

Message From the President

Spring has sprung and our rally season is moving into full swing. Lots of planning has gone into this year's club rallies and we are lookIn July we will be traveling to the great state of Colorado with its beautiful majestic Rocky Mountains. We will join with many of you at the



ing forward to lots of fun and fellowship. If you are planning on attending the Amish Rally in Millersburg, Ohio you will need to have your registration to the Club Treasurer no later than May 10th. There are only 30 sites available so don't delay. Garden of the Gods RV Park for the "Rock the Rockies" Rally. Located at the base of Pikes Peak and situated next to the awesome Garden of the Gods Park, this rally will prove to be a great one. Remember that Colorado is a 'Tourist Mecca' that time of the year, so if you are planning on coming early or staying late, be sure to contact the RV Park for reservations.

We will finish off the 2010 rally schedule with the first Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion, "Cajun Adventure". The host committee has been working feverishly in order to make this rally one for the books. Most of the planning is in place and by the looks of the schedule...well, all I can say is get ready for a great time at this years "Cajun Adventure".

For the past several weeks Bobbie and I have been at the home of a friend dying of cancer. Day after day as I sat beside his bed watching him die, I thought of how fragile life is. This once healthy man of 60, who not long ago would join us on the lake for

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Happy Mother's Day

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts. (Washington Irving)

Happy Mothers Day

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Cooking is for the Birds by Kay Green Losh



Finally, it's really SPRING! After a long winter, it's great to be able to be outside, enjoying the weather.

When you come inside, this recipe from **Yvonne de Pugh** would be an outstanding dinner waiting for you. It sounds so good, with a sweet and sour mix of flavors. It made me think of some wonderful dinners in Germany.

BUFFET SURPRISE

- 3 ¹/₂ pound chuck roast, cut into chunks
- 2 small cans sauerkraut, squeezed dry
- 1 large can peeled tomatoes
- 1 box dark brown sugar
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 apple, thinly sliced

Black pepper

Layer ingredients in the order given in a slow cooker. Cook on high for 2 hours, then on low for 4 hours. Yvonne says this is best if it's made the day before and reheated. She serves it with mashed potatoes, and this serves 8 people.

Adding a salad, and an easy dessert would make a great meal!

Yvonne also sent this recipe for RED PEPPER SOUP that sounds delicious--I do love soups! The surprise ingredient of *pears* is intriguing. Since this can be served either hot or cold, it will be good for the summer days ahead when all these ingredients will be beautifully available.

Heat in a large saucepan:

- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 4 Tablespoons butter

Sauté for 10 minutes:

- 7 red bell peppers, seeded and chopped
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 3 shallots, sliced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 ripe pears, peeled and sliced
- Add, and bring to a boil:
- 4 cans chicken broth
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste.

Simmer for 30 minutes. Let cool. Puree in food processor or blender, and serve hot or cold. Garnish with sour cream on top.



If you're making something for a buffet, or a crowd, this cake is a favorite for a crowd. It's a big cake and because it's so rich, small pieces make it go a loooong way!

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TEXAS SHEET CAKE

Sift together and have ready:

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt

In a saucepan, put:

- 2 sticks margarine
- 1 cup water
- 4 tablespoons cocoa

Bring this to a boil, pour over the flour and sugar mixture and blend.

- Add: ¹/₂ cup buttermilk
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla

Pour into a greased $15 \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \frac{1}{2}$ baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

While the cake is baking, make the icing, so that it can be spread over the cake while the cake is hot.

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Put into a saucepan:

- 1 stick margarine
- 6 Tablespoons buttermilk

4 Tablespoons cocoa

Once this has come to a boil, ADD

- 1 pound of powdered sugar
- 1 Tablespoon vanilla
- 1 cup of chopped nuts

Mix and spread over cake when it comes out of the oven.

With SPRING! in full bloom, literally, it's time to be planning for new travels in your 'Bird. Please take the time to tell us what kinds of things you count on in the coach for tasty meals, shared relaxation times, and rally meals. Our Lone Star Bluebirds group always has wonderful week-end pot-luck breakfasts, for example. I'm waiting for some of those recipes to come in, (HINT, HINT) so we can share with all of you.

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Blue Birds Gather To See Lipizzaners by Rozanne DeShazer



What a great opportunity we enjoyed to see the Royal Lipizzaners perform at their winter home in Myakka City, FL. Ten coaches met in the field in front of the training facility to enjoy the shows and take advantage of the opportunity to visit with one another. The grand and beautiful horses did not disappoint a full stadium of appreciative audiences the two days we were there. The weather cooperated and so did the horses! The all-female trainers showcased their skills in the arena in preparation for their summer tour. The Blue Bird friends sampled a variety of cuisines at a delicious pot luck dinner on both evenings. We will all go our separate ways, departing a little more knowledgeable of the magnificent Austrian horses and more closely acquainted with our Blue Bird friends.



Attendees: Hisham and Sue Amaral, Ron and Dorinda Rueckwald, Dick and Patty Warren, Tom and Marj Warner, Maurice and Rozanne DeShazer, Morey and Margaret Zuber, John and Nancy Wyatt, Richard and Sue Ramsey, Bob and Annita Lindamood, Charlie and Martha Vaughn.

Technical Tips and Tricks: by Ralph Fullenwider



Lubrication

Spring up time is here, Coaches are starting to emerge from the winter hibernation and things are just a bit stiff in trying to work. Steps are slow or sticking going in and out perhaps. Compartment doors creak a little, when opening up.

