

President's Report

With the help and support of some great members who have asked to be hosts of this year's rallies I believe we are in for a great Summer and Fall. From the heart of the Illinois farmland in Amish country and then onto Petoskey, MI for the Blue Bird Summer Rally and closing out our year with the 2nd Annual Blue Bird Family Reunion in Chattanooga, TN we are in for a great time.

I want to remind you that the club has always had a policy of allowing coach owners who do not own a Blue Bird to come to our rallies as a guest of a Blue Bird Chapter member. So go ahead and call a friend and ask them to join you on the road and

enjoy one of our Blue Bird Rallies.

Because of the impact that the economy and fuel prices are having on RV Resorts all across the country, we are finding a higher than usual vacancy. With that in mind I called the staff at Hearthside Grove RV Resort in Petoskey, MI and Camp Lakewood in Effingham, IL and asked if we could get a few more spots for those who want to attend the rally even though the July 1st deadline is up? At this time the answer is yes, but it is now on a first come first served basis. So if you would like to attend either the Illinois Amish Rally or the Blue Bird Summer Rally in Michigan and have not yet registered, don't hesitate to call!

For the Amish Rally call the Camp Lakewood RV Park directly at 1-217-342-6233. You will pay them the rally rate of \$24.00 per night for the RV site. When you arrive at Camp Lakewood you will then pay the remainder of the Rally Fee of \$176.00 to the Blue Bird Chapter.

If you want to attend the Blue Bird Summer Rally at the Hearthside Grove RV Resort in Petoskey, MI please call their staff at 1-231-347-0905 and make you own reservations. The cost of the Rally is \$499.00 per coach. If you want to attend the Optional Day on Mackinac Island including the scenic cruise on the Island Ferry and lunch at the Grand Hotel \$69.00 per person. Again this is a first come first serve only basis, so if you want to attend one or both of these outstanding rallies don't hesitate...call now!

Take care for now and we will see you "On The Road Again".

Dan



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Cooking is for the Birds: by Kay Green Losh



Well, it's July, it's hot, and it's time for all the summer activities, not the least of which

is eating! For us, it's time for family reun-

ions and all the good food that comes with

that. There are certain things we look for-

ward to each year--my cousin, Bonnie, will always have to make her mother's Chicken

ways curious....

Spiedie Sauce for Chicken (or Beef)

6 cloves of garlic, minced

- 1 T dried basil
- 1 T black pepper
- 1 T dried oregano
- 1 T dried parsley

1 T salt

2 T lemon juice

1 ½ C vegetable oil

½ C vinegar



and Dumplings!

At other times, we're looking for something cool, or something to do on the grill, so here are a couple of things to try.

Neat Scott sent this recipe from her friend in New York. Apparently, it's a local favorite and her family always has it on Memorial Day. Anyone out there know the origin of the name of this sauce? I'm al3 pounds of boned and skinned chicken breast halves, cubed

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Add cubed meat, cover and refrigerate for 24 to 48 hours.

Skewer the meat and cook over hot coals. Baste with marinade. Put a thin slice of Italian bread in one hand, place the skewer with the cooked meat onto the bread, wrap the bread around the meat and pull off

the skewer with the bread. Eat as a sandwich.

Neat's friend, Jean, says they often use sub rolls, too; "any good bread can be used".

I thought a good coleslaw would work well with this.

Confetti Coleslaw

4 C shredded cabbage



½ C shredded carrots

1 tsp salt

1 tsp sugar

Mix.

For the dressing, combine:

½ C mayonnaise,

1 T vinegar,

1 T milk

Add to cabbage mix, and chill. Before serving, Add 1 small Apple, chopped and mix in.

Makes 8 servings. (Note: because of the milk, you'd want to keep this chilled.)

My mother used to make a **No Wilt Cab-bage Slaw** that is delicious and stays crisp. This makes a large amount--perfect for crowds! It takes a few minutes more to make but really lasts well, kept in the fridge, and leftovers can be used almost as a relish.

Chop fine:

4-6 pounds cabbage

2 small green peppers

2 carrots

1 large onion

Dressing: Mix 1 packet unflavored gelatin in ½ cup water, and set aside.

Mix in saucepan:`

1 C vinegar

1 C'sugar

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Whisk together all ingredients

except the vegetables. Pour over vegetables, stir well, and store in the refrigerator.

