



# President's Report

In order to become a member of the Blue Bird Chapter a person must first be a member of the FMCA (Family Motor Coach Association). Recently the Executive Board of FMCA decided to extend the "A Dozen Does It" program.

FMCA is challenging each club with a goal to recruit 12 new members. Once our Club has recruited its goal the National President of FMCA will send a letter notifying me that the chapter has earned a prize package.

ning to attend, remember that Paul Ward is leading a caravan of Blue Birds from the Vintage Bird Club and the Blue Bird Chapter (Family of Friends). Paul has made arrangements with the FMCA on a "First Come First Served" basis for a caravan group of 30 Blue Bird Coaches to be parked together. For details concerning the caravan to the International Rally please read the write up in the January issue of the Bird Tracks Newsletter or contact Paul Ward [ward8@comcast.net](mailto:ward8@comcast.net) or 912-925-4805.

This means that when you are talking to someone about becoming a member of the Blue Bird (Family of Friends) Club and they are not a member of FMCA, just contact me and I will send you a special FMCA registration form for them to fill out. FMCA has given each Club President 5 (five) of these special registration forms which allows the person filling out the form a FREE first-year membership. It is a \$50.00 value... \$40.00 dues and \$10.00 initiation fee.



Bobbie and I are looking forward to seeing many of you as we continue our adventure "On The Road Again".

On March 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 the 85<sup>th</sup> FMCA International Convention will be held at the National Fairgrounds in Perry, GA. For those plan-

Dan



For those Celebrating  
February Birthdays

BLUE BIRD CHAPTER, FMCA

# Bird Tracks

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# Upcoming Rally Schedule

## 2011 Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA Rally Dates

Associated FMCA Clubs  
And Dealer Rallies

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 Wanderlodge Owners Group Rally, Myrtle Beach, SC Make reservations by calling 877-510-1413 and mention you are a part of the birds at the beach.

May 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Vintage Birds & Blue Bird Chapter FMCA Great Lakes Area Spring Spree, Berrien Springs, Michigan Contact Ron Rueckwald, Caravan Leader at 269-313-2586 or [RRUECKWALD@AOL.COM](mailto:RRUECKWALD@AOL.COM)

June 9<sup>th</sup> - June 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 Vintage Birds Rally, Denver, Colorado, hosted by Karen

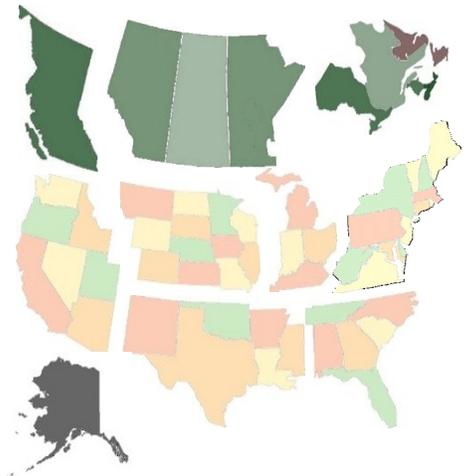
and Denny James

June 9<sup>th</sup> - June 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 Vintage Birds Rally at Vernon Downs contact Shane Fedeli at [sfedeli3@comcast.net](mailto:sfedeli3@comcast.net) or 717-520-0316

June 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Vintage Birds Rally at West Yellowstone, MT contact Bob Dilks 580-564-3517

October 19<sup>th</sup> - October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 -- RATS Rally, Pine Mountain GA. Contact John Finn 803-783-7137

October 25<sup>th</sup> - October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion," East Ridge, TN Hosted by Leroy and Glenda Wilson and the Blue Bird Chapter



To email your area VP, click on the section of the map that corresponds to the area where you wish to hold your rally.

## 2011 Dues Are Due: by Greg Peterson, Treasurer

The annual dues for the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA are now due. Membership Dues of \$25.00 are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the calendar year. When submitting your dues payments please either complete the form in Bird Tracks or send along a note with all of your contact information. This way we can ensure that our membership data is up-to-date.