A lubricant that is my personal choice is CRC and can be purchased at any Napa or automotive store. The CRC will lubricate and not attack the butyl rubber parts used in so many applications in our Coaches. A work of caution: WD-40 is not a bad product but it is not a lubricant and will attack rubber o-rings in cylinders and those used as seals.

Now then, for those pesky stiff air cylinders and such. With no air in the system, one can remove the supply air line, affix the small tube to the spray top of the CRC lubricant and spray lubricant directly into the air line, then re attach the line to the cylinder, air up the Coach and actuate the cylinder, (if step for instance, open and close the door,) This will cause the lubricant in the air line to lubricate the o-ring seals and you're good to go.

Repairing of rubber hoses;

One of the hardest things to do after finding a hole in a rubber hose used on the Coach's, is to cut where the hole is and insert a fitting to repair that long run of hose that is hidden in most places. I am referring to the 3/8 inch to 3/4 inch hoses running everywhere. If you have ever tried to insert a fitting into the dry end of a hose you know how hard that can be. We all carry GO-JO to clean our hands with and if you place a small amount of that hand cleaner to the outside of that fitting, the fitting will slip right into that hose with little or no effort. Any residual hand cleaner left will dissipate in 24 to 48 hours and make for a very tight connection under the hose clamps. Oh and if you did not know, GO JO hand cleaner is a sugar beet product and bio-degradable, so you're going GREEN using it to clean your hands as well.

Safety when broken down on the side of the road:

RV'ing is a pleasure and a most rewarding as we all know and have come to enjoy and love. And even with the best of Coach Maintenance, sometimes things just happen, like a flat on the front, forcing us to stop on the side of the road and generally wait for the tire truck to arrive, to get us on our way. Or, heaven forbid, it is a much worse problem and waiting for the tow truck or low boy.

Now the fact has hit home, we are not going anywhere and that sinking feeling has come and gone. The Coach moves with the wind created by truckers or large cars as they pass by you on the road. Now that can be an unsettling feeling, having been there, I know it well.

The trucks and traffic have no idea that your broken down and do not move over to lessen the dangers and they don't know because we did not alert them. In the pre travel check lists, there was nothing added about emergency flares or triangle reflectors to warn traffic, Hey, I have a problem, how about some courtesy?!

When was the last time the on board flares were checked for age, being damp and cracking or separated? Or how about the last time the triangle reflectors were checked and cleaned up?

These warnings to oncoming traffic should be placed well back of the Coach and at 10 to 15 feet intervals on the edge of the road or lane you in and not in the middle of the road. If your just over the top of a slight rise, be sure to walk a flare or triangle back to the other side, giving people a heads up that trouble is ahead.

So let's add those flares or reflectors to the check lists and refresh those old flares from time to time, and keep our loved one safe and sound until help arrives. Might even be time to have lunch as you wait and start the gen set and watch a movie. Well we are on the side of the road and that does not have to be a total bad experience does it? <smile>

Safe travels,

Ralph and Charolette Fullenwider "84FC35 "Ruff Diamond" Duncan, Oklahoma

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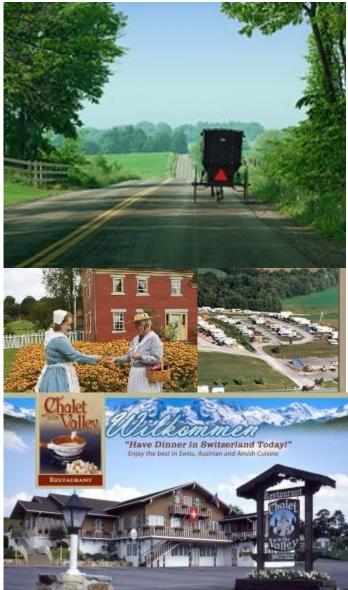
boat rides, Jet Skiing, and loving life was now just a frail shadow of himself. So, don't put off doing the things that bring you joy and build memories. The bottom line is that it's about friends, family and sharing relationships. We are working hard to plan rallies that will bring us together as friends. If you can't make it to one of the Chapter Rallies, then join in the fun with other Blue Bird Clubs and organizations. Go ahead...get the Bird out of the garage, check the tire pressure and join with your Blue Bird Family wherever Blue Bird people meet. So for now, drive safely and we will see you "On The Road Again".

Dan

Amish Rally! June 13th-17th

A 2010 Family of Friends Sponsored Rally

The Ohio Amish settlements have become some of the most desired tourist destinations in the country. Come and enjoy the beautiful Scenic Hills RV Park in the heart of one of the largest Amish settlements found anywhere www.scenichillsrvpark.com. This scenic area is loaded with history and includes many working farms, logging and wood processing plants. You will enjoy exploring many of the local furniture manufacturing companies found throughout the area. We will feast at breakfast and dinner at the famous Der Dutchman Restaurant www.dhgroup.com , dinner at the Chalet in the Valley www.chaletinthevalley.com and Dinner at an Amish home. Do Not Miss having Ice Cream at the Walnut Creek Cheese. We will be visiting a local winery, an Amish Farm and an Amish School. So don't miss this opportunity to join in with your Blue Bird Friends and take in this most impressive area in our country. Space is limited so don't hesitate in getting in your registration. Four (4) nights \$300.00 for a coach and two (2) people. \$198.00 for a coach and one (1) person and \$103.00 for each additional person. 50 amp sites will be available for most attendees with 30 amp for some, this is first come first serve, so don't delay.



