



President's Report

Over the past 18 months I have often encouraged you to get the Bird out and enjoy the company of your Blue Bird friends. Life turns on a dime. That statement was never truer than when we got the news, just a short time ago, that Ronnie Lamb was diagnosed with cancer. Then came the report that Ronnie had passed away. Our hearts go out to Beth and his family, we know he will be missed dearly.

Summer is fast approaching and it's time to make sure you've made the appropriate arrangements for our Blue

Bird Rallies. For the Illinois Amish Rally be sure to contact Camp Lakewood and make your own site reservation and then fill out the Rally Registration and send it along with your check for the remainder of the Rally fees to the Blue Bird Chapter Treasurer. For the Michigan Rally, call the Hearthside Grove RV Resort and they will make all arrangements for this Rally. You will find complete Rally information on both Rallies in the this newsletter.

Concerning the 2nd Annual Blue Bird Family Reunion to be

held the last week of October in East Ridge (Chattanooga), TN, we are planning on having all the details in the July Newsletter. Be sure to set the time aside now so you won't miss attending this wonderful get together of Family and Friends.

Just as a reminder, the Blue Bird Chapter Nominating Committee is working on finding candidates for leadership positions for the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA. Should you be interested or know someone who would like to serve the club in a leadership position please contact Charlie Vaughn cwvaughn@embargmail.com

Take care and we'll see you "On The Road Again".

Dan



Your Chapter Needs You!

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BLUE BIRD CHAPTER, FMCA

Bird Tracks

Upcoming Rally Schedule

2011 Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA Rally Dates

Associated FMCA Clubs

And Dealer Rallies

May 26th - 30th, 2011 Vintage Birds & Blue Bird Chapter FMCA Great Lakes Area Spring Spree, Berrien Springs, Michigan Contact Ron Rueckwald, Caravan Leader at 269-313-2586 or RRUECKWALD@AOL.com

June 9th - June 12th 2011 Vintage Birds Rally, Denver, Colorado, hosted by Karen and Denny James

June 9th - June 12th 2011 Vintage Birds Rally at Vernon Downs contact Shane Fedeli at sfedeli3@comcast.net or 717-520-0316

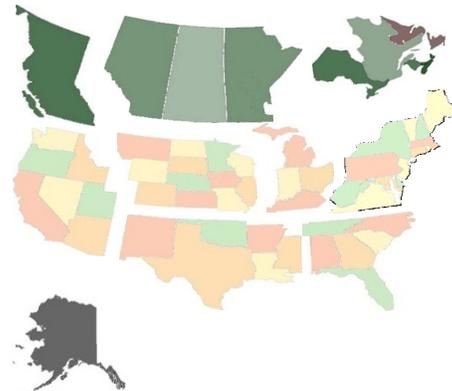
June 15th - 20th, 2011 Vintage Birds Rally at West Yellowstone, MT contact Bob Dilks 580-564-3517

August 2nd - August 6th Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, Illinois Amish Rally to be held in Arthur, Illinois. Hosted by Alvie and Elsie Miller

August 10th - August 15th Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, Blue Bird Summer Rally to be held at the upscale Hearthside Grove RV Resort in Petoskey, MI, Hosted by Jack and Ila VanDenBerg and the staff at Hearthside Grove

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

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



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

Safer Mosquito Control

There are a few different formulations you can make for your natural insect repellent. These repellents involve diluting essential oils that the insects find distasteful or which confuses them. The oils don't mix with water, so you'll need to add them to other oils or to alcohol. It's important to use an oil or alcohol that is safe for your skin. Also, don't go overboard with the essential oils. The oils are potent and could cause skin irritation or another reaction if you use too much. If you are pregnant or nursing, do not apply an insect repellent, natural or otherwise, until after you've gotten it cleared by your physician.

