RALLIES

Vintage Birds Chapter

HERSHEY, PA, OCT 6 – 12, 2014. Rally coincides with the largest antique auto show in the U.S. Attractions include tour of the state capital, AACA Museum, Bus Museum, Hershey Chocolate. Contact Shane Fedeli, 717-645-4912.


TAMPA, FL, JAN or FEB, 2015. A pleasant eventful interlude in south Florida hosted by John Smith and Sheila Ciampi. Specific dates to be announced. Contact John at 727-581-8780.


EASLEY, SC, MID OCT, 2015. Our annual meeting will be in the uplands of South Carolina, hopefully with a tour of the BMW plant. Contact Ross Dover at 864-979-0870.

Blue Bird Chapter


Lone Star Birds
No information at this time

Birds of a Feather
QUARTZSITE, AZ, JAN 18 – 26, 2014. Many coaches arrive before, some arrive weeks before. For rally information click on the link, https://birdsofafeather1.shutterfly.com, and enter the password, “flocktogether”. Five documents are on the left side. Be sure to view the website for the latest information and pictures of previous trips.

Wanderlodge Owners Group Forum
WOG RALLY, PINE MOUNTAIN, GA, OCT 22-26, 2014. Totally relaxed, potlucks, walk about techs. Make your reservations at Pine Mountain Campground, 706-663-4329
On October 16, Vintage Birds flocked to the mountains of Athens, Tennessee for the annual rally and business meeting. Participants were greeted with a welcome bag filled with brochures about local activities, food, and a newspaper with a featured article about Blue Birds and the rally coming to the area. Hosts Charlie and Peggy McKeehan and Gregg and Jane Gesse had arranged for participants to camp at the Athens Regional Park with all meals being held at the McKeehan’s home. The rally opened with a hamburger cookout with all the trimmings followed by entertainment by a small local band. The vice-mayor was on hand to personally welcome the attendees and to present the McKeehan’s with a gift of appreciation from the city of Athens.

Following breakfast the next morning, rally attendees learned some of the local history of the area when the sheriff gave a colorful presentation about the Battle of Athens. After the oral presentation at the McKeehan’s home, the sheriff led everyone on a walking tour of historic Athens to point out locations where the battle took place. Participants then had time to visit some of the local shops in the downtown area.

A visit to the McMinn County Heritage Life Museum was another planned activity of the rally. Through the donations of historical items to the museum by local residents, attendees were able to get an insight into the history of the area, as well as, bring back memories of their own lives. During free time, attendees visited the Mayfield Dairy, the Lost Sea, and the Sweetwater Valley Farm, or just sat around visiting with each other and catching up on news.

One afternoon was devoted to a tech meeting where various topics were discussed including putting residential refrigerators in a Blue Bird. Many of the women participated in a craft session led by Sherry Miller, where she taught how to make decorative cloth flower pins.

The business meeting brought about a leadership change, as Charlie McKeehan turned over the presidency of the club to Jim Miller. In addition to Jim, the club approved a complete slate of officers. During the rally, the club recognized Charlie and Peggy with appreciation gifts for their leadership and dedication during the past years.

The last evening of the rally began with a hot dog roast featuring Charlie’s famous rake hot dog roaster. Following dinner, the club presented appreciation gifts to each of the hosts for their hard work. The evening ended with several of the club members participating in karaoke, which had been provided as part of the entertainment by the hosts.

The McKeehan’s and Gesse’s provided sumptuous meals during the rally including Peggy’s famous biscuits and gravy; lasagna; and Jane’s delicious cheesecakes. All of the great food including many homemade cakes and cookies made this a ten-pound rally!!!!!!

Thank you McKeehan’s and Gesse’s for the hard work you put forth to make this a memorable rally and thank you McKeehan’s for opening your lovely home for all of the meals and entertainment.

ATTENDEES

WOG Rally by Shane Fedeli

After the Vintage Birds gathering in Athens, Tennessee, many coach owners ventured south to the Wanderlodge Owners Group (WOG) Rally at Pine Mountain Georgia. This was the 4th Pine Mountain WOG rally and hopefully there will be many more to come. The staff at Pine Mountain RV resort has always gone the extra mile to host our group in their new and modern facility.

Much like the event at Athens, the rally had a record number of "first timers" in attendance. Instead of planned meals, we had more covered dish (potluck) dinners this year which folks seemed to like. Best of all perhaps was the beautiful weather and great friends that were able to make it to the rally. A total of 108 coaches attended this year’s event, which featured a number of tech sessions on subjects ranging from Aqua Hot systems, Propane & 12V system troubleshooting, Bendix Cruise module repairs, Webster Hydraulic Pump systems and general Q & A sessions for new owners.

