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Presidents Notes

I would like to thank last year's president Janet Owen and her husband, Jerry for their hard work and commitment to Vintage Birds. If your Blue Bird breaks down and Jerry is nearby, he just may have what you need for the repair. (I and many others can attest to that!) Thanks again Janet and Jerry!

Our hats are off to Curt Sprenger and Phil Corpus of Southwest Blue Birds for hosting their third annual Quartzite rally in Quartzite, Arizona. Over sixty Blue Birds were in attendance which included twenty three Vintage Bird members. There were also a number of SOBs. The rally ran for nine days from January 17 to the 25 and is dry camping only on land owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Water and dump facilities are available. A full itinerary of activities were planned by attendees with adequate time for relaxing. This year, Vintage Birds funded a wine and cheese tasting party and we thank Dan & Cindy Sunderland (Vintage Birders) from San Marcos California for hosting the event for our chapter. Thanks guys.

We almost never talk about finances, but with the year end treasurer's report in hand, it appears we are in good financial condition. Dues and memberships for 2008 amounted to \$4005 while corresponding expenses were \$3,374. On years when we publish a directory our expenses will increase. At year end we had cash of \$14,450 plus a CD of \$10,130. Please look at your mailing label and note the date in red ink. If the date is 2008 and you have not recently mailed a check, your annual dues in the amount \$10 are now payable.

Our membership number is frequently open to interpretation because of delinquent dues status but as of year end I can confirm we have three hundred seventy five members which includes twenty new members for the year. The membership number excludes those members whose names were expunged because of serious dues delinquency. Attesting to our longevity, we still have some members with single digit membership numbers.

Organizing rallies has been particularly difficult over the last two years because of the price of diesel and the general economy. However, I am happy to report there are three rallies in the planning stage and we will bring you more information as events begin to gel.

Safe travels,

Charles McKeehan



MILEAGE CLUB

600,000 MILES

284 BO & LYNNE CHAUNCEY

500,000 MILES

4 JACKIE KAY

647 BILLY & SHERRY DAWSON

400,000 MILES

HON JIM & REBA BALLENTINE

300,000 MILES

137 DOUG & WILHAH DIXON

293 PETER & ANNE FENN

128 JACK & NONNE MORGAN

2 DUB & SHIRLEY TILLEY

200,000 MILES

385 JIM BABER & SALLY BAZE

927 JERRY & MARILYN GOODING

340 CLIFF LEES

558 AJ & CAROL ANN MICKLER

187 ARTHUR & DOROTHY
OBERTO

1318 ART & MAGDA OVERGAGG

100,000 MILES

241 LEROY & ALICE BARNES

1183 MACK & OLVIE BEECH

896 DONALD & BARBARA
BENNETT

303 RED & BEVERLY BINGHAM

168 JAMES BRANHAM

448 LARRY & BARBARA BREHMER

276 BOB & SONYA COSTIN

1201 JIM & CATALINA DICECCO

158 TOM & JEANETTE DRENNON

733 BILL & ANNIE DWYER

1150 BOB & RACHAEL ERATH

1192 DICK & CAROL FOGLE

296 DON FONDA

660 GEORGE & NORMA FOX

1178 BOB & CHRIS GIFFEN

105 BILL GRAHAM

631 JIM & MARY GRASSE

37 BOB & SALLY GRINDLE

349 BARBARA HANKE

1180 AV & BJ HARRISON

679 SHARON HARSANYI

275 EARL HARTLEY

1113 JIM HENRY

204 DICK & GINNY HUMES

428 GENE & JOYCE INGOLD

1065 JOHN & RUTH JACQUINET

596 JOHN & KAREN JAMES

904 LLOYD & MARY JAN

1013 JEFF & JEAN JEFCOAT

345 BOB & JUDY JOHANNESON

878 WILL & GROVERINE JONES

1063 DAVID & JUDY KAY

1497 BENNETT & SHERI KEASLER

852 BILL & PAT KIRCHNER

88 FRED & MARTHA KIRK

1316 ROBERT E. LINDAMOOD

663 MARSHALL & LIBBY

LOUNDSLAGER

30 ALLEN & MERLE LUNDY

914 BILL & LAURA LYNCH

1109 FRANCIS & PAT MANCHIK

412 ERIC & RITA MYERS

808 DICK & NANCY NOGGLE

1318 ART & MAGDA OVERGAAG

724 RON & LEONA PALMER

1189 ALAN RITCHIE

235 JOHN & MARGARET REISZ

440 BOB & THELMASARGEANT

582 RICHARD & WENDY

SCHWENDLER

291 DAN & DOCQUELINE STACK

375 FRANK & JEAN STELTZ

575 SIGMUND & CAROLINE

CAPACHIN

1217 MAURICE & ROZANNE

DE SHAZER

859 GLADYS UPTON

1083 EVERETT & DIANE WALKER

343 CHARLES & MARLENE

WALLACE

473 ROYAL & SUZY WASHBURN



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 _____

Jim and Nancy Brookshire email server has changed so please make a note.

woodwinds@windstream.net

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

MOUNTZ MODEL MPZ
Geared Torque Power Wrench
Purchased from Blue Bird
All components stored in a metal case
Used once
\$350.00

William H. Hansen
(313)-886-4865

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-
lary air compressor, satellite
Silver & Burgundy exterior . with grey interior
\$80,000

Stored indoors, no pets or smoking
Call Gary Myles (440)-463-3540

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

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

REDUCED

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
TheShockkeys@Earthlink.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@etcmail.com

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

DUES:

Please check you mailing labels to see if you dues are current... If you become past due you will not receive your newsletter and just think of the fun and friendship you will miss.

To stay current send dues to: Bob Dilks

HC 70 Box 1305

Kingston, OK 73439

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
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