



Vintage Bird Words

May—June, 2008

WWW.VINTAGEBIRDS.COM

Janet Owen; VB1100

President

148 Rainbow Drive #4871
Livingston, TX 77399
(910)-322-5427
dialectic39@aol.com

Matthew Pfeiffer; VB 1040

1st Vice President

12825 S. Rose Creek Road
Rose Lake, ID 83810
(208)-682-2666

Charles McKeenan;
VB1331

2nd Vice President

Mileage Chairperson

P.O. Box 528
Athens, TN 37303
(423)-745-8774

Jim Brookshire; VB 1339

Secretary

P.O. Box 159
Saluda, NC 28773
(828)-859-2779
woodwinds@alltell.net

Bob Dilks; VB 1055

Treasurer

HC70 Box 1305
Kingston, OK 73439
(580)-564-3517

Kathy Lawrence; VB 8

Webmaster

vintagebirds@vintagebirds.com

Jim Hamrick; VB1333

Parliamentarian

Notes from the President

What a beautiful spring we have had. We have been fortunate to be in places where the weather has been just great. While we were camped in the Tom Sawyer RV Park in West Memphis, AR which had just reopened after the spring floods, we had a close encounter with the tornado belt. We didn't see the tornado, just heard the warning horns to tell us to be on the look-out and locate the shelter. If you are in the area Tom Sawyer Campground is one of those finds favorable for big rigs and a picturesque stopping places. It was great watching the barges going up and down the great Mississippi River.

October plans for Vintage Bird Rallies have been altered. Be sure to check the Rally Schedule. With the Rally in the Valley moving to Branson, MO at the Branson KOA it is necessary to take a new look at the plans for Dillard and Pine Mountain. Please note the date changes also. With the limit of 150 coaches, there is a need to make plans early. Our thoughts at this time are to find a place near Branson for the joint rally. Anyone with an idea is encouraged to call at once for us to explore the ideas.

If you haven't registered for the LincolnLand Rally, please do so today. We must have a business meeting and need your presence. Bill and Dorothy have a nice variety of events planned for us. The business meeting will be Wednesday at 5:30, and if you are close by come for supper and the business meeting. Let us know you are coming so we can plan for you.

On another note, in another part of the newsletter you will see about our attempts to clean out the inventory that was carried in the trailer we no longer own. The items have been taking up space in Glenn King's storage space. We have attempted to sell the grill and have an offer of \$100. If someone want to offer more just let us know. As stated in the later portion of the newsletter, call Glenn King to make arrangements for any item.

A final note, to those who said you were willing to go on-line to see the newsletter, we have not begun to remove labels because of the so few who responded. However we still encourage you to go to the Internet at www.vintagebirds.com and check out the newsletter and other items.

SAFE TRAVELS
SEE YOU SOON



Do you like History?

Last summer while traveling in Nebraska along the old Oregon Trail we were camping at the base of Chimney Rock at a nice little campground. We visited several historic sites in the area. While talking to the local people they noted our interest in history and told us we should go to Fort Robinson State Park near Crawford, Nebraska.

We were headed to South Dakota and the Badlands so this was not out of our way and we headed up NE 385 toward Chadron and then over to the state park.

Nebraska's largest and most historic park was an active military post from 1874-1948. Crazy Horse, Walter Reed, Red Cloud, Arthur MacArthur, Dull Knife, General Crook and Doc Middleton are but a few of the colorful characters who played significant parts in carving Fort Robinson's place in western lore.

We took day trips to the Hudson-Meng Bison Kill, Toadstool Geologic Park, the Agate Fossil Beds, and shopping in Chadron. While there in June we attended the Eighth Annual Intertribal Gathering and enjoyed learning about the customs of the local Indian Tribes who hosted the event.



If you are ever in the area, Jerry and I would certainly recommend stopping by Fort Robinson with its two campgrounds, two museums, and rich in American history. There are several facilities for your friends who don't own RV's but want to travel with you. The old officer quarters have been converted into cabins that you can rent.

JUST IN BEFORE PRESS TIME

FALL FESTIVALS IN THE OZARKS Wanderlust RV Park, Eureka Springs, AR, Oct. 24-27 Joint Rally of Vintage Bird and Blue Bird Chapters

Oct. 24 3:00-4:00 pm Registration
5:00 pm Social Hour, Bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre
6:00 Bingo with gifts
Oct. 25 8:00 am Full Breakfast
9:30 Holy Land Tours
5:30 Dinner Buffet and Passion Play
Oct. 26 8:00am Full Breakfast
Free Day—Pass for all day use of trolley will be provided.
6:00 pm Catered Dinner
Oct. 27 7:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast
Departure

Coach with 2 people \$285 Coach with 1 person \$180 Guests \$110 per person
First 50 coaches registered with money or Sept. 1st whichever comes first.
Send your \$285 to Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, P.O. Box 1221, Fort Valley, GA 31030

Name _____ VB# _____ BB# _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Coach Model _____ Length _____

Lincolland 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.

CAPE COD RALLY

You may call today to see if there is still a site available.

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. There 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.

John & Ruth Jacquinet

Telephone HOME 1-413-323-0367 Cell 1-413-210-6655

COST: \$150 pre-registration. The remainder to be determined by events the group chooses.



