

President's Report



The dawn of a New Year is just breaking and the anticipation of what THIS New Year will bring is in our thoughts. Bobbie and I want to take this opportunity to wish you health and happiness...all the very best that life has to offer...in 2011!

own reservation and join us for some fun and fellowship. The plan is as follows:

Chula Vista, CA and depart on the 10th. To make your reservation please call the Resort at 800-770-2878.

February 1st arrive at the Pechanga RV Resort in Temecula, CA and depart on February 4th. To make your reservation please

We have had some great times after a rally has ended and the "post-rally" begins. Several members stay over and we just play it by ear. Where to go for dinner, is there anything we've missed or want to see again, or should we just sit around one of the Birds and share some fun memories and swap stories?



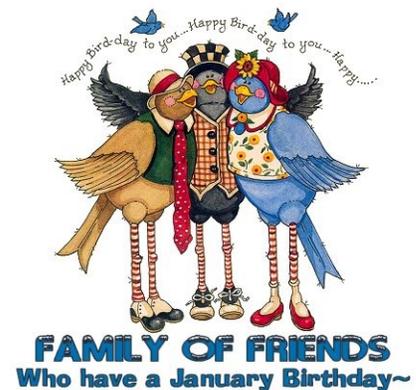
call the Resort at 877-997-8386 . Bobbie and I are in site D1.

Bobbie and I hope you will join us and several others at these beautiful Southern California Resorts. Again, we wish you a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you "On the Road Again".

February 4th arrive at the Chula Vista RV Resort in

Dan

Recently we had to cancel the Chula Vista Rally due to lack of participation and the Vintage Bird's Rally at the Pechanga RV Park was also canceled. However, there are several members who were planning to attend both rallies and decided...rally or not...we're going! So you're invited, whether you are a member of the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, Vintage Birds, SWBB, Rats or just a Blue Bird owner looking for a place to hang out for a few days, you are welcome. All you need to do is make your



BLUE BIRD CHAPTER, FMCA

Bird Tracks

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Upcoming Rally Schedule

2010-11 Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA Rally Dates

Associated FMCA Clubs

And Dealer Rallies

January 5th - January 8th 2011 Parliament Open House in Clearwater, FL

'Birds at the Beach- Ocean Lakes Campground Myrtle Beach, SC from Wednesday, March 23rd through Tuesday, March 29th 2011. Hosted by the Wanderlodge Owners Group Forum. to make your reservations call (877) 510-1413. Be sure to mention "Birds at the Beach" when you are making your reservations to get the discount

March 13th – 17th 2011 Blue Bird Chapter & Vintage Birds Caravan to FMCA Rally in Perry, GA contact Paul Ward (912-925-4805)

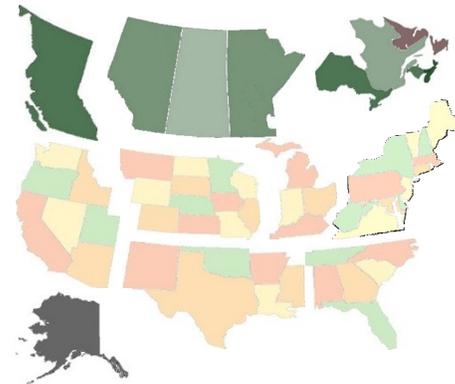
June 9th - June 12th 2011 Vintage Birds Rally, Denver, Colorado, hosted by Karen and Denny James, co-hosted by Jon and Neat Scott.

6th Annual Vernon Downs rally in New York June 9th-June 12th 2011. Held at Vernon Downs Racetrack. Hosted by the Vintage Birds. Free rally, featuring tech talks, coach troubleshooting, relaxed format with great food, horseracing and local casino for those interested. Contact Shane Fedeli at sfedeli3@comcast.net for reservations and details

*October 19th - October 23rd 2011 -- RATS Rally, Pine Mountain GA.

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

*denotes non FMCA sponsored club



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

If you have a friend with another brand coach who would like to attend a Blue Bird event please contact the rally host to make arrangements. (Not available for all rallies.)

Down Wanderlodge Way: by Ralph Fullenwider

She sits so quietly, preened and strong seemingly to say, "hey there is nothing wrong." With her heaters at the ready, water at the full straining at her moorings, ice maker ready for the days end pull.

Sides shimmering in the sun light, she looks so buffed the beds made, her systems humming, awaiting that last little tuft. Pumping the life fluids through the lines, she seems to shudder, her lines so fine, her coat so sleek, standing so proud, looking like no other.

Fuel at the full, air up and cool she patiently awaits the commands of this old fool. A new pump here and ceiling strips yet to be replaced the Lady sits there with so much grace.

The closets so full and all hung straight lights all a glow, shining off my old pate. Armed with the list of the troubleshooting Forum tools at the ready, knowing there is a quorum.

Yes she sits there seemingly to say, "come along now! I'll see you safely down Wanderlodge Way!"

Ralph Fullenwider



Valentine Photos Needed

I would appreciate it if members will be so kind ... Blue Bird Friends, Hope you'll take part. Would like to have a picture for Bird Tracks, February's issue/ Valentine month!!!! Last year we wrote up the love stories of as many members as we could get to contribute.. This year I would like to collect as many pictures as possible of members as they looked around the time they married. I'd really appreciate pictures of officers, committee members and any of their own friends in the BB Family that they can get to contribute. If you like the idea, please hurry as soon as possible to send me those pics. It will take time to work them all into graphics for the newsletter in just three weeks time.... We plan on heading for CA so I need to get started on them as soon as possible. Thanks. Neat Click here to attach your photo: [Welcome@BlueBirdChapter.org](mailto>Welcome@BlueBirdChapter.org)

Remembering: By Martha Rowe Vaughn



The end of the old year and the beginning of the new is a time for remembering the past for me. I don't do resolutions any more because I have yet to fulfill one, but I do enjoy looking back and reliving for a few moments the wonderful places Charlie and I have been in our Bird.