Natural Insect Repellent Ingredients

Different insects are repelled by different chemicals, so you'll get a more effective repellent if you combine a few different insect-repelling natural oils. If you are making large amounts of insect repellent, a good rule of thumb is to mix the repellent so it's 5-10% essential oil, so mix 1 part essential oil with 10-20 parts carrier oil or alcohol. For a smaller batch use:

10-25 drops (total) of essential oils
2 tablespoons of a carrier oil or alcohol
The essential oils that work well against biting insects (mosquitoes, flies, ticks, fleas) are:

- cinnamon oil (mosquitoes)
 - lemon eucalyptus or regular eucalyptus oil (mosquitoes, ticks, and lice)
 - citronella oil (mosquitoes and biting flies)
 - castor oil (mosquitoes)
 - orange oil (fleas)
 - rose geranium (ticks and lice)
- Safe carrier oils and alcohols include:
- olive oil
 - sunflower oil
 - any other cooking oil
 - witch hazel
 - vodka

This one was sent to Brenda Rodgers and forwarded to the Newsletter:

I can't wait to try this in the summer! I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat

whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well.. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it....Pass it on.

OUR FRIEND'S COMMENTS: I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors. It works - in fact, it killed them instantly. I bought my bottle from Target and it cost me \$1.89. It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, too; so it is not as expensive to use as the can of Bug-spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes. So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days. Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), but spray around the frame. Spray around the window frames, and even inside the dog house.





Make room in your cookbook for this recipe, received from **NEAT SCOTT**. This is (almost) instant gratification for those times when you NEED a chocolate fix, a candy fix, an easy dessert to take to friends or to hide for yourself-- Easy to make when you're traveling in the coach, too!

EASIEST FUDGE IN THE WORLD

12 oz. package of semi-sweet chocolate chips 14 oz can of sweetened condensed milk

(NOT evaporated milk!)

Put chips and milk in microwave safe bowl. Microwave on medium power for 2-3 min-



utes, stirring after 2 minutes. Microwave, stirring at 1 minute intervals, until the chips are melted and mixture is smooth and thick. Pour into a buttered 8" square pan and cool. You can also melt the chips and milk in a heavy saucepan on the stove over low heat.

NEAT says that other flavors of chips work

also--maybe butterscotch?

This recipe was a hit when I served it the other night. Joe even said I should make it again soon. It couldn't be easier.

CHILI CARROTS

4 medium carrots, peeled and bias-sliced in 1 inch pieces

1 T. olive oil

1 T honey

¼ -1 tsp chili powder

Cook the carrots in boiling water about 8 minutes until tender-crisp and drain. In the same saucepan, combine oil, honey, and chili powder; cook and stir 1 minute. Add carrots and cook 2 more minutes or until carrots are glazed. Season with salt and pepper. Makes 4 servings.

NOTE: I used ¼ tsp. chili powder and really liked the blend of flavors. I will also make more next time, because we ate the whole pan of "4 servings"!

It can be really annoying to want to cook something and find you're out, of an ingredient. Here's a useful substitute .

BALSAMIC VINEGAR SUBSTITUTE

1 Tablespoon cider or red wine vinegar , plus ½ tsp. sugar for 1 Tablespoon Balsamic Vinegar

Any recipe that starts with "dip into melted butter" has to be a good one, at least to us Southerners!

ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE YOUR CHICKEN STRIPS

Dip skinless chicken strips in melted butter, then into

a mixture of equal parts bread crumbs and quick-cooking oats, with salt and pepper added. Put on a baking sheet , bake 15 minutes at 425 degrees or until cooked through.



To go with this, a salad of baby spinach with this easy dressing might make a meal.

SIMPLE SPINACH SALAD

Whisk together in a large bowl: 1 T. lemon juice

1 T olive oil

1-2 tsp. honey

Add 4 Cups baby spinach, tossing to coat.

Season with salt and pepper, Makes 4 servings

Please send YOUR recipes for favorite dishes so that we can all share in the goodness. What is an "old standard" to you may be just the thing to add a little novelty to others.

For those of you who save the newsletters, or who might have saved recipes. I do have an index that I've prepared for my use. If anyone wants this index, please let me know, and I can send it to you by e-mail, or we can add it to an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

We need **YOUR** recipes--favorites, comfort foods, new finds, and those you make at home for an easy meal, or those where you go all out! Please send your contributions to:

Cooking@BluebirdChapter.org

Michigan Rally!!!

