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## Rallies

### Vintage Birds Chapter

OSWEGO, NY, JUL 26-30, 2012. FMCA PEN/NY Mixers Chapter Rally, Oswego Harborfest. Contact Jim & Sherry Miller, 607-898-4626, [jem590@aol.com](mailto:jem590@aol.com). See article this issue

HERSHEY, PA, OCT 2-8, 2012. Rally coincides with the largest antique auto show in the U.S. Attractions include tour of the state capital, AACA Museum, Bus Museum, Hershey Chocolate. Cost is \$50 per coach. Contact Shane Fedeli, 717-645-4912, [sfedeli3@comcast.net](mailto:sfedeli3@comcast.net).

VICKSBURG, MS, OCT 30- NOV 2, 2012. Annual chapter meeting. See preliminary information this issue. Contact Bob Dilks, 580-564-3517, [bjmd@netcommander.com](mailto:bjmd@netcommander.com)

### Blue Bird Chapter

MT AIRY, NC, APR 29-MAY4, 2012. Exploring Mayberry, hometown of Andy Griffith. Contact Martha Vaughn, 336-786-7279

DILLARD, GA OCT 16-20, 2012. Annual chapter meeting. River Vista Mountain Village campground. Call 888-850-7275 for reservations

### Birds of a Feather (BoF) (new Blue Bird group)

QUARTZSITE, AZ, JAN 21 - 29, 2012. Birds of a Feather are planning activities for this annual rally. Contact Curt Sprenger 714-269-6187 or John Mace 405-205-0377. Visit the BoF website at [birdsof Feather1.shutterfly.com/](http://birdsof Feather1.shutterfly.com/), password flocktogether. For BoF emailing, send name, email address, coach year/model, city/state to [curtsprenger@gmail.com](mailto:curtsprenger@gmail.com). See Quartzsite below.

ALBUGUERQUE, NM, OCT 12, 2012, International Balloon Fiesta. All 50 spaces are filled at this time. Contact Curt Sprenger 714-269-6187 or John Mace 405-205-0377.

### Lone Star Birds

No information at this time

### Southwest Blue Birds

QUARTZSITE, AZ, JAN 21 - 29, 2012. Go to [southwest-bluebirds.org](http://southwest-bluebirds.org) for information.

### Wanderlodge Owners Group Forum

MYRTLE BEACH, SC, MAR 14-19, 2012. Birds at the Beach. Ocean Lakes Campground, reservations 877-510-1413.

RATS RALLY, PINE MOUNTAIN, GA, OCT 24-28, 2012, totally relaxed, potlucks, walk about techs. Pine Mountain Campground, 706-663-4329, [pinemountain.rvcoutdoors.com/](http://pinemountain.rvcoutdoors.com/) reservations.

**FMCA**  
**Vintage Birds & Pen NY Mixers Chapter Rally**  
**At**  
**Oswego Harborfest**  
**July 26—30, 2012**

***Rally Fee includes-***

- *4 or 5 nights dry camping (Thu thru Mon ) at Oswego Port Authority with view of the fireworks*
- *Wednesday July 25 optional early arrival with fish dinner*
- *Continental breakfast Friday through Monday*
- *Social hour including margaritas, beer, wine and information on Thursday July 25 at 5:30 pm. bring a hardy snack to share*
- *Trolley passes included (\$6 value)*
- *Farewell dinner and ice cream Sunday July 29 evening*
- *Fort Ontario, maritime museum and other attractions*

***Harborfest highlights -***

- **Named one of the top one hundred events for group travel by the American Bus Association**
- **Rated top 10 in USA fireworks show**
- **Juried arts and crafts**
- **Music and entertainment on three main stages plus other locations though town**
- **30+ bands classic rock, country, blues and jazz**
- **Midway and street vendors**
- **Lake Ontario waterfront location**
- **Optional Friday fishing charter**

[www.oswegoharborfest.com](http://www.oswegoharborfest.com)

*Rally fee available spring 2012. In 2010 rally fee was \$70.00 per couple for Thursday arrival  
\$ 15 additional person*

Early arrivals are Wednesday after 2:00 PM.  
Please bring a 1-gallon jug of water for coffee

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The Hershey Vintage Birds Rally will be from Tues, October 2 through Monday, Oct. 8 2012. Cost is \$50 per coach. Rally will coincide with the Antique Auto Club of America's fall car show and include trips to Lancaster County, the PA State Capitol Building, AACA Museum and Museum of Bus Transportation as well as all Hershey Chocolate Attractions. For details, contact Shane Fedeli at 717-645-4912 or by email at sfedeli3@comcast.net. A full agenda will be posted in future newsletters and on the Vintage Birds website.

## VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI RALLY

OCTOBER 30 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 2012

### VINTAGE BIRDS ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting rally will be held in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Slightly overlooked but on I-20 and full of charm, Vicksburg is on the eastern bluffs of the mighty Mississippi. Our scheduled activities suggest dinner at the delightful Walnut Hills Restaurant, a three hour narrated bus tour of Historic Vicksburg (and there's plenty of history here) and an hour and a half Mississippi river boat tour. These scheduled activities will be supplemented with informal potluck breakfast and dinners. A free day will allow a car tour of the national battlefield (the Union army advanced from the swamps of Louisiana to the west to engage the Confederate army in the redoubts on the Vicksburg bluffs) and perhaps see a live show at one of the two theaters in Vicksburg. We may also have time for a Dutch treat lunch or dinner at "The World", an oldies biker bar across the river in Delta Louisiana with its noisy ambiance but delicious burgers and rib eye sandwiches. Following the rally you may want to drive the beautiful Natchez Trace to Victorian Natchez as a continuation of the Mississippi venue. We will stay at the Magnolia RV Park slightly east of downtown near the Wal-Mart (hurray). Please contact Lisa Haddar, park owner, to make your reservations for \$26 per night at 601-631-0388 and mention you are with Vintage Birds. All sites are pull-through and I have been assured all sites receive satellite and WiFi signals. The anticipated cost of the rally is \$130 per coach and includes the cost of the scheduled activities but not the campground fees. I need one or two couples to be co-hosts to help plan the informal activities. Contact Bob Dilks at 580-564-3517 to confirm your attendance at the rally or offer assistance.

FMCA VINTAGE BIRD CHAPTER

2011 Annual Meeting/Nashville Rally

"You Ain't Goin Blieve This..."

By Jane Gesse

Janet Owen and Peggy McKeegan rallied the Vintage birds for a fun filled 5 days in Nashville for our 2011 Annual Business Meeting. After attending the 2nd Annual Friends and Family Rally in Chattanooga, 10 coaches headed for Nashville on October 30th. We were joined by another 8 coaches for our annual meeting. Coaches began rolling into the Nashville KOA on Sunday. Joe and Dannie Kennedy were in their bluebird staying in a nearby campground and noticed all the birds flying into the KOA and moved over to join us. Everyone welcomed Joe and Dannie into the flock. Brian and Barbara Symington from Ontario/Mexico flew in with the flock from Friends and Family. Will and Li Volk came in a little late after experiencing coach problems. Planned activities were scheduled to begin on Tuesday afternoon, so those of us arriving early began filling our time visiting area attractions and doing what we tend to do best - eating. Monday morning a group went to Andrew Jackson's beautiful home The Hermitage. The weather was perfect for a day strolling around the grounds and visiting the house. That evening Jim and Sherry Miller treated everyone with an impromptu fish fry and pot luck. Four other couples had previously made reservations at the well known Nashville steak house The Stock Yard where they came away with lighter wallets and an unforgettable evening. Trick or Treat! Bob Giffen was on hand to pass on valuable information he learned recently about radiators and rust. The guys all continued working on different issues with the various coaches. With all that knowledge floating around, issues evolved and were resolved.

The rally kicked off Tuesday evening around the fire pit area with everyone bringing Hors d'oeuvres for an informal "meet and greet".

Wednesday morning, Jim Miller was at it again, making pancakes for the group. With our fill of pancakes, fresh fruit, bacon, coffee and juice, we were ready for the annual business meeting to begin. After the meeting adjourned, we were free for the day. Everyone proceeded to enjoy the area attractions. We met back at camp Wednesday evening for pot luck back out at the fire pit. (Lots of good cooks in this group.) After dinner was 'Get to Know You' Bingo and prizes. Once dinner and bingo were over, several of the group headed to the KOA Theater for a night of music. They were entertained with music from The Fabulous '50s & 60s with The Kenny and the Krooners Oldies Show.