Some people keep diaries of their trips, but I'm too lazy even though I'm a so-called writer. Instead, I buy Christmas ornaments from nearly every place I go. When the time comes to decorate the tree, I pull out all the ornaments and delight at thinking about the places and people and good times they represent. Each year there are more and they are rapidly replacing the old decorations that have no meaning attached to them. My tree is a hodge-podge of the elegant and the tacky. At a time when it is fashionable to have "theme trees," a la Martha Stewart, I guess the theme of our tree is "Wherever the Road Takes Us."

One of the most elegant ornaments is a silver reproduction of a chandelier created by Frank Lloyd Wright. We got it at "Falling Water" in Pennsylvania. It sparkles and twinkles in the lights. Oh! Falling Water! What a wonder of architecture from a most unusual man who changed the face of architecture all over the world. Wright was a self-centered little man with a brilliant mind who left an amazing legacy for all Americans. We were stunned at the beauty of Falling Water and of Taliesin in Wisconsin where we visited during the Amish Rally.

Speaking of unusual men! Alex Jordan, Sr. was dismissed as an architect and insulted by Wright. In retaliation, Jordan bought a mountain top near Wright's Taliesin and proceeded

to construct a Japanese house on it as a parody of Wright's architectural innovations. His son Alex, Jr. took over the site after his father's death. Today the house is a small part of a bazaar collection of, well, everything you can think of from carousel horses to ship models, from dolls to Asian ivories, from guns to musical arcade ma-



chines. Alex, Jr. opened the house to the public along with several warehouses holding his hoard, excuse me, collection, and named it "The House on the Rock." A beautiful hand painted ornament with the "needle" on it represents this fantastic visit.

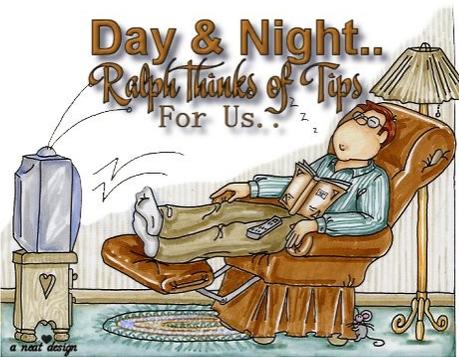
Below Wright's shiny ornament is a red



birdhouse with a black roof and the words, "See Rock City." Chattanooga! Rock City, the waterfront, the Aquarium, the history,

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Technical Tips and Tricks: by Ralph Fullenwider



Hello everyone;

Ever been driving down the road, especially after a fuel stop, only to have your fuel gauge tell you that your tank is empty? Yep, happened to me. <grin> The following will give you some of the stats for our Coaches. It will cover the three basic units used in the various years of our Coaches and let you know a bit more as to why OHM's becomes so important on your multi-meter.

Fuel senders;

I trust one and all had a good Holiday season. This tech tip comes with the assistance of Rick Archie for some of the facts on the fuel senders.

There are 3 basic fuel send's used, they are;

- Stewart Warner: Full 29-33 ohms / Empty 244-250 ohms
- General Motors: Full 91-93 ohms / Empty 0-2 ohms
- Ford/Chrysler: Full 70-73 ohms / Empty 0-2 ohms

Most of the coaches use the GM 0-90 ohm sender and gauge. And are adjustable for tank depth of 10 to 24 inches and the original senders had brass floats.

It is the float that I want to really point out here. Over time, age takes its toll, well, yes on us, but more importantly thin brass floats, and small cracks occur. When the float fills with fuel it sinks of course and

that gives us the E on the gauge. Usually, it is not the gauge or sender that has gone bad, but the float.

I just replaced mine, after a second attempt to repair the old one, with a new brass float found on ebay (a tip coming from fellow Birder, Marvin Middlebrooks.) I found brass floats for Ford, GM and others. I ordered the Ford unit and installed it as a plug and play unit. But I also noted the size and dimensions across the manufacturers were very close to being the same. Some of the new floats are plastic meaning polypropylene, and while a fishing bobber might work for a short while, it would certainly only be a temporary thing. <grin>



The photo of the in fuel tank sending unit is the typical style in our Coaches and the brass float is the normal thing to find. Note the 1/2 circle on the end of the arm of the sender, then note the detent on the brass float. The float simply snaps into place on the old sender arm already in the tank.

By replacing the float alone, it is usually not necessary to re calibrate the sender, but at that time is a good time to use a clean wooden yard stick and measure the amount of fuel in the tank and the depth of the tank it's self to be sure your fuel gauge is telling you the "truth" of the amount. I broke my tank down into 1/8th measurements to find tune my system and by doing that I can also, at a glance, know what the next fuel stop is going to run as far as the pocket book goes. Co- Pilots sort of like that part. <smile> My break down went like this;

The FC tank is 23 inches deep and the fuel height on a yard stick is 15.5 inches. I broke the units down to 1/8ths so:

- 23= F = 265 gal
- 20.125 = 7/8 231.875 gal
- 17.25 = 3/4 = 198.75 gal
- 14.375 = 5/8 = 165.625 gal
- 11.5 = 1/2 = 132.5 gal

- 8.625 = 3/8 = 99.375
- 5.75 = 1/4 = 66.25 gal
- 2.78 = 1/8 = 33.125 gal
- 0 = E = 0 gal

Now I can is/was how much fuel to fill and can estimate the approximately cost for the co-pilot. :) So between 5/8 and 3/4 of a tank I need approximately 83 gallons to fill and at present price of 3.059, that comes to 250.00 give or take.