Since it's summer and cool suppers often sound more appetizing, here's one more salad to enjoy. My daughter, **Renee Losh,** made this once, and now makes it by request when our

family gets together.

Frito Corn Salad

2 cans yellow kernel corn, drained well

½ purple onion, chopped

½ red bell pepper and ½ green bell pepper, sliced and chopped

1 cup mayonnaise 1 cup shred-

ded cheddar cheese

Mix well and when nearly ready to serve, add 5 ounces Chili Cheese flavor Frito corn chips.

Looks good and tastes good!

Happy Summer to you all! As you find new favorites, please let us share in the good eating--send your recipes to Cooking@BluebirdChapter.org



Bring to a boil and let it cool.

Add

1 T salt

½ t pepper

1 tsp celery seed

1 C oil

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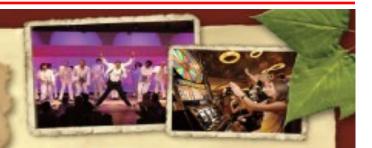
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BLUE BIRD TENTATIVE RALLY ITINERARY

Wednesday, August 10 to Monday, August 15, 2011



Blue Bird and Hearthside Grove have put together an amazing rally to spend quality time with friends enjoying some of the best activities in the area. These just scratch the surface of the local offerings and you are encouraged to come before and stay after the official dates to enjoy what is likely to be a destination that is the highlight of your travels in 2011.

Attendees are welcome to stay up to an additional 7 days before and after the rally for JUST \$49.95 PER NIGHT, nearly 1/2 off the regular rate.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011

6 to 8 p.m.

Join us in the North Clubhouse for our Welcome Party Cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and activities sign-up sheets

THURSDAY, AUGUST II, 2011

8 am

Poolside Breakfast at Hearthside Grove

9:30 am. to Noon

Seminars and gatherings

Noon to 6 p.m.

Enjoy the resort pool, time with friends both old and new or get out and see the area.

Optional sign up-round of golf, motorcycle ride or guided bicycle tour on a paved lakeside trail hetp://www.true.northgolf.com/

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6 p.m.

Caravan to Boyne Highlands for the fabulous entertainment of the Young Americans at the Boyne Highlands Dinner Theater help/lwww.boyne.com/Summen/Young_Americans.hem/.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011

Enjoy a break after the high energy performance from Saturday night. Explore some of our unique neighboring towns.

7:30 p.m.

Reconvene for a fun evening hosted by vendor partners. Cocktails, heavy hors doeuvres, entertainment.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011

8 a.m.

Breakfast in the Hearthside Room inside the North Clubhouse at Hearthside Grove. Enjoy rest of day exploring the area on your own.

9:30 a.m. Optional Day on Mackinac Island Add \$69 person. Caravan to Shepler's Island Ferry, Mackinaw City

10:30 a.m

Ferry departs for Mackinac Island, with scenic cruise near the mighty Mackinac Bridge, longest suspension bridge in the western hemisphere! Once you arrive at the Island. Sight-seeing, shopping, strolling main street 12 to 2 p.m

Grand Hotel Luncheon Buffet

Your farry and lunch tickets were provided in your welcome materials so that you may arrive for lunch at your leasure (providing it is between 12 and 2 p.m.)

Post lunch - Enjoy the rest of the day exploring some of the unique facets of the island and return at your leisure by ferry (latest ferry departs island at 9 p.m.l) for drive back to Hearthside Grove. Dinner on your own. A list of local favorites and sign up sheet will be provided for attendees who wish to group together. http://www.grandhosel.com http://www.shaplersferry.com

heep/l/www.mackinacisland.org SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011

Optional: Self guided caravan scenic trip in small groups to our local wine country, Lavender Hills Farm, Pointer Boat Cruises... see sign-up sheets at the Clubhouse at the Welcome Party. http://www.ineriesofoldmission.com/

6:30 p.m.

Casino shuttle departs promptly from North Clubhouse for dinner and gaming at Odawa casino. Rally attendees enjoy the facility throughout the evening and can use the return shuttle at regular intervals to return to Hearthside Grove. http://www.odawacasino.com

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011

8 2.00

Coffee kiss and go, continental style (donuts, coffee) The official rally ends at Hearthside Grove after five magical days of northern Michigan fun, but you can continue to enjoy the endless activities the area has to offer by extending your stay.