JOIN US AT HEARTHSIDE GROVE FOR THE BLUE BIRD SUMMER RALLY 2011

Blue Bird Rally

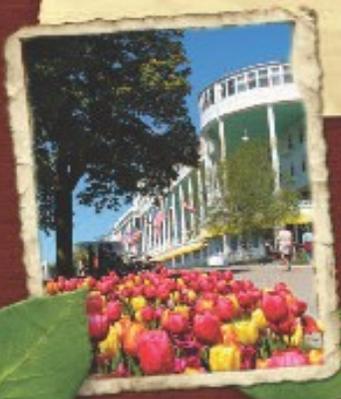
AUGUST 10 - 15, 2011

Blue Bird and Hearthsides Grove invite you to come see what all the buzz is about Northern Michigan through a series of beautiful and entertaining events you don't want to miss. You will long remember this as one of the high points of the season!

Your rally fee includes:

- Five nights on Premier Hearthsides lot
- Two cocktail parties with live entertainment
- Full and continental breakfasts
- Dinner theater with the dynamic Young Americans
- Group transportation and stylish welcome gifts
- **OPTIONAL** - A Day on Mackinac Island!
Includes ferry trip and lunch at the historic Grand Hotel. Advanced reservations required. Add \$69 per person.

Nestled in Northwest Michigan, Hearthsides Grove offers luxurious outdoor living in one of the nation's premier resort destinations. Our million-dollar sunsets over Lake Michigan, the boutique shopping in quaint downtowns, and championship golf, as well as the fine dining and rich scenery together with a full array of cultural events come together to promise memorable experiences season after season. Come join us!



Reservations can be made by calling the
Hearthsides Grove Welcome Center at
231-347-0905 or by email at
reservations@hearthsidesgrove.com

Reserve Today!
\$499
per coach

Deposit of 1/2 of rally fee due upon reservation. 2nd half payable 7/1/11. Non-refundable after 7/1/11.

BLUE BIRD TENTATIVE RALLY ITINERARY

Wednesday, August 10 to Monday, August 15, 2011



Blue Bird and Hearthsides Grove have put together an amazing rally to spend quality time with friends enjoying some of the best activities in the area. These just scratch the surface of the local offerings and you are encouraged to come before and stay after the official dates to enjoy what is likely to be a destination that is the highlight of your travels in 2011.

Attendees are welcome to stay up to an additional 7 days before and after the rally for
JUST \$49.95 PER NIGHT, nearly 1/2 off the regular rate.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011

6 to 8 p.m.

Join us in the North Clubhouse for our Welcome Party Cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and activities sign-up sheets

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2011

8 a.m.

Poolside Breakfast at Hearthsides Grove

9:30 a.m. to Noon

Seminars and gatherings

Noon to 6 p.m.

Enjoy the resort pool, time with friends both old and new or get out and see the area.

Optional sign up- round of golf, motorcycle ride or guided bicycle tour on a paved lakeside trail.

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

<http://www.trailsCouncil.org/trail/11616-eraverse-whatway>

6 p.m.

Caravan to Boyne Highlands for the fabulous entertainment of the Young Americans at the Boyne Highlands Dinner Theater

http://www.boyne.com/Summer/Young_Americans.html

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011

Enjoy a break after the high energy performance from Saturday night. Explore some of our unique neighboring towns.

7:30 p.m.

Reconvene for a fun evening hosted by vendor partners. Cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011

8 a.m.

Breakfast in the Hearthsides Room inside the North Clubhouse at Hearthsides Grove. Enjoy rest of day exploring the area on your own.

9:30 a.m. Optional Day on Mackinac Island Add \$69/person.

Caravan to Shepler's Island Ferry, Mackinaw City

10:30 a.m.

Ferry departs for Mackinac Island, with scenic cruise near the mighty Mackinac Bridge, longest suspension bridge in the western hemisphere! Once you arrive at the Island... Sight-seeing, shopping, strolling main street

12 to 2 p.m.

