



# Vintage Bird Words

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## Presidents Words

“There are two important events that need the attention of our members. First, at the Gadsden Rally business meeting we will be electing officers for the year 2010. This newsletter contains a list of the confirmed nominees that has been put together by the Nominating Committee. In addition, to the list nominations will be accepted from the floor. Second, the chapter plans to print a new Member Directory to be issued in 2010 based on member information as of December 31, 2009. Nancy Brookshire has agreed to chair this demanding effort and we should all try to make her tasks easier. In this issue of the newsletter you will find a sheet that will provide Nancy all the information needed to post an entry, or give her a call. It would be most hopeful if members would check their listing in the current directory and notify Nancy of any or no changes. Please give the directory your attention because many members use the directory to communicate with each other and we would like to be sure this effort produces the best information.”

The Executive Committee of the chapter recently met with the treasurer who explained that from an annual cash flow standpoint, expenses had increased to the point where they roughly equal our income which has no contingency for unseen expenses or allocation for directory printing. After discussion, the Executive Committee recommends the members consider increasing the chapter dues at the Gadsden rally. Any member who would like to comment on this topic should contact one of the officers listed on page one.

Vintage Bird Club presents:  
**GADSDEN CRUISE IN RALLY**  
September 30—October 3  
River Country Campground, Gadsden Alabama

**Bring your Classic Car, Hotrod or Special Interest Vehicle**

**Show your car or just enjoy fun Car Events**

- **Tour Honda Manufacturing Plant in Lincoln\***
- **See Race Cars at the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame**
- **Tour Talladega Super Speedway**
- **Enjoy First Friday in Downtown Gadsden (An evening car cruise, street vendors, unique shops, museum, restaurants, and music)**
- **Visit Scenic Noccalula in Gadsden**
- **Other Area Attractions – Noccalula Botanical gardens, Berman Museum Anniston – featuring Quilt Display. Anniston Museum of Natural History, Antique shops, and Gadsden Mall across from Campground**

**\*Honda Plant Tour notes: The tour is 1 hour, no cameras or video recorders, no cell phones, or PDA's, no handbags, briefcases, or packages. All participants must wear long pants, and closed toe shoes. All participants must be able to walk about 1 mile with no walkers, canes or crutches. Hand pushed wheelchairs can be accommodated by special request. Have to turn in a list of participants two weeks prior to the tour, so please indicate your intent regarding this tour.**

**For More information contact Kathy or Mark Ragsdale 256-892-0518**

**Rally Fee \$85.00 (This does not include campground fee that you will pay upon arrival. The rate is \$34 a night or \$136.00 for the four nights.**



# GADSDEN CRUISE IN RALLY

## Agenda

- Wed. Sept 30**      **Arrival meet and greet new and old friends**  
**Dinner at local restaurant (Dutch Treat)**
- Thu. Oct 1**        **Breakfast – Bacon, sausage, eggs, toast**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Honda tour, Talladega Museum and track tour**  
**Catered Dinner**
- Fri. Oct 2**        **Breakfast -Coffee and Doughnuts**  
**Free Day**  
**4-9 PM Downtown for Gadsden First Friday**
- Sat. Oct 3**        **Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy**  
**Explore area on your own – recommend you go to the Falls**  
**Pot Luck dinner and Door Prizes**
- Sun. Oct 4**        **Coffee and Doughnuts - Departure**

### REGISTRATION    GADSDEN CRUISE IN RALLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Honda Tour \_\_\_\_\_ Number participating \_\_\_\_\_

Special request \_\_\_\_\_

**Rally Fee \$85 for 2 people    \$43 for Single or Guest**  
**Campground fees will be paid upon arrival to the campground (\$136 for four nights)**

**Make check to Janet Owen**  
**11970 Civic Circle, Mooresville, IN 46158**

**Additional Information contact:**  
**Kathy and Mark Ragsdale 256-892-0518**  
**OR Janet and Jerry Owen 910-322-5427**



CURRENT 2009		NOMINATIONS FOR 2010		
President	Charlie McKneehan	President	Charlie McKeehan	confirmed
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Matt Pfeiffer	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Pat Stockton	confirmed
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Pat Stockton	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ron Rueckwald	confirmed
Secretary	Jim Brookshire	Secretary	Jim Brookshire	confirmed
Treasurer	Bob Dilks	Treasurer	Bob Dilks	confirmed
Northern VP	Mary King	Northern VP	Shane Fedeli	confirmed
Southern VP	Mary Lou Stockton	Southern VP	Mary Lou Stockton	confirmed
Western VP	Lynne Chauncey	Western VP	Lynne Chauncey	confirmed
Central VP	John Benham	Central VP	John Benham	confirmed
Nat'l Director	James Baber	Nat'l Director	Sue Marino	confirmed
Alt Nat'l Director	Glenn King	Alt Nat'l Director	Glenn King	confirmed