Please send your dues payment to:

Treasurer, Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA  
3590 Round Bottom Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

The Chapter has established this as our new permanent mailing address to replace the Post Office box in Fort Valley. I do miss Fort Valley and the Nest. We are using the FMCA Mail Forwarding service and they forward all mail to wherever my Blue Bird is parked.

We have added a field to the online Membership Directory. This field shows the date on which the Chapter received and

processed your dues payment for 2011. You can check your dues status at any time by going to our Chapter website: [www.BlueBirdChapter.org/Directory](http://www.BlueBirdChapter.org/Directory) (caps and spacing are important) and, when prompted, the username is:

bluebus and the password is: BBMem10

After you open the Directory, you can save it to your computer for offline reference. Also, please note, that you can expand each of the columns as needed by using the capabilities of your spreadsheet program. For example, many people will see that the street address field appears to be truncated, however, if you expand the width of the field, you will see its full contents.

Please be aware that with mail forwarding delays and my travel schedule, your dues payment may not appear in the online Directory for 3-4 weeks after you post it.

Happy and Safe travels to all.

Greg Peterson, Treasurer



Editors Note:

For your convenience and to keep your membership/contact information up to date, please print the back page of this newsletter and fill out the renewal form. Send it along with your payment.

# Musings: By Jenise Harper

“Arroyo Seca.” The foreign words roll off my tongue as the road marker notes the draw with the poetic name. Geologically it is a rock-strewn shallow chasm that blends with the arid rocky landscape, but the words give a sense of romance to the hillside dropping into a dry creek bed. Such are my musings, as we travel Southern California in our Bluebird WanderLodge.

When I was a fledgling English teacher (first career, many years ago), I would discuss the concept of “onomatopoeia” with my students – how a word actually “sounds” like what it is. “Brick” was the illustration I would initially use – hard sounds in the word for a hard concrete-like object. “Ocean” was the second example – as the soft “c” followed by the double vowels give the sense of the “sea” and water in motion.

We would usually get into an interesting discussion of words -- their sounds, their meaning, what they epitomize -- choosing ones we really liked, based on how they felt to our tongue and sounded to our ears when spoken. “Arroyo” has always been a favorite of mine -- although not a word I grew up with in rural Nebraska. Think “gulch”, “gully”, “ditch” – words that don’t flow easily and have hard, less appealing sounds.

I am not bi-lingual, and often feel “language limited”. I love place names in Spanish, or the American Indian language(s). They don’t always define a place for me as clearly as the “Rocky Mountains” or “Green River”, but different images are evoked with the “Cascades”, the “Siskiyou”, the “Tetons” and the “Appalachians”.

When do “cricks” become “creeks” or “streams” or “rills”? When does “Crab Bottom” become “Apple Valley”? Could “Punta Gorda” be referred to as “Big Point”? As one travels through mesa country, the terms “pueblo” and “casa” invite one to linger. As the Native American influence is felt, the words take on different sounds, different consonant and vowel combinations. Where does one put the emphasis? Is “Willamette” given a first syllable or last syllable lifting? How about neither, since the simple “a” is the high point of the word, sounding like the vowel in “Yak”.

There also humor in many place names. In Oklahoma, we encountered a byway called “Lotawata Road”. Naturally it was in the middle of lake country! There’s a very picturesque artistic community in Colorado that boasts a “Big Ditch”. I prefer to call it “Arroyo Grande”!

So, as I travel along Highway 79

(also known as the Temecula Parkway), having returned to Southern California after many years, I take notice of names and places, just as I have in the other states we’ve enjoyed. I invite you to do the same, verbalizing familiar and unfamiliar terms – giving voice to them, and testing for “onomatopoeia”. An arroyo conjures up “rolling”, an up and a down as I sing-song the word -- elongating it, drawing it out to picture just that ... a draw, a chasm



... and the place becomes so much more than a ditch, a gulch or a gully!