Grand Hotel Luncheon Buffet

Your ferry and lunch tickets were provided in your welcome materials so that you may arrive for lunch at your leisure (providing it is between 12 and 2 p.m.)

Post lunch - Enjoy the rest of the day exploring some of the unique facets of the island and return at your leisure by ferry (latest ferry departs island at 9 p.m.!) for drive back to Hearthsides Grove. Dinner on your own. A list of local favorites and sign up sheet will be provided for attendees who wish to group together.

<http://www.grandhotel.com>

<http://www.sheplersferry.com>

<http://www.mackinacisland.org>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011

Optional: Self guided caravan scenic trip in small groups to our local wine country, Lavander Hills Farm, Pointer Boat Cruises... see sign-up sheets at the Clubhouse at the Welcome Party.

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

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

6:30 p.m.

Casino shuttle departs promptly from North Clubhouse for dinner and gaming at Odawa casino. Rally attendees enjoy the facility throughout the evening and can use the return shuttle at regular intervals to return to Hearthsides Grove.

<http://www.odawacasino.com>

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011

8 a.m.

Coffee kiss and go, continental style (donuts, coffee) The official rally ends at Hearthsides Grove after five magical days of northern Michigan fun, but you can continue to enjoy the endless activities the area has to offer by extending your stay.

* Events and schedule subject to change.

Hearthsides Grove is a condominium Class A motorcoach resort. The by-laws allow for coaches 10 years or newer and others by approval. If your coach is 11 years old or older simply email an exterior photo of your coach to craig.rose@hearthsidesgrove.com. Once your coach is approved Craig will email you an approval.

Reservations can be made by calling the Hearthsides Grove Welcome Center at 231-347-0905 or by email at reservations@hearthsidesgrove.com

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YOUR LUXURY MOTORCOACH RESORT

Technical Tips and Tricks: by Ralph Fullenwider



May; what a wonderful time of the year. Green up time is well into the swing, gentle breezes pass along the wonderful aromas of spring freshness and wanderlust begins to stir ever so deeply in the loins of all travelers. To see the bees start the pollen dance, birds looking for mates and the robins hunting in the grass for the errant worm.

In a walk around the Coach, taking in the sights of what winter has left, one might notice around the lug nuts or hubs, black spider web runs of greasy oils. And on closer inspection there is a slight oily film on the inside of the tires, the drive axle



most of all. Now what? you ask yourself, we all do or have done that.

This spider web of tell tale oil on the shiny surface of the rim, usually means the oil seal needs replacing. This is an area that the oil actually comes from the rear end housing and is the oil the drive gears are lubricated by. This needs to be placed in the category of "must" take care of sooner rather than later.

So the Coach is jacked up at the shop and inside and outside dual drive tires removed, and of course a couple of stud

break off, which is more normal than many think. The spring break is released to remove the brake drum but the whole unit is so much play when pulled and pushed that



further inspection is mandatory. The inner circle of retaining nuts are removed from the housing and the drive axle is pulled out and set aside. Now the drum and center bearing housing is removed as one, by removing the main retaining nut holding it all to the rear end housing, but something is missing, then separated, once on the shop floor. The bearings are removed and numbers written down. Parts are found to be on the shelf at a local heavy truck parts house. Inner and outer bearings and the inner and outer

race's they ride upon. A new oil seal is a must replace item as well, and those 2 broken studs? Now that the housing is off the Coach it is the time to replace all 10 of the studs. It is easier to press the old studs out and press them back in at this point. Still something missing is nagging at the back of the mind. Clean up of existing parts and inspection of the rest, before



rebuilding the housing is done and all is in order. So the new parts now start going back in, and the rebuilt hub is placed back on the rear end housing "T" the bearings in place and retainer nut started to hold the unit together.