Sunday June 13th 2010

1:00 - 4:00 Check in Scenic Hills RV Park 4:00 P.M. Social Hour BYOB 5:00 P.M. Dinner at Chalet In the Valley Local Entertainment after dinner Monday June 14th 2010 9:00 A.M. Breakfast at Der Dutchmen Restaurant 11:00 A.M. Tour Briedenbach Wine Cellers (car Pool) Lunch is on your own Visit many local sights (list will be made available at registration) 2:00 P.M. Ice Cream 2 Walnut Creek Cheese (DO NOT MISS) 6:00 P.M. Dinner is on your own Tuesday June 15th, 2010 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast (coffee and pastry) Free day to enjoy the areas many sights

6:00 P.M. Dinner at Der Dutchman

A short business meeting after Dinner

Wednesday June 16th, 2010

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast (coffee and pastry)

Visit an Amish Farm and one room school house. Optional: horse and buggy rides

6:00 P.M. Dinner at a local Amish Home

Thursday June 17th, 2010

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast (coffee and pastry) Depart and Safe travels

I-77 From the North and South exit 83 Dover, go west toward Sugar Creek on S.R. 39 (Approximately 15 miles). Watch for Hiland High School on the left. Turn Left on C.R. 77(TR 367) Scenic Hill RV Park is on your right. 1-71 From North or South take exit 173, go east on S.R. 39 (Approximately 43 miles) watch for Scenic Hills Sign. Turn right on C.R. 77 (TR 367), Scenic Hills RV Park is on your right. DO NOT USE MAP QUEST OR GOOGLE --- They often take you on back road not suitable for large RV's

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Friday July 9

Registration 11:00 to 1:00 @ campground pavilion Enjoy rock soup during registration 5:00 p.m. Heavy Hor d'ourves @ campground Murder Mystery @ campground

Saturday July 10

11:00 am- USAF & Garden of Gods guided bus tour 6:00 p.m.- Catered Dinner at Campground

Sunday July 11

Free day—enjoy Pikes Peak, the Cave of the Winds, Seven Falls, The US Olympic Training center, Royal Gorge, Shopping, hiking, rafting, or just breathe in the fresh air and take in the beautiful scenery.

6: 00 p.m.-Iron Springs Melodrama/dinner show **Monday July 12**

10:00 a.m. -Cripple Creek/Victor (car pool) 1800's Steam Train ride/Victor Take a side trip to visit the Mollie Kathleen gold mine and take home a real gold nugget

Tuesday July 13

Free Day to enjoy more of the Rocky Mountains and Colorado Springs area (Check out www.pikespeak.com for more information)

5:00 p.m. - Flying W Dinner Show

Wednesday July 14 On the Road Again



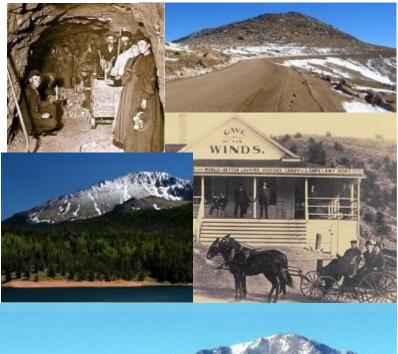
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Rock the Rockies!

A 2010 Family of Friends Sponsored Rally

Join your Blue Bird Family of Friends July 9 to July 14. 2010 in beautiful Pikes Peak Country for a "Rock the Rockies Rally". We will rally at the Garden of the Gods Campground in Colorado Springs. Be ready to enjoy rock soup, our own Family of Friends murder mystery, a Melodrama dinner and show, visit Cripple Creek and Victor and ride an authentic 1800's steam train, tour the United States Air Force Academy and the Garden of the Gods, and enjoy a western dinner and show at the Flying W ranch. All of this and much more will be included in your rally fee! Join us for six days and five nights of fun and friendship! \$520.00 per coach with two people. Coach and one person - \$397.50. Spaces are limited. A \$200.00 deposit reserves your spot. Balance due prior to June 10, 2010.

Click Here for Some Great Photos!





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Sunshine & Mists by Brenda Rodgers



Our Blue Bird Family's thoughts go out to James Baber and Sally Baze as Sally has had quadruple bi-pass surgery. She is resting comfortably a Baylor Heart Hospital in Dallas. I understand that she will be out of the hospital and at home soon. Please remember them in your prayers.

We extend deepest sympathy to Paul Barron and his family in the loss of his wife Alfreda ("Freda") Jane Barron on April 7, 2010, due to natural causes. Paul and Freda resided in Deltona, Florida. Her funeral was held on April 13 in Auburn, New York. Paul and Freda were married for 60 years, and enjoyed traveling for many years in their Blue Bird. Many of you will have fond memories of them at the rallies. Paul served many years on the Parking Committee at Rally in the Valley. Paul and Freda are the parents of six children.

Please remember to contact us when you have news we can share with the Blue Bird Family. <u>Sunshine@BlueBirdChapter.org</u>

Please Note... Chapter Address Change

The Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA has <u>CLOSED</u> the P.O. Box in Fort Valley, GA. We have established a new, permanent address and are using the FMCA mail forwarding service. Please send your dues and rally payments to our new, permanent chapter address, via FMCA mail forwarding. The Blue Bird Chapter's address is: Treasurer Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, LLC 3590 Round Bottom Road Cincinnati, OH 45244

Bird Tracks Needs Your Help! Rich Ducci, Chairman

Last October your Newsletter Committee embarked on a lofty mission; to bring the membership a monthly newsletter that is both informative and entertaining. Together with Alan, Brenda, Karen, Kay, Martha, Neat, Ralph, Shane and Slim, information is gathered each month and assembled into , what we hope is a n interesting newsletter.

