

Vintage Birds Chapter of FMCA

Vintage Bird Words

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Our President (is not old, He is Vintage) Report



Richard & Sue

Dear Vintage Birds Members:

First, CONGRATULATIONS to Dave and Tina Styf for another great rally in Shipshewana. I want to thank Dave, Tina, and all the rally attendees for making Sue and I feel welcome. We had a great time. We will be back.

Sue and I went to buy a new RV couch, a car hauler, and get the AC fixed. The AC fixed itself and we did not have time to shop for the other items. Big Foot jack company was 10 miles away, but they could not fix my jack until July. So I limped home via Michigan and Tennessee with 3 working jacks. However, Randy has the pump I need and I bought it. Randy saved me \$200 on the part.

My roaming is over for now, but I am anxiously waiting on September, for the fun to begin.

We will start in Cape Cod for a Vintage Bird Alan Darson Rally. Not a member? Then join or come as my guest. Bottom line is we want you there. I have never been there and this is Alan's back yard. So we will see the good stuff. Alan also likes to go off the tourist map.

Then we go to the Williamsburg Vintage Bird Rally hosted by Jan Mohr and Ken Doyle. They live in the area, so once again we will be guided to must see places by locals. Jan is an experienced planner and Ken is an electronics guru. So let the good times roll.

We plan to leave there for the Family of Friends Rally in Sevierville, Tn. at Riverside RV Park. Always great to see ole friends at that rally. We will have a convoy of Bluebirds heading there from Williamsburg.

The convoy will continue to Pine Mountain for the WOG rally put on by Randy Dupree and Kip Henry. Shane will be smoking Boston Butt for the big meal sponsored by Coachcraft on his personal grill like he has done in the past. I plan to help cut the meat and cut up period. This is the largest gathering of Bluebirds period, and I encourage you to attend.

So mark your calendars for September and October for fun and fellowship.

Join me in making Bluebird memories!!!!

See you at the next Rally.
Richard Ramsey

***As a Great American Said
“We are all orphan Birds of a feather,
so let’s Flock together.”***

Vintage Birds members **Brian and Renee Nyhof** are picking up the hosting responsibilities for the

***“End of Summer Rally at Ludington, Michigan”
September 6-9***

from Ron and Dorinda Rueckwald. Rallies are a great benefit to owning a Bird and every rally is important.

Thanks for continuing this fun rally!

August 1st Deadline Approaching

Vintage Birds Chapter Rally

Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

October 1-6, 2018



A Week In Historic Williamsburg With Visits To Yorktown & Jamestown Settlement. Join us on day trips to the historical sites around the birthplace of our nation.

Monday, October 1

1-4pm

Registration

6pm

Welcome Social Hors oeuvres, BYOB

Tuesday, October 2

8am

Coffee, Tea And Pastries

Free Day

Tour Jamestown On Your Own

[see:https://historicjamestowne.org/visit/tickets/](https://historicjamestowne.org/visit/tickets/)

Tour Williamsburg On Your Own

[see:https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/tickets](https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/tickets)

Busch Gardens Williamsburg

[see:http://www.reservewilliamsburg.com/da/busch-gardens-williamsburg-tickets](http://www.reservewilliamsburg.com/da/busch-gardens-williamsburg-tickets)

Dinner On Your Own

Wednesday, October 3

- 8-9am Breakfast
- 10am Meet In Yorktown At 10am For Tour Of Historic Area Lead By John McPherson
Lunch at the Riverwalk Inn(*Dutch Treat*)
- 11:30 am Schooner Cruise On York River(*Optional*)
If we get 20 people who are interested we can book it and there is a discount.
***see:**<http://www.sailYorktown.com/>*
- 6pm Pot Luck Dinner

Thursday, October 4

- 8-9am Coffee, Tea And Donuts
- 9-11am Flea Market And Craft Fair
- 12-2pm Technical Session (Boxed Lunch For The Men)
- 12-2pm Ladies Luncheon And Craft
- 3-5pm Annual Meeting
- 6pm Catered Dinner at the Campground, BYOB
- 7pm Music By The One Man Band. Plays Music Of Our Era And Is Great For Dancing!

Friday, October 5

- 8-9am Breakfast
- Free Day Till 6pm
or at
- 11am Join John McPherson On Winery And Brewery Tour
- 6pm Dinner Meat Cooked By Shane
Bring Side Dish, BYOB
Dessert Will Be Provided

Saturday, October 6

- 8am Coffee, Tea And Ham Biscuits
Farewells And Safe Travels



Rally Hosts: Jan Mohr & Ken Doyle

For more information

contact Jan at janmohr1@earthlink.net or by phone at 703-282-9916.

