



**Greetings from your chapter officers. After a fun filled rally hosted by Charlie and Martha Vaughn in Mayberry, we are looking forward to hearing about everyone's summer plans. Of course, we are anticipating a great fall rally! Please make your plans now to attend the rally in Maggie Valley, North Carolina October 12 to 16, 2016. Happy Spring and have a great summer!**

## **SUNSHINE ARTICLE**

**April 2016**

**Greetings to all of you from Fort Valley, Georgia! I hope you are having a great Spring. It was such a joy to see many of you at the FMCA Rally in Perry in March.**

**Love Birds are in the air! It was nice to hear from Roland Condon announcing his engagement to Dell Purrell. Congratulations also to Larry and Diane Berberich on their marriage a few months ago. We wish all four of you a future filled with much happiness.**

**Please remember the following with your thoughts and prayers:**

**Carolyn Dover underwent knee surgery on March 28. (Ross and Carolyn Dover – South Carolina)**

**Ella Snead is dealing with kidney problems. (Ella and Wayne Snead - Alabama)**

**Joe Crocker had back surgery on April 5. (Joe and Sue Crocker – Lake City, Florida)**

**Charlie McKeehan has injuries from a snow mobile accident. (Charlie and Peggy McKeehan – Tennessee)**

**Sam Houchin (retired salesman with Buddy Gregg Motor Homes) continues his treatments for cancer. It was good to talk to him recently and to hear that he is some better.**

**Linda Weatherford has been undergoing tests recently. (Linda and James Weatherford – Louisiana)**

**Ray Aldridge is undergoing treatments for lung cancer. (Ray and Judy Aldridge - Tennessee) (Ray is Shirley Vance's brother and she has asked me to list his address as he enjoys getting cards.) 720 Milligan Road, Aston TN 37616.**

**Tim Scully has been having heart problems and will undergo an outpatient procedure on April 25. (Tim and Barbara Scully – Naples, Florida)**

**Bob Loomas had to have an eye removed a few years ago. He is having problems with his other eye. His wife, Letty, is having some heart problems. (Louisiana)**

**Gregg Peterson is continuing to improve after a long battle with Wegeners disease. (Gregg and Judi Peterson, Florida and Connecticut)**

**Ralph Thiele has recovered from his back surgery. (Ralph and Carolyn, Florida}**

**Much sadness in the Blue Bird Family:**

**Dr. John Harvey passed away on February 29. His obituary is on Cappadona Funeral Home, Colorado Springs, CO. It includes a picture. We extend sympathy to his wife, Carolyn, and their two daughters and two sons.**

**We extend sympathy to Shirley and Tommy Vance in the death of Shirley's brother, Gary Aldridge. Gary lived in North Carolina and died in February.**

**Wilna Dixon passed away in the hospital on April 3 following a fall at home. Her obituary (including a picture) can be read on Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville, KY. We send our sympathy to her husband, Doug, and their daughter, Andrea. (Andrea is the editor of the Vintage Birds Newsletter.) Doug and Andrea's address: P. O. Box 1071, Paintsville KY 41240)**

**Cyrus "Cy" Fulton of Birmingham, Alabama passed away on April 17. His wife, Janet, had preceded him in death. They were close friends and traveling partners with Bruce and Ann Vincent. His obituary which includes a picture can be read on The Birmingham News.**

**Jay and Sharon Zeigler lost their son, Bill, to cancer on April 18, 2016. His obituary can be seen at [Hartmanfuneralhomeinc.com](http://Hartmanfuneralhomeinc.com) Bill was a Navy Seal who served during the Invasion of Granada. He leaves behind his wife and two young sons.**

**It was sad news to hear that Christine Giffen lost her long battle with cancer on April 20. We extend our love and sympathy to her husband, Bob Giffen, and their family. Bob and Chris hosted a wonderful rally many years ago in Titusville and were great at hosting rolling rallies. This will go to press before I have further information. (Bob Giffen, 5450 River Oak Drive, Titusville FL 32780) Donations to Hospice of St. Francis, 1250-B, Titusville, Fl. 32780.**

**Please remember to send us information that we can share with the Blue Bird Family.**

**I wish you safe and fun travels and a wonderful summer.**

**Please pray for our Nation!**

**Much love to all of you, Brenda**

## **Blue Bird Family of Friends Annual Reunion**

**October 12 – 16, 2016**

**Waynesville/Maggie Valley, North Carolina**

**Pride Resorts, 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, N.C.**

**Phone 1-800-926-8191**

**Hosted by Joe & Susan Crocker**

**\$225.00 rally fee per coach    \$\$150.00 per single person**

**Rally Fee includes Welcome bag, four breakfasts, 4 dinners, Entertainment, games with prizes, Door Prizes, and Commemorative DVD of rally.**

