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VINTAGE BIRDERS TRIP TO QUARTZSITE

BY BOB & JO DILKS

We rolled into Quartzite (The Q) on Saturday afternoon, January 16th and proceeded south on US Highway 95 to La Posita South, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) site for Long Term Visitors (LTV). Unless you get these acronyms right you could be lost for months. Here, south of the water and dump facilities we spotted a raft of Blue Birds off to the east and parked on the outer side of an already impressive circle of Blue Birds (and three SOB friends) which I estimated to be one hundred yards long and fifty yards wide, all pointed to a central camp fire which seemed to burn 24-7. This, nine day, dry camping, rally in the Arizona desert, close to the California border, is hosted by Phil Corpus and a small entourage from Southwest BlueBirds, (southwest-bluebirds.org). The rally is held at the same time as the big desert RV show and a winter long flea market of gigantic proportions. What all started as a rock hound's meeting has turned into a quasi national event attracting perhaps 100,000 visitors over six months. There is even a general circus atmosphere at the RV show and flea market. But back to the realities of dry camping. On Sunday we discovered four coaches needed repairs to their generators which ranged from faulty regulators to a leaking water pump to faults in electrical wiring. Additionally, several couples, new to dry camping, were not aware of the need to trigger their glow plugs before starting their generators. As I recall, by day two of the rally, everything was back in working order, thanks to the diligent attention of the coach owners and a host of supervisors. Now to the weather: two days of sun, then cold and windy with occasional spits of rain. And then there was the "Big Blow". It started on Thursday afternoon about 4:00 pm with spitting rain drops, and then turned into a torrential rain with wind speeds estimated up to 80 mph that rocked the coaches. Fortunately, we had gone to Indio that day with Jim and Nancy Brookshire to visit Vintage Birders Jon and Neat Scott and Dennie and Karen James. When we returned at 7:00 pm, the storm was gone and all that remained was flowing water in the washes and many stories by harried coach owners. I believe the camp fire got doused but was quickly restarted the following morning. But neither the repairs nor the weather could put a damper on the general feelings of camaraderie and good will that prevailed during the rally. We all made many trips to the RV tent and the flea market and several unsuccessful attempts to get into Silly Al's Pizza. On Wednesday the 20th we held a membership meeting and potluck dinner for Vintage Bird attendees and on Saturday the 23rd, the Vintage Birds hosted the rally barbecue, cooked by Shane Fedeli, as part of a very large potluck dinner. In retrospect, we were glad we came. We met many Vintage Birders from the west coast, added six new members on the spot and left applications with another half dozen.

VINTAGE BIRDERS TRIP TO QUARTZSITE

Attendees

ALLEN, Hank & Nancy
BAILEY, Jon & Marian
BORDEN, Donn & Julia
DILKS, Bob & Mary Jo
ELY, John & Barb
HECKMAN, John & Ethel
HENRY, Jim
KING, Jim & Barbara
McGINNIS, John & Fran EVOLA
PUTZ, Michael & Tami HEILING
ROBINSON, Rob & Sue
SORGE, Rod & Hollie
WILLEMSE, Lucas

ANDERSON, Steve & Cathy
BLEMEL, Dale & Carol
BROOKSHIRE, Jim & Nancy
DOVER, Ross & Jean
FEDELI, Shane & Kelli
HEDMAN, Bob & Diane
HULSE, Fred & Jeanne
KIRCHNER, Bill & Pat
PLOUNG, Dale & Sandy
RAMSEY, Richard & Sue
SNYDER, Bill & Pat
SUNDERLAND, Dan & Cindy
VANCE, Tommy & Shirley

VINTAGE BIRDS CHAPTER FMCA

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 12-21-09

BANK STATEMENT & CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12-19-08		\$14,673	
<u>INCOME:</u>			
25 ANNIVERSARY GIFT FROM FMCA	100		
DUES & MEMBERSHIPS		<u>4,583</u>	<u>4,683</u>
TOTAL OPERATING CASH & INCOME	\$19,356		
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			<u>3,912</u>
BANK STATEMENT & CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12-21-09		\$15,444	
LANDMARK BANK CD PLUS ACCRUED INTEREST		<u>10,201</u>	
TOTAL VINTAGE BIRDS ASSETS 12-21-09		\$25,645	

Reliving History 1850-1925 in Florida and South Georgia

When: April 18, 2010 until April 30, 2010, 13 Days

Where: Starts in Titusville Florida, at "The Great Outdoors"

There will be two Campground Stops in between Titusville and the rally ends in Thomasville Georgia, at "The Sugar Mill Campground"

If you are interested in going and would like a detailed itinerary with Web sites for most of the places that we will be going to then Email me at_bobgiffen@msn.com and I will gladly send you an itinerary they tell me it's too long to go in the newsletter.

There are still several openings for the rally. Prior to the rally I will send everyone that registers for the rally the book, "A Land Remembered". This book is on the early life of a "Florida Cracker" family. Everyone that has read the book says it is a great book and that it enhances their desire to get the rally under way.