Thursday was a free day. Several cars went to Franklin for sightseeing, shopping, and more eating. It was a cold windy day just made for shopping. Women shopped while men found the coffee shops for a comfortable chair and warm coffee. Others went to The Opry Land Hotel to view the gardens, and still others went to The Hermitage, and Belle Meade Plantation. A few of the guys even found a car museum.

When we returned to camp, we had a nice catered dinner waiting for us. After dinner was another round of 'Get to Know You' Bingo and prizes. Thursday night was also a grand prize drawing for a Euro recliner and ottoman donated by Charlie McKeehan. Congratulations to Paul Ward for winning the recliner. Everyone was being friendly to Paul hoping for a few minutes in his new recliner.

Friday began with Peggy's famous homemade biscuits, gravy, eggs, fresh fruit, and coffee. Jim Miller once again jumped in and cooked enough eggs for us all. Between Peggy and Charlie McKeehan, Jim and Sherry Miller, and Janet Owen who worked as a team and made breakfast, everyone had fuel for heading out to see more of the area attractions. The day was again filled with trips to The Hermitage, The Country Music Hall of Fame, and other area attractions.

Friday evening was a trip to the Grand Ole Opry at the Ryman Center. How fun is that. Among the artists performing tonight were Jeannie Seely, Jim Ed Brown, Mike Snider, and Little Jimmy Dickens. At 91 years of age Little Jimmy Dickens still sings and keeps you in stitches with his jokes. Everyone had a great time, and as we left the Opry we went past Printers Alley. Man! How did we miss that! A definite must see next trip to Nashville. On the way back to the campground Tommy Vance Entertained everyone with his famous "You Ain't Goin' Believe This" story. It was an evening to be remembered.

Saturday morning was goodbyes all round. A couple of coaches were staying behind to see more of Nashville. Musical horns marked our departures with promises to meet again in the coming months. Our thanks to Janet Owen and Peggy McKeehan for a great time.

Attendees: James Baber & Sally Baze, Nancy & Jim Brookshire, Ken Doyle & Jan Mohr, Gregg & Jane Gesse, Bob & Chris Giffen, Barry & Lucy Grim, Jim & Nell Hamrick, Gordon & Jo Kurlonko, Bill & Sherry Lardin, Charlie & Peggy McKeehan, Jim & Sherry Miller, Jerry & Janet Owen, Jon & Neat Scott, Tommy & Shirley Vance, Charlie & Martha Vaughn, Will & Li Volk, Paul & Ann Ward, Brian & Barbara Symington, Joe & Dannie Kennedy.

# HISTORIC DENVER RALLY

BY SUE RAMSEY

We began with pre-rally tour of the Denver Mint for early attendees. With architecture from the Gothic Renaissance Era, this mint is on the National Register and has the capacity to produce more than forty million coins a day. Visiting the mint gave us an opportunity to see the heart of the city including the famous gold-domed state capital building. The official rally started on Thursday evening when we greeted old and new friends and enjoyed heavy Hours d'oeuvres ending with games and door prizes.

Friday morning we carpoled to Georgetown where we rode the train on the Georgetown loop Railroad and toured the Lebanon silver mine. That afternoon we travel forwarded in time as we visited the National Renewable Energy Laboratories in Golden. However, the day did not compare to the evening we spent at the home of Neat and Jon; the food was scrumptious and the surroundings beautiful. The evening was a chance to visit and catch up on each others travels.

Saturday we hopped aboard Banjo Billy's unique bus tour of downtown Denver. The bus seating included one saddle, one couch and a hodgepodge of arm chairs. The bus was open-aired and as we rode to banjo music the bus emitted sounds of whinnies, barking and braying. You should have seen the attention we got as we saw all the important sights of Denver. Saturday afternoon we toured the Coors Brewery on our own. That was a neat tour where we learned how important good water is to the making of beer. Oh, and did I say they gave away samples.