Ever wonder what happens if you need new brake drums for the Coach and you are without Factory support? Well here is a link to where the drums were made, including the rear drive with the special "notched" inner rim for the speedometer.

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

You might want to print this one out and place in the blue box or black case.

Safe travels,

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Wanderlodge Owners Group Celebrates Birthday:

After pleas by the Bird Tracks editor, Randy Dupree gave me the following answers to our questions about his forum and his long time association with Blue Bird.

Jan. 10th will be the 3rd birthday for www.wanderlodgeownersgroup.com (WOG).

This group was formed by Randy Dupree, John Finn and Rob Robinson and is paid for by www.buybybluebird.com, one of Randys businesses.

For years now, there have been on-line fo-

NO guns

Also, it's a family site, so no cursing and no off color jokes. Ok, enough of the history!

What we do on WOG is have fun, talk about Birds and Bird related things, fixing Birds, where to eat, where to camp, places to go and places to stay away from. We have 2000 members. Some don't have a Bird, some want a bird and the majority have a bird! Most days on WOG we have over 200 members participating, asking questions and joking around.

kings!! This rally has been on-going for about 10 years. It was started by a group of us that went across the street from the Rally in the Valley and spent another 2-3 days before we went on our way. After the RITV died, we continued to hold our Rally Across the Street, RATs for short.

And how it has grown. We have out grown 2 campgrounds already and we are now calling Pine mountain RV park home for RATs. Next year we expect 150 coaches and we have room for 200. RATs was sponsored by Bleakley, Parliament Coach, Coachcraft by McDonald and

Coachworx.

Coachcraft and Coachworx both had techs on hand for service work.

Show coaches were provided by Bleakley and Parliament Coach. We had a vendor hall with 20 vendors.

Other rallies include a Myrtle Beach rally

in March and 2 race track rallies at Maxton, NC. We park at the race track with no campground fees and the Birds at the Beach rally has no rally fees, just campground fees.

We also have a Tri-fecta rally that starts in NH, goes to NY city and then to Hershey, Pa. 3 weekends in a row and it's awesome.

Note: If you don't like good food, good times and lots of laughs, stay away!

All in all, the WOG is all about fixing birds, good times, good food and good friends. We are closer than family!

Oh, did I mention that WOG is free? No membership dues or anything, it's all paid for by my company,

www.buybybluebird.com.

Randy Dupree has been a Blue Bird owner for many years. He was the owner of Dupree Products and was at many rallies selling his wares.

His main focus these days is www.wanderlodgeownersgroup.com and www.buybybluebird.com

He can be reached at 352 538 3435



The banner features the Wanderlodge Owners Group logo on the left and right, which consists of a blue oval with a yellow bird silhouette and the text 'WANDERLODGE OWNERS GROUP'. In the center, it says 'Welcome to the Wanderlodge Owners Group Forum'. Below this, there is a smaller banner for 'Buy Bye Blue Bird | The Wanderlodge Matchmaker' with the text 'BLUE BIRD WANDERLODGE AND MOTOR COACH BROKERING SERVICE' and 'The Wanderlodge Owners Group Forum is provided through the efforts of Bye Bye Blue Bird - The Wanderlodge Matchmaker. CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION'. Images of motor coaches are shown on either side of the bottom banner.

ums for Wanderlodge/BMC coaches and most were built on the Yahoo formats. They were basically just a big pile of information that was not sorted or well organized which made it difficult to find info. when we needed it (kinda like my desk!). Oh, don't get me wrong, the info. was in there, but where?

So, after talking it over with John and Rob, we decided to start a forum so we could organize the info. and have separate topics such as engines and tires and we even set up spots for FC's, PT's and 450's etc.

I hired a web master and he knew nothing about motorhomes or camping, so it took us a few months to get all our ideas together and for him to understand how we wanted the site set up. We were shooting for a birthday of Jan 1, 2008.

But the testing of the new site ran over into the first week of Jan. and we opened the site to the public on the 10th of Jan. 2008.

We really had no idea what we were doing but we had some rules:

NO politics

NO religion

One good thing about WOG is how quick the news spreads. If something happens to one of the members, we know it within hours. We had a member break down on the way to a rally so he called me and I put it on WOG and within an hour there was 2 other Bird owners that stopped at the broken down coach, had him fixed and back on the road!

We have files upon files of drawings and other info. We have also located parts that we used to be able to get from Blue Bird. WOG supporters include Parliament Coach, Coachcraft, Coachworx and others.

We have rallies with no rally fees. The only charge is the campground fees that you pay to the campground. The rallies have pot luck dinners, hot dog cookouts, happy hours and everything you would expect at a rally, but no rally fees.

The last rally we held in Oct. had 116 coaches with 4 days of fun and friendship. Some came a week early and NOBODY was ready to leave. At that rally we had 2 BBQ cook-off champions that cooked for us and both are bird owners and they cooked for free. The meat was supplied by Coachcraft by McDonald. We ate like

Cooking is for the Birds: by Kay Green Losh



mixture with cut up butter and bake at 325 for 60 minutes or until mixture has risen 1 inch.