Such are my musings while traveling on down the road! Nothing more, nothing less. Just musings – like music: lyrics, perhaps, intonations and emphasis, but no melody.....YET!

## Great Lakes Blue Bird Gathering: Midwest Area GLASS Rally



Several Birders here in Michigan have shown interest in organizing an informal summer Michigan area Blue Bird weekend. Since a "formal" rally would be a bit premature at this point, there are several of our members that would like to have a "lets meet" and enter into the FMCA GLASS Rally May 26th through Memorial Day.

### GREAT LAKES BLUE BIRD GET TOGETHER

The Midwest area GLASS Rally (Great Lakes Area Spring Spree) is an FMCA area rally that is a full scale 4 day Rally with Food, Entertainment, seminars, vendors the works. The days are May 26 to 30. To find out the skinny go to [www.glassrally.org](http://www.glassrally.org) The Michigan Knights of the Highway, an

FMCA Chapter, has been hosting this rally for many years and have it down to a science. They play host to around 700 coaches. You must sign up early to get electricity. This is a nice time of the year in beautiful southwest Michigan.

Ron Rueckwald [rueckwald@aol.com](mailto:rueckwald@aol.com) and Al Scudder [al\\_scudder@msn.com](mailto:al_scudder@msn.com) have offered to organize the Blue Birds that would like to attend this rally. There are over 100 BB's in the Great Lakes area that could attend. If you are available and are interested, please email Ron and/or Al so we can plan where to meet, since we must arrive at the Rally gate at the same time in order to park together. We had a great time last year and believe we can number 20 or 30 this year. No charge above the GLASS fee, meet new Blue Bird friends, have fun at GLASS, and enjoy a few Blue Bird cocktail parties along the way.

# Technical Tips and Tricks: by Ralph Fullenwider



With 2011 coming like a Lion and so many Coaches wintered, and cabin fever is starting to take hold, now might be a very good time to defrost the refrigerator. Charolette and I do this chore 2 times a year in Ruff Diamond. Our 3 way runs 24/7/365, and I have had many ask why I did not turn it off when stored. Unlike the home units, which have a compressor, the RV refrigerators are a gravity feed ammonia based cooling unit. The ammonia and water is brought to a boiling point, then superheated after the water droplets are recovered then the super heated gas is turned to a flash cool that draws the heat out of the freezer compartment before returning to the reservoir. Whew, what a mouth full huh? Well, it is my contention that if the ammonia sulfate (Yellow stuff) is allowed to stop and collect for a longer period than it takes to defrost, it will start to harden and leave deposits to hinder cooling efficiency, sort of like having plaque build up in arteries in a way. Then the unit stops cooling and bursts the condenser, usually, and you have the rotten egg smell and tale tale sign of "yellow" powder in the back of the unit. Of course that means a new refrigerator usually or a rebuild. Well, that is my humble opinion any way. Those with electric home units are less trouble with this but still need to defrost.



Oh, the gaskets around the edge of the doors are important to be kept clean also. The flat surface of the gasket is actually a magnet that seals tightly to the metal surface when the doors are closed. If they don't seal properly, then an air leak allows heat into the units and they will not cool to full efficiency. You can check the tightness of the gaskets by simply taking a one dollar bill and placing it between the door frame and gasket and close the door. Then gently tug on the dollar to see if there is a slight resistance to being able to pull it out. Do this on all four sides of the doors. This same thing goes for stand-alone ice makers as well.

## Old hoses

I am in process of replacing the hoses to the power steering of our Coach. I just don't understand why these things are going bad, I mean the Coach is only an '84 Model and the hoses are only 27 years old! <Grin> Not long ago, I had replaced the low pressure supply and return hoses but had thought the high pressure hose between the pump and steering box, which is steel braided, would be ok. Well all of a sudden the pressure side had more fluid and higher pressures because of the new supply hose. And

while I have an older FC, the Coaches still have the same basic type of system. While you may not choose to tackle this job as it is not an easy project, you do need to know



that because of the position of the pump and power steering gear box, a shop replacing these, will have a high time factor. Just letting you know what to expect, in a way.