**Enjoy the beauty of the mountains, Blue Ridge parkway, see elk in the Cataloochee Valley, Visit “Wheels through Time” Motorcycle Museum, Explore Maggie Valley and Waynesville. Enjoy the annual harvest Festival in Waynesville. Send registration and rally fee payable to Blue Bird**

Chapter of FMCA in care of Carolyn Dover, PO Box 711, Marietta, S.C., 29661

**July 25-31, 2016-** Joint Rally with Bluebird Chapter at EAA Oshkosh Air Show- details are still in the works, but please contact Shane at [shanefedeli@gmail.com](mailto:shanefedeli@gmail.com) if you think you might be interested –

**Pacific Northwest Rally- Hood River County, Oregon Fairgrounds-** Informal rally with potluck dinners, train rides, jeep excursions and a few outings to local attractions. Contact John Alley for further details at [porschenein59@gorge.net](mailto:porschenein59@gorge.net)

**A Gathering!** Several Birds have plans to go to Yellowstone! (Cody, Wyoming, Ponderosa Campground from July 30 until August 3. [www.codyponderosa.com](http://www.codyponderosa.com)). West Yellowstone, Montana at Grizzly RV Resort from August 3 to August 9, 2016. Email: [camp@Grizzlyrv.com](mailto:camp@Grizzlyrv.com) or 406-6646-4466. Since this is a gathering, everyone makes their own reservations and plans.

**From Greg Peterson, FMCA Chapter Director.**

When should I call FMCA for assistance?

- Always call 911 first in any emergency.
- Anytime a physician has advised that your or your covered family member is in need of emergency medical transportation.
- Anytime you or your covered family member has been admitted as an inpatient at a hospital, or anytime you feel you may need future assistance with transportation due to a medical situation.
- Anytime you have general questions about your coverage and the services available through FMCAssist. (877-202-4176)

What happens when I call FMCAssist?

- If immediate assistance is required, we will request your name and FMCA member number in order to take necessary actions.
- We will obtain details of your current situation and add a notation to your file.

- We will answer any questions you have about your coverage and benefits.

#### What is FMCA unable to do?

- We cannot perform medical management or provide guidance to your treating physicians.
- We cannot discuss or coordinate medical insurance coverage or medical benefits.
- We cannot provide roadside assistance. (You may have other coverage for this service).
- We cannot discuss your medical condition or transportation arrangements with your family members unless specifically authorized by you or with any other member of FMCA.

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: 877-202-4176.

## **Cooking is for the Birds**

While at the Perry FMCA Rally, Brenda treated us and a few others with this yummy spread and it's easy enough that it would be good to have on board the RV for quick lunches or snacks. She also included the second recipe for the cream cheese spread which is another easy and yummy spread. So, with her permission, here they are!

Thanks,  
Rozanne

### **Pimiento Cheese Spread from Brenda Rodgers**

- 1 lb. pkg. each sharp cheddar cheese, extra sharp cheddar cheese, medium cheddar cheese**
- 1 large & 1 small jar chopped pimientos**
- 1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes and chilies**
- 1 tbsp. apple cider vinegar**
- dash garlic salt**

**Enough mayonnaise to make of spreading consistency**

**Mix all together and refrigerate to blend flavors.**

**Spread will be easier to use if at room temperature.**

**This is a great recipe to share and enjoy with friends.**

## **Cream Cheese/Pineapple Spread from Brenda Rodgers**

**2 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese  
1 lg. (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, well drained  
1 c. finely chopped pecans  
1/3 c. (or more) mayonnaise**

**Refrigerate to blend flavors and warm to  
room temperature to spread.**

**This also is a great spread to share with friends.**

### **Important Membership Information**

Susan Crocker, Secretary

**As secretary of the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA (Family of Friends), one of my duties is to annually verify the club's membership list with FMCA. While doing this, I noticed that many of our longtime members have not renewed their membership for 2016. Some of you have had to sell your motorhome and are no longer able to travel. We understand that, but hope that you would still consider attending rallies in order to network with some of your lifelong friends. Many of the places where we will be holding rallies will have cabins or park models on-site, or hotels nearby where you can stay. Membership renewal for some of you has been just an oversight, which I hope you will remedy soon by sending your club dues to Carolyn Dover.**

**As I was verifying the membership list, I also noticed that, per FMCA's membership list, some of you have allowed your FMCA membership to lapse. Please remember that according to our Chapter's by-laws and FMCA by-laws, you must have current membership in both organizations to be considered a member in good standing. If you have allowed your FMCA membership to lapse, please take care of that immediately. Thank you!**

**Moonshine over Mayberry Rally Report**  
**By Rozanne DeShazer**