

# President's Report



It was the majesty of Pikes Peak that inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write the lyrics of "America the Beautiful."

"Oh beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!"

Perhaps John Denver didn't say it with such inspiration but he was still touched by the majesty of the Colorado Mountains when he wrote "Rocky Mountain High."

"And the Colorado Rocky Mountain High, I've seen it raining fire in the sky, you can talk to God and listen to

the casual reply, Rocky Mountain High...in Colorado...Rocky Mountain High,"



I grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado and the beauty of the Colorado Rockies never ceased to amaze me, from the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in the south to Rocky Mountain National Park in the north. But nothing was any more scenic than the Pikes Peak region near Colorado Springs! Whether it is an evening tour of the Garden of the Gods or a day trip to the summit of Pikes Peak via the Cog Railway, you just can't

go wrong with this awesome area found in the midst of our beautiful America.

Next month you will have the opportunity to join with your Blue Bird Family at the scenic Garden of the Gods RV Resort.

Karen and Denny James along with Jon and Neat Scott are hosting a Blue Bird Chapter "Rock the Rockies Rally". All the rally information is in the

newsletter and, additionally you were sent, by U.S. Mail a rally brochure and registration form. So...sign up today and join us in Colorado Springs.

Until Bobbie and I see you in Colorado drive safely and enjoy "America the Beautiful".

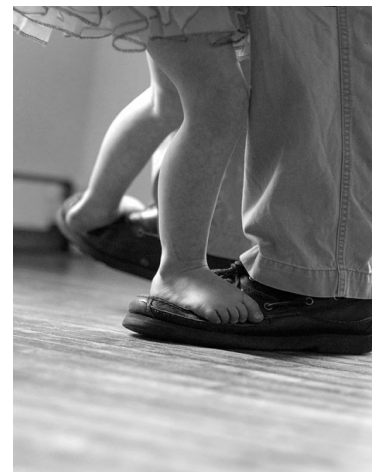
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BLUE BIRD CHAPTER, FMCA

# Blue Bird Trackers

## Happy Father's Day

A Father means so many things...  
A understanding heart,  
A source of strength and of support  
Right from the very start.  
A constant readiness to help  
In a kind and thoughtful way.  
With encouragement and forgiveness  
No matter what comes your way.  
A special generosity and always affection too  
A Father means so many things  
When he's a man like you...  
- Anonymous



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# Technical Tips and Tricks: by Ralph Fullenwider



Hello everyone from humid rainy Texas. "Yeppers", Charolette and I are on the road, visiting Friends and addressing a few problems here and there, on coaches.

One modification project that I recently finished on an '95 PT 43 WB, worked out very well and I wanted to share.

Do you have the type of drawer latches that slide into a metal spring-loaded device at the rear of the drawer? Oh you know the ones, they always go "clunk" after you open a drawer and need a screwdriver to pry them open again to accept the hardware mounted to the back of the drawer. Gets pretty annoying after a while



so you just thread a bungee cord through the drawer handles for road travel and the drawers stick out 1/2 inch when parked.

A fellow Birder introduced me to a rare earth magnet that is 3/4 inch in diameter and are so strong you have to slide them

apart instead of pulling.

So borrowing the information and web site, the magnets were ordered and installed. The photos show a little about how the install looks and here is a little guide how it was done.

Parts:

[www.Rockler.com](http://www.Rockler.com)

Part # 33972 - Magnet washer; they come in 10 per pack and are 3/4 inch

Part # 34211 - Magnet Cups; 3/4 inch 10 per pack

Part # 37554 - Rare earth Magnets 3/4 inch 10 per pack.

Hardware store:

20 # 10 Phillips head wood screws

**Oh you know the ones, they always go "clunk" after you open a drawer and need a screwdriver to pry them open again ...**

Tools:

1 ea 7/8 inch butterfly bit electric screw driver, Phillips hand screw driver, tri square.

Set tri square to a depth of 1/2 inch to make a reference pencil mark on the plywood at the back of the drawers. Find the center of the ply wood with the point of the butterfly bit and drill to the depth mark. Place the washer and cup in the hole and check that they are flush with the edge of the wood. Then screw the washer into the newly made hole. Place a screw in the Cup then insert a magnet in place and attach to the magnet washer with the screw facing out. Insert the drawer into the brackets and slide the drawer closed marking the back of the drawer as to where to place the magnet cup. After a dry fit of the drawer with the magnet cup and magnet washer in place and all is well, place the magnet into the cup and that one is done. Oh, a word of caution, do not place

the magnet into the cup after the install if the hardware is not lined up properly. The magnet will not come out of the cup.