Well, Super Bowl Sunday is coming up and I will have the steering problem on Ruff Diamond repaired in time to travel down to Texas and have a nice weekend with fellow Birder's at Ernie and Brenda Eckberg's place! Then it is back to the fishing hole, I go.

Safe travels,

Ralph and Charolette Fullenwider  
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Duncan, Oklahoma  
[TechTips@BlueBirdChapter.org](mailto:TechTips@BlueBirdChapter.org)

# Cooking is for the Birds: by Kay Green Losh



As promised last issue, here is **Ralph Fullenwider's** campfire treat. You need a large Dutch Oven and a charcoal fire; perfect for the campfire. This was wonderful, and **Charlotte Fullenwider** topped it with Blue Bell ice cream to make it perfect!

Begin by lighting your charcoal fire, with a minimum of 25 briquettes, and heat until they are white hot.

## EZ DUTCH COBBLER

Put these ingredients in the Dutch oven in the order given.



1. 2-3 16-ounce cans of fruit pie fillings, your choice (Ralph made Apple, and we were all imagining Cherry, Peach, etc.
2. 4-5 Tbsp. Butter, cut up
3. 1 tsp Cinnamon
4. ¼ cup brown sugar
5. 1 box yellow or white cake mix.

6. Moisten the cake mix by drizzling a 12 oz. can of clear sweetened soda, such as 7-UP.

Put on the lid, and bake, setting the Dutch oven on 10-12 charcoal briquettes, with 12-14 briquettes on top of the lid. Cook 45 minutes to 1 hour, turning the pot clockwise every 5 minutes or so.

**Charlotte** also provided her recipe for a soup that is great for a camp-out.

## CHARLOTTE'S SOUP

Cook 1 pound hamburger meat

Add chopped onion to your taste (optional) Cook until transparent, and add:

3 cans Veg-all mixed vegetables

1 can Rotel tomatoes with chiles

1 small can tomato paste

1 can diced tomatoes

1 package Beef Stew Mix

Stir, cook until very hot, and serve with crackers, or cornbread.

Since this is the time of year everyone enjoys soup, here's another that sounds wonderful. I'm making this right away.

## SLOW-COOKER CORN CHOWDER

Combine all the ingredients in a slow cooker, cover and cook on low for 6 hours. 8 servings

2 ½ cups milk

1 (14 ¾ ounce) can cream-style corn

1 ¾ cups frozen corn

1 large onion, chopped

1 cup cooked ham, diced

2 Tbsp butter or margarine

1 (10 ¾ ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

2 teasp dried parsley flakes

1 C frozen shredded hash brown potatoes

salt and pepper to taste

If you are cooking for vegetarians, omit the ham.



It will be Super Bowl time soon. I hope your team is in the running! And I hope you're watching with friends and having a good time! Here's a quick and substantial snack for the party.

## PARTY MEATBALLS

1 2-pound frozen, pre-cooked meatballs

1 12-ounce bottle Chili Sauce

1 14-ounce can Jellied Cranberry Sauce

Combine sauces in a large saucepan. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring until smooth. Add meatballs. Cover and cook for 15 minutes or until meatballs are heated through, stirring occasionally.

I hope that the roads remain safe, that you're able to drive safely to your next adventure without winter weather intervening, and that you're enjoying being with your friends and family. Share your special treats and everyday goodies with all of us, by sending your recipes to [Cooking@BluebirdChapter.org](mailto:Cooking@BluebirdChapter.org)

# Heater Recall Information: by Greg Peterson

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## Heater Recall

I was exploring the web looking for some answers to a problem with our '99 LXi. We want to remove the propane tank as we have no need for any onboard propane and I was looking for hints/tricks to remove the tank. So far, I have made no progress. When viewed from a pit under our coach, the propane tank appears virtually impossible to remove. Oh well, hopefully we can find a solution.

