



President's Report

In about three months we will be holding our 2nd Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion in Chattanooga, TN. Our hosts, Leroy and Glenda Wilson, have worked diligently and have planned a variety of fun things to do. Along with all the fun events, the greeting old friends and meeting new, there is a serious side of this year end Rally. We will be holding our annual Club General Meeting. Many items will be discussed that will effect the future of the Club and your input will be most valuable. We will also be electing new officers, who will be looking to bring a fresh view of the Club's future.

This new slate of officers wants your input and needs your support. The challenges that face all motor home clubs require the help and support of its members.

As I have said in the past, no matter how hard the leadership of the Club works, they will fail if YOU don't participate. If you see things you want changed or improved come aboard and help. There are lots of ways you can make this Club better. You may want to volunteer to host a rally, serve on a committee, or just participate in one of our Blue Bird Rallies. So if there is just one Rally a year you plan on attending, make it this one. Come and meet your new officers and shake their hands and get involved. How the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA will look in the future is entirely up to you our members.

Remember this is all about sharing

time with friends while exploring this wonderful country we call America.

There is a registration form in the following pages of the newsletter so sign up now and plan on having a great time in this magical part of the country. Until Bobbie and I see you in Chattanooga take care and we'll look forward to seeing you "On The Road Again".

Dan



BLUE BIRD CHAPTER, FMCA

Blue Bird Chapter

Your Chapter Needs You! Volunteer Now, You Will Be Glad You Did.



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Cooking is for the Birds: by Kay Green Losh



It's summer, it's HOT!!, and it's time for some cool, light meals. We tend to eat simple meals at this time of the year, or **eat out!** It's a good time to try any salad ideas you've collected, do simple top-of-the-stove meals so as not to heat up the coach, or your kitchen.

Here's something I'm making for dinner tonight; it has all the best parts of a good BLT, and couldn't be simpler. **BLT SALAD and LEMON-BASIL MAYO DRESSING**



Dressing: ½ Cup light mayo
1 tsp. freshly grated lemon zest
2 T. lemon juice

1 T. water

1 T. finely chopped fresh basil leaves

Mix in a small bowl, and add ground pepper to taste.

Salad: 8 Cups sliced Romaine lettuce

1 ½ pounds fresh tomatoes, sliced from top to bottom (you lose less juice from them this way)

8 slices cooked bacon

Arrange lettuce on a large platter, cover with slices of tomato, and sprinkle with a little salt. Drizzle half the dressing over the salad, add crumbled bacon to the top of the salad. Pass the remainder of the dressing when serving.

If any of you are lucky enough to be spending time near the coast, or if you can find fresh crab meat in your local store, this is a great recipe for fresh crab cakes. If you're not so lucky--like me--you could use frozen or canned crab in this recipe.

CRAB CAKES WITH BUTTERMILK-BASIL DRESSING

1 ½ pounds lump crab meat

1 ½ cups fresh bread crumbs

2 T mayo, + more if needed

1 large egg white

½ lemon, juiced

sea salt and freshly ground pepper

Mix all ingredients and form into 6 large cakes. Put the cakes on a plate, cover loosely, and put in the refrigerator to chill.

For dressing: Combine all these ingredients in a blender. It should be the consistency of a classic ranch dressing when finished. It should be served at room temperature, so pull it out of the refrigerator about 15 minutes before serving.

½ cup buttermilk

½ cup mayo

½ cup sour cream

¼ cup fresh basil leaves

2 T extra-virgin olive oil

a few drops of lemon juice

sea salt to taste

To cook the crab cakes: Remove from the refrigerator. Heat 3 T olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium heat. Add the crab cakes, and cook about 4 minutes on each side until they are nice and crisp.

To serve, spoon some dressing on the plate and place the crab cake in the center.