SAUCE

1 cup sugar
1 cup evaporated milk
2 Tblspns. Butter
1 tsp. Rum extract

Mix all ingredients in a sauce pan and cook until thick--"consistency of a sauce that is almost ready to be used as praline candy". Pour over warm Bread Pudding; Enjoy!

Blend with electric mixer--- ½ pound butter or margarine, 3 T cinnamon, and ½ pound confectioners' sugar. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

At our Lone Star Birds Holiday Rally, we had lots of good food and I'll be adding some of these recipes later. Here's a quick snack that was a *real hit* at the "Happy Hour" --aren't they all when you're with friends like these?!

Wynelle Kleber made these **SEA-SONED CRACKERS** that literally had people chasing crumbs!

1 ½ cups canola oil
1 package dry original ranch dressing mix
2 Tblspn dried red pepper flakes
4 sleeves of saltines

Mix ingredients and pour over crackers. Roll around in a covered bowl or gallon jug until all are coated. Lay out on wax paper to dry. Store in an airtight container.

Wynelle served these beside her **'WE BE JAMMIN' DIP'**.

1 cup chopped pecans
½ cup mayo
1 C shredded cheddar cheese
½ C chopped green onions

Combine and pack in a shallow bowl. Cover mixture with Hot Pepper Peach Preserves or Jalapeno Jelly.

(NOTE: actually very good dip even without the topping--K.)

Although this is the January issue, many of you will get it in time to make some holiday treats for family and friends, and certainly a couple of these recipes are worthy of saving for your next cooking spree.

Bobbie Jensen sent this recipe that some of you have been waiting for since the Rally in Louisiana. It's from **Linda Fontenot** in Vermilionville, LA.



BREAD PUDDING

3 (1#) loaves of stale bread
heavy cream
¾ cup butter
1 (12 oz.) can evaporated milk
2 ½ cups sugar
2 Tablespns. Vanilla
½ tsp. Nutmeg
2 ½ tsps cinnamon

1 cup butter, cut into pieces

Break bread into pieces and set aside in a large bowl. Combine all ingredients except the cup of butter pieces. Mix well. "We put gloves on and smash all ingredients together until well mixed and mushy." Pour into a 13 x 9 buttered pan. ("We also mix a little sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle on top before topping with butter.") Top bread

Neat Scott sent this recipe for pancakes or waffles, along with a great story. It seems a friend of theirs was an Engineer on a train,

which stopped at a certain country restaurant of their run. They had all loved the pan-cakes there, and had asked for the recipe. However, the recipe was a prized 'secret recipe' never given out.

On the Engineer's last run before his retirement, he was handed an envelope along with his change. Inside, along with good wishes for his retirement, he found the recipe, so that he could continue to enjoy the pancakes even though he couldn't stop in regularly anymore. He shared the recipe with Neat and she is sharing it with our Family of Friends.

PANCAKES OR WAFFLES

2 cups flour
2 eggs
2 tsp baking powder
2 tsp. baking soda
dash of salt

2 T. sugar
2 cups buttermilk

Stir by hand until smooth. Bake as usual.

(Did you notice everything is TWO--will make it easier to remember!)

NEAT serves these with her **EASY CINNAMON BUTTER**:



This **CHRISTMAS EGG PUFF** was a

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fabulous food. We had a ball in Chattanooga, just the two of us.

Corning, New York is represented by a stunning glass and wire ornament. We visited the Corning Glass factory and watched as strong young men hefted molten globs of glass on the ends of pipes and blew wondrous vases of fantastic shapes. I had no idea that glass blowing required such physical strength. We were totally entranced as they heated the glass, blew it, cut it, added other colors, and pressed it into shape.

One of my favorites is a reverse painted glass ball from the artistic hands of the Athabascans in Canada. The painting is a representation of the Orca in lovely dark red, white and black. Art to the Athabascans was extremely important and they were/are very talented. At the museum dedicated to the Athabaskan culture we learned that the reason they were so dedicated to art was because they did not have to work so hard at living. They had time to develop the arts unlike some people who lived in harsher regions where life was tougher. We passed through the Athabaskan area on our way to Alaska.

One of the newest decorations is a gaudily painted and green, purple, and gold clad jester from New Orleans that we won at the New Orleans rally. The French Quarter is a marvel of a most interesting culture from Voodoo to naughtiness. We learned

so much at both of the Louisiana rallies last fall. What a fun-loving people the Cajuns are.

Next to the gaudy jester is a whooping crane made of straw. It is in flight with neck extended and wings outspread. While at the Amish Rally, we visited the Interna-



tional Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wisconsin. It is the only place where you can see all 15 species of cranes from all over the world. They are dedicated to increasing the numbers of cranes, especially the Whooping Crane. We saw the Wattled

Cranes dance and the Whoopers fish for food. The Whooping Crane is the rarest of birds. Wild ones migrate to Texas or Florida during the winter. Those at the ICF are used to increase the numbers of Whoopers and are a captive flock. The Foundation introduces the young to the wild and teaches them to migrate by the use of ultralight planes.

Birds seem to be in great numbers on the tree. Some of the prettiest are the cloisonné hummingbirds I bought on a trip to Masseur Lane Gardens in Fort Valley, Georgia. This is the home of the American Camellia Society. We visited at the peak of camellia season and were delighted by the varying colors and shapes of the flowers. We also saw a young eagle.

