

We are Family!



September
2010

Remember The
Family Reunion in October..

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Blue Bird Track

President's Report

As President I often hear of various things going on with members before most. Sometimes it's happy news like the birth of a grandchild or a special wedding anniversary, but all too often I hear about the latest diagnosis. I get that call informing me about the difficult trial which so many in our club seem to be facing. And believe me, I count it an honor to be able to talk with each of you about your ordeal and be able to pass on our thoughts and prayers personally and on behalf of the Club.

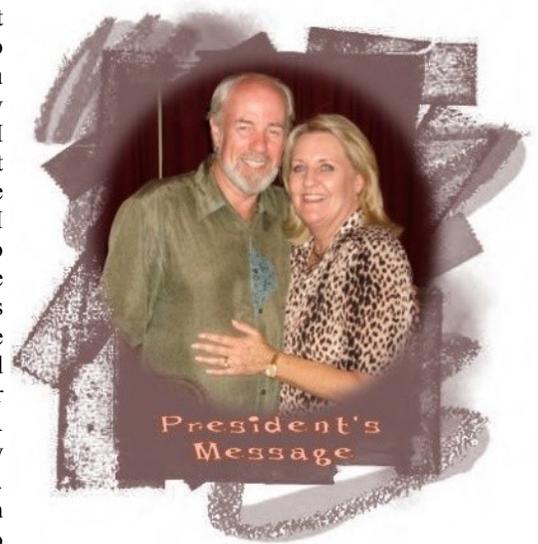
Last month we received the news about the passing of our dear friend Sharon Galea. Arthur and Sharon are two of the nicest people you could ever meet. Sharon was always the life of the party, always gathering people together for lunch or dinner. For years you could find the two of them playing cards around the table at the Bird's Nest. And when it came to rally attendance, Arthur and Sharon very seldom missed joining with friends at one of the Club's rallies. There's a Scripture that says a man shall leave his mother and father and cleave to his wife and the two shall become one. I am not sure I have ever seen a couple who truly were examples of that scripture more than Arthur and Sharon. Their love and devotion to one another was

apparent from the moment you meet them.

No one will miss Sharon more than Arthur and her family but I will say that for Bobbie and I there is a big hole in our hearts; one that could only be filled by a sweet little lady by the name of Sharon. I imagine that many of you feel the same way.

I can't begin to tell you how thankful I am that Bobbie and I chose to become members of the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA so many years ago. From coast to coast and border to border we have friends like Arthur and Sharon that without this Club we would never have had the privilege to meet. Our life is filled with the many memories of good times we've shared at rallies. We are so much richer because of the laughter, joy and even tears shed, as we shared our lives. You, the membership, are our friends and truly a treasure!

Last year at the Sevierville Rally, Arthur and Sharon showed up in their 450 LXI after making the long trip to Alaska and back. Their life was always an adventure, nothing seemed to hold them back from enjoying family, friends and mostly each other! Next month we will be having our very first Blue Bird Family Reunion. For



some it may be the last rally you will be able to attend; for others it will be your first rally with us. Whichever it is, don't let anything hold you back, you are a member of the family, so come and join the adventure.

Until Bobbie and I see you in Rayne, drive safely and remember; it's all about making memories with good friends.

Dan

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Upcoming Rally Schedule

2010 Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA Rally Dates

Associated FMCA Clubs
And Dealer Rallies

October 7th - 10th 2010 Vintage Bird, Hershey, PA Rally

October 13th - 17th Wild Bunch "Autumn in Charlottesville" VA

October 16th - October 22nd Family of Friends "1st Annual Blue Bird Family Reunion" The Cajun Coast Adventure, Rayne, LA



Hosted by Roy Zanca, Chuck Arnold and Walter Richard

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

October 25th - October 29st 2010 Vintage Bird, New Orleans "Who Dat" Rally

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

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. 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 campground, 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 didn't know were there. Start planning now!

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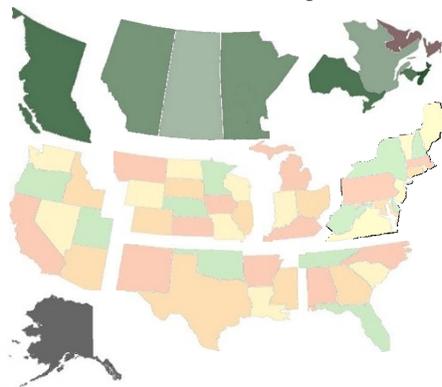
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Have a friend who owns another brand of motorhome? Or one who wants to buy a Wanderlodge or BMC? Did you know that they can attend Blue Bird Chapter rallies as your guest? Contact the rally host for the rally you would like to invite them to and they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



A Picture I Can't Forget: by Neat Scott, Jenise Harper, Kay L.