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 \$25.00. This will cover your Chapter name badges and the first year's dues. After the first year the Annual Dues are \$10.00

Please Print and Send check for \$25.00 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 _____

REVISED RALLY SCHEDULE

June 9-13	Cape Cod with John and Ruth Jacquinet in MA
July 7-10	LincolnLand with Bill and Dorothy Helland, Double J Campground, Chatham, IL
July 14-17	FMCA 80 th International Convention, Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, MN
August 21-25	All Birds Reunion Rally, Ponderosa Campground, Cody, Wyoming
Oct. 19-23	Rally In the Valley – Branson KOA and Chastain Convention Center Branson, MO,
Oct. 24-27	Fall Festival in the Ozarks Rally (Joint with Blue Bird Chapter), Wanderlust RV Park, Eureka Springs, AR.

VINTAGE BIRD ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL

Inventory List – The items below were removed from the trailer and Glenn King has been graciously storing them. We need to clean out his storage space. The treasurer has informed me that all items have been zeroed out for tax purposes. We have tried to sell some items with little success. If you are interested in any item, we are allowing members to have first choice on a first come first serve basis. You must arrange to obtain the items. Glenn has said he would entertain the idea of mailing it to you **C.O.D.** Any items not taken by June 30th will be donated to an appropriate charity. Give Glenn a call at 724-378-7751 if you are interested.

Amt.	Item	AMT	Item
	Auto Straps		
2	Coffee Urns		Flags
	Duffel Bag	1	American
2	electric skillet	1	Vintage Bird
	Extension Cord		
	Flag Pole Sections		Aprons
3	Flood lights		multi-
	folding table		ple
	Grill Scraper		Blue Bird & Red Vintage
	hose		towel and pot holders
	Large Mixing Bowl		yellow light rain jacket
4	Long Extension Cords		Totes a few large, medium and small
	Measuring Cups	1	Vintage Bird Patch
	Medium Mixing Bowl		
1	Mixer		multi-
	Multi-use table		ple
	Pancake Dispenser		Salt & Pepper shakers
	Plastic Bag with auto tie downs		Sound System
			Spatula
			Storage Container (shoe box size)
3	Pitchers	1 box	Tablecloth holders
	Rope	2	toasters
			Tube Lights
Signs			Vintage Bird Perch
5	Wire Sign Holders	2	Vintage Birds
4	FMCA Signs	1	Wire Brush
5	Arrows	1	Grill - large
5	Vintage Bird Signs, Large		Grill Base
2	Poster Board		Grill Cleaning tools
1	Message Board		Stainless Steel Drain Pan
1	Vinyl vintage Bird Banner		Propane Hose
1	Viny Blue Bird Banner		Propane Bottle
Banners	Pepsi Welcome Vintage		
	Budweiser Welcome	bag	dinner plates, cups, spoons and forks
	Blue Bird	bag	decorative streamers
3	Wind Socks		

REDUCED

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,
laminated interior, exterior harvest gold
and brown. Kitchen Corian counter &
sink. Amana full size fridge. Ultra
leather lumbar pilot and co-pilot seats.
Three roof air conditioners, adjustable
down and central ducting.
No pets, non-smoker
\$179,000
Call (919) 493-4737

Anyone needing various parts and
chrome strips for a 86 pusher or 83
forward control can give Al Horn a
call. His home phone number is
(662) 456-3873 or (662)456-8688.

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,
refrigerator, icemaker, back up tv
Largest roof trunk, 50# freezer
20" color TV entertainment center in bay
Car haul trailer available
DVD, VCR
\$68,500
Ed Wentzel
828-389-4494
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
screen TV, hot water tank, front tires, auxiliary air
compressor, satellite
Silver & Burgundy exterior . with grey interior
\$95,000
Stored indoors, no pets or smoking
Call Gary Myles (440)-463-3540
shortblock93@msn.com

1993 WANDERLODGE

8V92 rebuilt engine
Side isle—walnut interior
All Bluebird options plus
3 TV's in-motion-satellite— w/d
Health forces sale
129,900 or best offer
404-808-3331 or
jjdubac@etcmail.com

BUZZYS BILLBOARD cont.

REDUCED

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-conserve@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,
overhead storage cabinets.

Non smoking coach.

\$110,000

For more information call Bob Grindle

(505) 771-4010 or (505)980-5712

rggsig@aol.com

1992 BLUE BIRD SP36

Cat 300 HP Turbo 79.5 k miles

Queen island bed

Loaded w/options and storage

New refrig. & batteries

\$105,000

Dave Shockey (352) 787-3003

Cell phone (440) 487-5975

TheShockeys@Earthlink.net

1995 BMC 37'

Best keep secret in Bluebird line! Bluebird
Quality, sturdy Spartan chassis, 300 hp
Cummins and 8-10 mpg. One year old tires
and batteries. Golden beige over teal;
mauve, blue and teal stripes. Interior in
white laminate, with teal and mauve trim.
Two couches, one a fold-out in coordinating
color fabric. Dinette, twin beds, walk-thru
bath, plumbed for washer and dryer. Ex-
ceptionally clean in and out, no pets, no
smoking.

Roadmaster sterling tow bar.

95,000 miles. Asking \$80,000

Will consider serious offers. May be able to
deliver in USA. Jim Baker (734)482-4750

(Michigan) jimmarybaker@comcast.net

Call or Email for more info and photos.



REDUCED

1986 BLUEBIRD 38ft 8V92

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

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: Charles Mckeehan
P.O. Box 528
Athens, TN 37303