* Evenes and schedule subject to change.

Hearthside Grove is a condomination Class A motorcoach easont.

The by-laws allow for coaches I0 years or never and others by approval.

If your coach is II years old or older simply email an extensor photo of
your coach to (cregizae/@hearthaderoaccom). Once your coach is
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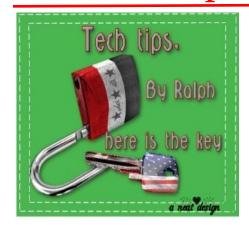
Reservations can be made by calling the Hearthside Grove Welcome Center at 231-347-0905 or by email at reservations@hearthsidegrove.com

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YOUR LUXURY MOTORCOACH RESORT

Technical Tips and Tricks: by Ralph Fullenwider



Greetings everyone!

Charolette and I hope that travel plans are in the fruition stage of development. Fuel prices have dropped, all-be-it not by much but it beats the alternative.

To our men and women overseas, standing in our stead, I say, "Thank you!" May the winds of War lessen and out leaders bring you home safe and sound, soon. An American Flag flies on our front porch and has since 9-11, and will do so until our Troops come home.

This article is aimed toward the PT's with the rear start function. Imagine this one

happening for a moment; you open the engine compartment door, making sure it is locked in place and start checking fluids, battery condition and so forth. Then up to the front you go to start the engine to exercise it for a few minutes. As you sit down, reaching for the key switch and turning the key to the run position, you notice the gauges activate and some lights come on red then go

through a checksum

and lights go out meaning all is well with that system. Then the key is turned to the start position and... NOTHING! One starts thinking "now what?" So the key is switched off and a second try is acted upon and - NOTHING! Well, @%&\$.

The thought process starts, It started last time, so what is up, ahh I know! the AT switch! yes, that must be it. So the AT switch is switched to the right and with hand on the key turning it to the start position - NOTHING! (Note) (Did you know the AT switch is the only switch on the dash that is opposite of all the other

switches? Yep, for the AT to be in the proper position it should be switched to the left, while all the other switches normal "off" position is switched to the right.)

Here you sit, the Coach won't start, so out the door you go, key in hand for the rear start, having left the front key switch in the run position. Standing in front of the rear start function box, key inserted and you flip the toggle

switch from front start to rear start and then you turn the key and she kicks right off and runs. Whew, the relief courses through you, then you flip the front/off/

rear start and she kirks right

NOTHING! "Now what the???"

You try the rear switch trick once more and, yes it works again. And the AT switch, having been checked out is in the proper positing to the left, so that is not part of the problem right now. Well, that toggle switch in the engine compartment has probably corroded on you or the contacts have finally given up, and you're about to go on a 3,000 mile trip and have to start the Coach with the rear switch every time? NOT going to happen for long any way.

with the world. Switching the key switch to

you're used to it doing. And before you get

gets back from the store with food stuffs to

pack, you reach down for the key once more,

up to get other things ready for the trip in

about 2 hours time, as soon as your wife

turn it to the run position, see the gauges

activate then turn the key to start and,,,

the off position and it all shuts down, just like

That front-off-rear start toggle switch has most likely failed but it is the weekend and not a part in sight to replace it with. Out comes the tools, you take a digital photo on your camera for reference (good aide to start doing by the way,) and you un pug the two Molex plugs attaching the whole box to the wiring harness and to the bench you go. Looking inside the

box, you see a myriad of wires looking like spaghetti, the back side of the key switch and toggle switch and that toggle switch has 5 wires attached to it. Also you see greenish looking yuk stuff (electrolysis) on the wiring

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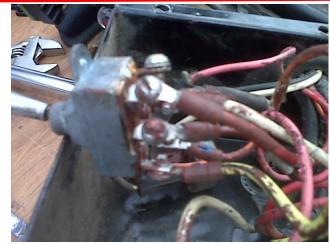
rear toggle switch back to the front position. And you head back to the driver's seat. A quick visual scan across the gauges and all looks well, yep oil pressure is 60 or 70 psi, Tach is looking about right and air is building in the tanks. Sigh, all is well

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Technical Tips and Tricks: Continued; by Ralph Fullenwider

