluebird.com/>

<http://wanderlodgetrader.com/>

Support All Blue Bird Communities - Join Vintage Birds

APPLICATION FOR VINTAGE BIRDS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

In December 1984, the Vintage Birds Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association, Inc. (FMCA) was chartered for owners of Blue Bird Wanderlodge coaches. To be eligible for membership, you must first be a member in good standing of FMCA. Then you must own or previously owned a Blue Bird Wanderlodge or BMC Coach.

The purpose of the chapter is to promote fellowship among owners, to conduct interesting and affordable rallies, and to provide a forum for exchange of ideas regarding maintenance and modification of our coaches. The chapter also maintains a web site for Vintage Bird information and listing coaches for sale. The chapter publishes a newsletter providing members with social, technical and rally information.

The initial fee is \$30. This fee covers name badges and your first year's dues of \$15. Subsequent year dues are \$15, or you can take advantage of our promotional rate of \$40 for 3 years or \$60 for 5 years!

New Member or Returning Member Requesting Badges	\$15	_____
Dues for One Year	\$15	_____
Dues for Two Years	\$30	_____
Dues for Three Years	\$40	_____
Dues for Four Years	\$55	_____
Dues for Five Years	\$60	_____
Total Payment		_____

Please complete form below and send your check payable to Vintage Birds to:

Shane Fedeli, 311 Robin Road, Hershey, PA 17033

Your first and last name: _____

Partner/Spouse first & last name: _____

First names on badges, You _____ Partner/Spouse _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Coach model and year: _____ FMCA# _____

I am a paid up member of FMCA and wish to become a member of the Vintage Birds Chapter.

Signed: _____