Consider one evening with a multi-salad supper. Make your favorite version of Tuna or Chicken Salad, a garden salad with all the wonderful fresh veggies added, and perhaps some fresh fruit chopped into a salad, all arranged on a pretty (paper!) plate. Most of this can be prepared early in the day, and pulled from the fridge for a cool supper. Keep your cool, drink lots of water, and remember those awful days last winter!

It's August and it's hot! Time for some cool lunches, and side dishes. I don't know about you, but I don't stand over the stove a lot at this time of the year, nor do I have the oven on for a long time.



We had people over the other day and did a "cold lunch" with pasta salad, green salad, chicken salad with dried cranberries added, and a cheese and deli meat tray. With the other relishes, I put out these Pickled Beets. This is simple to prepare, can be made ahead and all but 1 of my kids like these a lot. In fact, my son asked that I make him a dozen jars for Christmas this year!

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Easy Pickled Beets



Drain 2 cans of canned beets, and set aside.

½ cup vinegar

½ cup juice from the canned beets

2-3 whole cloves

3-4 peppercorns

½ tsp salt

1 small bay leaf

Mix all these in a small pan, and bring to a boil. Add a spoonful of sugar or honey if you like sweeter pickles. Pour over the

drained beets in a glass jar or stainless steel bowl and let set overnight. If you like, you can add a few thin slices of onion. (Don't put these in your good plastic, because it will get indelibly stained.)

Since we're all having a lot of salad on these hot days, here are some salad dressings that make a tasty change.

Celery Sour Cream Dressing

Into ½ cup sour cream, stir

¼ cup minced onion

1 T vinegar

1 tsp celery seeds

¾ t salt

Mix well and keep well chilled.

I've made this Tomato Salad Dressing for years and my family really likes it. It seems most appealing to me in the summer for some reason.

Tomato Salad Dressing

3 T corn syrup

2 t dry mustard

1 t salt

1 t paprika

½ t pepper

1 can condensed tomato soup, undiluted

½ can vinegar (½ cup plus 2 T)

½ can salad oil (½ cup plus 2 T)

2 T minced onion

In a jar or bowl, combine syrup, mustard, salt, paprika, and pepper; add the rest of the ingredients; shake or whisk until well mixed; refrigerate. Shake before using. Makes about 2 & 2/3 cups.

I hope you are staying cool, enjoying life and your Bluebird, and getting together with your friends.

Your cooking tips, recipes, and ideas are very welcome at Cooking@BlueBirdChapter.org

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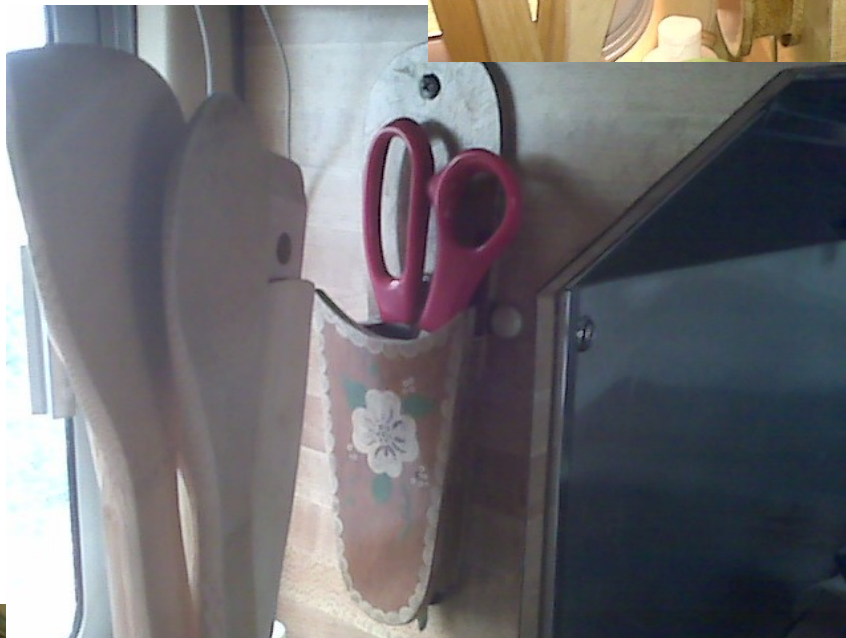
Technical Tips and Tricks: by Ralph Fullenwider



in the kitchen. What tool? Oh the Scissors of course. I tired of scrounging around the drawers looking for this tool while having one hand full of something that could not be put down and the other hand wet of course. After telling Charollette of this dilemma, she marched off to a garage sale and on her return, I was