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terminals of the toggle switch, pretty much confirming it has gone south and in need of replacement. Now, as a temporary measure only, on one side of the toggle switch you will note there are three wires and the other side has only two. The three wire side is what we are interested in at the moment. Again, you snap a photo of the back of the switch for later reference if needed, and in my case, CRS comes into being more often than not these days. <grin.> Of the three wires, one is yellow with a black stripe (rear start position) the middle wire is red with a



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black stripe (common wire to the start solenoid) and the third with is solid red (it is the front start circuit.) So here is a work around that will allow you to start the Coach from the front without having to go to the back of the Coach every time. Simply move the solid red wire to the center terminal with the red/black stripe wire and tighten the screw back down. Then, while you don't have to do this,

remove the yellow wire (rear start circuit) from the terminal and using electrical tape, tape the end up to keep it from shorting anything out. Reinstall the box in place and plug it back into the two Molex plugs and go to the driver's seat and the Coach should now start from the front key switch. Please REMEM-BER, this is only a TEMP repair, and replace the switch. Now if the Coach does not start, let's say (it

will or should of course) then replace the yellow/black stripe wire back on the terminal and separate the solid red from the red/black stripe wire and continue to start from the rear switch, and all you have lost is 20 minutes of time.

Safe travels,

Ralph and Charolette Fullenwider "84FC35 "Ruff Diamond" Duncan, Oklahoma

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Press Release—Parliament Coach June 2011

Parliament Coach Corporation announces it has reached a settlement agreement with its largest creditors allowing Parliament Coach to emerge out of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy reorganization that began on December 30th, 2009.

Steve Mitchell, President of Parliament Coach Corporation stated, "It has been a long year and a half of reorganization. We wish to thank our employees that stayed with us and continued to deliver first rate quality and service to our clients. We also would like to thank all our customers, vendors, and suppliers that stood by us keeping Parliament a viable company. Lastly, we

would like to thank our creditors, legal team and the courts for helping us work through and emerge from this difficult time.

Parliament Coach Corporation continues to manufacturer coaches, remodel clients coaches, provide paint and body work through all major insurance providers, consign, purchase, and trade for Prevost Conversions, as well as expanding our manufacturing operations to include the Mercedes Sprinter, and purchasing the Intellectual Property of Blue Bird Coach Works, giving Parliament all documentation of every Blue Bird Wanderlodge built dating back into the 1960's.

Through the efforts of our dedicated employees, Parliament Coach Corporation will continue to progress through this country's greatest recession by innovation, creativity, diversification, and our steadfast commitment to client satisfaction.

For additional information on this matter please feel free to contact me at 888-571-5755 or email me at steel
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Sunshine and Mists: by Brenda Rodgers



We heard through the grapevine that Rozanne DeShazer had one great Surprise Birthday Party on June 20. They had recently visited their daughter and her family in California. To her surprise – they showed up for her party in Colorado. We all know it has to be a special party with all your children and grandchildren present. Best wishes, Rozanne, for many more Happy Birthdays!

We send our get well wishes to Christine Giffen, Jerry Owen, Ron Jack, Neat Scott and others that need our prayers of which we are not aware.

We extend deepest sympathy to Donald Bennett in the loss of his precious wife, Barbara, who passed away unexpectedly on June 10 at their home in Southbury, Connecticut. Barbara was a graduate of the Meriden School of Nursing, had worked as the Director of Nursing at the Lutheran Home in Southbury, and helped Don in managing Bennett Electric. Don and Barbara were married for 54 years. In addition to Don she is survived by their twin sons, Kirk and Keith, and daughter-in-law, Laura. Her Memorial Service was held on June 15 at the Southbury United Church of Christ.

A message to the Family of Friends from Ronnie Lamb's Family:

To Our Blue Bird Family:

Please accept this heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for all the love and support that you shared with Andy, Bryan, and me as we are trying to cope with life without Ronnie. We are all doing okay. It's a huge adjustment that we never dreamed that we would be dealing with, but our boys are strong for me, and I thank the Good Lord for them every day!

Please know that we appreciate everything and every word of sympathy.

Ronnie had a special place in his heart for each of you, and I know he's looking down and thanking you too!

