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Did you happen to check out the Vintage Bird web site this month? If not, give it a try. The last newsletter was posted on the web site about the same time it was mailed. So in the future if you need to check on the date of an upcoming rally or need an application blank for a new member or just want to refer to something you read in your newsletter and can't find your copy just go online and the entire newsletter will be there for you.

This brings us to another idea. The mailing of the newsletter is one of our costliest items in the budget. We could cut cost if members were willing to go online and read the newsletter rather than receiving a hard copy. It would also reduce the items lying around the house. The past two years our expenses in mailing the newsletter and the printing and mailing of the Directory have exceeded our income from dues. If the majority of members with Internet would want to receive the newsletter online that would help. We are aware that there are several members who do not have Internet access. Therefore we will continue to produce the printed copy for those members. Let us hear from you on this subject. My e-mail address is dialectic39@aol.com. Send your ideas to anyone of the officers whose e-mail address you know.

In the January issue of "The International Traveler", a FMCA paper, **The Vintage Birds** were congratulated for 23 years of belonging to FMCA in December 2007. Time flies doesn't it. To think it has been that long. Our thanks again go to those who had the foresight to organize and get the chapter going.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will be headed east and hope to see you at one of our rallies this summer and fall. John and Ruth have an interesting time arranged for us at Cape Cod in June. What a great way to begin the summer. Whether you have been to Cape Cod before or not, come and join us there. John says there will be new experiences this year. He is also planning time for those of us who it is our first trip to do some of the things others have already experienced

Bill and Dorothy have arranged a rally with a historical theme. If you haven't seen the new Lincoln Museum in Springfield, you will not want to miss this rally.

A rally is being planned for October in Georgia as a pre-rally for the Rally in the Valley. Pat and Mary Lou Stockton will give you some information on this in the newsletter.

Drop us a line and let us know what you are doing so we can include you in Vintage Birders in Action. Where are you headed this summer?

Look forward to seeing you sometime this summer.

President
Janet Owen

Vintage Birders in Action

Bill and Dorothy Helland were on their way to Texas when they received an e-mail asking for help in Mountain View, Ark. In case you did not hear of the EF4 Tornado that gouged an uninterrupted path along 123 miles of forest, farmland and towns in TN and ARK. This little town of 3,000 had 45 homes and buildings destroyed, including their Hospital. One death and it seemed the entire town was mourning her. Everyone seemed to know her. In the park, they had a kitchen with 2 Chef's, a Shower trailer, (2 Men's 2 Women's). They had food, drinks, paper goods, blankets, to give to anyone that drove up. No questions asked, if they drove up, we gave them whatever we had that they might need. No electricity for over a week now. FEMA came on Sunday; these people had been there since Friday.

We signed up last spring at one of the Rallies we attended. Whenever they needed help, the emails came, we could respond or not. No heavy hitting. We enjoyed the experience. I was a little hesitant, afraid it would be too sad, but these people were amazing. Thanking us all over and over again and telling us how lucky they were. They have a web site and anyone can get information and even print out an application to join. The web address is: <http://disasterresponse.gulfcommunity.com/index.htm>

The web site should give particulars if you want more information or would like to become involved. Another contact is Bev Marshall, Pres. on the web site. The dues are \$10.00 per year and you need to be an FMCA member to join.

They always tell the groups they associate with, (Crisis Response Team, the Chef's, the Shower People, etc) that they bring the equipment and supplies and we'll be the workers. It has been working out pretty good!

You know we're a lot faster than FEMA! And that's something to brag about.

Jim Baber and Sally Baze roamed the west while heading to Pomona, California to the FMCA rally. One side trip took them to Quartzite where they met up with 48 SW Blue Birders who were having one of their e-mail organized activities.

Attendance at the Pamona Rally was around 3400 and the weather was good for the affair and food and entertainment was good. Twenty-seven percent of the convention attendees were first-timers.

This time the business was mainly a training session and President's Forum. The 80th International Convention in Saint Paul, Minnesota is July 14-17th. There will be a Governing Board Meeting on Monday, July 14th, where the business of the FMCA will be conducted. One item of business will be voting on six FMCA Bylaws amendments.

When you see Sally or Jim have them share with you about Sally's quilting activities at the rally and about her quilt being displayed.

Jim and Nell Hemrick traveled in the west. Jerry and I met them for lunch in Casa Grande and had a wonderful time. They spent a month in Mesa and were concluding a month in Tucson when we caught up with them.

Our Secretary and Treasurer and their spouses spent a month in Mexico. We can't wait to see the pictures and hear their stories. Welcome back Jim and Nancy Brookshire and Bob and Mary Jo Dilks.