Ah, August and all things that go with, heat index, sun bloc, travel to the vacation destination, it is so good to be alive. I had installed an item in our Coach, in the galley, then it dawned on me how this tool migrated all through our homes and has finally taken its well deserved place in our Coach Galley. It started in the sewing room, progressed to the fishing tackle and fly tying stations then even further in this day and age packaging removal, then became a tool of great importance



expected to see in my Grandmothers kitchen, so proudly mounted to the wall, just like the old safety wooden match drawers with strikers, needed to light the stove.

As you can see, our new addition was mounted near the sink and microwave junction, the center of activity in our Coach, so it would be handy to the tool that rests there. I thought this would be a good thing to share.



handed a wooden holder that had the look of yesteryear about it. Stained and a flower decoupage on the front, then hand painted around the edges, it had all the appeal of what I would have

Things that make life a little easier is always a good thing and if it happens to lengthen the life of an appliance at the same time, it becomes a win/win.

Recently I replaced the Konstant Hot located under the Galley sink and on the older Bird's there was no shut off for it and it just stayed hot 24/7 even if there was no water in the tank. This not being a good thing, I opted to add an off and on switch with a red led indicator light added to the switch/plug plate. For 110vac power, I tapped into the circuit that the original Konstant hot was plugged into and ran a new Romex 2 wire with ground to a

Technical Tips and Tricks: Continued, by Ralph Fullenwider

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new 2x4 inch electrical box. Then I added a switched plug combo to the new box. To know when it was switched on or off, I added a red led to light up when the switch was in the on position.

might want to be cleaning the return air filters on the AC's a

This makes for a nice afternoon project.

With the unexpected heat wave across the Country, we all

little more often to help the over taxed unit's to breathe easier.

Safe travels,
Ralph & Charolette Fullenwider
'84 FC35 "Ruff Diamond"
Duncan, Oklahoma
TechTips@BlueBirdChapter.org



Sunshine & Mists: by Brenda Rodgers



Recently Tommy Vance had an accident while working outside at his home in Florida involving a fall from a tractor which resulted in injuries to his ankle (two breaks and ten fractures). Over the years Tommy has previously endured a lot of problems with the same ankle. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

Norma McCullers has returned home after four days in the hospital. She is feeling much better, and we extend our best wishes to her for a soon and complete recovery.

Jeanetta Scott continues to improve as she recuperates from a fall a few months ago. She still needs our prayers.

Bob Loomas has had health problems which eventually has resulted in the loss of vision in one of his eyes. He and Lettie have been unable to travel in their coach for quite a while, but they are preparing to get "on the road again" real soon.

Please continue to remember Christine Giffen, Jim Thompson, Ron Jack, and Joann Dover.

We have enjoyed an abundant crop of delicious peaches this year here in Peach Coun-

try! I hope you are staying cool, and send best wishes to each of you for fun and safe travels.

We send our love and get well wishes to Mrs. Evelyn Clark, Sue Ramsey's Mother, who recently suffered a stroke. At 91 - she is undergoing therapy, and we look forward to her getting much better real soon.

Ella Snead was recently hospitalized due to kidney stones. We are glad to report she has returned home.