Also, do not get these small rare earth magnets close to a watch or hard drive as the magnets will tend to erase the data or stop the watch.

Safe travels,

Ralph and Charolette Fullenwider

"84FC35 "Ruff Diamond"

Duncan, Oklahoma

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**Editor's Note: Ralph says that if you have any questions regarding this fix please feel free to contact him at the email address above. He will be happy to assist you and provide answers.**



# Cat-er-Haulin' by Martha Rowe Vaughn

## Cat-er-haulin'

"We'll leave about noon. What about Rudy?" Charlie polished off his supper with a sigh at having a cooked meal for the first time in several days.

"I've arranged for someone to come in and feed him. I just can't put him at the vet's in those little cages for a week, not after what he's been through."

I had returned the day before from a trip to see the grandkids that was shortened by a call from Charlie telling me that Rudy, our Siamese cat, had been missing for three days. I rushed home to look for him. After an hour of calling and searching, I found him shut up in a tool shed at a deserted house in the neighborhood.

"The GigaRex is ready. We need to pack some things and we'll go."

"Sounds great! I can't wait to get to warm sunshine."

We were going on our first vacation in so many years that I couldn't remember the last time. That night I started gathering food and supplies together. At eleven, I watched the weather report: sleet, freezing rain, snow, and bitter temperatures expected by ten in the morning and coming from the south. Oh, my gosh! We weren't leaving soon enough!

I didn't sleep much because I realized that the cat sitter could not get to the house if the steep roads were covered in ice. What to do with Rudy? It was too late to reserve a place at the vet's office. We'll take him with us! I thought of all the objections Charlie would say and figured out the answers.

"What! I don't want to listen to his howls all the way to Florida! He'll be miserable and we will, too." Charlie paced the kitchen floor.

"He'll settle down, I know he will. Lots of people travel with cats. He'll be fine," I assured him.

So began the argument that ended with my loading Rudy in the GigaRex in his carrier along with cat pan, litter, bowls, and food. He was not happy. As soon as the bus moved, he set in caterwauling. We headed

east, knowing that the highways south were already covered in ice. Our plans were to go east to I95 and then south to Florida.

Thirty miles out of Mount Airy, we had outrun the sleet, but we couldn't outrun Rudy's protests. Siamese cats have distinctive voices. None of that sweet meow for them. No! Their yowls are akin to a two-year-old's screams combined with scratching fingers on a blackboard. They can reach the volume of the biggest busted opera soprano you'll ever hear. Rudy was outdoing himself. The louder the bus, the louder the howls.



I let him out of the carrier hoping he would settle down. No way! He scrambled all over the bus jumping on the furniture when the bus went straight and latching himself to the rug during the curves, screaming constantly. Charlie turned on the radio trying to outdo him. Little Richard couldn't do it. Merle Watson didn't stand a chance.

I tried holding him, talking to him, locking him in the bathroom. Nothing worked. Finally, I shoved him in the carrier and put him in the bedroom and shut the door.

"I told you it wouldn't work." Charlie fiddled with the radio turning it up

again.

"I guess not. I thought he would settle down after a while." I yelled.

"Don't think so." He yelled back.

One hour into the cat torture routine, I looked at Charlie and he looked at me as the solution dawned on both of us at the same time. "Call Sallie," he said.

I was already reaching for the cell phone.

"Hi! How are you? Good. Your Dad and I are on our way to Florida. Oh, that's Rudy. Yeah. Not happy. Could you do us a favor? Meet us at the Wilson intersection on I95 and take him home with you. You will? Oh, thank you. See you soon."

Time and miles didn't change Rudy's attitude or his volume. He did not shut up until we stopped the Bird at a Burger King off I95 three hours later. Sallie was waiting for us. We ate lunch and visited. Rudy was quietly lying on the table enjoying the view from the window.

After lunch, we loaded Rudy in his carrier and into Sallie's car. We left, going our separate ways. I swear, I could hear Rudy howling as Sallie's car headed east. Charlie and I traveled south trying to beat the sleet to South Carolina.

Two hours later the phone rang, "Mom! He's staked out my bedroom and won't let me in!"

"Who?"