Anyway, while searching for an answer to our propane tank removal questions, I discovered that there is a U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission recall on the electric heaters (kick-space heaters) installed in our coaches. To quote the recall (Release# 03-030), "The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is urging consumers to examine their in-wall electric heaters to determine if they are among the 1.9 million Cadet and Encore brand heaters recalled in February 2000. Although the Cadet Manufacturing Co. heaters were sold and distributed primarily in California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington from about 1978 through 2000, some of the heaters were sold in other states. A four-year old boy died on

September 14, 2002, in Alexandria, Va., when one of the recalled Cadet heaters allegedly was involved in a house fire. CPSC strongly urges consumers to stop using these heaters and have them replaced if they have one of the recalled mod-

is an in/out replacement for the defective TK-101. I ordered two UC-101's via Amazon at a cost of \$159.00 each. In general they were in/out replacements. The hole-size and the wiring were easy replacements. The only modification re-



**Editors Note: Your recalled heater will look similar to this but will have an external reset button. If the reset trips, do not reset it without first disconnecting power and cleaning the interior of the heater. Replacement units are designed to eliminate the possibility of resetting without opening the unit for cleaning.**

els....The following models of Cadet and Encore brands were involved in the February 2000 recall: FW, FX, LX, TK, ZA, Z, RA, RK, RLX, RX and ZC."

The heaters in our LXi were TK-101's and we use them frequently. Hence, we replaced the heaters. Through a web search we discovered that a Cadet model UC-101

quired was new mounting screws and screw holes. Replacement time was about 1 hour for both. If you pursue this project yourself, be sure to turn off power at the circuit breaker to each heater before commencing the replacement.

Happy and Safe Travels, to all,  
Greg Peterson

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# Historic Denver: Vintage Birds Rally

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June 9, 2011 to June 13, 2011 Hosted by Jon & Neat Scott and Dennis and Karen James

Make your own reservation at Dakota Ridge RV Park, 17800 West Colfax Avenue, Golden, 80401. Phone number is 303-279-1625 or 1-800-398-1625.

**Thursday, June 9.** Registration, Welcome and hor de ourves at campground. Meet and greet, games and door prizes.

**Friday, June 10.** Tour of The Denver Mint and Downtown Denver attractions. Don't miss the Aquarium, the Molly Brown House, a tour of Hammond's Candy company, the gold domed State Capitol, or browse the many stores along the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall. There are also tours available for Coor's field or the Denver Bronco's Invesco Stadium at Mile High. The Denver zoo is just across town as well as the Museum of Natural History. Interested in a Colorado Rockies/Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game? Let us know and we will arrange to purchase tickets for you sometime during the rally. (Games are at 5:40 each night or Sunday at 12:10.)

Pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 11.** A fun and entertaining Banjo Billy Bus tour of infamous sights around Denver. Coor's Brewery tour in Golden.

The Colorado Railroad Museum offers train rides and a look at the history of railroad in the West.

Don't miss Lookout Mountain and Buffalo Bill's Grave and Museum. Dinosaur ridge and a drive to the beautiful Colorado Rockies could find you riding the steam train at Georgetown Loop and touring a gold mine.

Also, the historic towns of Central City and Blackhawk can provide a look at historic buildings or try your luck at the various casinos in the area.

Dinner on your own. Check out the historic restaurants in Golden or dine at "The Fort" and experience the culinary delights of **our rich Western cultural and culinary past, where food trends of the 1800's are reintroduced. Be inspired by historic recipes and sample items on the menu such as the buffalo empanadas ... delicious like the first kiss!**

**Sunday, June 12.** Enjoy the many art galleries in Golden or Denver, tour Red Rocks and meet for an afternoon performance at the Heritage Square Music Hall. Dinner and show at Heritage Square Music Hall. Meet at noon with the show at 2:00. Heritage Square is a delightful replica of a western village with Victorian architecture. Go early and enjoy the many shops or take a daring ride on an Alpine Slide.