Articles from the membership serve two very important purposes. They provide entertainment and information to the membership and also let us know what type of material you are interested in reading about. Please submit an article for a future issue. You can attach it to an email and send photos too if you like. The Newsletter Committee email addresses are on page 11. Thanks!

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

The June Issue of Bird Tracks will be the last <u>mailed copy</u>. As you are aware, the costs of printing and mailing our newsletter have increased dramatically over the years. Factory support for mailing, once a tremendous benefit to the Chapter, no longer exists. In order to give members the best newsletter possible without increasing the costs to a point where it is prohibitive, Bird Tracks is going to be an online only publication starting with the July 2010 issue. While we realize that some members have not yet entered the digital age of personal communication, everyone knows someone who has. We will continue to send monthly emails to all members or designated persons who have a valid email address and these emails will have a clickable link to the latest issue of the newsletter. Starting in July 2010, enlarging the newsletter will no longer carry the penalty of increased costs of printing and mailing. Your contributions of articles, stories, tips, rally promotions and other offerings of beneficial Chapter information can then be shared without budget concerns. As always, look for the contact information in Bird Tracks and you can help make our newsletter more entertaining and informative for the membership. Eliminating the need to have those members in the digital age carry the burden and the expense of printing and distributing a hard copy will allow more funds to be used for the benefit of all members.

If you do not use email or do not have a computer, you MUST send your designated persons email address to the Treasurer. Use the update information form on the last page.

Spring Brings Changes By Neat Scott



May brings changes to our landscapes. The calendar page turns and the air is filled with the excitement of yet another Spring. You can smell it in the breezes, it's the fragrance of blossoms, the sights around us. We see a tractor in a field off in the distance. A new born calf. The new little family of ducklings on a pond... A quickly passing spring rain. We too, are changed. New life around us recharges our personal batteries. We long to see what is just around the next bend in the road. It's time to pack our coaches, hit the highways to new and exciting adventures. Perhaps you have a Spring ritual that you have followed for many years. One

that came about because of the many commitments one has while you were raising a family and pursuing a career etc. Ah, but now there is changes in your personal situations. Perhaps

A very wise friend once told me that he tries to make a lifestyle change every five years. Perhaps even if we love our lives just as they are, we can look for new ways to enhance what is already appealing to us.

now you are able to do some of the things that once you could only dream of having the time to do.

A very wise friend once told me that he tries to make a lifestyle change every five years. Perhaps even if we love our lives just as they are, we can look for new ways to enhance what is already appealing to us. Take a few minutes and really smell those flowers that are just now bursting upon our landscapes in more ways than one.

> Do you recall a time when you had a new puppy or you found a nesting place where Mother cat had given birth to little puff balls with heartbeats. How they nestled in your arms, purring and delighted with the simple touch of your hand.

How they played and found joy in the fact that they were alive! Do we need to take lessons from the children of this world? They do not worry about tomorrow, they find their joy today. After all today is here offering us a clean slate to fill with the beauty of our world.

Helpful Hints by Brenda Rodgers Send yours to <u>Newsletter@BlueBirdChapter.org</u>

Natural Insect Repellent: Mix 2 drops of oil of peppermint or lavender with 2 teaspoons of almond or sweet oil and dab on the skin.

Pest-Free Picnic Table: Add 5 drops of lavender essential oil to 32 ounces of water. Pour into a spray bottle and wipe down the table and chairs. Remember to label the bottle.

Chiller: Freeze several different sizes of water bottles to keep food chilled in an ice chest. When the water melts enjoy a cool drink.

Air Fresheners: Make you own. Put several drops of peppermint or cinnamon oil on cotton balls and place in a small jar. Poke holes into the lid and place in an outof-the-way area behind furniture and your guests won't have a clue. Scented Light bulbs: Dab a bit of oil of clove, peppermint or eucalyptus on a cool light bulb. When light is turned on the scent will drift throughout the room.

Tablecloth with wax stains? To get rid of candle wax, let the wax harden by placing in the freezer then scrape it off the cloth with a dull knife. Place paper towels on both sides of the stain and set the iron on the warm setting, then iron (no steam) over the stained area. Change paper towels often to absorb all the wax. Launder as usual.

Cell phone Lands in Water: Act fast and you may be able to save the phone. Pull the battery out ASAP. Dry the inside of the phone with a hair dryer. Put the battery back in to see if it works.

Ballpoint-ink stain on fabric? Place on a towel – stain side down. Lightly dampen a

cloth with rubbing alcohol and gently dab (do not rub) the stain.

Microwave Cleaning: Place a 4-cup capacity microwave-safe bowl filled with chopped citrus and 1 cup of water. Since wattage varies in microwaves, cook until the water boils. Let the water cool at least 15 minutes before opening the door to wipe out your oven.

Hard water buildup in your dishwasher? Clean by pouring a gallon of vinegar in the bottom and letting set for an hour or so, then run the washer through a full cycle.



Lone Star Blue Bird Club Rally, Marble Falls, TX

For those of you who came to our Texas Bluebonnet Rally a couple of years ago, you remember the only bluebonnets we saw were at the Wild Seed Farm in Fredericksburg, TX. Texas was in one of its worst droughts in years, but not this year. Well, just last week Bobbie and I took a few days and joined our friends with the Lone Star Bird Club in Marble Falls, TX at the Sunset Point RV Park on Lake LBJ. I took hundreds of photos and I thought you might like to see just a few. Hope you enjoy.