"Rudy! He terrorized my cat and now he's started in on me!"

"I'm so sorry. Don't let him intimidate you. Get the broom and shoo him away. You can't let him get the upper hand."

"Mom, you owe me big time for this!"

Age, and maybe being left at the vet's for long periods, has changed Rudy's attitude. He now travels with us without protest. Well, not much protest. He still has his opinions about curves and fast driving.





# Rock the Rockies!

A 2010 Family of Friends Sponsored Rally

Join your Blue Bird Family of Friends July 9 to July 14, 2010 in beautiful Pikes Peak Country for a “Rock the Rockies Rally”. We will rally at the Garden of the Gods Campground in Colorado Springs. Be ready to enjoy rock soup, our own Family of Friends murder mystery, a Melodrama dinner and show, visit Cripple Creek and Victor and ride an authentic 1800’s steam train, tour the United States Air Force Academy and the Garden of the Gods, and enjoy a western dinner and show at the Flying W ranch. All of this and much more will be included in your rally fee! Join us for six days and five nights of fun and friendship! \$520.00 per coach with two people. Coach and one person - \$397.50. Spaces are limited.

## Friday July 9

Registration 11:00 to 1:00 @ campground pavilion  
 Enjoy rock soup during registration  
 5:00 p.m. Heavy Hors d’ourves @ campground  
 Murder Mystery @ campground

## Saturday July 10

11:00 am- USAF & Garden of Gods guided bus tour  
 6:00 p.m.- Catered Dinner at Campground

## Sunday July 11

Free day—enjoy Pikes Peak, the Cave of the Winds, Seven Falls, The US Olympic Training center, Royal Gorge, Shopping, hiking, rafting, or just breathe in the fresh air and take in the beautiful scenery.  
 6: 00 p.m.- (Optional) Iron Springs Melodrama/dinner show

## Monday July 12

10:00 a.m. -Cripple Creek/Victor (car pool)  
 1800’s Steam Train ride/Victor  
 Take a side trip to visit the Mollie Kathleen gold mine and take home a real gold nugget

## Tuesday July 13

Free Day to enjoy more of the Rocky Mountains and Colorado Springs area (Check out [www.pikes-peak.com](http://www.pikes-peak.com) for more information)

5:00 p.m. - Flying W Dinner Show

## Wednesday July 14

On the Road Again

[Click Here for Some Great Photos!](#)



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# Sunshine & Mists by Brenda Rodgers

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## Our Sympathy:

We extend our thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Joan Burnstein in the death of her husband, Philip, on December 5, 2009, in

Englewood, Florida.

We also extend deepest sympathy to Mr. Milton Thornton in the death of his wife, Marilyn, on January 29, 2010, of Memphis, Michigan.

## Get Well Wishes:

We are pleased to advise that Sally Baze of Kemp, Texas, continues to improve following her heart surgery.

Joanne Dover of Easley, South Carolina, is

recovering following surgery for a broken hip as a result of a recent fall.

Sharon Zeigler of Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania, is recuperating from surgery for a broken leg due to a fall.

We send our love and prayers to all of the above. Please let us know when you have news that we can share with the Blue Bird Family.

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# Final Notice!

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This Issue of Bird Tracks will be the last mailed copy. As you are aware, the costs of printing and mailing our newsletter have increased dramatically over the years. Factory support for mailing, once a tremendous benefit to the Chapter, no longer exists. In order to give members the best newsletter possible without increasing the costs to a point where it is prohibitive, Bird Tracks is going to be an online only publication starting with the July 2010 issue. While we realize that some members have not

yet entered the digital age of personal communication, everyone knows someone who has. We will continue to send monthly emails to all members or designated persons who have a valid email address and these emails will have a clickable link to the latest issue of the newsletter. Starting in July 2010, enlarging the newsletter will no longer carry the penalty of increased costs of printing and mailing. Your contributions of articles, stories, tips, rally promotions and other offerings of beneficial Chapter information can then be shared without budget

concerns. As always, look for the contact information in Bird Tracks and you can help make our newsletter more entertaining and informative for the membership. Eliminating the need to have those members in the digital age carry the burden and the expense of printing and distributing a hard copy will allow more funds to be used for the benefit of all members. If you do not use email or do not have a computer, you **MUST** send your designated persons email address to the Treasurer. Use the update information form on the last page of this issue

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## Please Note... Chapter Address Change

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The Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA has CLOSED the P.O. Box in Fort Valley, GA. We have established a new, permanent address and are using the FMCA mail forwarding service. Please send your dues and rally payments to our new, permanent chapter address, via FMCA mail forwarding.