The rest of the afternoon and evening is free to enjoy the many attractions in the area.

Drive to the world's highest paved highway and view the state from world famous Mount Evans. All 14 miles of the road from the entrance station to the Mount Evans summit parking area (14,130) are paved. From there, you can hike the last 130 feet (about 1/4 mile walk) to the top at 14,264 feet. After you have made this climb, you can tell all your friends: "I climbed a 14,000 foot mountain in Colorado on my vacation!"

**Monday, June 13.** Coffee & donuts and farewell. Some will travel on to the Terry Bison Ranch in Wyoming, then on to more adventures in Yellowstone National Park. Rally at Grizzly RV Park in West Yellowstone. June 15 to June 18, 2011. Contact Bob Dilks for more information.

Rally fee: \$180.00 per coach with two people. Extra person: \$90.00.

Send your rally fee to:

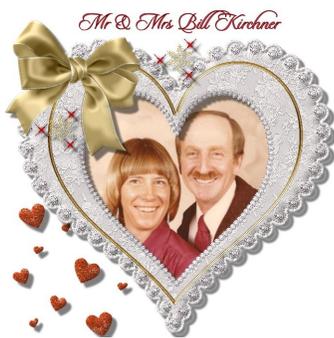
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# The Way We Were: by Neat Scott



# Sunshine & Mists: by Brenda Rodgers



Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
Proverbs 3:5

We extend our deepest sympathy to Tom

and Sandi Bay in the loss of their son-in-law, Phillip Ziemer. Phillip died in a tragic accident on New Year's Day. He is survived by his wife, Dawn, and seven year old son, Nathan. Phillip owned and operated American Landscape in Gainesville, Georgia. He was 42. Please remember this family in your prayers.

We send special get well wishes to Doug Columb.

I hope all of you are having a nice New Year and safe travels. I look forward to seeing many of you at FMCA in Perry, Georgia, March 14-17

Please let us know of others that we need to remember in our thoughts and prayers.

**Click to email:**

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## Photo of the Month:

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This month photo shows Blue Bird Tech Advisor and column writer Ralph Fullenwider doing something else he does so well! Ralph and Charolette are traveling in "Ruff Diamond" and Ralph shows how to fill that freshly checked refrigerator/freezer with some fresh, tasty trout.

Send your favorite photo to:

[Newsletter@BlueBirdChapter.org](mailto:Newsletter@BlueBirdChapter.org)

Or you may be subjected to more fake Blue Bird photos! Also: If you would like your coach shown on the last page of Bird Tracks Send a photo that shows the back of your Bird.



CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE—NOTE: Rally Committee Reserves the Right to Add Even More Fun at No Extra Charge!

### [Blue Bird Chapter, FMCA Rally Registration Form - Use This Form For Any Chapter Rally Registration](#)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rally Name/Event You are Registering For \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/ State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Blue Bird Club # \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_ First time: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ Additional Person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (Checks must be made to "The Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA")

OR: Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CCV # \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Treasurer, Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA , 3590 Round Bottom Road , Cincinnati, OH 45244

**2001 Wanderlodge LX Millennium Edition** Galley and living room slide- outs. Always stored inside with electrical hook-ups. We are the second owners of the coach with 70,022 miles. 500 HP Cummins ISM engine, Jacob 2 stage engine brake, Allison 6 speed transmission. New Michelin tires and batteries 3 years ago. VDO/Dayton navigation system. Interested parties should contact Bill at (828) 312-3005. Asking \$165,000.