The Registrations end March 15,2010

Last Name	First Name	Spouse	Guest in Coach	
Address		City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone #1	E-Mail		Handicap Parking Y/N	
Cell Phone #2	Length Slides	#Pets	VB#	

Cost: Coach and 1 Person	\$ 540.00
Coach and 2 Persons	\$ 750.00
Extra Person	\$ 210.00 \$

Please make check payable to: Bob Giffen
And MAIL it TO: 5450 River Oaks Dr.
Titusville Fl. 32780

RALLIES

Vintage Birds Chapter

NORTH FLORIDA & SOUTH GEORGIA, APR 18 – MAY 1, 2010. Area history from 1850 to 1920. Events too numerous to list. Early interest requested to bobgiffin@msn.com

OREGON HIGHWAYS, AUG 1- 6, 2010. “The Spruce Goose”, space museum, Chateau Benoit Winery tour & lunch. Tillamook cheese factory tour, Naval Air Museum, Casino, Outlet Mall, Whale watching, Newport Aquarium, sea lion caves, shopping, Rogue River Jet boat trip & dinner. Early interest requested to Lynne Chauncey 503-645-2812

HERSHEY, PA, OCT 7-10, 2010. Auto show, capital tour, etc. Shane Fedeli 717-645-4912

NEW ORLEANS WEEKEND, OCT 28-31, 2010. More fun than the law allows. Info later.

Blue Bird Chapter

AMISH COUNTRY, MULLERSBURG, OH, JUN 13 – 16, 2010. Scenic Hills RV. Only 20 spaces available. Early interest requested to Paul Spear 740-629-7336.

COLORADO SPRINGS, JUL 9-14, 2010. Garden of the Gods RV Park. Contact Jon & Neat Scott 303-278-0272 or Dennie & Karen James 303-665-6347.

CAJUN COAST, RAYNE, LA, OCT 16-22, 2010. Contact Roy Zanca 504-242-1705.

Lone Star Birds

BLUEBONNET BOONDOGGLE, MARBLE FALLS, TX, APR 9-11, 2010. Contact Sunset Point RV Park 830-798-8199 and let them know you are with Lone Star Birds

Pacific Northwest Bluebirds

TOKELAND, WA, LATE MAY, 2010, beach sites on the Pacific, potluck dinner, hosted breakfast, location entertains, Bob Griesel- 360-866-0406

Southwest Blue Birds

Go to southwest-bluebirds.org to see plans for rallies in ABUQUERQUE, NM, OCT 6-10, 2010, and OSH-KOSH, WI, OCT 26 – NOV 1, 2010.

Wanderlodge Owners Group Forum

MAXTON, NC, APR 8-12, 2010. Land Speed Races, Call John Finn 803-783-7137

MYRTLE BEACH, SC, APR 13-18, 2010, Birds at the Beach, Ocean Lakes Camp Ground. Contact John Finn 803-783-7137

MAXTON, NC, OCT 28 - NOV 2, 2010 Land Speed Races, John Finn 803-783-7137

RATS RALLY, PINE MOUNTAIN, GA, NOV 3-7, 2010, totally relaxed, potlucks, walk about techs. Pine Mountain Campground. Contact John Finn 803-783-7137



APPLICATION FOR VINTAGE BIRD CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

In December of 1984, the Vintage Birds Chapter of FMCA was chartered for owners of older Blue Bird Wanderlodge Coaches. To be eligible for membership, you must first be a member in good standing of FMCA. Then you must own a Blue Bird Wanderlodge or BMC five years old or older. For example, a 2000 coach would be eligible in the fall of 2004 when the 2005 models go on sale. If after joining the Chapter, should you purchase a later model Wanderlodge, you may still remain a member of the Chapter. The purpose of the Chapter is to provide a forum for exchange of ideas concerning the maintenance or modification of Blue Bird Wanderlodge Coaches or BMC. The Chapter will also provide fellowship among owners, conduct interesting and affordable rallies. The Chapter will publish a newsletter for the purpose of providing Chapter, social and technical information on Blue Bird Wanderlodge and BMC.

The initiation fee is \$30.00. This will cover your Chapter name badges and the first year's dues. After the first year the Annual Dues are \$15.00

Please Print and Send check for \$30.00 with this application to:

Bob Dilks
HC 70 Box 1305
Kingston, OK 73439

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 _____

BUZZYS BILLBOARD

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, refrigerator, icemaker, back up tv

Largest roof trunk, 50# freezer

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Car haul trailer available

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Ed Wentzel

828-389-4494

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1990 BLUE BIRD WANDER- LODGE 40' -8V92

A NICER BIRD YOU WILL NOT
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- Set of Original twin mattress & Covers for 1990 Bluebird Wanderlodge
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- Full length observation deck for 36' Bluebird (great for viewing sporting events)

All items in EXCELLENT condition and very reasonable priced. Pictures available upon request.

For more info:

Greg Reiss

(305) 942-6642 (cell)

Sreiss1276@aol.com

1986 Bluebird Wanderlodge
38 ft pusher, Blue & Cream
Detroit Diesel Engine V 92
153,826 miles

14k Diesel Generator (4 cyl)

Air Compressor, storage pod
3 AC/s

Corian counter tops and table top
Parquet floor in kitchen

Convertible couch

Twin beds, Musical horns and
Doorbell, Lots of storage inside/out
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insurance policy

Jean Steltz

914-466-3019

845-336-8709

BUZZYS BILLBOARD cont.

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



1983 Blue Bird Wanderlodge 35 ft F.C.
3208 Cat Blue/Cream—awnings
Twin beds, generator, Rear bath,
dining booth, 2 A.C.
Located in Jasper, GA
\$25,000
770-735-3580
Dolores Veazey

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

1992 BLUE BIRD SP36
Cat 300 HP Turbo 98 k miles
Queen island bed
Loaded w/options and storage
New tires, refrig. & batteries
\$79,900
Dave Shockey (352) 787-3003
Cell phone (440) 487-5975
TheShockeys@Earthlink.net

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**Tires & batteries 1 year, lifetime air
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Silver & Burgundy exterior . with grey interior
\$65,000
Stored indoors, no pets or smoking
Call Gary Myles (440)-463-3540

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

CHECK YOUR DUES



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: Bob Dilks
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Kingston, OK 73439