Parliament Coach hosted a Wednesday afternoon cocktail hour in the main clubhouse featuring drinks and snacks. On Thursday afternoon, a Ladies Tea Party was hosted by Gladys Stiles and Peggy Herbert (Herbert's Jewelry). Approximately 50 women enjoyed deserts, finger sandwiches, hot tea, punch and coffee while sharing humorous RV stories and talking about the husbands. Peggy Herbert donated Bluebird jewelry as a door prize. In addition to the ladies’ luncheon, there were craft classes by Fran Evola featuring canvas fall and winter scene artwork and another class painting bird houses. “Miss Patticake” Gureasko held a class on chenille rugs.

On Friday there was a ladies outing to Calloway Gardens and we also had the annual vendor and flea market.

Coachcraft by MacDonald, a very qualified Bluebird Wanderlodge repair facility, provided over 80 pounds of brisket, 65 pounds of pork butts and 25 pounds of chicken thighs for a huge potluck dinner on Saturday the 26th. They also had a nice complement of qualified repair technicians on-site for needed coach repairs.

The 2014 WOG rally will be held from October 22, 2014 through October 26th, 2014. Anyone interested in attending should contact Pine Mountain RV Resort at (706) 663-4329 for discounted reservations.
At the annual business meeting in Athens, Tennessee on October 19, 2013 the following officers were elected to serve two year terms for the years 2014 and 2015.

President:  Jim Miller lives with his wife Sherry, in Freeville, New York and the couple will host the Harborfest rally in Oswego, NY this coming July.  Jim invites anyone who wishes to make some comment on the chapter to contact him at 607-898-4626 or jem590@aol.com.

1ST VP:  Shane Fedeli who lives with his wife Kelley in Hershey, Pennsylvania is responsible for promoting rallies.  Shane has been conducting hands on technical seminars at many rallies and together with Kelly hosts the biannual Hershey rally.  Contact him at 717-520-0316 or shane@midatlanticinspections.org.

2ND VP:  Steve Pappas who lives with his wife Liliana in Vernon, New Jersey, is responsible for promoting membership. Contact Steve with any ideas you have for increasing or strengthening our membership at 973-764-7409 or spappas@abf.com.

Secretary:  Jane Gesse who lives with her husband Gregg in Decatur, Tennessee is our “keeper of the keys.”  Jane will assist Andrea Dixon with the chapter newsletter and you can contact her with news or suggestions at 423-667-9488 or vintagebirdsecretary@gmail.com.

Treasurer:  Jim Hamrick, who lives with his wife Nell in Rome, Georgia has kept our accounts for several years and he and Nell will host the Cartersville/Rome, GA rally this coming October.  You can contact Jim at 706-232-2486 or vintagebird@comcast.net for any questions on dues.

Nat. Director:  Sue Marino who lives with her husband Ralph in Lake Wales, Florida has represented our chapter at FMCA for several years and recently earned a commendation, along with Ralph, for FMCA membership.  Sue can be reached at 321-431-5874 or susiem100@yahoo.com.

Alt. Director:  Trip Wilcox who lives with his wife Rita in Bullard, Texas is our contingency representative to FMCA.  When not yachting, you can reach Trip at 903-825-3864 or tripsail@msn.com.

**WINGS OVER NORTH GEORGIA @ ROME
OCTOBER 16—19, 2014**

**Largest air show east of the Mississippi.**  October 18 & 19 -- USAF Thunderbirds, GEICO Skytypers, Smoke—n—Thunder Jet Car, Mike Wiskus, John Klat, Patty Wagstaff, etc.  General Aviation Fly-In.  Static display aircraft.  Forty-five minute flight in Viet Nam era HUEY, COBRA attack helicopter, or DC-3 “Flagship Detroit.”  **Also:**  Kansas City Barbeque Society -- over 50 professionals compete in Smoke—n—Thunder Barbeque Classic.  **RV sites with water and electric adjacent to tar mac.  Cost:  A BARGAIN!!!!  Visit:**  [http://wingsovernorthgeorgia.com](http://wingsovernorthgeorgia.com) (web site constantly updating).  Contact:  Jim Hamrick  jhamrick11@comcast.net  or 706-232-2486
We extend a warm welcome to the following Vintage Birds members who joined or rejoined the chapter in 2013.