The Blue Bird Chapter's address is:  
Treasurer  
Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, LLC  
3590 Round Bottom Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45244



# Upcoming Rally Schedule

## 2010 Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA Rally Dates

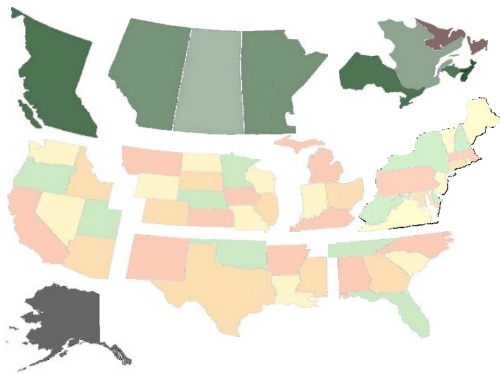
Associated FMCA Clubs  
And Dealer Rallies



July 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 Wild Bunch "In Between Rally" York, PA

July 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 Family of Friends "Rock the Rockies", Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hosted by Karen and Denny James and Jon and Neat Scott



To email your area VP, click on the section of the map that corresponds to the area where you wish to hold your rally.

July 26<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 Vintage Birds and \*SWBB "Oshkosh, Rally"

August 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Wild Bunch "Taste of Oregon Rolling Rally"

August 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> FMCA International Convention, Redmond, Oregon

September 26<sup>th</sup> - October 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 (tentative date) Family of Friends, "Fall Colors Northeast Rolling Rally"

Hosted by Alan and Jane Ritchie

October 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 Vintage Bird, Hershey, PA Rally

October 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Wild Bunch "Autumn in Charlottesville" VA

October 16<sup>th</sup> - October 22<sup>nd</sup> Family of Friends "1<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue Bird Family Reunion" The Cajun Coast Adventure, Rayne, LA

Hosted by Roy Zanca, Chuck Arnold and Walter Richard

October 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 \*Rats Rally, Pine Mountain, GA

October 28<sup>th</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 Vintage Bird, New Orleans Rally

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

\*denotes non FMCA sponsored club

Rally Hosts Wanted! Contact your Area VP to check and reserve a date. It's not too late

to hold a rally in 2010 .

2011 dates can be reserved now too. If you have never hosted a rally, now is the time to do it. With a little planning and your knowledge of a particular area, you can put together a rally that is as formal or informal as you want. Either way fun will be had with other Blue Bird owners. You get to decide, picnic on the beach, pot luck at the campground, entertainment, free time? Your knowledge of a particular area can be shared with others who have never visited the area or would like to return and see things they didn't know were there. Start planning now!

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Have a friend who owns another brand of motorhome? Or one who wants to buy a Wanderlodge or BMC? Did you know that they can attend Blue Bird Chapter rallies as your guest? Contact the rally host for the rally you would like to invite them to and they will be welcome to attend!

# Georgia Peach Crop

Submitted by Brenda Rodgers

Many of you Blue Birders have called to ask about this year's Peach Crop. A recent article in the Macon Telegraph states "Peach Growers Say this Peach Crop is the Best in Years!"



It may not be officially summer yet, but midstate peach orchards are already showcasing some sure signs of the season. Middle Georgia peach growers began harvesting, packaging, and selling the sweet fruit the third week in May. To quote a local peach farmer: "This is the first time in about six years that we've had a full crop". The crop harvest has been so bountiful that his farm has had to use a process called "thinning". If too many peaches are left on the trees, they won't get big.

The Georgia Peach Council reports that early varieties of peaches become ripe in late May and the last peaches usually ripen in late July.

Farms in Middle Georgia are offering other activities and products besides peaches to visitors such as farm tours, homemade ice cream and cobbler, jellies, jams, and pickled peaches. Farms are beginning to sell other early crops, such as sweet corn, herbs, and tomatoes.

Don't forget – Fort Valley is in the "Peach" State in "Peach" County. Please stop by and enjoy some peaches with us if you are in the area this summer.

Very best wishes to all you Blue Bird Dads for a wonderful Father's Day!