Please let us know if you have information about others that we can include in the next issue of Bird Tracks. Contact is a click away:

Sunshine@BlueBirdChapter.org

2nd Annual Family Reunion Rally! Dan Jensen



one of your all time favorite TV personalities, Mark Ballard. Mark will bring his unique southern humor along with his awesome gift with crafts to a special Ladies Luncheon, sponsored by Parliament Coach Corporation. Then that evening come dressed in your best 50's get up

berland Plateau, Chattanooga offers some of the finest tourist destinations in the country. There are so many things to do that you may want to stay a few extra days in order to take it all in.

While visiting this magical area be sure to take time to discover the awesomeness of Ruby Falls or the thrill of the Incline Railway or just peruse the shops along the waterfront. Whether it is visiting the Tennessee Aquarium or taking in the unbelievable views from atop Lookout Mountain or taking a day trip along the Tail of the Dragon where the Fall colors will be at their finest you will find that Chattanooga has it all. So sign up today and join your Family of

2nd Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion

Chattanooga, TN sits right in the cross hairs of I-75, I-24 and I-59. It is bordered by the Great Smoky Mountains, the Tennessee River and the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. Its beginnings are steeped in the traditions of the old south and cemented in place by the Civil War. Come join us for our 2nd Annual Blue Bird Family Reunion to be held at the Camp Jordan RV Park in East Ridge (Chattanooga), TN October 25th - October 30th, 2011.

This years Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion will be kicked off with a 3 hour Fall Color Cruise on the Southern Bell River Boat, lunch included. As we glide down the Tennessee River let this turn of the century steam wheeler take you down memory lane with thoughts of times gone by as a splash of Fall colors decorate the shoreline. And ladies, this year the Blue Bird Chapter welcomes back

and get ready to dance the night away at

our own Blue Bird Sock Hop. Next board our private tour bus and view the Civil War Battlefield where the Battle of Chattanooga was fought. The rolling hills shrouded in the mist and

a glimpse of an occasional canon takes you back to a period which was to be one of our Nation's most defining periods. Our last night will be topped off with a special catered dinner and entertainment by Country Gospel singer and song writer Chuck Hancock. And if your looking to purchase a new coach, show coaches will be open for all to inspect each day of the Rally.

Chattanooga is also known as the Scenic City and no one has to wonder why. Nestled between the Appalachian Mountains, the Great Smoky Mountains and the Cum-



Friends at our 2nd Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion. Total cost for this outstanding Rally

with 5 nights included is only \$335.00 for a coach with 2 people, \$205.00 for a coach with one person and \$130.00 for an extra person. The **Registration Form** is located on **Page 16** of this newsletter.



Family Reunion Rally Schedule:

Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion

Tuesday October 25th

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ---Registration
 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ---Social Hour,
 Hors D'oeuvres provided by Blue Bird
 Chapter
 Dinner on your own



Wednesday October 26th 2011

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM ---Catered break-
 fast
 10:00 AM --- Meet Buses at the Tent for
 the "Fall Color Cruise on the Southern
 Bell Riverboat...Lunch included"
 Cruise is from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
 Dinner on your own --- Be sure to View
 Show Coaches

Thursday October 27th 2011

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM ---Catered Break-
 fast
 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM --- Board of Di-
 rectors Meeting
 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM --- General



Membership Business Meeting (election)
 12:00 Noon ---Ladies Luncheon with Spe-
 cial Guest "MARK BALLARD" spon-
 sored by Parliament Coach Corporation
 Men---Lunch is on your own
 6:00 PM --- Catered Dinner
 7:00 PM --- 50's DJ --- Come Dressed for
 the Sock Hop

Friday October 28th 2011

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM ---Sweet Rolls/
 Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Juice, Coffee
FREE DAY: Suggestions --- Tennessee
 Aquarium ---Ruby Falls --- Incline Rail-
 way

Hunter Museum --- Shop at
 Tennessee's largest Mall ---
 Cruise the Tail of the Dragon ---
 Fall colors in the Great Smoky
 Mountains --- View Show
 Coaches