Most of us take a good many pictures over the years. Many are stashed away in various places. Not all make it into scrap books or albums, some end up filed in various ways according to the method each of us has adopted in our own homes. We have a large assortment of methods around our place. Albums on the computer have made it a whole lot easier when it comes to filing them nowadays. Some shots stick in our minds. It may stick in your mind because of a memory of a special day, time or place. Some because there is just no way they could be duplicated as hard as we might try.



The picture above was taken on Mount Evans. Mt. Evans summit is one of the few Colorado "fourteener" summits accessible by vehicle. Notwithstanding, there are several access routes available to hikers and climbers on Mt. Evans. Mt. Evans is located in Colorado's Front Range. One day Jon and I decided to visit the park; we packed a picnic basket and took off for one of our day adventures into the Colorado high country. Day adventures are a favorite pastime of ours. We've been to this area several times over the years and we never tire of the changing seasons and the beauty of the landscapes. It is a rugged country and of course is up above timberline. We were fortunate to have come across a few of the mountain goats who live in the area. We stopped our van as we wanted to get a picture. The photo was taken by Jon as the unusual creature came over to our van, sticking his head in to have a look at the unusual creatures who had stopped on his path. Yes, we were the ones intruding on him and his family that day. The mountain belongs to him, it is his home, he is free to do as he pleases there. We who travel into other's home areas need to keep that in mind. Be the strange creatures wild animals or just other humans who we share this earth with. Their

ways may not be ours, but if we are to co-exist with others, it would seem to be a good idea for us to try to understand them and why each reacts and respond the way they do to us. We have not lived their lives nor experienced events they have. All of which make us and them, the unique individuals we are.

Neat

Here are a couple of pictures that two of our members have sent to share:



Our friend Kay Losh. sent her special picture of sunflowers. Absolutely beautiful!

Our friends the Harpers who are traveling the Northwest just now shared this beautiful scene of the ocean and other photos. Her comments below:



When Jim and I were researching RV parks on the Olympic Peninsula last Spring, one resort I contacted was the Elwha Dam RV Park near Pt. Angeles, WA. They identify themselves as "the best darn park by a dam site"! In response to my inquiry, the owner, Bobbi, sent me a copy of a clipping from 2009, when a Blue Bird occupied Site 38. The clipping showed a photo of the motorcoach parked near a pretty pond. She said she could make the same site available to us. Intrigued, we signed on for a month --

and a delightful month it was. The park allowed easy access to Pt. Angeles,



Sequim and Pt. Townsend (all to the east), as well as Neah Bay, Crescent Lake, Joyce, Forks and LaPush to the west. We explored daily ... hiking to picturesque waterfalls and trekking out to lighthouse views,



where nothing separated us from Asia except Tatoosh Island! It was a great month -- both when we were in the RV park, and during our sightseeing sojourns.

Jenise Harper (2001 Bluebird Wander-Lodge LXi)

Editors Note:

If you have a picture that you particularly like we would appreciate if you shared it with your Family of Friends. Just send it, along with a bit of information as to when it was taken, the location and details including the place or event. Your photos will be published here and will be entered into "Best Wanderlodge Travel Photo Contest". Winners will be announced in a future issue and prizes will be awarded.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO](#)

Cooking is for the Birds: by Kay Green Losh

Cooking's For the Birds!



Although it's still hot for many of us as you read this September issue, it will soon be Fall. That may mean watching children and grandchildren go back to school. We have three grandchildren going back to college campuses, and a great-grandson starting his first year in grade school football! It also means Fall travel plans! This is a great time of the year for getting out in the coach and seeing some wonderful scenery, some great friends, and enjoying the (relatively) cooler weather.



This **COWBOY CAVIAR** can be a tasty dip or a vegetable salad. Serve this with Scoops so that you can get a good mouthful! Thanks to my daughter-in-law **Nancy** for the recipe and for bringing it to our house!

- 1 can black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
- 1 can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can shoe-peg corn, rinsed and drained
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes, mild or hot, as you prefer

- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- 4-5 green onions, sliced
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 green pepper, diced
- ½ cup Robusta or Zesty Italian dressing. Add garlic powder, salt and pepper to taste.

Mix all ingredients and chill.

While we still have some good garden produce, check out this quick, easy, tasty way of using some of the yellow squash from the garden. The small ones work best, as they don't cook up so much.

YELLOW SQUASH WITH CHEESE

Slice several small yellow squash, put into a pan with a small amount of water. Cook quickly and don't let them get too soft. Drain, return to the pan. Add your favorite shredded cheese (I like the mixed cheese packages). Set the lid on the pan for a couple of minutes, allowing the cheese to

melt, serve.

Simple, but I've had people ask for the recipe!

Yvonne dePugh gives us this recipe for a soup that can be served either hot or cold, which fits the changing weather of Fall. And I love homemade soup any time of the year! The pears are a surprise ingredient and a wonderful flavor addition.