Dan Jensen





















Upcoming Rally Schedule

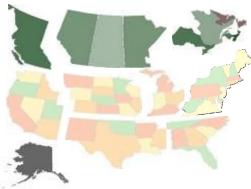
2010 Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA Rally Dates Associated FMCA Clubs And Dealer Rallies

May 4th-7th Coachcraft by MacDonald 2nd Annual Rally in Pine Mountain, GA at Pine Mountain Campground*

June 13th - 17th 2010 Family of Friends "Amish Rally," Millersburg, OH

Hosted by Paul Spear

July 9th - 14th 2010 Family of Friends "Rock the Rockies", Colorado Springs, Colorado



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

and Jon and Neat Scott

July 26th - August 1st 2010 Vintage Birds didn't know were there. Start planning now! and *SWBB "Oshkosh, Rally"

August 1st - 6th Wild Bunch "Taste of Oregon Rolling Rally"

August 11th - 14th FMCA International

Convention, Redmond, Oregon

September 26th - October 5th 2010 (tentative date) Family of Friends, "Fall Colors Northeast Rolling Rally"

Hosted by Alan and Jane Ritchie

October 7th - 10th 2010 Vintage Bird, Her- East Central Paul Spear shey, PA Rally

October 17th - October 22nd Family of Southeast Jimmy Cox Friends "Blue Bird Family Reunion" The Cajun Extravaganza Rayne, LA

Hosted by Roy Zanca and Chuck Senior VP Alan Ritchie Arnold

October 20th - October 24th 2010 *Rats Rally, Pine Mountain, GA

October 28th - October 31st 2010 Vintage Bird, New Orleans Rally

*denotes non FMCA sponsored club

Rally Hosts Wanted! Contact your Area VP to check and reserve a date. It's not too late to hold a rally in 2010.

2011 dates can be reserved now too. If you have never hosted a rally, now is the time to do it. With a little planning and your knowledge of a particular area, you can put together a rally that is as formal or informal as you want. Either way fun will be had with other Blue Bird owners. You get to decide, picnic on the beach, pot luck at the camp-

Hosted by Karen and Dennie James ground, entertainment, free time? Your knowledge of a particular area can be shared with others who have never visited the area or would like to return and see things they

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Have a friend who owns another brand of motorhome? Or one who wants to buy a Wanderlodge or BMC? Did you know that they can attend Blue Bird Chapter rallies as your guest? Contact the rally host for the rally you would like to invite them to and they will be welcome to attend!



Handy Links (In no particular order)

FMCA Home Page	Parliament Coach	RV Electric Information
Vintage Birds	Coachcraft by MacDonald	RV Mechanic Online
Wanderlodge Owners Online	Bird Connection	Blue Bird Customer Access
Wanderlodge Owners Group	Bird Maps	Camping World
Wanderlodge Yahoo Forum	Bye Buy Bluebird	Dupree Products
Buddy Gregg Motorhomes	Classic Coachworks	RV Stuff USARV Toy Outlet
John Bleakley Motorhomes	Hydronic Heating Forum	RV Upgrade Store
Holland Motorhomes	Blue Bird Gear (Clothing etc.)	West Marine

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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 1	Registering For		
Last Name:	First Names:			
Address:	City/ State/ Zip:			
Phone #:	Cell #	Email:		
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Blue Bird Club #	FMCA #		First time:	Handicap?
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OR: Credit Card #		Expirat	ion Date	CCV #
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Mail to: Treasurer.	Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, 3	3590 Round Botto	m Road , Cincinnati,	ОН 45244

Buddy Luce 1979 Speech submitted by Steve Mitchell, Parliament Coach

This is the second installment of the 1979 Buddy Luce speech. Thanks to Steve Mitchell at Parliament Coach we are able to share Mr. Luce's own words and notes.

Look for more Blue Bird Wanderlodge history in future issues of Bird Tracks!

These will be in a wooded area north of the Wanderlodge factory along side highway 341.

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THE WATCHMAN AT WANDERLODGE WILL CONTROL THE AREA AFTER DARK, AND THERE WILL BE A SPEAKER SYSTEM TO THE WATCHMAN'S OFFICE SO YOU CAN COMMUNICATE WITH HIM.

This is a beautiful area - under some 80 year old pecan trees - we want your customers to use it - and it should be a great selling tool for you.

Pance.

The summer of 78 was a long hot summer. We had a new set of government regulations on school buses put out by the Department of Transportation.

In addition to that, along with parts problems brought on by these changes, plus trying to get a City Bus into production, we were trying to do too much. AT

THE BLUE BIRE COMPANIES IN+ FY Valley

- 11 -We find that the Blue Bird Wanderlodge Chapter of Wanderlodge owners is a great selling tool.

I REALLY ENJOY THEM AND WILL BE GOING ON TO HARLINGEN, THIS WEEK

Encourage your customers to become a part of this. It sure keeps them thinking, Wanderlobge, THIS Was Confirmed Agam yestuday By Wally Smith And Jenny Streedor This brought on some frustrations among our people that created an opportunity for the Carpenters and Joiners Union to begin an <u>organizing</u> campaign.

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 $\mathcal{P}_{\text{LCSCC}} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{\text{INC}}^{\text{INC}}$ At the **MOMENT** we feel that the momentum is going in our direction and we will win an election which will be held at the end of this month or early March.