Saturday October 29th 2011

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM ---
 Homemade Muffins & Fruit,
 Juice & Coffee
 Morning Free --- Lunch on your
 own

1:00 PM ---Board Buses for tour
 of Chattanooga Civil War sights
 6:00 PM --- Catered
 Dinner
 7:00 PM --- Enter-
 tainment---Country
 Gospel Singer
 Chuck Hancock

Sunday October
 30th 2011

8:00 AM to 9:00
 AM ---Homemade
 Muffins, Coffee,
 Juice ---Say our
 Goodbyes

For those wishing to
 come in early or
 stay late contact
 your Rally Hosts.

Aquarium ---
www.tnaqua.org/

Ruby Falls ---
www.rubyfalls.com/

Chattanooga Choo Choo ---
www.choochoo.com/

Incline Railway ---
www.lookoutmountain.com/

Southern Bell Riverboat ---
www.chattanoogariverboat.com/

Rock City Gardens ---
www.seerockcity.com/

Raccoon Mountain Caverns ---
www.raccoonmountain.com



Handy Links (In no particular order)

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| FMCA Home Page | Coachcraft by MacDonald | Blue Bird Customer Access |
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| Wanderlodge Owners Online | Bird Maps | Dupree Products |
| Wanderlodge Owners Group | Bye Buy Bluebird | RV Stuff USARV Toy Outlet |
| Wanderlodge Yahoo Forum | Classic Coachworks | RV Upgrade Store |
| Buddy Gregg Motorhomes | Hydronic Heating Forum | West Marine |
| John Bleakley Motorhomes | Blue Bird Gear (Clothing etc.) | RV'ers Online |
| Holland Motorhomes | RV Electric Information | Roadside America |
| Parliament Coach | RV Mechanic Online | |

2011 Rally Schedule:

2011 Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA Rally Dates And Associated Clubs

2011

August 2nd - August 6th Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA , Illinois Amish Rally to be held in Arthur, Illinois. Hosted by Alvie and Elsie Miller

August 10th - August 15th Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, Blue Bird Summer Rally to be held at the upscale Hearth-

side Grove RV Resort in Petoskey, MI, Hosted by Jack and Ila VanDenBerg and the staff at Hearthside Grove (If you missed this one be sure to sign up for one below! Don't miss out again!)

August 18th - August 21st WOG Great Lakes Rally in Frankenmuth, Call Pine Ridge Campground 989-624-9029 to make your own reservations

October 19th - October 23rd 2011 -- RATS Rally, Pine Mountain GA. Contact John Finn 803-783-7137 100+ Al-

ready Signed Up!

October 25th - October 30th, 2011 " 2nd Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion," East Ridge, TN Hosted by Leroy and Glenda Wilson and the Blue Bird Chapter

November 1st—November 4th Vintage Birds Rally Nashville, TN Janet Owen 910 322-5427

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE—NOTE: Rally Committee Reserves the Right to Add Even More Fun at No Extra Charge!

[Blue Bird Chapter, FMCA Rally Registration Form - Use This Form For Any Chapter Rally Registration](#)

Date: _____ Rally Name/Event You are Registering For _____

Last Name: _____ First Names: _____

Address: _____ City/ State/ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____

Make of Coach: _____ Length: _____ Model _____

Blue Bird Club # _____ FMCA # _____ First time: _____ Handicap? _____

Number of People 1 ___ 2 ___ Additional Person (s) _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Check Enclosed _____ (Checks must be made to "The Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA")

OR: Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ CCV # _____

Visa _____ Master Card _____ Discover _____ American Express _____

Mail to: Treasurer, Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA , 3590 Round Bottom Road , Cincinnati, OH 45244