Bo and Lynn Chauncey traveled around the west. We missed them when they were in Scottsdale. Maybe we will cross paths down the road.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES EXPIRATION DATE ON THE MAILING LABEL.

There are still several dues payments that have not been received. Many members have been gone for the winter and will be arriving at their homes now. So look over your mailing label to make sure your dues are paid. As stated in another portion of this newsletter, the postage for mailing the newsletter is our biggest expense and it appears the last two years the cost has exceeded our income. Therefore it is imperative that we receive your dues by the next newsletter or the newsletter will not be mailed.

Mail dues to R.E. Dilks, HC70 Box 1305, Kingston, OK 73439. If you feel there is a mistake, please call 580-564-3517 or email at bjd@texoma-ok.com.

CAPE COD RALLY



Date: June 9th, noon arrival, to June 13th, 2008, 11:00 AM departure.
Early arrivals and later departures will be OK

Site: Atlantic Oaks Campground
Eastham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

There will be water, sewer, cable and 30 amp on all sites and some 50 amp services. We will provide some breakfasts, a lunch and pot luck dinners during the rally. We are in the process of setting up 2 trips. They may be a Cruise, Train Ride, Whale Watch or a trip to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, (these are the founders of the Titanic). There is the Cape Cod Rail Trail, about 100 yards from the rear of the campground, which is 50 to 75 miles of paved walking and biking trails to both ends of the Cape. There are many places for you to explore and shop on the Cape, also, miles of beautiful Beaches and Bays to walk or swim.

We have reserved 20 sites for the rally. **Must receive registration by May 1st.** Any registration received after this date might be able to get a site away from the group but can't guarantee it.

Thank You,

John & Ruth Jacquinet

Telephone

HOME 1-413-323-0367

Cell 1-413-210-6655

You may pre-register for this rally by submitting the following registration form to John Jacquinet, 281 Chauncey Walker St. #117, Belchertown, MA 01007 accompanied by a deposit of \$150.00. No refund after May 12 due to campground rules.

Name _____ No. in Party ____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Telephone No. _____

Size of rig _____ (if towing a trailer include the size of the trailer)

_____ Bringing a pet. If you are bringing a pet you must bring vaccination papers and there is a charge for pets.

_____ 50/30 amp service (50 amp sites on a first to register basis).

Prices: \$150.00 Deposit No refunds after May 12th.

\$350.00 to \$400.00 Rally Fee is for 2 adults and coach.

\$50.00 Children under 6

\$85.00 Children 6 to 18

If you have any email corrections or updates they should be sent to Jim and Nacey Brookshire. Their email address is woodwinds@alltell.net

LINCOLNLAND RALLY – JULY 2008

Date: July 7th, 1 pm arrival, to July 10th 11:00 am departure
Site: The Double J Campground Springfield, IL

There will be water, sewer, and 50 amp service on all sites. We will have catered meals each evening.... Breakfast and Lunch on your own.

Monday: 2:00-4:00 Registration (at Pavilion)
4:00 –5:00 Social Time (BYOB)
5:30 Catered Dinner at Campground

Planned Historical Sites:

Tuesday / July 8:

8:30am Car pooling (Pick a friend with a pet, if you have one.)*A pet that is

New Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

*Lots of eating places on the way or time to go back to Campground to tend to your pet.

The Lincoln Home

Old State Capitol

Lincoln Herndon Law Office

5:00pm * Catered Dinner at Campground

6:30pm 114th Regular Infantry Retreat Ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb

Wednesday July 9:

9:15am Carpooling (Pick a friend with a pet, if you have one.)*A pet that is

IL State Capitol

Lincoln Depot

Lincoln Tomb / WWII/Korean/Vietnam Memorial

Lunch (On your own at New Salem State Park before tours begin *or time to go back to campgrounds to tend your pet.

New Salem State Park

5:30pm Business Meeting

6:30pm Catered Dinner at Campground

Thur July 10 Checkout by 11am

The FMCA Intl Meeting in St Paul Minnesota begins July 14, so those of us interested will have 3 days to get there and those of us that want to stay and explore more of Lincoln land can do so, just let the Campground Hosts know ASAP.

We have reserved sites for 20 RVs.

Cut off date for reservations is June 2nd, 2008. If you want to arrive before July 7th or stay after July 10th, you will have to make your own reservations for those days:

The Double J Campground and RV Park
9683 Palm Rd.
Chatham, IL 62629
217 483 9998
doublejcampground@msn.com

Thank You

Bill & Dorothy Helland

dhelland@cmecwildblue.com

bill.sibu@yahoo.com

Lincolnland Rally Registration July 7 – 10th

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Addl. Attendees: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Coach Length: _____ VB# _____

Pets: _____

50 Amps: Yes ___ No ___

Other:

\$265.00 Total Charges

Please send form and \$150.00 deposit to

Dorothy or Bill Helland
PO BOX 837
Mattoon, IL 61938

One car or truck is permitted per site, additional fee will be charged for more than one vehicle, and all extra vehicles must be parked in visitor parking. Check in time is 2:00pm and check out time is noon. Each rig will be escorted to their site by park personnel.