**1991 Wanderlodge WB 40** 198,000 miles, Detroit Diesel 8V92,500 HP w/Bulk Oil Fill, Allison HT-755 Transmission, 15KW Power Tech Generator. Interior is light gray with laminate cabinets. Ceramic tile flooring in dining & bath rooms with light gray carpet elsewhere. New Blue ox tow bar with cables + ball hitch, External Zip Dee custom screen room with water bags and screen covers that attaches to main awning. Coach is in excellent shape and priced at \$95,000. Contact Rich Schwendler at 863-605-2884 or at [r.schwendler@verizon.net](mailto:r.schwendler@verizon.net)



**1984 Wanderlodge FC33 Side Bath** CAT 3208 Turbo Diesel 250 HP. 79,910 miles. All original, garage kept, no rust, perfect paint! Washed, waxed and serviced regularly. Tires only 2 years old. Allison Automatic Transmission. 12.5 kVA Kohler/Perkins Diesel Generator. Interior is in excellent condition too. Located in New Castle, DE. Selling because we purchased a newer model. For more information contact Paul Knotts at (302) 838-9317 .

**1979 Wanderlodge FC 35** 120k miles CAT 3208 NA with Allison 4-speed automatic. Tires are less than 2 years old and have less than 5k miles on them. Items new or replaced in past two years include new tires, alloy wheels, fresh water tank and plumbing, futon mattress, 1500 watt inverter/3 stage charger, 400 watt solar panels, solar charge controller, dual breaker panels, steering box, power steering pump, LED stop and turn lights. Contact Lin Borkey at [wanderlodge@borkey.org](mailto:wanderlodge@borkey.org) or by phone at (804) 677-6390. Asking \$19,500.



**1997 Wanderlodge WB 43'** 500 HP Detroit Diesel; Low mileage (20,000) like new inside; garage kept; will sleep four: has private, separate bathroom and full master bedroom; many amenities; Located in Long Valley, NJ. **Price Reduced to \$110,000 or best offer.** For more information contact Bernard Peach at [bwpeach@gmail.com](mailto:bwpeach@gmail.com) or by phone at 908-852-1755.



**1984 1/2 PT40** Newly rebuilt engine. Road ready. All Bluebird options. New appliances. Selling due to health issues. Contact Marge or Joe Zakowski at [mjzakowski@juno.com](mailto:mjzakowski@juno.com) for additional pictures and information. Asking \$40,000. Bus located in Northern Indiana



**1985 Wanderlodge PT36** 6V92, 330 HP. My vision is failing and unfortunately we have to sell the coach. It has been stored inside when not in use. No pets, many whistles and bells- too numerous to list. Call Reggie and Marty Pryor at 740-653-6489. Coach is located in Lancaster, OH



**1990 SP-36 Wanderlodge** 137,000 miles. 3208 CAT 300 hp with 3200 engine hrs. Coach is in fair condition inside and out. Priced at \$39,000; Contact Robert Erath at [robertwerath@aol.com](mailto:robertwerath@aol.com) with any questions



**1996 Wanderlodge WB42** Approximately 102k miles on a series 60 Detroit 470 HP with Jake brake and Allison World 6 speed transmission. 15KW Powertech generator with auto start has 1038 hours. This coach was the Wanderlodge show coach for the 1996 FMCA summer convention and has lots of special lighting and extra features. This unit is in very good condition and everything works.. Asking \$102,000. For more information, contact George Fox at 509-215-0367 or at [doszorros@hotmail.com](mailto:doszorros@hotmail.com)



**1982 FC35 Bluebird Wanderlodge** Originally owned by Shell Oil. Rust free - always garaged. Entire interior and exterior modernized. All new upholstery and curtains. Oak laminate flooring. All table surfaces redone in real oak with solid oak trim. All electronics updated including generator controls. Many other upgrades, improvements and goodies that make this rust free motorhome very special. Asking \$42,000. Contact Bob Rosenberg at [rincon1938@gmail.com](mailto:rincon1938@gmail.com) or feel free to call me at 607-435-6402.