Classifieds: Submitted by Shane Fedeli

Send your classified ad with photos to Shane at Classifieds@BlueBirdChapter.org

1992 Wanderlodge WB40 101,000 mi, 500 HP Detroit Diesel, Side aisle, New HD/Satellite equipped televisions, New tires, New AGM batteries w/ updated inverter-charger system, Refrigerator/Freezer in basement, Oil-fired baseboard hot water heat, Full custom-screenhouse, Washer/Dryer, All Bluebird amenities. Asking \$78,000. For further information, please contact Allan Mark at 413-563-3939 or at allanmark@charter.net



1978 Wanderlodge FC31 3208 Turbo Diesel with a stamped 250 horsepower rating. I have the Blue box with the owners manuals and service manuals for everything. The 2 front couches turn into a King bed. This motor home needs some work. Generator and will run smooth with fresh gas. Coach is located in Palmdale, CA. Contact Chris Valdes at rideracelive@hotmail.com for more details or call 408-893-2843. Asking \$7,500.



1979 Wanderlodge FC33 110,000 miles, 3208 Cat Diesel, Allison Auto Transmission, Kohler Generator, Stand-up Shower, 2 AC's, Full Galley, Needs a little TLC; Mechanically- ROCK SOLID. Runs Great, Super Dependable, Very Comfortable. Will Consider Delivering! Call 910-382-9181 or contact Thomas Poston by email at thomasposton@mac.com for more details. Reduced to \$15,000 OBO!!



2003 Wanderlodge LX with slide Original owners. Immaculate condition, non-smoking, no pets, Northern California coach with 34,250 miles on a 500 HP Cummins ISM; Allison 6-speed MD-4060; 2 position Jake; 8 new tires (2 years ago); Corian sinks & counter tops; walnut laminate wood flooring & sculptured carpeting (protected with plastic). Priced to sell at \$199,950. Contact Vic at tusciano.vt@gmail.com or 707-322-8906.



1981 Bluebird Wanderlodge FC33 70,000 miles. Updated throughout in 2000: 250 HP 3208 Cat w/only 16K miles, Custom dash with Stewart-Warner gauges, 2000 watt inverter/charger, Corian counters and dinette, marble flooring, oak & African zebra wood cabinetry, flex steel interior, upgraded refrigerator & cook top. New brakes & batteries in 2009. Asking \$22,000 firm. Located in So. Cal. Contact Mark Sedco at sedcopier@verizon.net or at (951) 526-3014 for more details.



1989 Bluebird Wanderlodge SP36 Great condition-72,000 miles, 300hp Cat, New tires, new Serta queen mattress, new bedding, sleeper sofa, unit sleeps 6 with table down, custom blinds and drapes. Merelite counter top with double sinks, and much more. My husband purchased and became ill - never used. Call Sylvia Moretz at luvoakisland@yahoo.com or 828-312-0520 Asking \$60,000.



1986 Wanderlodge PT36 Only 69,208 miles!! New Allison Transmission, 12.5 kw Yanmar/Kohler Diesel Generator, Chassis air, leveling jacks, wired for towing (sale includes tow bar). This Canadian Coach is immaculate and has been housed always in its own garage away from weather. East of Toronto, Ontario. Call 613-475-2974. Reduced to \$55,000!!



Classifieds (Continued)

1978 Wanderlodge FC35 Rear Door This coach has been gone throughout starting with a new Imron Paint Job, new upholstery, new carpet, new tires , new generator. Everything works in this coach and it is a solid as a rock. **Reduced to \$20,000.** Has new brakes, new batteries, new tires, new fantastic fans and a/c throughout the coach. 149,000 original mi. and coach has new hoses. Contact Jon Lechich at jip-job@yahoo.com



2001 Wanderlodge LX Millennium Edition Galley and living room slide- outs. Always stored inside with electrical hook-ups. We are the second owners of the coach with 70,022 miles. 500 HP Cummins ISM engine, Jacob 2 stage engine brake, Allison 6 speed transmission. New Michelin tires and batteries 3 years ago. VDO/Dayton navigation system. Interested parties should contact Bill at (828) 312-3005. Asking \$165,000.