## Bird Tracks Needs Your Help! Rich Ducci, Chairman

Last October your Newsletter Committee embarked on a lofty mission; to bring the membership a monthly newsletter that is both informative and entertaining. Together with Alan, Brenda, Karen, Kay, Martha, Neat, Ralph, Shane and Slim,

information is gathered each month and assembled into , what we hope is a n interesting newsletter.

Articles from the membership serve two very important purposes. They provide entertainment and information to the member-

ship and also let us know what type of material you are interested in reading about. Please submit an article for a future issue. You can attach it to an email and send photos too if you like. The Newsletter Committee email addresses are on page 13. Thanks!

## NOTICE!!!! Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA Family Reunion Cajun Adventure EARLY REGISTRATION PRIZE PROGRAM

For this adventure Rally, we have developed a new and adventurous door prize program. Called the Blue Birders Early Registration Door Prize Adventure:

Start date August 01, 2010 thru October 15, 2010

Here is how the program works: Simple put when we receive your rally application we will put a ticket/s marked for you in the door prize hopper. Example: If we receive your application, post marked:

August 01, 2010 which is 75 days prior to rally 75 tickets marked for you will go in hopper for Drawing;

August 02, 2010 which is 74 days prior to rally 74 tickets marked for you will go in hopper for Drawing;

October 15, 2010 which is 01 days prior to rally 01 ticket marked for you will go in hopper for Drawing; Etc.

So the number of door prize tickers you can earn is up to you by the post mark of your application after the start date August 01, 2010 the more chances one has to win Door prizes.

Note: All applications post marked prior to August 01, 2010, will be credited to August First.

Only one door prize winner per application. We are dedicating \$1000.00 divided in 10 visa gift certificates, starting at \$50.00 to be used as door prizes.

**See Rally Information Starting on Page 8 for More Details on this Exciting Rally!**



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion

October 16<sup>th</sup> -October 22<sup>nd</sup>

*The Cajun Adventure Rally, Rayne Louisiana*

A virtual playground for RV'ers, Rayne, Louisiana is in the heart of some of the south's most desired tourist destinations. With so many exciting places to visit our greatest challenge was what to include and what would be optional.

Rayne, LA is known as the Frog Capitol of the USA and it has many beautiful murals of frogs on a number of its historic downtown buildings and restaurants. We will start our rally with a mural scavenger hunt, and then join in the fun for the Frog races put on by the city of Rayne. You will thoroughly enjoy our visit to Vermilionville. Situated on the banks of the Bayou Vermilion, this Cajun/Creole heritage and folk life park recreates life in the Acadian area between 1765 and 1890. From the short film "The Evangeline", lunch at La Cuisine de Maman, Cajun music and dancing in the back barn to the optional river boat ride on the Vermilion River, your going to love our day together.

This incredible area has so many things to do like visit The Crowley Ford Motor Building and The Grand Opera House of the South. Don't miss "Evangeline," Historic Church and Plantation. We will enjoy a Swamp tour while gliding through the Atchafalaya Basin where Alligators, beautiful birds and other wildlife are often sighted. Take a short drive to New Ibera and visit America's oldest operating Rice Mill. Step back in time and browse their Country Store. Be sure to view the interesting video and museum at the Word Famous Tabasco Pepper Sauce Factory. Take a walking/driving tour of the lush tropical gardens where hundreds of snowy egrets habitat, as well as alligators, nutria and other wildlife.

Stately Southern Plantation Homes and a tour of a magnificent Castle in the heart of the south is just a couple more reasons you won't want to miss this awesome rally. It will be one for the books, our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue Bird Chapter Family Reunion. Six (6) nights at a cost of \$359.00 for a coach with two (2) people. \$225.00 for a coach with one person and \$135.00 for an additional person. Space is limited, so don't delay.

*Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2010*

Registration: 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. @ Rayne Civic Center campground pavilion. Hors D'oeuvres, BYOB, Frog races at RV Park, Mural Scavenger Hunt starts today and is everyday.

Supper is on your own

*Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> 2010*

Breakfast is on your own.