Shimmering in the lights is a delicate copper birch leaf from Prince Edward Island where we attended a rally at the Dunville's home. We were treated to theater, lobster, carnival fun, and great ice cream. PEI is spectacularly beautiful. It was, at the time, the longest trip we had taken in the Giga-Rex; our first time to cross a border, too.

Not only do I get to relive the places where we have been while decorating the tree, I also remember them when undecorating the tree, traditionally on New Year's Day. My favorite ornament is a silver trailer similar to an Airstream. I purchased it in Yellowstone National Park and gave it to Charlie for Christmas. We loved Yellowstone with the waterfalls, animals, and the thermals—a unique adventure. What is written on the side of the silver trailer sums it up for us, "Home is where you hook up."

Cooking is for the Birds (Continued): by Kay Green Losh

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great hit at the breakfast, and **Jacquie Small** had to go make several copies of this because



of demand. That was, of course, after the pan had been scraped clean!

Prep time--10 minutes; cook time--30 minutes.

¼ C butter or margarine

12 eggs

½ cup all-purpose flour

1 tsp. baking powder

2 C cottage cheese 4 C shredded Monterey Jack cheese

1. Preheat the oven to 350. Place the butter in a 9 x 13 baking dish and put the dish in the oven while it preheats.

2. In the container of a blender, combine the eggs, flour and baking powder. Cover and blend until smooth, about 1 minute. Pour into a large bowl and fold in to the cottage cheese and Monterey Jack cheese. Pour over

the melted butter in the dish.

3. Bake in the preheated oven until firm in the center, about 30 minutes. A knife inserted into the center should come out clean.

Next time, I have some special things for you. **Ralph Fullenwider** and his better half, **Charlotte**, shared some campfire recipes the last time we went fishing at the trout stream. You're gonna' love these!

In the meantime, send your favorites so that we can all share. My January (after the holidays) project is to collect some of the favorite recipes into their own small cookbook to carry in the coach, so that I don't have loose papers or large books in the drawers. I can certainly start by printing the past year's columns with all your wonderful contributions. Thanks to all of you who have sent your favorites this past year.

Please send your old favorite recipes, or something new you've made or eaten lately! We all like something new now and then!

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FAMILY OF FRIENDS - VINTAGE BIRDS - FMCA
March 14-17, 2011 -- CARAVAN -- MINI-RALLY
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, Ga.

Contact Paul E. Ward, Caravan Leader, if you would like to join a Vintage Birds



and Family of Friends Blue Bird Caravan-mini rally parking together at the FMCA

85th International Convention (Southern Homecoming), at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, Ga., March 14-17, 2011.

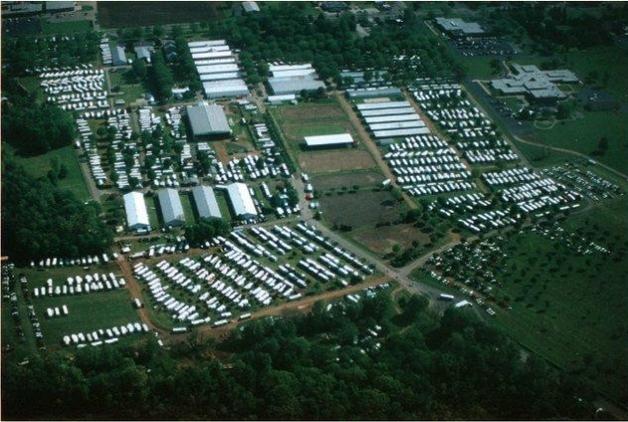
FMCA indicates there will be over 100 seminars

and many vendors in attendance. Ward has made FMCA arrangements on a "first come, first served" basis for a caravan group of 30 Blue Bird coaches. Get details regarding the FMCA 85th International Convention in the December 2010 FMCA monthly magazine, page # 64-65. Blue Bird members of the caravan group should make their own 85th International Convention registration prior to February 6, 2011 to secure the

Early Bird registration fee of \$330 in the General/Electric (30 amp), limited space area. FMCA will park the Blue Bird Caravan on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 11:00 AM in the General /Electric area. To be included in this FMCA Blue Bird Caravan-Mini Rally please ASAP contact Paul E. Ward at pward8@comcast.net or 912-925-4805.

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 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 and Al Scudder 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.

Buying and Selling a Blue Bird Motorhome: by Rob, Sue & Joey Robinson

If any of you have ever tried to buy or sell a Wanderlodge or Blue Bird Motor Coach, you know what a chore it can be.

Many small dealers have no idea of what they are, much less how everything works. Also, if you're trying to sell one yourself, you get the pleasure of answering the phone at all hours and finding yourself trying to explain why Blue Birds are better than, well, almost anything.

Blue Bird Motorhomes are complex. To explain the complexities of their workings including jacks, air dump waste tanks, TV's, air brakes, air ride and all of the other gizmos is a daunting task!

And that's where Randy Dupree and his Blue Bird Motorhome Brokering service www.buybybluebird.com comes in.

Randy has been a Bird owner for 20 years. His company was Dupree Products for 15 of those years and it produced literally thousands of product parts for Bluebirds and other RV applications. Dupree Products is probably most famous for it's air operated

dump valves which are still made today and used around the world..

After selling Dupree Products about 6 years ago, Randy bought and sold a few Birds for himself and his friends. Requests from other buyers and sellers made it obvious that his first hand knowledge of many of the units was what the market was looking for. He started a business brokering Bluebirds and hasn't looked back since. Using his sense of humor he called the new company Buy Bye Blue Bird. www.buybybluebird.com is his website.