**1988 PT40 Wanderlodge** Last year of the classic all steel body! 8V92 Engine, Allison Automatic Transmission. Only 118,000 Miles. This coach was ordered without the typical "airline" cabinets in the front of the coach, instead it has track lighting in the front making the front of the coach much more roomy than the typical PT40. Rebuilt Fridge, ice maker, instant hot water, Corian counter tops & table top, Hardwood flooring in kitchen, walk through bathroom with tile flooring, porcelain toilet, and much much more. Asking \$55,000. For More information, Contact Tom Clouse at (509) 521-9334 or at [hodakaguy@yahoo.com](mailto:hodakaguy@yahoo.com)



**1984 PT40 Bluebird Wanderlodge** 6V92, 325 HP, Allison MT654-CR 5 Speed Automatic with Retarder, All appliances are in excellent working order. Complete set of manuals including 'Blue Box'. Less than 5K miles on NEW brakes and suspension air-bags all the way around. Coach is very clean, never been smoked in and has been meticulously maintained. \$42,500. For More information Contact Brian Prinkki at 626-536-1719 or by E-mail at [brian@remotetechns.net](mailto:brian@remotetechns.net). Coach is located in Monrovia, CA



**1994 Wanderlodge WB40** 95,000 miles, Detroit Diesel 8V92 w/Bulk Oil Fill, Allison HT-755 Transmission, 15 KW Power Tech Generator. Exterior Platinum/Black with Aqua, Rose and Purple Highlights; Interior is Black and Cream, White Laminate Cabinets w/ Corian Countertops and White Ceramic Tiled Floor with Carpet Inlay in Living Area, White Leather Dinette and Sofa. Walk thru bath with private toilet, Cross island bed, ½ booth dinette w/ free standing chair, Asking \$85,000, Will Negotiate. Contact Joe at 715-559-5947 or by email at [nrausch.m@gmail.com](mailto:nrausch.m@gmail.com)



**1984 FC35 SB Wanderlodge** 124,875 miles, Coach is in very good condition. Asking \$30,000. For questions/ additional info, contact Howard Smith at 803-568-4755 or by email at [howlyn@pbtcomm.net](mailto:howlyn@pbtcomm.net)



**1981 Wanderlodge FC 35 Rear Bath** 3208 turbo Diesel Caterpillar Engine. 500 Allison 4 speed automatic transmission. 10 kW 4 cyl diesel generator. 65,000 miles on coach, about 50,000 miles on the engine. Sleeps 6, large rear bathroom across the back of the bus with tub & shower. Asking \$27,500. Contact Norm Wobschall at 507-456-3728 or at [normco3@yahoo.com](mailto:normco3@yahoo.com) for more photos and info.



**2000 Wanderlodge LXI** 97,000 miles. 500 HP Series 60 Detroit Engine. Allison transmission w/ Jacobs Engine Retarder, Kitchen single slide, 260 gal. fuel / 48 gal. LPG, 150 gal. fresh water, 160 gal. grey & black water, 3 roof air ac's, Aquahot & electric heat,. **Reduced to \$179,900.** Contact Richard Ramsey at [yeamar49@yahoo.com](mailto:yeamar49@yahoo.com) or by phone at 850-447-1700.



**1984 PT40 Bluebird Wanderlodge** 6V92TAC 325 HP Allison MT654-CR 5 Speed Automatic with Retarder. 234,010 miles showing on odometer. Original engine was replaced with a Detroit Diesel factory remanufactured Silver Series 6V92TAC at around 153,000 miles due to a spun bearing, 6 new batteries installed in December 2009. Complete set of manuals including a full set of electrical schematics (full size drawings) and **Reduced to \$46,000**. Contact Page Britt at [KE4WKL@gmail.com](mailto:KE4WKL@gmail.com) or by phone at 850-528-6862



**1986 Wanderlodge PT40-** Detroit Diesel 8V92, 475HP, Allison Transmission. Coach is in Great Shape- it's been garage keep most of its life! 107,000 miles, 12.5KW Diesel Generator, 2964 Engine Hours, 3 roof Airs, 4 Heaters, Automatic Leveling System, Ice Maker, Central Vacuum, odor free. Priced at \$48,995. Call Rick Vossen at 850-527-4765 or by email at [rvofpanamacity@live.com](mailto:rvofpanamacity@live.com)



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