Wait a minute, there is a washer missing and it was not there when the nut was removed, in fact the nut had backed off and THAT was the WHY of the seal leaking in the first place. Interesting, because of another time and a single \$2.00 locking tab washer was left off, we had ruined bearings, a ruined seal, and because the 90 weight gear oil had been leaking at the seal, the rear end gears were put at risk. And just think, It was the initial preventative maintenance walk around inspection that caught this problem before it really became a total loss.

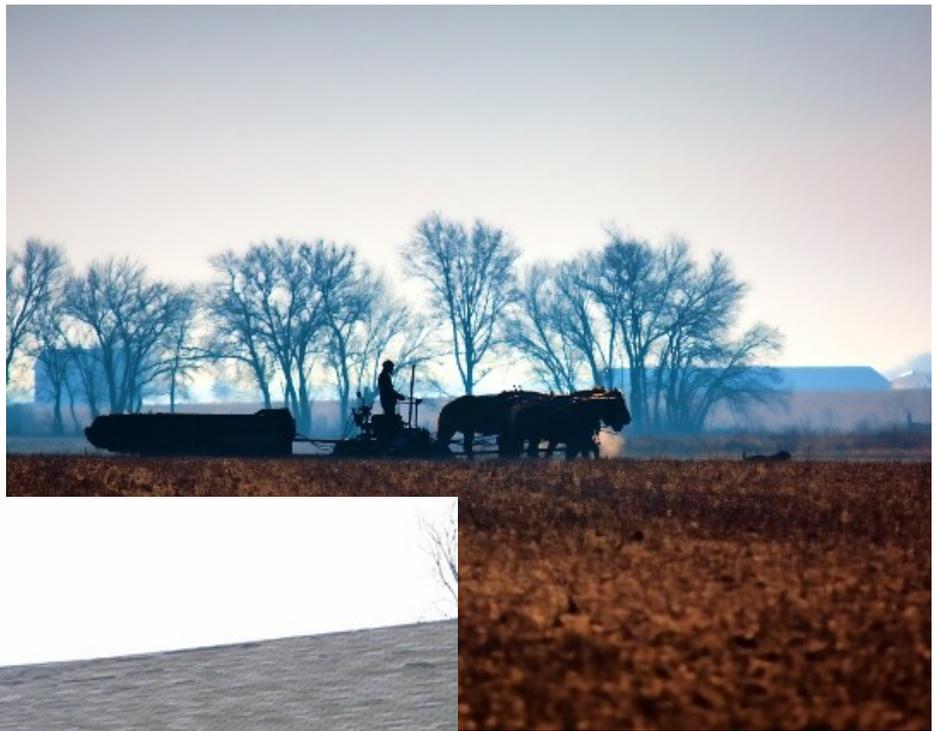


Safe travels,

Ralph and Charolette Fullenwider
"84FC35 "Ruff Diamond"
Duncan, Oklahoma
TechTips@BlueBirdChapter.org

Central Illinois Amish Rally: by Dan Jensen

Nestled in the lush country side of central Illinois is the quaint Village of Arthur, originally built as a switch track for the new railroad between Paris and Decatur, Illinois. In 1864, three Amish men came from Pennsylvania and Maryland in search of new and better farm ground. They discovered the area that was to become Arthur and returned to their respective homes. In 1865, they returned with family and friends. There are several Amish Centennial Farms in the area. (Farms that have remained in the same family for 100 years or more.) From these few settlers, the Amish settlement grew to its present size of approximately 4,000 members.



In the past few years, the Amish supplemented their farm income with small shops called “cottage industries” where they make fine oak furniture, cabinets, harnesses, buggies, and various other commercial items. These, plus their delicious baked items have attracted a great number of tourists year round. It is estimated there are more than 150 cottage businesses in and around Arthur.

Come and join us as we tour this magical part of Illinois. Take in the beauty of this wonderful Amish community where life is

a little slower and time seems to stand still. We will be greeted by our hosts, Alvie and Elsie Miller, and upon our arrival will be treated to an authentic Amish Church meal.

Alvie will provide a personal tour of the CHI Overhead Door Company where over 500,000 garage doors are built each year. Tour the local Amish area via a horse drawn trolley, enjoy a family style dinner in an Amish home and then glide down the road in an Amish buggy.