Sincerely, Beth Lamb

Intrroducing Chuck Hancock:

Chuck Hancock is a native of The Great State of Texas, and has made his home in Sandersville, Georgia since 1988. He and his wife Cynthia, reside on a ranch surrounded by lots of family and friends. Chuck enjoys roping, riding horses and loves the country life, but his passion is in his music. Chuck, along with his partner Charles Turner are owners of several businesses in the middle Georgia area and He is well respected within the community of Sandersville

Chuck is a talented and accomplished singer/ songwriter who has entertained extensively across the United States. He has recorded three albums with several songs hitting the top ten on the charts and performs for small and large events. He has received many awards from the International Country Gospel Music Association, the Texas International Music Association for songwriting, Entertainer of the

year, Male vocalist, as well as an award of appreciation from the Governor of Tennessee.



His music covers several genres and past decades of favorites, and provides a great assortment of country, pop and old rock and roll songs, as well as country gospel. Chuck performs his songs from the heart and offers something for everyone, whether you like to dance or just sit back and let the songs take you back in time.

Chuck will be performing at the Family of Friends Reunion in Chattanooga.



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Central Illinois Amish Rally: Deadline Extended 7 days!!!!!!!!!

Nestled in the lush country side of central Illinois is the quaint Village of Arthur, originally built as a switch track for the new railroad between Paris and Decatur, Illinois. In 1864, three Amish men came from Pennsylvania and Maryland in search of new and better farm ground. They discovered the area that was to become Arthur and returned to their respective homes. In 1865, they returned with family and friends. There are several Amish Centennial Farms in the area. (Farms that have remained in the same family for 100 years or more.) From these few settlers, the Amish settlement grew to its present size of approximately 4,000 members.



In the past few years, the Amish supplemented their farm income with small shops called "cottage industries" where they make fine oak furniture, cabinets, harnesses, buggies, and various other commercial items. These, plus their delicious baked items have attracted a great number of tourists year round. It is estimated there are more than 150 cottage businesses in and around Arthur.

Come and join us as we tour this magical part of Illinois. Take in the beauty of this wonderful Amish community where life is a little slower and time seems to stand still. We will be greeted by our hosts, Alvie and Elsie Miller, and upon our arrival will be treated to an authentic Amish Church meal.

Alvie will provide a personal tour of the CHI Overhead Door Company where over 500,000 garage doors are built each year. Tour the local Amish area via a horse drawn trolley, enjoy a family style dinner in an Amish home and then glide down the road in an Amish buggy.

Whether it's the special bluegrass/gospel music, wandering through the Rockome Gar-

dens, shopping at any of the Amish cottage industries or just enjoying the fellowship of your fellow Blue Birders this will be a great rally.

Here is all you need to do: Step 1, Call the friendly staff at Camp Lakewood in Effingham, Illinois (Phone # 217-342-6233 or 1-800-961-1198) and make your own RV site reservation at the rally rate of \$24.00 per night. Step 2, Fill out the registration form in this newsletter, include your check for the rally fee of \$ 176.00 for a coach with 2 people, \$ 88.00 for a coach with 1 person and \$ 88.00 for each additional person, made out to the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, LLC and mail it to the address located on the registration form.

Remember that both the RV site reservation and the Rally registration deadline is July 1st, 2011. Also, because of the high volume of tourism this time of year we were able to set aside only 20 sites so don't delay. See you in Illinois.

Please Use the Rally Sign Up Form Located on Page 16 of This Issue.

2nd Annual Family Reunion Rally! Dan Jensen



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

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 Parliament by Coach Corporation. Then that evening come dressed in your best 50's get up

and get ready to dance the night away at

our own Bird Blue Нор. Sock Next board our private tour bus and view the Civil War Battlefield where the Battle of Chattanooga was fought. The rolling h i 1 1 s 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 Cumberland 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





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.

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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'oevures provided by Blue Bird
Chapter
Dinner on your own



Wednesday October 26th 2011 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM ----Catered breakfast

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 Breakfast 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM --- Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM --- General



Membership Business Meeting (election)
12:00 Noon ---Ladies Luncheon with Special Guest "MARK BALLARD" sponsored 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 Railway

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 --- Entertainment---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/

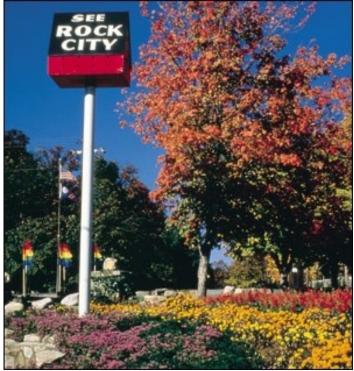
Incline Railway --- www.lookoutmountain.com/

Southern Bell Riverboat www.chattanoogariverboat.com/

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

Raccoon Mountain Caverns --- www.raccoonmountain.com





Water, Water Everywhere: by Martha Rowe Vaughn

Water, Water Everywhere And Oh! The Bus Did Stink!