RED PEPPER SOUP

Heat in a large saucepan: 1 T olive oil, 4 T butter

Add: 7 red bell peppers,

- seeded and chopped
- 1 sliced carrot
- 3 sliced shallots
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 ripe pears, peeled and sliced



Saute over medium heat for 10 minutes.

- Add: 4 cans chicken broth
- 1 T sugar
- Salt and pepper.

Bring to a boil and simmer 30 minutes. Let cool. Puree in food processor or blender, serve hot or cold. Garnish with sour cream.

This recipe actually came from my grandson, the bull rider! Of course, he learned it from his girlfriend!

FRUIT DIP

Blend together with a mixer: 1 8 oz. package cream cheese, a 7 oz. jar of marshmallow cream, and 1 individual size yogurt (your favorite flavor) Set out with fresh fruit slices--pineapple, apple, pear slices, etc. for dipping. You can add cubes of pound or angel food cake to the tray, if you like.

I wish you good traveling, and feasts to share with friends. Please send in your favorite recipes and menus for sharing with all your Family of Friends. E-mail to:

Cooking@BlueBirdChapter.org

Sunshine & Mists: by Brenda Rodgers



served as CEO of G's Pizzerias. She was a great advocate of "Right to Life" and "Food for the Poor". She inspired all those that knew her. She and Arthur were married 63 years. They have six children, 25 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. They have enjoyed their travels for many years in their Wanderlodge and attended many of the rallies.



Sharon Lee Galea, 79, of West Branch, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010

We are pleased to learn that Ellen Marks continues to improve daily and that she received a very good report on her recent doctor's visit.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Arthur Galea and family in the loss of his wife, Sharon, on August 11, 2010. Arthur and Sharon resided in West Branch, Michigan. Sharon was a very successful business woman in several ventures from antiques to imports to pizzerias. Most recently she

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mike Anthony, 56, of Fort Valley, Georgia on August 7. Mike is the son of Muriel Barrs and worked in the family business, Muriel's Upholstery. Many of you have enjoyed your association over the years with Muriel, Mike and Danny when you visited the Blue Bird factory. Should you wish to send a card their address is: Muriel's Upholstery, 405 Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Valley GA 31010.

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

Click to email:

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Blue Bird News



Parliament Coach recently announced that Mike Martinkus has joined their sales team. Mike has been well known to many Blue Bird Chapter members for many years due to his long association with Blue Bird coaches. Now specializing in Prevost and Blue Bird, Mike at Parliament, brings with him thirty five years of experience in the high end RV sales industry. He also has a vast knowledge of Blue Bird's product and history.

Steve Mitchell stated, "In an effort to continue to offer our customers the best in customer support, Mike brings to the table the level of expertise that our customers have come to appreciate."

I know that many of our members will be anxious to renew contact with Mike, please feel free to contact him at 888 571-5755 or Michaelm@parliamentcoach.com

Please Note... Chapter Address Change

The Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA has **CLOSED** 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

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Technical Tips and Tricks: by Ralph Fullenwider

Ralph's Tech Tips..



Whew! What a summer thus far! I was out working on our Coach the other day and some individual came up and asked how hot it was. I replied it was 107F without the heat index. He thanked me for the info, turned and started to depart and I caught a quick glance at a shimmer, much like a mirage in the desert, and I could have sworn the color of the person turned red, and had a tail and was carrying a pitch fork like tool. Then came a barely audible *sigh* followed by, "I am going back to Hades, cause it is too hot here!" <grin>

And with that sort of heat, of course, ice machines become a real Pal helping to cool down drinks, foot type wading pools and such. So let's help that appliance out a little, so it will continue to deliver those delectable tidbits of heaven.

On the stand alone units, turn off the power switch and remove the single screw holding the front grill in place, and set the grill aside. Take your vacuum cleaner and vacuum the front of the condenser coil (gently) located on the left side and up front. Replace the grill and screw and viola! You're done with the preventative maintenance.



Also, the Air Conditioners have been doing a stand up job in this heat, perhaps because of cleaning the filters this past spring up time. It may be well served to wash those return air filters again, even if the Coach has not traveled but down the road to roast a marshmallow over a weekend stay. The furry people will certainly like that for sure, since it is mostly their fur that is trapped by the in rush of air.

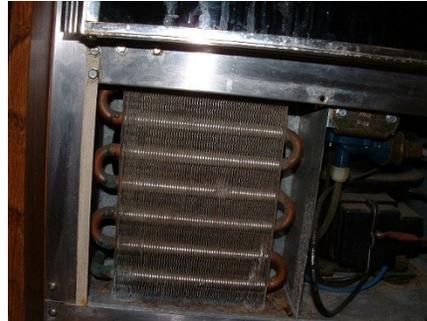
Just a reminder note, "Have you checked the primary and secondary fuel filters lately?" And let's not forget the filter on the gen sets; after all they tend to run for long lengths of time keeping power to those items that keep us cool.