Whether it’s the special bluegrass/gospel music, wandering through the Rockome Gar-

dens, shopping at any of the Amish cottage industries or just enjoying the fellowship of your fellow Blue Birders this will be a great rally.

Here is all you need to do: Step 1, Call the friendly staff at Camp Lakewood in Effington Illinois (Phone # 217-342-6233 or 1-800-961-1198) and make your own RV site reservation at the rally rate of \$24.00 per night. Step 2, Fill out the registration form in this newsletter, include your check for the rally fee of \$ 176.00 for a coach with 2 people, \$ 88.00 for a coach with 1 person and \$ 88.00 for each additional person, made out to the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, LLC and mail it to the address located on the registration form.

Remember that both the RV site reservation and the Rally registration deadline is July 1st, 2011. Also, because of the high volume of tourism this time of year we were able to set aside only 20 sites so don’t delay. See you in Illinois.

Please Use the Rally Sign Up Form Located on Page 12 of This Issue.

Removing Water Spots : Submitted by Rich Ducci



Removing water spots from side windows of your coach can be a chore that no one wants to tackle. After trying many commercial cleaner, glass polish and chemicals such as CLR (Calcium, Lime, Rust) with very limited results I spoke with Slim Somerville who suggested using 0000 steel wool. He advised that it was a fairly slow process but worked well, removing 100% of the water spots. I tried the steel wool and was pleased with the



results but not with the amount of time it was taking. Next I tried “X-Treme Clean” window cleaner by Rain-X as a lubricant. It worked much better but dried out too quickly. Wetting the 0000 steel wool by dipping in a bowl of water eliminated that problem. Wow! What a difference. This combination cut the time by 75%. A large double sliding side window can be leisurely restored to brand new condition in about 20 minutes or less for both pieces. I suspect that any

polish can be substituted for the “X-Treme Clean” glass polish. A word of caution, DO NOT use just any steel wool, be sure it is the fine grade 0000 or you could damage the glass.

To prevent the return of dreaded water spots treat the clean glass with Rain-X Glass Protectant. It contains surface reactive silicones and other polymers that bond to the glass to provide a durable level of protection and water repellency.



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Classifieds@BlueBirdChapter.org

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)

Driving Tips: Submitted by Neat Scott



was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence!

When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened he told her something that every driver should know - NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON. She thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on when your car begins to hydro-plane and your tires lose contact with the pavement, Your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

The patrolman said this warning should be listed, on the driver's seat sun-visor - NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE

1. "Good Vision During A Down Pour"

How to achieve good vision while driving during a heavy downpour.

We are not sure why it is so effective; just try this method when it rains heavily. This method was told by a Police friend who had experienced and confirmed it. It is useful....even driving at night.

Most of the motorists would turn on HIGH or FASTEST SPEED of the wipers during heavy downpour, yet the visibility in front of the windshield is still bad.....

In the event you face such a situation, just try your SUN GLASSES (any model will do), and miracle! All of a sudden, your visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain.

Make sure you always have a pair of SUN GLASSES in your car, as you are not only helping yourself to drive safely with good vision, but also might save your friend's life by giving him this idea..

Try it yourself and share it with your friends! Amazing, you still see the drops on the windshield, but not the sheet of rain falling.

You can see where the rain bounces off the road. It works to eliminate the "blindness" from passing semi's spraying you too.

Or the "kickup" if you are following a semi or car in the rain. They ought to teach that little tip in driver's training. It really does work.



PAVE-
MENT IS
WET OR
ICY, along
with the
airbag
warning.
We tell our
teenagers
to set the
cruise control
and drive a
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- but we
don't tell
them to
use the
cruise control
only

when the pavement is dry.