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (car pool) to Vermilionville for an all day event: Acadian Cultural Center, short film "The Evangeline" This wonderful film is the depiction of the deportation of the Acadians from Grand Pra, Nova Scotia. Great history lesson for what you will see during the week to come. Get your Lagniappe Doubloon at the theater. Visit Vermilionville with a private guide (25 to a



group)

**12:00 Noon: Lunch at La Cuisine de Maman Cajun family style restaurant on the premise. Price of admission is the doubleton given to you at the movie theater showing the film "The Evangeline."**

- Special Cooking demonstration

- Fais Doe Doe, Cajun Music & Dancing in the back barn

- *Optional* Boat ride on the Vermilion River

Supper is on your own

*Monday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2010*

Breakfast is on your own

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.: Rally orientation by; Rayne and Crowley Tourist Center

11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Lunch is on your own

12:30 - 2:30 P.M. Car Pool to the Ford Building and Ford Automotive Museum Rice Interpretive Center, History of Crowley Museum and J.D. Miller Music Museum.

3:00 - 4:30 (Car Pool) Le Petit Chateau de Luxe "The Castle"

5:00 P.M. Kelly's Landing, tour of the Crawfish Farm and Rice Field. special Cajun supper will be provided at Kelly's Landing.

*Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2010*

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Catered Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 A.M. Club Board Member meeting

10:00 A.M. Club business meeting at the Pavilion

11:30 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. Lunch is on your own

1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Konrico Rice Mill Special Short Film and Tour

6:00 P.M. Enjoy a catered dinner

7:00 P.M. Oil Field Demo - by William Steward at RV Park

*Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2010*

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Breakfast Catered

9:30 A.M. - Noon Visit Historic St. Martinsville a quaint Acadian town (Tour).

Noon - 1:00 P.M. Lunch is on your own at St. Martinsville or at the Café Jefferson on Jefferson Island.

2:00 P.M. -4:00 P.M. Tour of Jefferson Island -- This is a must see!!

6:00 P. M. Catered Supper, Entertainment by James Weatherford and his Band.

*Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2010*

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Catered Breakfast

10:00 - 12:00 A.M. Car pool to McGees Landing - Swamp tour, enjoy the tranquility of gliding through the Atchafalaya Basin with



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an entertaining and informative Cajun Guide. Alligators, Beautiful Birds, and other wildlife are often sighted.

Lunch is on your own at McGees Landing.

5:30 P.M. ( Turn in your Mural Scavenger Hunt score card)

6:00 P.M. Catered Supper “Cochon de Lait” Roast Pig over a bed of coals

7:00 - 7:30 P.M. The Festival Royalty Presentation of the Queens in full regalia, from many past Festivals from this area. We will be honored with the rights and privileges of royalty in their Magnificent attire. Bring your Cameras.

7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez! Let the good times Roll, at the Fais Doe Doe, -- at the Street Dance. Shuffle your feet to the sounds of the 50's.

*Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010*

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast

Say our good bye's and safe travels

\*\*\*Note: 30 amp available at all sites, cheater boxes are allowed at all sites to increase your amperage.

Note: Remember the Rice Festival starts October 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup> in Crowley, LA and the Mayor of Rayne, Jim Petitjean, gave us a special invitation to arrive early in order to go to the Rice Festival and stay at the Rayne Civic Center for \$15.00 per night. No need to make reservations, Roy Zanca will arrive on October 13<sup>th</sup> and he will keep the light on for you. Questions or help. Call Roy's cell 504-491-5149.



For those wanting to attend the Vintage Bird “ New Orleans - Who Dat - Halloween Rally, October 28<sup>th</sup> thru Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, following our Family Reunion you may want to contact one of the following RV Parks as a hold over site until VB Rally starts. Look in the Rally Schedule section in this newsletter for VB Rally, there are only 45 sites - so book early.

Cypress Bayou Casino - Shorty's

832 Martin Luther King Road

Charenton, LA

Full hookups \$10.00 a night and you get \$20.00 night free play money.

For Reservations call 1-800-284-4386

For a real adventure while waiting to go to the “Big Easy” How about House Boat Adventures at Cypress Bayou. The Atchafalaya Basin is a semi-wilderness area of hardwood forests, cypress stands, marshes and bayous. It is one of the last great river swamps left in the nation.

Experience the mystery and beauty of the Atchafalaya Basin from the privacy of your own houseboat, tucked away in a remote cove of this great Louisiana Swamp. <http://houseboat-Adventures.com/index.htm> For Reservations call 1-800-491-4662

Lake End Park, LA , Highway 70, Morgan City, LA 70380, 504-380-4623. Located on the banks of Lake Paloude.