We decided the time was right to renovate the interior of the GigaRex. We had already removed many of the beveled mirrors, but the Bird was still too "futsy" for our taste. Futsy? That means, to us, too much. Decorated with mirrors, Hollywood lights, and brass fixtures, the bedroom and bath were garish. The walls were hung with vinyl, patterned paper fashionable in the Eighties. So began my quest for new shade material, new faucets, and updated lighting.

By Christmas, I had painted the bedroom walls to match the new shades and the new bedspread I had sewn. I had removed the garish wallpaper border in the small bathroom and painted the walls soothing beige. The cornices in the rooms were redone awaiting the arrival of the matching new shades.

In mid January, the shades finally arrived and we hung them immediately. They looked great! There was only one problem. The old wallpaper in the living room and kitchen did not work with the new shade material. I decided the only solution was to paint over the old wallpaper.

Weather was a factor. The temperatures dropped into the teens at night. Charlie had drained the water system in the bus to prevent freezing of the pipes so we had to rely on electric heat to keep the coach warm, but not warm enough for painting.

At last, the temperature predicted for the next day was just one. Look the water is right. Charlie had set up an appointment for the plumbers to come blow out the drain lines from

the house to the septic tank. We had had recurring problems with water backing up into the basement. The GigaRex was parked right next to the septic system. I could wait for the plumbers and tape

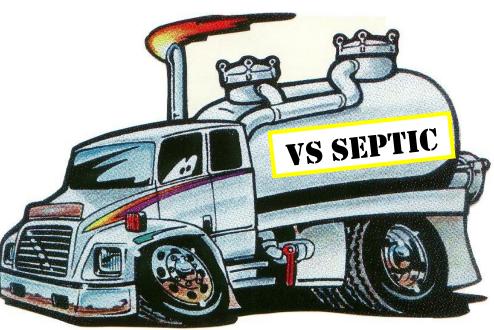
around the wall surfaces at the same time.

There was not much area to be painted, but it was in extremely tight places. I applied the primer twisting my old body around and painting left handed in some spots. At times, I had to use a flashlight in order to see where I was painting. It was time consuming and tiring. After applying the primer, I returned to the house for a break. The

bus, Tate Plumbing called. They couldn't rent the device needed to blow out the lines so they were calling in McHone Plumbing. Both would arrive after lunch. I told him I would be in the bus. I ate a sandwich and visited the woods since I couldn't use the house bathrooms and the bus had no water

The weather was fine! I had to keep painting before the temperatures fell again!

The primer was dry so I began to paint. I started on the easiest wall first. Mid-



phone rang when I went in-the town water department reporting that the rental house we owned had used over one hundred thousand gallons last month and "Did we have a leak?"

I knew the house had been abandoned during the coldest weather and that the pipes had frozen. Charlie

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going in that direction."

was out of town that morning. Tate Plumbing was due at the house any minute. So I called Watson Plumbing. He said he

would go by and turn off the water in about two hours as soon as he finished the job he was working.

Before I could get back to the

way through the wall, the plumbers came. I had to stop and let them into the house. Then I returned to the painting. Half an hour later while I had my head wedged behind the sofa trying to paint a small piece of wall, I heard them outside the bus removing the top from the septic tank.

"There's more than one. Look the water is going in that direction."

I crawled out from behind the sofa and went outside, wet paintbrush in hand. "Actually, there are two more, but I don't know where they are exactly. Somewhere near here and here." I stepped a few paces from the first one and then a few more paces.

All of the tops were inside the open -sided metal building that protected the bus from the elements. The floor was paved to within two feet of the structure supports.

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Water, Water Everywhere: Continued by Martha Rowe Vaughn

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Within the two feet was the first top of the septic system.

Charlie drove up, back from his appointment out of town. Thank goodness, he could deal with all the problems and I could return to painting.

I was peering into a tight space with the flashlight, painting very carefully near a black speaker when the bus lurched. Charlie came in the door just in time to hear my curse when the brush touched the speaker. "How about knocking next time. I messed up because you tilted the bus."