While we are on this subject, how about "shhhh guys" "TOOL RUN!!" <grin, and here is the perfect excuse to give to our Significant Other's>

I know everyone has seen this problem with the condenser coils on roof top A/C units. Hail storms, backed into tree branches and even the "oops" when a knee gets too close from time to time.

Remember when we had enough hair to use a brush on? OH! You still have that much hair huh? Well I would take my hat off to you for that but I don't want to blind any one!! Heh, heh, heh. Well, those coils can get the same treatment and "combed" out to allow air to pass through those

plugged up fins, like when they were new. I use a little tool called, strangely enough, Fin_Tool Model T-100, and it has several choices of the size of comb teeth to fit almost any application. Nope, I have no vested interest in the Company that makes it, I am just reporting on what works.



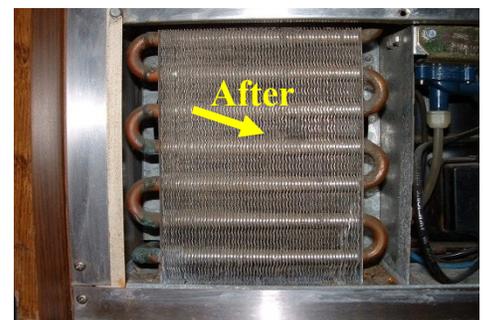
While the photos show a before and after shot of the ice maker condenser, there is NO difference in the appli-

cation to the roof A/C's. Just remember you need to pick the tooth comb with the closest number of teeth as the number of fins in the condenser coil per 1 inch. Usually the 13 tooth comb fits most applications. Slide the comb onto the handle then gently work the teeth between the fins above or below the bent fins. Slowly work the tool up/down giving the handle a wiggle from time to time to open the fins; this is a first pass step. Now that the fins are open, place the comb back into the coil fins as before and slide the comb down again to get that fresh factory look. No different than brushing your hair! <grin> *Remember* the fins are made of aluminum and it does not take much to destroy them so take your time.

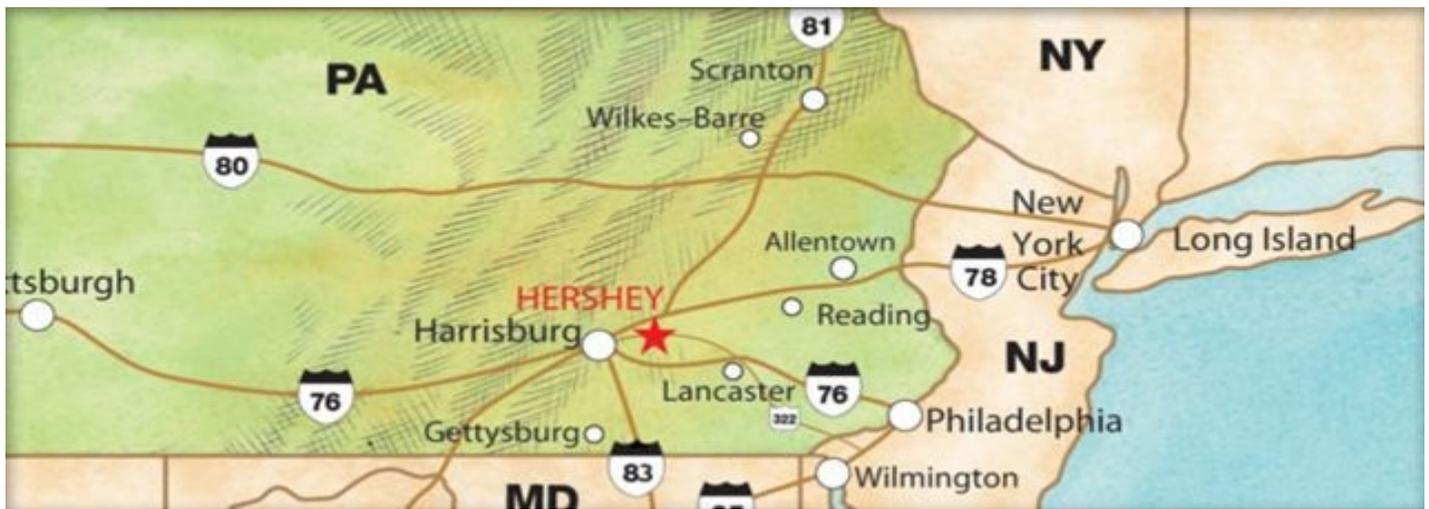
"Wow" and I thought the guy in the "red suit with the fork," was here to get me! Well who is to say, hey! <grin>

Safe travels,

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Hershey October Wanderlodge Rally by Shane Fedeli