We are confident we will win. We do not believe we will have a union at the Blue Bird Companies in Fort Valley.

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1978 was a good year for all the Blue Bird Companies. All are still sound and strong.

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Along with our employees you are the most important part of the Blue Bird Companies. Together we make a team. You are independent businessmen, and we recognize the vital part you are in our total picture.

WE WANT STRONG PROFITABLE DISTRIBUTORS. IT IS ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN WE GROW AND MEET THE DEMANDS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE MARKET,

WE ARE PROUD OF THE QUALITY AND <u>COMPETENCE</u> OF YOU, THE FOLKS, WHO REPRESENT US. WE CONSIDER IT AN HONOR TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH YOU.

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COUNTE 25 ENCOURAGE, THEFF PARTICIPATION IN THE FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION. THIS ALSO KEEPS THEM IN CONTACT WITH OTHER MOTOR HOME ENTHUSIASTS.

In the February issue of Family Motor Coaching Magazine, the Executive Administrator, Mr. Dan LeHockey, has an editorial entitled, "<u>Change</u> is the <u>Only Constant</u>". He, points out that when the first meeting of motor coach families was held in the United States only 8 families attended. This was in June 1963. There were about 4,000 motor homes in the United States according to estimates at that time. There has been terrific growth since then.

He also points out that in 1963 there were 15 coach and bus conversion companies that comprised the motor home manufacturing industry. Today only two of these manufacturers are producing under the same names and the same location. Custom Coach of Columbus, Ohio and Blue Bird Wanderlodge of Fort Valley, Georgia.

DAN LEHOCKEY THEN POINTS OUT THAT THE CHANGES OCCURING TODAY ARE EQUALLY RAPID, AND PERHAPS MORE FAR REACHING THAN THOSE OF THE PAST. - 13 -

According to RVIA, FAMAPH NEWSLOTTER JANUARY NEWSLETTER, RV SHIPMENTS IN NEARLY EVERY MAJOR CAPACITY ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW INCREASE IN 1979.

Motor homes are expected to increase 21% over 1978 shipments while towable RVs are expected to increase 10%.

HATTEE THERE HAS BEEN SOME PENT UP DEMAND FOR CLASS A MOTOR HOMES DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY ON THE PART OF CUSTOMERS, WHILE ENERGY LEGISLATION WAS PENDING, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL RESTRICT WANDERLODGE SALES. THE ENERGY BILL HAS BEEN PASSED AND IT DOES NOT CONTAIN RESTRICTIONS WHICH WILL HAMPER THE USE OF CLASS A MOTOR HOMES. WHICH WILL HAMPER THE USE OF CLASS A MOTOR HOMES. WHILE THE PRICE OF FUEL MAY INCREASE, AS LONG AS IT IS AVAILABLE PEOPLE WHO CAN BUY WANDERLODGES WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO AFFORD FUEL.

The January 15 issue of U.S. News and World Report has an article entitled, "Leisure: Where No Recession Is In Sight". This should give us encouragement. I quote from the first paragraph.

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OVER THE YEARS, A COMPANY, JUST AS AN INDIVIDUAL, BEGINS TO ADOPT SOME PHILOSOPHIES.

These come as a result of reading, teaching, faith or experience.

THERE ARE SOME PHILOSOPHIES THAT ARE WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF OUR COMPANIES, THAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL. WE AREN'T CHANGING THEM. IN FACT, WE ARE JEALOUSLY GUARDING THEM.

- OUR FAITH IN GOD
- OUR FAITH IN PEOPLE
- THE SAFETY OF THE PASSENGER

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CUSTOMER

THE INTEGRITY OF THE PRODUCT

THE NECESSITY FOR A STRONG DISTRIBUTOR ORGANIZATION THE IMPORTANCE OF DISTRIBUTORSHIP PROFITABILITY

We stand by these. We find that when we take care of these things that Blue Bird continues to grow.

UNDERLYING ALL OF THIS AND MAKING IT ALL POSSIBLE THE GREAT COUNTRYSIN WHICH WE LIVE AND THE FREEDOM, AND OPPORTUNITY WHICH STILL EXISTS. - 14 -

"America's seemingly boundless enthusiasm for travel, entertainment, sports and self-improvement, set records in spending for leisure activities in 1978. The year ahead looks equally promising. In 1978 outlays for leisure activities soared 12.5% ahead of 1977. They accounted for \$1 out of every \$8 of consumer's personal spending, in the past 12 months."

As distributors of the Blue Bird Wanderlodge you will experience, strong demand for the product this year.

Are we optimistic? Yes - very much so. As mentioned before we are expanding the Wanderlodge plant by 24%. We continue to reinvest in tooling and equipment so that we can increase the total production of motor homes.

AN FAMILIES ARE STILL BEING FORMED - CHILDREN BEING BORN -AND THESE WILL WANT LEISURE TIME FACILITIES IN LARGER NUMBERS THAN BEFORE.

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THIS PROVIDES THE FRAMEWORK THAT SURROUNDS ALL WE CHERISH OR HOPE TO ACHIEVE.

As we build our business and our future association together, let us never lose sight of the fundamental values which make it possible.

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Health Care Tips by Sharon Kirby

Health tips--The first 4 tips were given to me by a Certified Orthopedic, Myoskeletal, Myofacial, Neuro Massage Therapist by the name of Art Bailey. His address is 33336 Duff Road, Walker, LA 70785. His phone number is 225-665-7982. Art's massages are designed to help correct muscle problems including stiffness, joint pain, back pain, etc. He has patients from all parts of the U.S.