So, for 3 of the worst years in motorhome history, Randy has been successfully selling Birds. Randy is the Bluebird Matchmaker. He matches sellers with buyers, trying to keep both the seller and the buyer happy and it has been working fine!

Frequently, buyers and sellers call him for advice about coaches not listed on his site. Make no mistake, Randy likes to make the sale but that is not what it is all about. If he can provide advice or help a prospective buyer/seller he will do it regardless of the circumstances.

Randy also has a couple of Birds he's junking out. His personal coach burned last year (a 95WB) and he bought it back. He also has a 94WB that had an engine fire. He is parting that coach as well..

Just a few weeks ago he began dismantling an 82 FC. He has lots of parts from all 3 coaches for sale.

It seems like Birds and Bird parts just sort of "find" him. Lots of you know him from the years of selling at the FMCA rallies. Randy also owns the Wanderlodge Owners Group. www.wanderlodgeownersgroup.com .

This is a forum that has over 2000 members where they talk about Bluebirds, rallies, parts for Birds and many other related topics. It's a free forum, come check it out!

So, if you want help buying a Bird or selling a Bird, Randy is your man. His contact # is 352 538 3435.

Historic Denver: Vintage Birds Rally

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 16th 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:

Karen James

677 S. Carr Ave

Lafayette, Co. 80026

(phone: 303-665-6347 or cell phone 303-859-3822)

New Year's Eve: Written by Ann Harter for especially for FoF (Submitted by Neat)



Do you recall New Year's Eve, that long ago night,

When the little black dress had to fit just the right 'tight'?

And the hair-do upswept and sprayed into place

High, high heels for dancing, and glitter and lace?

An evening romantic was full on our mind

With no thought that the men's was not the same kind.

Before women were from Venus and men

were from Mars
We just knew it
was one night
they'd not be in
bars.

Was it really, oh
really, so long,
long ago?

It seems like only
a year, or a few
years or so.

How could some-
thing important
diminish its glow?

One year an ac-
quaintance gave
me new words to
know:

New Year's traditions carry out through
the year

So she and her mate sought out guaran-
teed cheer.

Each New Year's at mid-night they'd sit
down to sup

On steak, baked potato, champagne and
all such.

That didn't sound "fun", I mean who
wanted to cook

At mid-night, that just was not in my book.

But sooner or later, mid-age came by surprise
We were walking the floor awaiting teen kids
to arrive.

By the time we had made it though those
hectic years

We were happy at home just sipping some
beers.

We found the guaranty wish the New Year
could bring

Was to be snuggled in slumber when the
bells start to ring.

A good night of sleep with sweet dreams
from there on

Who could ask the fates more, we still re-
membered the songs.

But now as our dotage so quickly draws nigh

We gather old friends and sing Auld Lang
Syne.

We sit up until mid-night, playing cards or
charades,

Laughing at antics of our New Year's Eves of
"the day."

Now we hope to awaken for the Rose Bowl
Parade

And try to not nap through the big football
game.

Sunshine & Mists: by Brenda Rodgers



Tom and Sandi Bay received a most pre-
cious Christ-
mas
gift! Their
little grand-
son, Graham
Russell Bay,
was born on

December 9, 2010, in Tennessee. Of
course Sandi and Tom were there for the
arrival and Sandi reports that he's just the
greatest! Proud parents are Rusty and Kel-

lee.

We were sad to learn that Mrs. Dorothy
Marie Lunsford passed away on December
15, 2010, in Cold Spring, Kentucky at the
age of 88. She was preceded in death by her
husband, Robert Jesse (Bob) Lunsford in
2007. Bob was a former President of the
Blue Bird Chapter, and many of you will
remember their attendance at the rallies and
their visits to the Bird's Nest. We extend
deepest sympathy to their two daughters and
two sons. Memorial services were held on
December 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church
in Alexandria.

I send very best wishes to you and all
those you love for a great 2011 filled with
much happiness, good health, and safe
travels. I look forward to seeing many of
you in Perry, Georgia, for the 85th FMCA
International Convention March 14-17,
2011, at the Georgia National Fair-
grounds. Happy New Year!

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

Click to email:

Sunshine@BlueBirdChapter.org

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Photo of the Month:

This month no photos were submitted by members.

So we are printing this shameless "PhotoShopped" picture of a lonely blue bird sitting on top of the shore power connection at a snow covered campground.

We need your submissions of any Wanderlodge/BMC related or travel photos for the next issue of Bird Tracks. Send your favorite photo to:

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 # _____

Visa _____ Master Card _____ Discover _____ American Express _____

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

Where to Eat! (Compiled by Neat Scott)

Neat Scott has compiled a list of favorite restaurants in various states that have been recommended by members and friends. As you can see, there are many gaps that need to be filled in. If you have any information you would like to share please send it to her at: Welcome@BlueBirdChapter.org

A completed list would be handy to have when printed out and carried in your coach!

[Alabama](#)

[Alaska](#)

[Arizona](#)

Sedona, Elote: Located in King's Ransom Hotel. Authentic Mexican. Best in years. Can be a long wait line. Well worth it.

Recommended by friend, Sharon, Indio.CA.

[Arkansas](#)

[California](#)

Fallbrook.

Mexican food, 1800's farm house.

La Caseta, home made and delightful.

Block east of main.

Garden Cafe, great for breakfasts.