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Each Year, the Antique Automobile Club of America's [Hershey Chapter](#) hosts one of the largest antique automobile shows and swap meets in the world. To coincide with this year's show, Kelly and Shane Fedeli are hosting a **Blue Bird Wanderlodge Rally** in Hershey. Guests may arrive as early as Monday Oct. 4th and depart Columbus Day (Monday Oct. 11th). There is no fee for the rally or camping. Full details with links to the various activities can be seen at

<http://www.vintagebirds.com/Hershey2010/>

This will be our second gathering in Hershey for Blue Bird Wanderlodge owners. Events will include daily trips to the show (free admission) as well as a tour of the [PA Capitol Building](#) in Harrisburg, a day at the [Hershey Spa](#) for the ladies, a guided [trolley tour](#) of Hershey and a trip to Lancaster County's Amish country for shopping and dinner. A full agenda is detailed on the page link above. Of course, we are also fine with folks that just want to hang out and chat for the whole week. All of the events are "ala carte". Pets are also welcome.

If you want to join us, follow the directions under "[reservations](#)" above to be added to our list. We'll be staying on the grounds of the old Hershey Municipal Building at 751 West Areba Avenue, Hershey, PA. We will be dry camping on a level, paved lot, but 24 hour generator use is permitted and fresh water/sewer dumping is available within a mile of the site for a small fee. We have parking for about 35 coaches. The location is less than a block from 2 pubs, a bank, convenience store, pharmacy and Laundromat. For those who have bicycles, Hershey is a great community for cycling and we'll be staying in the middle of town- so bring them along! You can also visit our community Library which is less than a mile from our site.



1st Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion

October 16th -October 22nd

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.

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, you're going to love our day together.

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 World Famous Tabasco 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. Six (6) nights at a cost of \$359.00 for a coach with two (2) people. \$225.00 for a coach with one person and \$135.00 for an additional person. Space is limited, so don't delay.

Saturday October 16th 2010

Registration: 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. @ Rayne Civic Center campground pavilion. Hors D'oeuvres, BYOB, Frog races at RV Park, Mural Scavenger Hunt starts today and is everyday.

Supper is on your own

Sunday October 17th 2010

Breakfast is on your own.

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (car pool) to Vermilionville for an all day event: Acadian Cultural Center, short film "The Evangeline" This wonderful film is the depiction of the deportation of the Acadians from Grand Pra, Nova Scotia. Great history lesson for what you will see during the week to come. Get your Lagniappe Doubloon at the theater. Visit Vermilionville with a private guide (25 to a

group)

12:00 Noon: Lunch at La Cuisine de Maman Cajun family style restaurant on the premise. *Price of admission is the doubloon given to you at the movie theater showing the film "The Evangeline."*

- Special Cooking demonstration

- Fais Doe Doe, Cajun Music & Dancing in the back barn

- *Optional* Boat ride on the Vermilion River

Supper is on your own

Monday October 18th 2010

Breakfast is on your own

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.: Rally orientation by; Rayne and Crowley Tourist Center

11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Lunch is on your own

12:30 - 2:30 P.M. Car Pool to the Ford Building and Ford Automotive Museum Rice Interpretive Center, History of Crowley Museum and J.D. Miller Music Museum.

3:00 - 4:30 (Car Pool) Le Petit Chateau de Luxe "The Castle"

5:00 P.M. Kelly's Landing, tour of the Crawfish Farm and Rice Field. special Cajun supper will be provided at Kelly's Landing.

Tuesday October 19th 2010

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Catered Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 A.M. Club Board Member meeting

10:00 A.M. Club business meeting at the Pavilion

11:30 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. Lunch is on your own

1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Konrico Rice Mill Special Short Film and Tour

6:00 P.M. Enjoy a catered dinner

7:00 P.M. Oil Field Demo - by William Steward at RV Park

Wednesday October 20th 2010

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Breakfast Catered

9:30 A.M. - Noon Visit Historic St. Martinsville a quaint Acadian town (Tour).

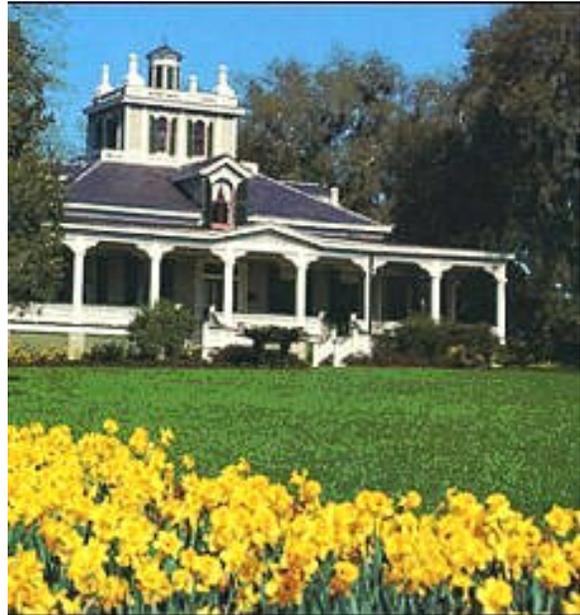
Noon - 1:00 P.M. Lunch is on your own at St. Martinsville or at the Café Jefferson on Jefferson Island.