Alexander, Rich & Vicky
Knoxville, MD

Baker, Gary & Cathy Blake
Corunna, ONT

Cotter, John & Nancy
Winnebow, NC

Davis, Lee & Jacque
Mount Vernon, IA

Davis, Rick & Marilyn
Loudon, TN

Ellsworth, John
Box Elder, SD

Epling, Thomas & Judy Gibson
Ashcamp, KY

Harman, Wayne & Kathy
Shelbyville, KY

Heard, Cliff & Darlene
Nampa, ID

Helsing, Bruce
Maypearl, TX

Hill, Edward & Becky
Mesquite, NV

House, Wil & Edna
Houghton, LA

Korcsmar, Andy & Bonnie
North Ridgeville, OH

McCullers, John & Norma
Ormand Beach, FL

McLeod, Len & Judi
Oakville, ONT

Newton, Geoff & Marita
Adrian, MI

Pelletier, Dana & Elaine
Midland, NC

Ricketts, Steve & Vonda
Azle, TX

Sayther, Terry & Debbie Stuart
Austin, TX

Simms, John & Nadine
Shippensburg, PA

Walker, Barry
Mound City, KS

Zerveskes, Vinny & Sharon
Ruskin, FL

2013 membership fees are past due. Please remit immediately to avoid members cancellation. Fees for 2014 are due January 1, 2014. On time remissions appreciated. Check newsletter label for membership expiration date.

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VINTAGE BIRD CHAPTER OF FMCA, INC.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
SUMMARY FOR NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

For complete document go to:

ATHENS, TENNESSEE

OCTOBER 19, 2013

The 2013 Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Charlie McKeehen. President McKeehen’s remarks included:

2.3 Any member attending any rally who desires a new style name badge may have one for five dollars. Order from the Treasurer.

Member Jim Miller reported for the Audit Committee:

3.2 The handling of monies and finances are in proper condition.

4.0 Treasurer Jim Hamrick gave the annual Treasurer’s Report:

4.4 Net Income for the Period $826.47

5.0 Treasurer Hamrick gave a report on membership:

5.1 New Members during the year 20
5.3 Total Current Members 240
5.4 Expected removals when FMCA Membership matched to Vintage Birds at December 31, 2013 – 50 or more.

5.4.1 FMCA is experiencing significant declines in membership that will have a significant impact on Chapters...

6.0 Secretary Hamrick read minutes of the 2012 Annual Business Meeting.

7.0 Nominating Committee Chairman Robert Dilks explained the omission of positions of four Regional Vice Presidents from nomination for two reasons:

7.1 membership at the 2012 Business Meeting voted to eliminate the positions; and
7.2 FMCA By Laws do not mandate the positions.

7.3 Mandatory FMCA By Laws require the Chapter to elect, as Chapter officers, a National Director and an Alternate National Director.

7.3.1 Chapter By Laws omitted these two officers in By Law Article V, paragraph 1.

7.3.2 A By Law amendment is not required for the change because the changes are mandated by FMCA.

8.0 President McKeehen reviewed items considered by the Executive Board immediately prior to the Business Meeting:

8.1 Discussed the advantage of reinstating the Hospitality Committee.
8.2 Passed a motion to provide at Chapter expense an 8” x 10” placard for coach window display for members attending rallies.
8.3 Approved a motion to create a proposed motion to create an Associate membership that reflects the new category created by FMCA. Details and wording to be approved by Executive Board prior to implementation.

Post meeting note added:
However, the motion to amend the By Laws was not posted in advance of the current meeting and thus no vote can be taken at this meeting.

9.0 First Vice President Dilks reported for the Nomination Committee.
9.1 Members were Bob Dilks, Mary Lou Stockton, and Janet Owen.
9.2 The slate as presented by the Committee:
9.2.1 President – Jim Miller
9.2.2 First Vice President - Shane Fedeli
9.2.3 Second Vice President – Steve Pappas
9.2.4 Secretary – Jane Gesse
9.2.5 Treasurer – Jim Hamrick
9.2.6 National Director – Sue Marino
9.2.7 Alternate National Director Trip Wilcox.

10.0 After lengthy discussion related to the expected criteria of the new Associate Membership category there appears to be another group who no longer own a coach and may no longer be members of FMCA who desire to continue receiving the newsletter.

10.1 A motion was made and seconded from the floor to … “adopt a subscription fee category for those wanting to receive the newsletter but no longer meet membership criteria. The subscription fee is the same as annual membership dues.”

11.0 President McKeehen adjourned the meeting.

**BUZZYS BILLBOARD**

**1987 BLUEBIRD WANDERLODGE**
**PT40 8V92**
This coach was purchased in 1990 with 7,000 miles from Harvey Mitchell, Tampa Florida.
We were the 2nd owner.
120,000 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
$34,500
Ed Wentzel
828-389-4494
Cell phone 941-400-4131

**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
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NOTICE

Review the mailing label on this newsletter to find the expiration date of your dues. Please send the remittance sheet when sending payment to ensure accurate credit for payment.