We need your rally fee and campground reservation by August 1st to hold our sites. After the 1st of August, the campground will release our sites for general reservations and they expect most of them to be full for the fall travelers.

You Must Make Your Own Campground Reservation At American Heritage RV Park:

Tell RV Park You Are With The Vintage Birds And Your Rate Will Be \$49.00 + Tax Per Night For Full Hook-Ups. Arriving October 1st, Departing October 6th

American Heritage RV Park

146 Maxton Lane Williamsburg, VA 23188

Phone # 757-566-2133

Reservations: 1-888-530-2267

Fax: 757-566-8006

E-mail: americanheritagerv@gmail.com

Web: americanheritagervpark.com

**Please Complete The Information Below
And Send It With Your Rally Fee By August 1st**

To:

**Jan Mohr,
100 Pine View Drive
Mobjack, VA 23056**

Name(s):

VB # _____

Leave Blank if not a member, Guest of Richard Ramsey

FMCA # _____

Leave Blank if not a member, Guest of Richard Ramsey

Address:

E-Mail: *Very Important*

Phone: _____

AMERICAN HERITAGE RV PARK Confirmation

_____

Arriving October 1st, Departing October 6th

Make Checks payable to Jan Mohr

Enclosed Rally fee:

\$140.00 for two \$ _____

\$70 for one \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

!! Special Offer !!

Tour of the NASA Langley Research Center

Contact Ken Doyle at Ken.HVAC-Conserve@att.net or

***Text 301-908-5735. Ken needs 3 weeks advanced notice
of who wants to attend and a completed Badge Request!!***

Currently Expected to Attend the Williamsburg Rally

Carl and Judy Breiner

Randy and Linda Burdette

Dwayne and Patti Cartwright

Butch and Marty Charpentier

Joe and Susan Crocker

Bob and Sonya Costin

Shane and Kelly Fedeli

Steve and Kathy Enfinger

Gregg and Jane Gesse

Daniel & Elizabeth Harris

Charles and Peggy McKeehan

John McPherson and Ruth Sawyer

Larry and Betty Miller

Steven and Liliana Pappas

Bob and Joyce Peavey

Sue and Richard Ramsey

Phil and Cheryl Roberts

Molly and Gary Shilling

Mike and Kathy Sparkman

Tommy and Shirley Vance

Jack and Lla Van Den Berg

We have plenty of room for more Birds, so sign up now!!

***It's Never Too Early To Start Planning
Upcoming Blue Bird Rallies***

2018

***Olympia, Washington July 30-August 5
Ludington, Michigan September 6-9
Cape Cod, Massachusetts September 23-29
Williamsburg, Virginia October 1-6
Sevierville, Tennessee October 10-13
Pine Mountain, Georgia October 17-21
White Tanks, Arizona November 9-12***

2019

***Quartzsite, Arizona January 12-27
Lake Havasu City, Arizona February 11-18
Vidalia, Louisiana February 23-March 3
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina April 10-14
Muscodia, Wisconsin May 17-19
Shipshewana, Indiana June 5-9
Red River, New Mexico October, 2019***



Flock Together

Planning to attend an FMCA Rally, why not find other Birds attending and flock together! Email your name and the rally you plan to attend to:
birdrallysupport@4email.net

And we will forward your information to other Birds attending. From there the attending Birds can decide if they want to park together or just meet up during the Rally. Find the FMCA Rally Information at:
<http://vintagebirds.com>

All Bluebird Rallies and Rally Highlights-Flock Together

Support our Blue Bird Communities
All Bluebird Rallies and Rally Highlights

<http://vintagebirds.com>

Arizona Hot Birds

<https://azhotbirds.shutterfly.com/>

Bayou Blue Birds

vettehead45@yahoo.com

Birds of a Feather Password "flocktogether"

<https://birdsofafeather1.shutterfly.com/>

Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA

<http://bluebirdchapter.org/>

Lonestar Birds Password "bluebird"

<https://lonestarbids.shutterfly.com/>

Vintage Birds

<http://www.vintagebirds.com/index.html>

Wanderlodge Gurus

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

Wanderlodge Owners Group

<https://www.wanderlodgeworkersgroup.com/>

Face Book Groups: bluebird wanderlodge; BlueBird Wanderlodge; Blue Bird Wanderlodge, Buy, Sell or Trade; Bluebird Wanderlodge Owners; Bluebird Wanderlodge Renovations; Lady Bird bluebird Wanderlodge Group; Wanderlodge FC Owners; Wanderlodge Owners Group; wanderlodge tech talk. **RVillage Groups:** Blue Bird Wanderers; Blue Bird Owner's Group (BOG)

If you know of another Blue Bird community we missed or if you want to start a new community let us know at vintagebirdssecretary@4email.net and we will include you.