2:00 P.M. -4:00 P.M. Tour of Jefferson Island -- This is a must see!!

6:00 P. M. Catered Supper, Entertainment by James Weatherford and Steel Guitarist Buck Grantham

Thursday October 21st 2010

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Catered Breakfast



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10:00 - 12:00 A.M. Car pool to McGees Landing - Swamp tour, enjoy the tranquility of gliding through the Atchafalaya Basin with an entertaining and informative Cajun Guide. Alligators, Beautiful Birds, and other wildlife are often sighted.

Lunch is on your own at McGees Landing.

5:30 P.M. (Turn in your Mural Scavenger Hunt score card)

6:00 P.M. Catered Supper "Cochon de Lait" Roast Pig over a bed of coals

7:00 - 7:30 P.M. The Festival Royalty Presentation of the Queens in full regalia, from many past Festivals from this area. We will be honored with the rights and privileges of royalty in their Magnificent attire. Bring your Cameras.

7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez! Let the good times Roll, at the Fais Doe Doe, -- at the Street Dance. Shuffle your feet to the sounds of the 50's.

Friday October 22nd 2010

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast

Say our good bye's and safe travels

***Note: 30 amp available at all sites, cheater boxes are allowed at all sites to increase your amperage.

Note: Remember the Rice Festival starts October 14th thru the 16th in Crowley, LA and the Mayor of Rayne, Jim Petitjean, gave us a special invitation to arrive early in order to go to the Rice Festival and stay at the Rayne Civic Center for \$15.00 per night. No need to make reservations, Roy Zanca will arrive on October 13th and he will keep the light on for you. Questions or help. Call Roy's cell 504-491-5149.



For those wanting to attend the Vintage Bird " New Orleans - Who Dat - Halloween Rally, October 28th thru Nov. 1st, following our Family Reunion you may want to contact one of the following RV Parks as a hold over site until VB Rally starts. Look in the Rally Schedule section in this newsletter for VB Rally, there are only 45 sites - so book early.

Cypress Bayou Casino - Shorty's

832 Martin Luther King Road

Charenton, LA

Full hookups \$10.00 a night and you get \$20.00 night free play money.

For Reservations call 1-800-284-4386



For a real adventure while waiting to go to the "Big Easy" How about House Boat Adventures at Cypress Bayou. The Atchafalaya Basin is a semi-wilderness area of hardwood forests, cypress stands, marshes and bayous. It is one of the last great river swamps left in the nation.

Experience the mystery and beauty of the Atchafalaya Basin from the privacy of your own houseboat, tucked away in a remote cove of this great Louisiana Swamp. <http://houseboat-Adventures.com/index.htm> For Reservations call 1-800-491-4662

Lake End Park, LA , Highway 70, Morgan City, LA 70380, 504-380-4623. Located on the banks of Lake Paloude.

Cajun Palms RV Resort, Henderson, LA 337-667-7772

New Orleans “Who Dat” Vintage Bird Rally October 25-29th

FRENCH QUARTER RV PARK

500 N. Claiborne St. New Orleans La. 504-586-3000

www.fqrv.com

What a rally we have arranged for you.

The park contains 52 spaces of which only 40 are available. We have scheduled reservations for 40 spaces on a first come first served basis at \$55 per night.

Members will make their own reservations by calling the park at the number above and provide the park with valid credit card information. The park will collect a \$50 deposit, via credit card, to confirm each reservation – the remaining balance will be due upon arrival. Go to the web site and view the videos to see the park’s appearance and features.

Monday- we kick off our Rally with a “Naturally N’Aulins with catered dinner and orientation

Tuesday – Take a Street Car ride up Saint Charles St. through the Garden District – this is the section of a plethora of antebellum homes get off at the Street Car at the Mississippi River’s bend for a light lunch, I say light because we have special plans for dinner. Then get back on the street car for the return trip to Canal St. Tour Mardi Gras world. That is where the Mardi Gras Floats are built. Then we take a ferry ride up river, which affords one a great view of the Crescent, of the Crescent City. Then we will dine at a “Naturally N’Aulins” eatery, Da Wabbit by the name you can tell it is going to be great and I have been enjoying the fair at Da Wabbit since I was in grade school. Yes, for a Rice and Easy meals that are so good as the locals say “Will make you go Home and Slap your Mama” Da Wabbit is the Place. Then Return to the campground via the bridge for a Skyline view of the Crescent City.

Wednesday—Visit the WWII D-Day Museum and the 4D Solomon Victory Theater. Happy Hour and Pot Luck Dinner back at the Clubhouse.