2. "The Use of Cruise Control During A Down Pour"

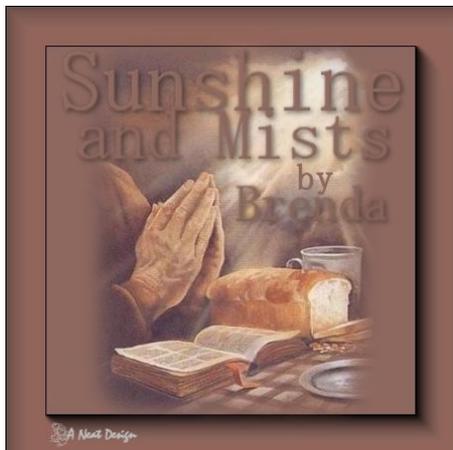
This warning is a good one! I wonder how many people know about this~

A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car. A resident of Kilgore, Texas she was traveling between Gladewater & Kilgore. It

The only person the accident victim found, who knew this (besides the patrolman), was a man who had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

NOTE: Some vehicles (like the Toyota Sienna Limited XLE) will not allow you to set the cruise control when the windshield wipers are on. If you send this to 15 people and only one of them doesn't know about this, then it was all worth it.. You might have saved a life.

Sunshine & Mists: by Brenda Rodgers



Ronnie Lamb:

It is with a saddened heart that I report the death of our dear friend, Ronnie Lamb, at the young age of 55. He was only sick two weeks and two days.

Many of you were well acquainted with Ronnie when you visited the factory, attended rallies and many RV Shows. He always represented Blue Bird well. He had a very keen understanding of the Blue Bird products, and always shared that knowledge where needed.

He was such a delight! He nearly always wore a smile.

His wide range of friends was so evident the night of the visitation with his family at the funeral home. People from all walks of life were present to offer their condolences. The line of visitors continued for over two hours. Many, many people attended his funeral service. His family was overwhelmed with the many expressions of sympathy from so many of you.

Personally I have lost one of the best friends I have ever had. I am thankful for the relationship we enjoyed over the years. We traveled frequently together for approximately 18 years. We made many friends among you owners and made many fond memories.

Please continue to remember his wife, Beth, his sons, Andy and Brian, and his entire family in your prayers.

Jeanetta (Neat) Scott is improving daily from her recent fall and would appreciate your continued prayers as she continues the road to recovery.

We send our love and get well wishes to Christine Giffen as she undergoes her chemo treatments.

Some of you have recently asked about Mr. Albert L. (Buddy) Luce, Jr. former owner of the Blue Bird Corporation. Mr. Luce is doing well following a recent heart stint. He will celebrate his 89th birthday in July.

Please let us know of any sickness or bereavement that we can share in the newsletter.

May God bless each of you with safe travels as you enjoy your motorhome.

Sunshine@BlueBirdChapter.org

Ronnie Lamb, 55, entered into rest on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

Mr. Lamb was born on December 23, 1955, in Perry. For the past two years, he worked for the City of Warner Robins as a Utility Inspector. He was previously retired from Blue Bird, Wanderlodge Division, in marketing and sales after thirty-four years of employment. An avid Georgia Football Fan, he also was a fan of the Atlanta Braves and Falcons. He enjoyed playing golf, racquetball and fishing. His parents, Burrell William Lamb and Doris Inez Taylor Lamb; and brother, Willie Vester Lamb,

preceded him in death.

His memory will forever be treasured by his beloved wife of thirty years, Faith "Beth" Corzine Lamb; sons, Andy Lamb (Jennifer) and Bryan Lamb (Megan), all of Warner Robins; siblings, Donnie Lamb, Atlanta, Marylyn Martin, Jones County, Joyce Winters, Macon County, Raymond Lamb, Elko, and Wilson Lamb; mother and father-in-law, Bob and Marge Corzine, Warner Robins; brothers-in-law, Tim Corzine (Michelle) and Jeff Corzine (Kristy); one great nephew; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, April 22, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at McCullough Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2011, in the chapel of McCullough Funeral Home, D.C.O. Jerry Bisping officiating. Interment will follow in Magnolia Park Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society for Pancreatic Research, 2141 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 7000, El Segundo CA 90245 or American Cancer Society, Houston County, P.O. Box 1544, Warner Robins GA 31099-154