1991 Wanderlodge WB 40 198,000 miles, Detroit Diesel 8V92,500 HP w/Bulk Oil Fill, Allison HT-755 Transmission, 15KW Power Tech Generator.. New Blue ox tow bar with cables + ball hitch, External Zip Dee custom screen room with water bags and screen covers that attaches to main awning. Coach is in excellent shape and priced at \$95,000. Contact Rich Schwendler at 863-605-2884 or at r.schwendler@verizon.net



1984 Wanderlodge FC33 Side Bath CAT 3208 Turbo Diesel 250 HP. 79,910 miles. All original, garage kept, no rust, perfect paint! Washed, waxed and serviced regularly. Tires only 2 years old. Allison Automatic Transmission. 12.5 kVA Kohler/Perkins Diesel Generator. Interior is in excellent condition too. Located in New Castle, DE. Selling because we purchased a newer model. For more information contact Paul Knotts at (302) 838-9317 .

Classifieds (Continued)

1997 Wanderlodge WB 43' 500 HP Detroit Diesel; Low mileage (20,000) like new inside; garage kept; will sleep four; has private, separate bathroom and full master bedroom; many amenities;. Located in Long Valley, NJ. **Price Reduced to \$110,000 or best offer.** For more information contact Bernard Peach at bwpeach@gmail.com or by phone at 908-852-1755.



1984/85 PT40 Newly rebuilt engine. Road ready. All Bluebird options. New appliances. Selling due to health issues. Contact Marge or Joe Zakowski at mjzakowski@juno.com for additional pictures and information. **Make an offer.** Bus located in Northern Indiana.



1990 SP-36 Wanderlodge 137,000 miles. 3208 CAT 300 hp with 3200 engine hrs. Coach is in fair condition inside and out. Priced at \$39,000; Contact Robert Erath at robertwerath@aol.com with any questions



1984 PT40 Bluebird Wanderlodge 6V92, 325 HP, Allison MT654-CR 5 Speed Automatic with Retarder, All appliances are in excellent working order. Complete set of manuals including 'Blue Box'. Less than 5K miles on NEW brakes and suspension air-bags all the way around. Coach is very clean, never been smoked in and has been meticulously maintained. \$42,500. For More information Contact Brian Prinkki at 626-536-1719 or by E-mail at brian@remotetechns.net. Coach is located in Monrovia, CA

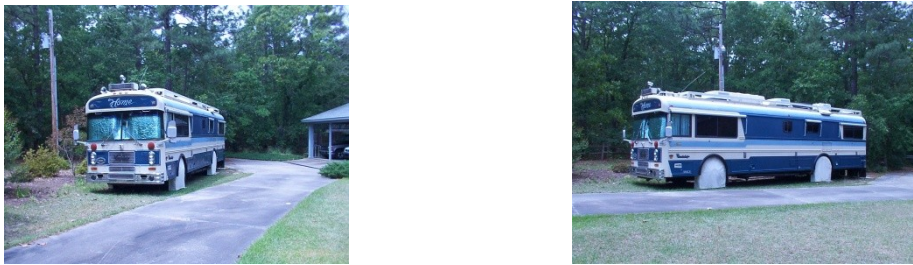


Classifieds (Continued)

1994 Wanderlodge WB40 95,000 miles, Detroit Diesel 8V92 w/Bulk Oil Fill, Allison HT-755 Transmission, 15 KW Power Tech Generator. Exterior Platinum/Black with Aqua, Rose and Purple Highlights; Interior is Black and Cream, White Laminate Cabinets w/ Corian Countertops and White Ceramic Tiled Floor with Carpet Inlay in Living Area, White Leather Dinette and Sofa. Walk thru bath with private toilet, Cross island bed, ½ booth dinette w/ free standing chair, **Now Reduced to \$60,000 or Best Offer!** Contact Joe at 715-559-5947 or by email at nrausch.rn@gmail.com