Thursday—Free Day to enjoy the sights of New Orleans, Cemeteries, Restaurants, Tours, and other Points of Interest.

Friday - Depart Now hugs and kisses and say our goodbyes to a Naturally N’aulins adventure have a safe return trip home.

What A Wonderful World, Thanks for being in that number.

The above is just a glimpse of the adventures in store for you at our New Orleans - Who-Dat- Rally

REGISTRATION FORM

Date _____

Last Name _____ First Names _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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Rally Fee: \$85 for 2 people. \$43 for single or guest

Campground fees will be paid first by deposit and balance upon arrival (see above).

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People Are Funny: by Martha Rowe Vaughn

We were somewhere in Georgia at a small, sweet campground far enough off the interstate to be pleasantly quiet. The park was full of geriatric northerners escaping their harsh winter. When we checked in, the office/clubhouse was filled with the elderly sharing a potluck dinner. They invited us to join in, but we were not ready for dinner at 5:00 in the afternoon. Why is it that the older one gets, the earlier one eats the evening meal? Like there's something really big planned for the night?

We set up under the pine trees next to a 24-foot tag-a-long trailer and hooked up the cable TV that Charlie turned on immediately and went to sleep. I was too restless to sit and went for a walk. Beyond the park were a field and a pond I could see through the perimeter of trees. I walked to the edge of the campground enjoying stretching the legs and taking deep breathes of the pine-scented air. The pond was roughly rectangular, edged with cattails, and had black water that reflected the rosy colors of the setting sun. I walked half of the perimeter and encountered a sign: "No swimming—alligators!" My scalp prickled in fear as I scanned the water surface for tell-tale eyes peeking above the water line. Bits and pieces of nature programs flashed through my brain: can run forty miles per hour, can bring down deer, can knock a man down with a tail, are fiercely protective of nests and young. Yipes! I backed away from the mirror like stillness and the clumps of vegetation. Alligators! I'm totally unfamiliar with that knobby-skinned beast. Copperheads, I

know. Rattlesnakes, I know, and how to deal with them. I retreated to the safety of the campground.

Nearing the GigaRex, I saw a woman dressed in breeches and hunt boots at the site next to ours. She was unloading a dog from the back of a Honda SUV.

"Hello," I greeted her. "Nice dog. Looks like you've been riding."

She smiled as she tied the dog to a long chain. "Is this your motor home?" She gestured toward the GigaRex in all its golden splendor. I responded with a nod. I could see the dollar signs pop into her eyes. People automatically assume you're J. Paul Getty if you've got a Blue Bird or a Prevost bus. Some people are intimidated, others unfriendly, others try to impress and outdo you. Her eyes shifted to her tag-a-long.

"Is there a place to ride near here?" I asked.

"I've got my horse stabled near here. I've been working my thoroughbred today. He's at fourth level dressage."

"Impressive. Few horses ever make it that far."

We struck up a conversation about horses that only horse lovers could understand.

"So you're from Illinois? Are you wintering here?" I asked after our horse talk.

"We've bought a plantation down the road and we're building a home and sta-

ble. There's fences to put up, barns to design, pastures to renovate, and the ring to build. The house is enormous and so many decisions to make. Where to put the swimming pool, what kind of marble for the fireplaces...we've been here for five months overseeing the building process."

"Oh, I see. You're planning to make this your permanent home?" I had visions of vast pastures, elaborate barns, and a columned two-story Southern house, brick with many wings.

"Yes, we'll move here next fall when the house is finished."

"Well, good luck to you." I said as I opened the door to the GigaRex.

Charlie was up from his nap and pulling steaks out of the refrigerator to grill for supper. I got busy making potatoes in the microwave and fixing salad. I was sitting at the window when I overheard Charlie talking to the husband of the woman I had talked to earlier. I chuckled when I heard his side of their story:

"We've decided to retire down here. We bought a lot in a development. It's a place that features community horse facilities; you know, pastures, rings, and barns plus a neighborhood swimming pool. We're downsizing, building a small home now the kids are on their own. Just wanted a place away from the cold where she could have her horse. The wife likes to ride. She's got an ancient thoroughbred she rides occasionally."

Full Circle: by Karen James

As we begin to see the bright yellow school buses once again travel the streets and roads, I am reminded of how our lives seem to go full circle. Blue Bird began manufacturing safe school buses using a steel body instead of wood and incorporating a Ford Model T chassis. In 1927 a Blue Bird school bus was a pioneering vehicle with all major school bus manufacturers moving to steel-bodies within a decade of its appearance. Blue Bird No. 1 was the first steel-bodied school bus built by Albert Luce, Sr. in 1927. Since then, countless children have been transported to school in

a Blue Bird. I would venture to say that most of us have ridden a school bus at some point in our lives. Do you remember the excitement of the first day of school or riding on the bus for the very first time? As adults, we can still experience that joy and excitement as we step aboard our beautiful Blue Bird coaches. That first day of proud ownership of a Blue Bird takes us back to those early memories. May we all remember the joy and expectation of those early years as we travel this great country of ours.