Cut off date for registration is June 2nd, 2008.

Down payment of \$150.00 is due by June 2nd, 2008. Balance due at Rally.

No refunds from campground after June 9th, 2008.

When there are more than 2 adults in a coach, additional fee for site, meals and entertainment will apply.

We will have a Chinese Gift exchange Wednesday Evening. Bring a small gift or a white elephant that everyone will want to fight over and steal from their friends.

We are putting together a Rally at Pine Mountain, Ga. Tentative dates are Oct 20 to Oct. 24. 2008. We have just begun to work on this so further information will be in the next newsletter. We will keep the cost as low as possible by giving you a list of activities, but it will be pay as you go on the activities. That way you can do only what you want to do.

Activities within 10 miles of the campground include:

Callaway Gardens, Roosevelt National Forest, Roosevelt's Little White House., Wild Animal Safari, Historical downtown Pine Mountain.

There is golfing available, hiking, bike trail etc.

Cost and a registration form will be in the next newsletter.

Its 90 miles from Pine Mountain to the fairgrounds in Perry: about a 2 hour drive.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email us at mwpj4@hotmail.com.

Mary Lou and Pat Stockton

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BUZZYS BILLBOARD

2000 BLUEBIRD 40LX MILLIENNIUM EDITION



Cummings 450 hp ISM engine
50,000 Miles
Allison World 6 speed MD 4060 trans.
Jacob brakes, Ridewell Air suspension
(10)air bags Howard Steering
12.5 K W Power tech diesel generator
with auto start, 600 hours, Split battery
system engine, house, generator, all new
batteries, auxiliary air compressor,
laminare interior, exterior harvest gold
and brown. Kitchen Corian counter &
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down and central ducting.
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\$179,000
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call. His home phone number is
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I am wanting a Pro Driver readout for a 92
Bluebird (8v92) Just the monitor for the
dash.
Please call Jim DiCecco 407-361-0484

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
\$110,000
(352) 638-2247

1987 BLUEBIRD WANDERLODGE PT40 8V92

It has always been under cover when not on
the road. It has been completely detailed
& fully serviced every year. 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,
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Largest roof trunk, 50# freezer
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\$68,500
Ed Wentzel
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Cell phone 941-400-4131

1990 BlueBird SP 36 Silver Anniversary Model 84,000 Miles

Cat 300 HP Turbo
Queen Island Bed, New Refrigerator, batteries, flat
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compressor, satellite
Silver & Burgundy exterior . with grey interior
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8V92 rebuilt engine
Side isle—walnut interior
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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
2-160 amp alternators or 1-200 amp
Alternator bracket for a second alternator
on a 6V92, Hydraulic fan motor, Fan/PS
Hydraulic pump, Hydraulic fan valve
Bendix air throttle cable and cylinder
12V alternator & bracket for the kohler/
Perkins engine

Ken Doyle

Cell (301) 908-5735

Email Ken.hvac-serve@att.net

96 BMC 37'

Cummins 300 HP turbo diesel, Allison six
speed MD-3060 World Transmission with
electronic shifter

26K miles

10 KW generator with 397 hours

Exterior is Metallic silver over gray with
blue and gold accents.

Interior has light gray gloss laminate
cabinetry throughout. Two blue, coral, and
cream material sleeper sofas.

Dinette is a corian table with extension leaf,
two high back white ultra leather chairs.

Walk through bath, dual door closets with
washer-dryer combo, tile floor.

Queen island bed two wardrobe closet,
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Non smoking coach.

\$110,000

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rggsig@aol.com

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Cat 300 HP Turbo 79.5 k miles

Queen island bed

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Two couches, one a fold-out in coordinating
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Painted 3 years Blue, Gray & silver

All Metallic with top coat

New carpet and marble floor, garage kept

\$69,000

Pat & Grant Patten

705-429-6472

FL (239) 695-0577 Jan.—March



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



VINTAGE BIRD 100,000 MILE CLUB

Application for membership in the Vintage Bird 100,000 mile club.
To be eligible for membership, you must first be a member in good standing of the Vintage Bird Chapter of FMCA. Then you must have driven a Blue Bird (Wanderlodge or BMC) 100,000 miles or more (same coach or several).

Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip:** _____

Year & Model Coach _____ **Miles Driven** _____

Year & Model Coach _____ **Miles Driven** _____

F# _____ **VB#** _____ **Signed:** _____

Mail to: Charles Mckeehan
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