"Sorry. I came to tell you that the septic tank men will be coming soon. These guys can't fix the problem."

"Did you tell him to come around to the back of the house?"

"I did."

"Good, I can keep on painting." I crawled under the dinette table. "Did you locate the other tops?"

"No. He can pump from this one."

"Are you sure?"

"No problem." Charlie went down the stairs lurching the bus again.

An hour passed while I painted and thought about the bills that would come from the three different plumbers we had used in one day plus the septic service. I had nearly completed the first coat of paint when I looked out the front window and beheld a white tanker truck with the words "VS Septic" on the sides backing up the driveway. I say white, but the truth is only the top was white. The sides, tires, and bumpers were spattered with, well, let's just say flecks of what I hoped were dark "mud."

I carefully put down the paintbrush on the side of the paint can and opened the door. "Here it is!" I called to the guy who was looking around for the septic tank top. "One of them is right here," I pointed to the round top.

The guys parked the spotted tanker near the front of the bus and drew out the hoses. They pried off the septic tank top with a shovel. The bearded guy peered into the hole, "This ain't the hole."

My heart sank. I had to call Charlie again.

"In the words of the septic guy," I said when he answered his cellphone, "'This ain't the hole.' You've got to come locate the others." I refrained from saying, "I told you so!"

"I'm on my way."

Clunk! I looked out the window as one of the guys hit the pavement with a round tip shovel. I opened the door. "You need a pick?"

"Yes, ma'am. We shore could use one."

I stepped out of the bus and went to the shed. The pick was hanging from a couple of nails on the wall. I got it down and retraced my steps. Just as I rounded the corner of the shed, I came face to... well, let's just say a cracked moon above some blue jeans. I veered away from the sight. The owner straightened up and reached for the pick.

Charlie showed up just as the septic guys were digging out the top they located by running a "snake" through the pipes and measuring off the distance from the first hole. Part of the top was buried beneath the asphalt by the bus's back tire. With a digging bar and a pick, chunk by chunk, they uncovered the top and pried it off. Curious I came close to peer down the hole. Next to

the hole was a burning cigarette that I stepped on to put out.

"Dadgum! You just put out my odor control device!"

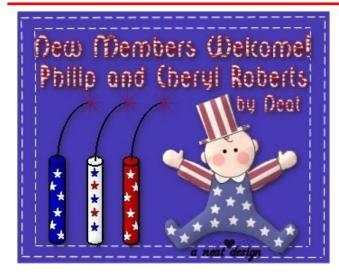
"Sorry," I said giggling and returned to the bus to work again.

I was painting under the second sofa, trying my best to beat the coming of dusk. I couldn't hear what was being discussed outside and had no time to eavesdrop. I heard the pump motor on the tanker turn on. And then, Oh my gosh! Memories of nasty outhouses wafted through. My eyes watered and my nose ran. I heaved out from under the sofa, put the paintbrush on the side of the can and fled the bus to a safer spot up wind. In a short while, the guys were through pumping the septic tank. Fortunately, the wind blew the smell away. I turned on the exhaust fans in the bus to clear the stench trapped in it. The guys were cleaning up some spillage and joking around with Charlie in that southern good old boy way. I asked the bearded guy, "I know the S stands for Stamper, your name. What does the "V" stand for?"

He turned to me and in a serious voice replied, "Very stinky."

Fortunately, it wasn't stinky enough to peel the paint off the walls!







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 Hearthside Grove RV Resort in Petoskey, MI, Hosted by Jack and Ila VanDenBerg and the staff at Hearthside Grove

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

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1997 Bluebird Wanderloge WB41- 86,000 miles, series 60 500 hp engine. Walk thru bath with full tub shower.Many upgrades, Winegard hd automatic satellite dish. Girard automatic awning, Howard steering, storage pod with full cover for coach. New (2011) Michelin tires 315-80r/22.5 XZA2 energy, 3 new engine batteries (Nov. 2010) 6 new AGM house batteries (July 2009). Please contact Jim Marsh at 909-534-8980 or by email at ihmarsh@hotmail.com for more details. Asking \$90,000.







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. **PHOTOS NEXT PAGE**

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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 <a href="https://linear.org/li









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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.







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A Tribute to Those Who Serve: By Neat Scott



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