School bus, school bus,
Coming down the road,
Picking up the children--
What a happy load!
All the children line up;
They do not shove or push.
They take their turn to get on;
There is no need to rush.
Walking down the aisle
To find a place to sit,
Watch out for the others;
Don't trip or kick or hit.

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Last Name: _____ First Names: _____
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Phone #: _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____
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Mail to: Treasurer, Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA , 3590 Round Bottom Road , Cincinnati, OH 45244

1985 Wanderlodge PT36 6V92, 330 HP with an Allison 5 speed transmission with tag axle. 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



1977 Wanderlodge FC35 Approx 100,000 miles on coach. 3208 N/A Cat Engine with 40,000 miles, New batteries in 2008 (Trojan T125's), Rebuilt Bendix compressor in 2007, new radiator in 2006- upgraded transmission cooler; New alternator in 2007 (160 amp Leece-Neville). New paint job in 2005 completed at a cost of \$14,000, new carpet front 2006, tile floor 2007, new Ramco mirrors. Here is what it needs- water heater to be added (have it), air dryer to be added (have it), Generator currently does not run (I think it is in the control box tries to start), wont stay running 12.5 kw onan gas air cooled. Best offer over \$9,000 willing to work with new owner. E-Mail Stephen at stephen@dupreeproducts.com or call 905 328 0162 with any questions. Coach is located in Niagara Falls, ON



1996 Wanderlodge BMC 40' Fully loaded. Full body paint, backup camera, auto leveling system, 6 speed Allison, satellite, window awnings, patio awning, 8 way power pilot seat, 6 way power co-pilot seat, dual thermal pane windows, soft touch vinyl ceiling, new tires, side-by-side fridge, convection oven, washer/dryer combo, ultra plush carpet, leather furniture, tile floor in kitchen & bath area. 2 TV's, VCR, DVD. Asking \$59,000 Call Brian at 502-645-3124 or at brian@helpsellmyrv.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



1991 Wanderlodge PT40WB This coach has less than 125,000 actual miles. The refrigerator is only 3 years old; so are the pilot and co-pilot seats. A solar panel has been added for more electrical independence. TV's front and rear. A steering stabilizer helps take the Wander out of this Lodge. Best offer over \$49,000. Call Ike Jones at 757-813-0511 or at Cptike701@aol.com.



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



1979 Bluebird Wanderlodge XV 35ft Immaculate condition, beautiful paint. 49,747 miles. New front tires, New 6 volt batteries, added xtra 12 volt battery, receiver hitch, 3208 cat turbo, new additional vent fan for bathroom, 2 speed rear end, new belts, new hoses, flush system new radiator coolant. Asking \$30,000. Coach located in Texas. For More information, call Nancy at 979-233-1908 or by email at NNoska1919@aol.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, Allison HT-755 Transmission, 15KW Power Tech Generator, Interior is light green with bone laminate cabinets and bone ceramic flooring with light green carpet inlays, bone leather "L" shaped dinette with tracking table, new tires. Coach is in excellent shape and priced at \$70,000. Contact Bob Bell at 248-866-1068 or at gairab@aol.com.



1982 FC35SB Bluebird Wanderlodge I have almost completely remodeled the interior. About 110k on coach and 4k on new dealer installed. Contact Gary Somers by at gsomersjr@hotmail.com or feel free to call me and leave a message at 304-258-3852. Coach is located in the eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.



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



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,. Asking \$194,000. 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 Asking \$47,500. Contact Page Britt at KE4WKL@gmail.com or by phone at 850-528-6862



1993 Wanderlodge Wide-Body 40' Garaged, no smokers or pets, like new w/109,000 mi. 500 hp Detroit 8V-92 engine, 15 kw diesel generator. Recently new tires, water heater, solid-state power converter and chassis batteries. Recently new Webasto hot-water heating system installed at a cost of \$6,000 and other refurbishing done at Coachcraft in Columbus, GA. Selling because of death in family. Located southern Indiana. \$94,500. Contact Dave at 812-483-0351 or by email at dave@memoryportraits.com



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



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 435-668-3456 or by email at neary@infowest.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 klenfingerg@gmail.com (Photos Next Page)



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



1983 Wanderlodge PT35- 6V92T Detroit Diesel (325 hp), 5 speed Allison transmission, 165,000 miles, all Michelin and Kuhmo tires with excellent tread. Please email or call for pics. \$30,000 OBO. Good bus for a good price. I would also consider a full or partial trade; nice truck and/or RV. Call Ray Daugherty at 775-762-5124 or by email at av1611@live.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 \$59,995. Call Rick Vossen at 850-527-4765 or by email at rvofpanamacity@live.com



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