Photos From Good Times in the Past!



Member Notes

(or What Have You Been Upta?)

Send us stories and pictures of trips, locations, events



Although not billed as an official rally, Dan and Liz Harris took in the Morel Mushroom Fest this year. They have the honor of being the first ever Bluebird in the history of the parade. The 2019 Morel Mushroom Fest will be May 17, 18 & 19. Guests would be welcome before and after those dates of course. Accommodations will be determined by the number of Birds! We have parking for 3 at our place and other options if a flock of birds did show up.

Gary, Molly and Annie Shilling

gmshilling72@gmail.com

***Looks Like All You Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa,
And Michigan Birds Have A Parade To Start
Planning For!! Let's Not Let Dan & Liz Be The First
And Last Parade Bird!!***



Terry & Michele Bonter make many trips without ever spotting another bird. But this time Shel was following Terry in the truck and caught this shot of both of us side by side. This was taken on I-95 just south of I-26.

Now the Question is: Who's in the other Bird?

***Got an idea or picture for the newsletter, let us know
at vintagebirdssecretary@4email.net***

***Got a favorite Campground, let us know why and
send pictures to vintagebirdssecretary@4email.net***

Coaches for Sale as of June 15, 2018

A Free Service Supporting All Blue Bird Communities

2000 Wanderlodge LXI 43'	Asking \$115,000
1984 Wanderlodge FC35SB	<i>Reduced to \$29,500</i>
1966 Wanderlodge FC31SB	Asking \$10,000
1981 Wanderlodge FC35	<i>Reduced to 18,500 OBO!!</i>
1982 Wanderlodge FC35	Asking \$29,500
1984 Wanderlodge FC35 RB	Asking \$12,000

See More Details and Pictures of These Coaches at

<http://www.vintagebirds.com/index.html>

Check out

The Vintage Birds Web Site for

Listing your Vintage Bird

Highlights of Blue Bird Wanderlodge Model Changes

Including list of all models for each year

Pictures and Specifications For All Years

Vintage Wanderlodge Buyer's Check List

Terms & Abbreviations for Blue Bird Motor Homes

You might also want to check out these great sources of

Wanderlodge coaches...

[Face Book Group--Blue Bird Wanderlodge, Buy, Sell or Trade](#)

<https://www.birdconnection.com/>

<https://www.buybyebluebird.com/>

<http://wanderlodgetrader.com/>

Support All Blue Bird Communities - Join Vintage Birds

APPLICATION FOR VINTAGE BIRDS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

In December 1984, the Vintage Birds Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association, Inc. (FMCA) was chartered for owners of Blue Bird Wanderlodge coaches. To be eligible for membership, you must first be a member in good standing of FMCA. Then you must own or previously owned a Blue Bird Wanderlodge or BMC Coach.

The purpose of the chapter is to promote fellowship among owners, to conduct interesting and affordable rallies, and to provide a forum for exchange of ideas regarding maintenance and modification of our coaches. The chapter also maintains a web site for Vintage Bird information and listing coaches for sale. The chapter publishes a newsletter providing members with social, technical and rally information.

The initial fee is \$30. This fee covers name badges and your first year's dues of \$15. Subsequent year dues are \$15, or you can take advantage of our promotional rate of \$40 for 3 years or \$60 for 5 years!

New Member or Returning Member Requesting Badges	\$15	_____
Dues for One Year	\$15	_____
Dues for Two Years	\$30	_____
Dues for Three Years	\$40	_____
Dues for Four Years	\$55	_____
Dues for Five Years	\$60	_____
Total Payment		_____

Please complete form below and send your check payable to Vintage Birds to:

Shane Fedeli, 311 Robin Road, Hershey, PA 17033

Your first and last name: _____

Partner/Spouse first & last name: _____

First names on badges, You _____ Partner/Spouse _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Coach model and year: _____ FMCA# _____

I am a paid up member of FMCA and wish to become a member of the Vintage Birds Chapter.

Signed: _____