Cajun Palms RV Resort, Henderson, LA 337-667-7772





# Cooking is for the Birds: by Kay Green Losh



“June is busting out all over!” It’s time for outdoor activities of all kinds--Father’s Day, cook-outs and Bird gatherings all over the country. With Rallies coming up that means Happy Hours, communal meals, and good food for all! Some of these recipes are great for those gatherings, and some are for family or smaller get-togethers. I’d love to hear what you’re serving--send your menu ideas and recipes!

**BRENDA ROGERS** sent this recipe for Rosalynn Carter’s “Plains Special” Cheese Ring, and I have the feeling it’ll be showing up at a lot of “Happy Hours” in the next few weeks.

1 pound Sharp Cheddar cheese, grated

1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts  
(It seems Georgia pecans would be a good choice here.)

1 cup mayonnaise

1 small onion, grated

Black pepper to taste

Dash of cayenne pepper

Mix all ingredients together. Mold with hands into desired shape. A ring is attractive and the center can be filled. Refrigerate until chilled. When ready to serve, fill center with strawberry preserves. Good also as a cheese spread without preserves.

Brenda says, “I usually double this recipe to make a generous ring--or sometimes use the single recipe to make a cheese log.”

I hadn’t made this dish in years, and

when I made it the other day, I moved the recipe to my active file! The rice in this recipe is delicious!

## Kay’s Chicken and Rice

Grease a 12 x 7 casserole dish. Mix right in the dish:



1 cup rice

1 tsp. poultry seasoning

1 tsp. thyme

1 envelope onion soup mix

Mix 1 can of celery soup and can of water

Add to the rice mixture. Place chicken pieces (a cut-up fryer or chicken breasts)

1 ½ cups sugar

2 Tablespoons cornstarch

¾ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 Tablespoon whole cloves

Three Tablespoons grated orange rind

1 cup fresh orange juice

Mix all ingredients and cook until thick and clear. Serve with pork, chicken, fish.



Looking forward to seeing your favorite recipes shared here with your friends. What is it that your family and friends ask you to make again? We all like to have new things to make for our family, our friends, and ourselves. What’s ‘usual’ to you, may be the next new treat for us--please share! You can send your recipe by e-mail to [Cooking@BluebirdChapter.org](mailto:Cooking@BluebirdChapter.org) for inclusion in an upcoming issue.

If you are planning to prepare a pork loin on your grill, this **Orange Sauce for Pork**, from **YVONNE de PUGH** sounds really tasty and versatile. Yvonne says the sauce is also very good on chicken or fish, as well as pork, so this could become a staple.



# Classifieds: Submitted by Shane Fedeli



**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@pbtdcomm.net](mailto:howlyn@pbtdcomm.net)



**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](mailto:normco3@yahoo.com) for more photos and info.



**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. Asking \$194,000. Contact Richard Ramsey at [yeamar49@yahoo.com](mailto:yeamar49@yahoo.com) or by phone at 850-447-1700.



**1984 PT40 Bluebird Wanderlodge** 6V92TAC 325 HP Allison MT654-CR 5 Speed Automatic with Retarder. 234,010 miles showing on odometer. Original engine was replaced with a Detroit Diesel factory remanufactured Silver Series 6V92TAC at around 153,000 miles due to a spun bearing, 6 new batteries installed in December 2009. Complete set of manuals including a full set of electrical schematics (full size drawings) and Asking \$47,500. Contact Page Britt at [KE4WKL@gmail.com](mailto:KE4WKL@gmail.com) or by phone at 850-528-6862





**1993 Wanderlodge Wide-Body 40'** Garaged, no smokers or pets, like new w/109,000 mi. 500 hp Detroit 8V-92 engine, 15 kw diesel generator. Recently new tires, water heater, solid-state power converter and chassis batteries. Recently new Webasto hot-water heating system installed at a cost of \$6,000 and other refurbishing done at Coachcraft in Columbus, GA. Selling because of death in family. Located southern Indiana. \$94,500. Contact Dave at 812-483-0351 or by email at [dave@memoryportraits.com](mailto:dave@memoryportraits.com)



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**1983 Wanderlodge PT35-** 6V92T Detroit Diesel (325 hp), 5 speed Allison transmission, 165,000 miles, all Michelin and Kuhmo tires with excellent tread. Please email or call for pics. \$30,000 OBO. Good bus for a good price. I would also consider a full or partial trade; nice truck and/or RV. Call Ray Daugherty at 775-762-5124 or by email at [av1611@live.com](mailto:av1611@live.com)



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