Le Bistro tea room & Bistro.

Hukilau cafe, some distance from town. on the Fallbrook Golf Course. Very good food. Reasonable pricing.

Recommended by friend living in Fallbrook. Ann Harter

[Colorado](#)

Casa Bonita in Denver. A must see for tourist. Simms Steak house formerly known as Simms Landing. A great steakhouse. View is also superb .

Golden Hotel, Golden, CO a favorite of

Neat and Jon, Karen and Den and Rozanne and Maurice.

Creekside dinning, good food.

Recommended by us all.

Bear Creek Tavern, Kittredge, CO.

Rustic, great food ambiance is great. Wonderful drive there from Denver as a sightseeing trip. Rustic.

Recommended by The DeShazers FOF/Vintage etc.

[Connecticut](#)

Lenny and Joes Fish restaurant. Madison area. This place is truly a local favorite offering fresh fish in a picnic like atmosphere. Dinner for two, around \$30.

Recommended by Greg peterson FOF treasurer.

[Delaware](#)

[Florida](#)

Port Orange, FL Aunt Catfish on the

River. Seafood & Steaks. Known for it's Cinnamon Rolls. Recommended by friend. Jean in FL.

Dixie Crossroads Seafood in Titusville.

Telford Hotel and Restaurant in White Springs, FL

Kibbies on the Dock, Homosassa Springs.

Recommended by

Nancy and Jim Brookshire Vintage Birds

Walt Disney World Contemporary Hotel's California Grill. Truly enjoyable enviroment.

Arrive 30-45 minutes before sunset, Fantastic view. Top notch service and food.

Recommended by Greg Peterson, FOF

[Georgia](#)

Haven't we all traveled a few extra miles to taste some of the Peach Ice Cream or Cobbler at Lanes in

Fort Valley! Some say the Hot Dogs

at Nu-Way outside the security gates of the

old factory are good. They are red. We'll take their word for it. Perhaps you've tried them.

Rozanne DeShazer. FOF/Vintage etc.

[Idaho](#)

[Illinois](#)

Hackney's Restaurnat with numerous locations in north and northwest Chicago suburbs. A local favorite. Specialities include an onion loaf, burgers marinated in secret marinade reputedly bourbon based for a day or more. Served on dark rye bread.

Greg says that he and Judy also like K& W Cafeteria chain located throughout the Southesat. Not gourmet but great and eas eating. Fantastic prices. Two for around \$15. Not bad. Recommended by Greg Peterson, FOF Treasurer

[Indiana](#)

[Iowa](#)

Udders Steak House 1265 Hayes Dr. The best steaks in the state. Pick out and cook your own if you wish. Knoxville, IA. Recommended by, Jerry Roose, Rocky Mt. FMCA Chapter & Jon Scott FOF/RMC

[Kansas](#)

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[Minnesota](#)

One place in Northern Minnesota that comes to mind is the Grand Casino Hick-

Where to Eat! (Compiled by Neat Scott)

ley. 2 hours from Minneapolis, St. Paul on I 35. Nice RV park with shuttle. The Winds Steakhouse. Very good. Lyn & Jim Olds recommended.

[Mississippi](#)

[Missouri](#)

Sikeston is the original home of The Throed Rolls. Lamberts. Also located in Springfield, and Foley, AL. Love the side dishes especially the tomatoes and macaroni. Along with their hot rolls, of course.

Recommended by, Rozanne and Maurice DeShazer.

[Montana](#)

[Nebraska](#)

[Nevada](#)

Cafe De Thai: Reno. Excellent menu. Fresh Spring Rolls are the best. Try Coconut Soup.

4th St. Bistro, Reno CA. Cuisine a must for Reno Visitors. Reservations. Great for Birthday celebrations. Recommended by: Friend, Sharon, Motor Coach Country Club, Indio CA.

[New Hampshire](#)

Rita Mae's restaurant in Manchester. The Best Burgers I've had in years. Thin cut onion rings and great fries. Better than Five Guys in my opinion. Recommended by friend, Jean in NH

[New Jersey](#)

[New Mexico](#)

Sadies of New Mexico 6230 4th St.in Albuquerque. Great Mexican food. Large portions. Recommended by friends, Jerry & Carol Roose. Rocky Mt. Chapter FMCA Tucumcari. Kay Green Losh,FOF/Vintage etc. highly recommended the Kiva RV on old Hwy 66. Friendliest people you can

imagine. They are working on upgrading.

[New York](#)

[North Carolina](#)

[North Dakota](#)

[Ohio](#)

[Oklahoma](#)

The Bricktown restaurant in Oklahoma City. Vast array of foods done properly. One can temporarily park at Bass Pro Shop. Recommended by, Ralph & Charolette Fullenwider

[Oregon](#)

In Bend.

Zydeco Kitchen and Cocktails. Will not disappoint. Great American food with a Southern twist. Recommended by friend Sharon in MHCC

[Pennsylvania](#)

[Rhode Island](#)

[South Carolina](#)

Magnolia's in Charleston.

Red Bone Ally, Florence

Recommended by: Nancy and Jim Brookshire, Vintage Birds.

[South Dakota](#)

[Tennessee](#)

Loveless Caf  in Nashville.