1. For hiatal hernia, drink an 8 ounce glass of water upon rising, then bounce up and down on your toes several times. The weight of the water will pull the hernia down. You may have to do it several days until you work it out.

2. For leg and foot cramps, spray a little vinegar under your tongue. Your muscles should relax quickly.

3. For restless leg syndrome, put 1 tsp. of Apple Cider Vinegar (with Mother) and 2 tsp. of honey in a small glass of water. Warm the mixture and drink it just before going to bed. You should also try putting a bar of soap under the bottom sheet next to where your feet will rest. The sodium in the soap shuts the nerve down.

4. If you will drink 1 tsp. of vinegar in a glass of water before you work in the yard, run or do other exercise, you will have less muscle cramps or pain.

The next tip I got from The Women's Health Institute of Texas, 4771 Sweetwater Blvd., Suite 155, Sugar Land, TX 77479 1 -281-962-4264. Their website is <u>www.womenshealthinstituteoftexas.com</u> When you get on their site, click on Thyroid Information.

5. Sluggish? Can't lose weight? Losing hair? Having trouble sleeping? Ice-cold hands or feet? You may have a thyroid problem and a lack of iodine. Read what they have to say about your thyroid and iodine.

6. Are you interested in learning about foods that are not made with generically modified organisms (GMOs). What are GMOs? Genetic Engineering (GE) or Genetic Modification (GM) of food involves the laboratory process of artificially inserting genes into the DNA of food crops or animals. The result is called a genetically modified organism or GMO. GMOs can be engineered with genes from bacteria, viruses, insects, animals, or even humans. Most Americans say they would not eat GMOs if labeled, but unlike most other industrialized countries, the U.S. does not require labeling. The Non-GMO Shopping Guide is designed to help reclaim your right to know about the foods you are buying, and help you find and avoid GMO foods and ingredients. Their website is www.NONgmoShoppingGuide.com.

This next 2 tips I got from the paper and an article by Joe and Teresa Graedon, who also have a public-radio show. King Features Syndicate, 888 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019

7. For nail fungus: Put about an inch of cornmeal in a plastic dishpan. Pour in hot water, stir it so the cornmeal gets dissolved, and when it is cool enough not to hurt, soak your feet for an hour. Done regularly, this will get rid of the fungus.

8. For allergies: Use a neti pot to wash your sinuses with salt water. Also take stinging nettle (Urtica dioica) capsules. Stinging nettle is widely used in Germany to ease allergy symptoms. (You can get a neti pot at your local drugstore. Be sure NOT to use salt with iodine.)

The next tip is from Dr. Ali in a Woman's Day article. Check out

www.womansday.com for other health articles.

9. For bacterial nail infections (usually characterized by green discoloration): Combine one cup distilled white vinegar and three cups water, and soak the nail for five to 10 minutes daily until the infection clears up.

The next tip is from Dr. Bauer in a Woman's Day article. Check out

www.womansday.com for other health articles.

10. Upset stomach when you feel woozy or nauseaed: Try chewing on up to a gram of gingerroot (an inch-long piece) three times a day to relieve nausea. For motion sickness, take four hours before you set out. STEER CLEAR OF POWDERED GINGER, the kind you bake with, which can irritate the stomach.

The next tip came from my Dr. David Williams. You can read about him and his company at drdavidwilliams.com.

11. When dealing with an insect sting, don't remove the stinger with tweezers or your fingernails because it will inject additional venom when squeezed. Instead, scrape out the stinger and treat the wound with a neutralizing agent. Bites and stings cause pain because the venom or secretion is either highly alkaline or highly acidic. Applying a cotton pad or cloth soaked with vinegar or lemon juice will neutralize alkaline bites and stings, while baking soda will work on acidic types. When you don't know whether the bug was acidic or alkaline, you should separately experiment with small amounts of an acidic liquid (vinegar or lemon juice) and baking soda to see which eases the pain. Then apply a larger amount of the one that worked. He also recommends using Bioganic's ShooBug for an insect repellent. All of Bioganic's products consists of natural plant and tree oils that are considered safe and non-toxic to humans, pets, and the environment.

Note: I had someone tell me that mixing vinegar and baking soda together in a thin paste works well also on all types of insect bites-bees, wasps, etc. including jelly fish. Mix the vinegar and baking soda into the thin paste, rub it onto the area, let it dry and then wash it off. It may take several times to stop all the stinging and burning, but keep trying. Vinegar and baking soda won't hurt you.

-12. Are you going into the hospital for surgery? Worried about MRSA and other staph infections? You should be!!! If you want to know how to protect yourself from MRSA and other staph infections, you can order a book called MRSA Secrets Revealed by Michelle L. Moore, a Microbiologist and Alternative Health Researcher. Get on the internet and download your copy today. It costs \$37 and has a wealth of information. You can also get a hard copy of the book, but the internet is faster if you need the information in a hurry. The web site is: <u>www.Staph-Infection-Resources.com</u>.

A Tribute to Mom's



There is no Love Like a Mother's Love

(Unknown)

There is no love, like a mother's love, no stronger bond on earth... like the precious bond that comes from God, to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong, never changing for all time... and when her children need her most, a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers, God bless them every one... for all the tears and heartache, and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over, a mother's love lives on... through many generations, with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers, for they love with a higher love... from the power God has given, and the strength from up above.