Ronnie Lamb

12-23-1955 — 4-19-2011

Photo of the Month: Submitted by Dennie James



Friends, Steve and Jeannie Benson sent this picture of their Bird at Lake Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Dennie who thought it it would make a nice "Picture of the Month". We agree! Send your favorite Blue Bird photo to Newsletter@BlueBirdChapter.org

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

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

Date: _____ Rally Name/Event You are Registering For _____

Last Name: _____ First Names: _____

Address: _____ City/ State/ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____

Make of Coach: _____ Length: _____ Model _____

Blue Bird Club # _____ FMCA # _____ First time: _____ Handicap? _____

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

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

OR: Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ CCV # _____

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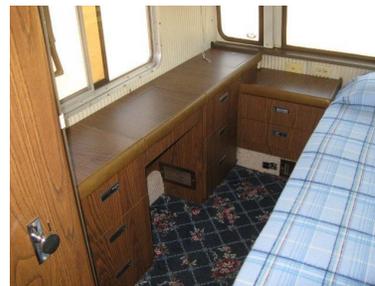
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Classifieds: Submitted by Shane Fedeli

1986 Wanderlodge PT36 Only 69,208 miles!! New Allison Transmission, 12.5 kw Yanmar/Kohler Diesel Generator, Chassis air, leveling jacks, wired for towing (sale includes tow bar). This Canadian Coach is immaculate and has been housed always in its own garage away from weather. East of Toronto, Ontario. Call 613-475-2974. Asking \$62,500



1978 Wanderlodge FC33 8 KW Diesel Genset, 3000 watt Inverter, Generator exhaust stack on roof. Two Lifeline 4D house batteries, Two NAPA Type 31 starting batteries, Headlight relay installed, Two new air conditioners, New microwave, New porcelain toilet, Two Fantastic fans with rain sensors, Steer Safe, 4.63 differential, Sureflo 5.7 water pump, GPS and Cellular antenna on roof. Located in Deerwood, Minnesota. Full description and 50 pictures available. Contact Mike Kneeland at bydmkx@brainerd.net or by phone at 218-820-6922. Asking \$15,000.



1978 Wanderlodge FC35 Rear Door This coach has been gone throughout starting with a new Imron Paint Job, new upholstery, new carpet, new tires, new generator. Everything works in this coach and it is a solid as a rock..Asking \$25,000. Has new brakes, new batteries, new tires, new fantastic fans and a/c throughout the coach. 149,000 original mi. and coach has new hoses. Contact Jon Lechich at jipjob@yahoo.com



1983 Wanderlodge FC35 Side Bath 275k miles on the odometer. Cat 3208 turbo-charged runs great. Invoices in the bus indicate that this motor was overhauled approximately 70k miles ago. The Allison 4 speed w/ Driveline Retarder, swing-out radiator and the bus drives down the road like it should. Asking \$10,500. Contact Dan Cronin at DCronin170@aol.com



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.. 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



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 .

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.



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

Classifieds (Continued)

1984/85 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



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



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



Classifieds (Continued)

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



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



1982 FC35SB Bluebird Wanderlodge 3208NA Caterpillar Diesel engine, 5 speed Allison automatic transmission, new starter-2008, new alternator -2008, 4 new batteries installed April 2010, new air cans on front and back brakes - 2008. The interior was redone at the factory in the 1990's and is in excellent condition. Coach is located in Kathleen, Georgia, shown by appointment only. A photo DVD is available with more pictures and info. Asking \$30,000 OBO. Contact Sandy White at lostgold@yahoo.com with additional questions.



Classifieds (Continued)

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 \$45,000.** Contact Page Britt at KE4WKL@gmail.com or by phone at 850-528-6862



1986 Wanderlodge PT40- Detroit Diesel 8V92, 475HP, Allison Transmission. Coach is in Great Shape- it's been garage keep most of its life! 107,000 miles, 12.5KW Diesel Generator, 2964 Engine Hours, 3 roof Airs, 4 Heaters, Priced at \$48,995. Call Rick Vossen at 850-527-4765.



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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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