1984 FC35 SB Wanderlodge 124,875 miles, Coach is in very good condition. Asking \$30,000. For questions/additional info, contact Howard Smith at 803-568-4755 or by email at howlyn@pbtcomm.net



1982 FC35SB Bluebird Wanderlodge 3208NA Caterpillar Diesel engine, 5 speed Allison automatic transmission, new starter-2008, new alternator -2008, 4 new batteries installed April 2010, new air cans on front and back brakes - 2008. The interior was re-done at the factory in the 1990's and is in excellent condition. Coach is located in Kathleen, Georgia, shown by appointment only. A photo DVD is available with more pictures and info. Asking \$30,000 OBO. Contact Sandy White at lostgold@yahoo.com with additional questions.



1981 Wanderlodge FC 35 Rear Bath 3208 turbo Diesel Caterpillar Engine. 500 Allison 4 speed automatic transmission. 10 kW 4 cyl diesel generator. 65,000 miles on coach, about 50,000 miles on the engine. Sleeps 6, large rear bathroom across the back of the bus with tub & shower. Asking \$27,500. Contact Norm Wobschall at 507-456-3728 or at normco3@yahoo.com for more photos and info.



Classifieds (Continued)

2000 Wanderlodge LXI 97,000 miles. 500 HP Series 60 Detroit Engine. Allison transmission w/ Jacobs Engine Retarder, Kitchen single slide, 260 gal. fuel / 48 gal. LPG, 150 gal. fresh water, 160 gal. grey & black water, 3 roof air ac's, Aquahot & electric heat., **Reduced to \$179,900.** Contact Richard Ramsey at yeamar49@yahoo.com or by phone at 850-447-1700.



1986 Wanderlodge PT40- Detroit Diesel 8V92, 475HP, Allison Transmission. Coach is in Great Shape- it's been garage keep most of its life! 107,000 miles, 12.5KW Diesel Generator, 2964 Engine Hours, 3 roof Airs, 4 Heaters, **Reduced to \$48,995.** Call Rick Vossen at 850-527-4765.



Wanderlodge Plant Update: Submitted by Brenda Rodgers

Recent information condensed from an article in the "Leader Tribune" newspaper in Fort Valley, Georgia:

"TATSA" (Tecnologia Avanzada en Transporte S.A.) a bus manufacturer based in Argentina purchased the Wanderlodge factory and its remaining equipment many months ago. TATSA builds a line of buses for mass transit with customers in South America, Europe and Asia.

The U.S. economic downturn and slow recovery left cities, counties and transit authorities without much money for major

new purchases so the plant opening and the jobs that go with it are on hold.

Signs bearing the "TATSA" logo have recently been placed on the building.

According to Fort Valley Mayor John Stumbo who keeps in touch with TATSA officials, the company is waiting for better market conditions before scheduling a ribbon cutting and hiring workers.

TATSA's product line includes several sizes of mass transit buses equipped with diesel engines. One model has an articu-

lated body which is longer than most other urban buses with a flexible mid-section.

TATSA recently announced an alliance with U.S. based Eaton Corporation using Eaton's hybrid diesel-electric technology.

TATSA and Eaton will build test models this year, according to an Eaton press release. No information is available yet about what models TATSA will produce in Fort Valley nor a specific date for production to begin.

Weird & Wacky Buses!



Created by car artist Tom Kennedy, the Topsy-Turvy Bus (Topsy) is a bus made of two school buses welded together, one upside down on top of the other. This cool bus is currently touring the country to "dramatically depict America's upside down budget priorities."



World's Longest Bus is made in China, costs USD 250,000, and it only works in cities without corners, The other way would be to drive from one block to another without turning. This 83 foot long bus has a capacity of 300 people and is divided into 3 compartments, due to this its speed limit is up to 51mph max, probably to avoid any unwanted incident, but then with that kind of speed this bus would cause traffic jam.

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