If I Could Give You

(Unknown)

If I could give you diamonds for each tear you cried for me, if I could give you sapphires for each truth you've helped me see.

If I could give you rubies for the heartache that you've known, If I could give you pearls for the wisdom that you've shown.

Then you'll have a treasure, mother, that would mount up to the skies That would almost match the sparkle in your kind and loving eyes.

But I have no pearls, no diamonds, As I'm sure you're well aware So I'll give you gifts more precious My devotion, love and care.



Her Love

(Unknown)

Her love is like an island in life's ocean, vast and wide A peaceful, quiet shelter From the wind, the rain, the tide. 'Tis bound on the north by Hope, By Patience on the West, By tender Counsel on the South And on the East by Rest.

Above it like a beacon light Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer; And thro' the changing scenes of life I find a haven there.

I Miss You so Much

I miss you so much, your laugh, your smile, your touch. You always brightened my days with all the smiles you sent my way.

I need you as my angel to always be at my side. I need you as my angel to give me peace of mind.

I like to think you are near to me to know that you are there. Even though I can not see you, I feel that you are near.

Please do not forget me mom, for you are always in my heart, my thoughts and prayers. I love you.



Cajun Rally! October 16-22th

1st Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion

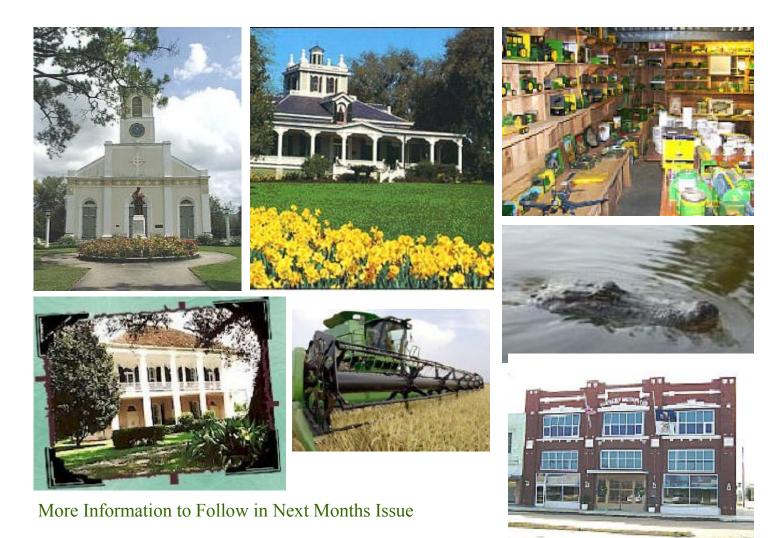
The Cajun Adventure Rally, Rayne Louisiana

A virtual playground for RV'ers, Rayne, Louisiana is in the heart of some of the south's most desired tourist destinations. With so many exciting places to visit our greatest challenge was what to include and what would be optional.

This incredible area has so many things to do like visit The Crowley Ford Motor Building and The Grand Opera House of the South. Don't miss "Evangeline," Historic Church and Plantation. We will enjoy a Swamp tour while gliding through the Atchafalaya Basin where Alligators, beautiful birds and other wildlife are often sighted. Take a short drive to New Ibera and visit America's oldest operating Rice Mill. Step back in time and browse their Country Store. Be sure to view the interesting video and museum at the Word Famous Tabas co Pepper Sauce Factory. Take a walking/driving tour of the lush tropical gardens where hundreds of snowy egrets habitat, as well as alligators, nutria and other wildlife.

Stately Southern Plantation Homes and a tour of a magnificent Castle in the heart of the south is just a couple more reasons you won't want to miss this awesome rally. It will be one for the books, our 1st Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion.

Rayne, LA is known as the Frog Capitol of the USA and it has many beautiful murals of frogs on a number of its historic downtown buildings and restaurants. We will start our rally with a mural scavenger hunt, and then join in the fun for the Frog races put on by the city of Rayne. You will thoroughly enjoy our visit to Vermilionville. Situated on the banks of the Bayou Vermilion, this Cajun/Creole heritage and folk life park recreates life in the Acadian area between 1765 and 1890. From the short film "The Evangeline", lunch at La Cuisine de Maman, Cajun music and dancing in the back barn to the optional river boat ride on the Vermilion River, your going to love our day together.



Classifieds

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 <u>mibrody@msn.com</u>



1996 Wanderlodge BMC 40' Only 27,000 miles! Cummins M11 (400HP), Allison 6 speed transmission, two stage Jacobs retarder, Prior Sale fell through- new, reduced price is \$78,500.00. Contact Bob Neary by phone at 435-668-







1983 FC35 Wanderlodge- **Rear Bath** 3208 Cat engine, Allison 4 speed trans w/ Kohler generator. Twin Beds, dinette, 2 A/C units. Blue & Cream. Awnings and all hardware in good condition. Asking \$25,000.00. Located in Jasper, GA. Call Dolores Veazey at (770) 735 3580 for more details. She does not have email.







1997 Wanderlodge PT43 WB- 87,000 miles, Series 60 DD Engine, with Allison six speed transmission, 3 stage Jacobs brake, lift able tag, Powertech 15 KW Generator with approx. 1300 hrs. Ready to hit the road at \$97,500.00, or would consider as a partial trade a PT 36' or PT 38' '86 or newer. Contact Ellis Coleman at 352-473-5002 or by email at jcoleman43@bellsouth.net







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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**.

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