Sunday was a dinner theater event where had a delightful brunch followed by the musical "In Perfect Harmony". We wandered in and out of the quaint shops of Heritage Square. It was a wonderful afternoon spent with a great group of people.

Monday morning we said our goodbyes over coffee and donuts. Those who attended this great rally were Jim & Nancy **Brookshire**, Maurice & Rozanne **DeShazer**, Bob & Jo **Dilks**, Dennie & Karen **James**, Jimmie & Tammy **James**, Charles & Peggy **McKeehan**, Robert **Phares**, Mark & Kathy **Ragsdale**, Richard & Sue **Ramsey**, Jon & Neat **Scott**, Jim & Jean **Thompson**, and Paul & Ann **Ward**.

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**Look at the mailing label on this, and every, newsletter to find the expiration date of your dues. Mail checks payable to Vintage Birds in the amount of \$15 to Jim Hamrick**

**318 E 4th Street  
Rome, GA 30161**

## BUZZYS BILLBOARD

### 1987 BLUEBIRD WANDERLODGE PT40 8V92

This coach was purchased in 1990 with 7,000 miles from Harvey Mitchell, Tampa Florida.

We were the 2nd owner.

100,00 miles

4000 Wt inverter/charger

With auto generator start

10 bank battery set, All new washer/dryer, refrigerator, icemaker, back up tv

Largest roof trunk, 50# freezer

20" color TV entertainment center in bay

Car haul trailer available

\$68,500

Ed Wentzel

828-389-4494

Cell phone 941-400-4131

**REDUCED**

### 1990 BLUEBIRD WANDERLODGE 40 WB 8V92

Tires & batteries 1 year, lifetime air filter

New refrigerator & icemaker

Ultra leather captain and co-pilot seats

Exterior gray/silver/mauve

\$70,000

(352) 638-2247

### Parts needed for a 1984 PT40 with a 6V92

Bay door 45' L X 29" H, Roof AC unit  
Kohler 12.5 KW voltage regulator  
Alternator bracket for a second alternator on a 6V92, Hydraulic fan motor, Fan/PS  
Bendix air throttle cable and cylinder  
12V alternator & bracket for the kohler/  
Perkins engine  
30,000 btu Webesto or Espar diesel water heater  
Ken Doyle  
Cell (301) 908-5735  
Email Ken.hvac-conserve@att.net

### 1991 BLUEBIRD WANDERLODGE WB40

150,000 miles

New front & tag axel tire

15K auto start generator

White leather davenport, chair and ceiling

Great leather recliner 4 dr refrigerator with ice-maker

3 central air conditioner

13 batteries

3500 W inverter charges 2 battery charges

Freezer, icemaker, and tv in bay.

Stored in heated garage.

**For more information:**

320-983-3838

Cell 320-266-0436

Cell 320-360-7938

Email dbemis@frontiernet.net

### 1993 WANDERLODGE

8V92 rebuilt engine

Side isle—walnut interior

All Bluebird options plus

3 TV's in-motion-satellite— w/d

Health forces sale

79,900 or best offer

404-808-3331 or

jjdubac@etcmail.com

### 1991 Wanderlodge WB40

198,000 miles Detroit Diesel 8V92, 500HP

Allison HT-755 Transmission

15 KW power Tech Generator

Interior is light gray /laminate cabinets.

Cloth dinette seats with corian table & corian countertops. Dometic 2-way refrigerator.

New washer/dryer, Base-ment heat,

satellite system that tracks while driving

(3) 13,500 BTU roof A/C/ units

New Blue ox tow bar with cables.

Coach is in excellent conditions.

\$95,000

For more information contact

Richard Schwendler at (863)-605-2884

**SOLD**

**VINTAGE BIRDS**  
**Andrea Dixon**  
**P.O. Box 1000**  
**Paintsville, KY 41240**

**CHECK YOUR DUES**

**APPLICATION FOR VINTAGE BIRD CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP**

The initiation fee is \$30.00. This will cover your Chapter name badges and the first year's dues.

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Names on badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Make, Model and Year of coach: \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please print and send check for \$30.00 with the application to:

**Jim Hamrick**  
**318 E 4th Street**  
**Rome, GA 30161**