Recommended by Nancy and Jim Brookshire, Vintage Birds

[Texas](#)

We love PoPo's Restaurants on I 10W. Exit 533, Welfare, TX. 7 miles NW of historic, Boerne, TX. Recommended by friend Ann Rose, full timing. Rocky Mt. FMCA Club On Hwy 40, Amarillo, 72 Oz steak house. Recommended by Ralph and Charolette Fullenwider FOF

Coopers Old Time Bar B Que, Lano, TX. The Republic of Rio Grande,

McAllen/Mission, TX Also, Sonny's Bar B Q, anywhere you can find one. Recommended by Nancy and Jim Brookshire. Vintage Birds.

Cattlemen's Steak House, in El Paso. On I-10 just west of town. EX 43. N. about ten miles. Approximate. Delicious steaks and do try the stew. Recommended by Rozanne and Maurice DeShazer. FOF/Vintage etc.

[Utah](#)

[Vermont](#)

When you ask the locals where to get Italian food...the answer is Garlic John's. This casual Italian restaurant has been a hit with both locals and tourists for 30 years. Garlic John's is on Rte 11/30 in [Manchester Center](#), Vt, and is Chef owned. Recommended by Rich & Marianne Ducci

[Virginia](#)

[Washington](#)

in Port Angeles.

Sabai Thai. Excellent Thai seasoned as requested. Great atmosphere. Loved everything we've tried. Recommended by friend, Sharon, MHCC Indio, CA

[West Virginia](#)

[Wisconsin](#)

[Wyoming](#)

Atlantic City Mercantile 100 E. Main St. Atlantic City, WY. The town is 25 miles So of Lander, WY. Don't let the outside of the building deter you. Almost a ghost town out in the middle of nowhere. Reservations recommended. Recommended by friends, Jerry and Carol Roose. President Rocky Mt. FMCA

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



1981 Wanderlodge FC35 Side Bath Cat 3208. 112,000 miles; New tires, new carpet, twin beds, interior modernized. New exterior paint (cool vanilla and black). New roof air conditioning. Very clean & well-worth a look. Asking \$19,500.00. For more info, contact Steve and Judie McDowell at speedbump5952@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (775) 945-3121.



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 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 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 for additional pictures and information. Asking \$40,000. Bus located in Northern Indiana



Classifieds (Continued)

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 with any questions



1984 Wanderlodge PT36 6V92, with an Allison 5 speed transmission, Jake brake with tag axle, tires are new except tag. Coach has 134,000 miles on it with all of the usual Bluebird options. We have owned this coach for 9 years and do not want to travel any more. Asking only \$34,000. Coach is currently in Oregon. Please CALL Theresa Aland for more information at 541-444-2181 before 8 pm



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



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 or feel free to call me at 607-435-6402.



1988 PT40 Wanderlodge Last year of the classic all steel body! 8V92 Engine, Alison 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



1992 Bluebird Wanderlodge WB40 92,000 original miles, 8V92. Coach is in excellent shape and priced at \$70,000. Contact Bob Bell at 248-866-1068 or at gairab@aol.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@remotetechnet.net. Coach is located in Monrovia, CA



1979 FC33 SB Wanderlodge Asking \$14,000, Coach is in good condition, located in Atlanta, Georgia. Contact Suzette Wright for more info at (301) 440-4301 or by email at Suzette.Wright@faa.gov



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.rn@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



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 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 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 or by phone at 850-528-6862



1997 Wanderlodge BMC 40' Coach has approximately 74,000 miles on the Spartan K-3 chassis with Cummins M-11 and Allison 4060 transmission + engine brake Front-end bra. Driver side couch was recovered in cloth by Muriel, Ft. Valley in 2008. Other couch is leather. Chassis is fully serviced and ready to go. Asking \$95,000. Contact Michael Brody at 772-463-1078 or by email at mibrody@msn.com



1991 Wanderlodge PT40 WB- 8V92 engine, Allison 5 speed transmission w/retarder. Coach is in excellent shape and road-ready for \$105,000 OBO. Coach located in Newton, GA. Call Kathy or Steve Enfinger at (229)-881-1720 or by email at klenfin-ger@gmail.com



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



Happy New Year!



Send your classified ad with photos to Shane at Classifieds@BlueBirdChapter.org

Several coaches sold last month!!

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Newsletter@BlueBirdChapter.org



The Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, AKA, the Family of Friends was Chartered July 15,1975. The general purpose of the Blue Bird Chapter is to promote the goals and objectives of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) and to operate within the guidelines of the FMCA. The specific purpose of this Chapter is to promote fellowship, camaraderie, cooperation and enjoyment of Blue Bird Wanderlodge and BMC coaches by their owners. The Chapter plans rallies and other social events that promote solidarity and friendship through lifestyles shared by these owners. Members help each other by sharing knowledge and promoting the travel and lifestyle these fine machines make possible. If you presently own a Blue Bird Wanderlodge or BMC motor coach, your ownership will be enhanced by filling out the application below. We look forward to you joining this unique and international "Family of Friends". If already a member we appreciate your continued support and welcome your comments, newsletter contributions and

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL / CHANGE FORM

You must be a member of the **FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION**. Your club application fee is \$50 which includes two name badges and dues for the current year. Your dues are \$25 per year. Make check payable to the **BLUE BIRD CHAPTER of FMCA, LLC**.

DATE _____	FMCA # _____	New Application \$50.00 _____
LAST NAME _____		Renewal \$25.00 _____
STREET/SHIPPING ADDRESS _____		Information Update _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____		
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____		
PHONE NUMBER _____	CELL # _____	
OFFICE NUMBER _____	COACH # _____	

PLEASE PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAMES AS YOU WANT THEM TO APPEAR ON YOUR CLUB BADGES:

(New Applications Only)

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