#### Treasurer's Notes:

I know you envision me sitting here with my arm gaiters and green eye shade duly recording, in minute detail and with unerring accuracy, the accounts of the chapter. What you don't know is that I am the point of contact for many of our members who send personal messages. The most poignant messages are from members who are saying goodbye. I thought I would share a few with you. "Please remove us from your list. We have sold our Blue Bird. We miss seeing other members at rallies – life changes and we change with it. Best of luck to all. J & M." "Jack died in 2007 and I plan on selling our motor home. Thank you for your letters, but you can take Jack and me off your membership list. Thanks, it was fun while it lasted, V." "My husband A died a year ago. I sold the Blue Bird soon after. We enjoyed our times with your group, had hoped for a few more. We'll miss all of this. I have good memories of the times we were able to join you in southern Oregon on the farm with the baled hay pavilion, the fireside chats and food and music on the side."

When you send in your dues its fine to scribble a personal note, I'll pass it on to the membership, anonymously.

# Rallies

## **Vintage Birds Chapter**

GADSDEN, AL, SEP 30-OCT 4, 2009, Honda factory tour, hot cars, street vendors, wine tasting, Talladega, election of officers, Kathy Ragsdale- 256-892-0518

NORTH FLORIDA & SOUTH GEORGIA, APR 18 – MAY 1, 2010  
Complete information in NOV/DEC newsletter

OREGON HIGHWAYS, AUGUST 2010. Date and information to be announced

NEW ORLEANS, LA, NOVEMBER 2010. Date and information to be announced

## **Blue Bird Chapter**

PIGEON FORGE, TN, OCT 5-9, 2009, Rally in the Valley, flea market, Dixie Stampede, free time, election of officers, Ross Dover- 864-979-0870

## **Blue Bird Owners Rally Across The Street (RATS)**

ELKO (7 miles south of Perry), GA, OCT 29 –NOV 1, 2009, totally relaxed, potlucks, walk about techs, John Finn- 803-783-7137

## **Louisiana/Mississippi Blue Birders**

PATTERSON, LA, SEP 17-20, 2009 Cruisin Cajuns Rally. Contact Roy Zanca rzanca@bellsouth.net

## **Lone Star Birds**

MURCHINSON, TX, OCT 2 & 3, 2009, Texas Trade Days Rally. Contact Joe & Kay Losh texascait@yahoo.com

## **Pacific Northwest Bluebirds**

TOKELAND, WA, MAY 15-16, 2009, beach sites on the Pacific, potluck dinner, hosted breakfast, location entertains, Bob Griesel- 360-866-0406

## **Southwest Blue Birds**

BUELLTON, CA, OCT 10-16, 2009, Flying Flags Resort, Georgeann – 877-783-5247 Curt Sprenger and Phil Corpus - southwest-bluebirds.org

QUARTZITE, AZ, JAN 16-24, 2010, Flea market, RV everything, four wheeling, barbecue, wine & cheese, dry camping. Contact Curt Sprenger and Phil Corpus – southwest-bluebirds.org

# BUZZYS BILLBOARD

## 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

## 1993 WANDERLODGE

8V92 rebuilt engine  
Side isle—walnut interior  
All Bluebird options plus  
3 TV's in-motion-satellite— w/d  
Health forces sale  
99,900 or best offer  
404-808-3331 or  
jjdubac@etcmil.com

## 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, auxil-  
ary air compressor, satellite  
Silver & Burgundy exterior . with grey interior  
\$80,000  
Stored indoors, no pets or smoking  
Call Gary Myles (440)-463-3540



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  
\$35,000  
770-735-3580  
Dolores Veazey

1992 BLUE BIRD SP36  
Cat 300 HP Turbo 94 k miles  
Queen island bed  
Loaded w/options and storage  
New refrig. & batteries  
\$84,900  
Dave Shockey (352) 787-3003  
Cell phone (440) 487-5975  
TheShockeys@Earthlink.net

**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  
\$80,000  
(352) 638-2247

# BUZZYS BILLBOARD cont.

## 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. Exceptionally 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.



## 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

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Please supply the following as you would like to see it displayed in the new directory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Partners name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

Send this information by mail to: Nancy Brookshire, P O Box 159, Saluda, NC 28773

By email to: [WOODWINDS@WINDSTREAM.NET](mailto:WOODWINDS@WINDSTREAM.NET) (capitals for clarity only)

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

**CHECK YOUR DUES**



**FREE FMCA MEMBERSHIPS**

Charlie McKeehan has received vouchers for five free FMCA memberships for first time FMCA members who also wish to become Vintage Bird members. The memberships must be completed by year end 2009. Please send us the names of any of your friends who might want to take advantage of this offer.