



Bird Tracks July 2015

From the President:

We hope this finds everyone well. Hope you are getting to travel or in some cases spend some time at home with family and friends. Our hearts go out to our members that have been affected by the bad weather, rain, tornadoes, and other problems. Several members are having health issues or supporting family members with health issues. Let's keep them in our prayers. You may not be aware of names or specific illness but God knows the need.

My apologies for not having attended rallies this summer. Since our accident in January, our coach has spent most of the time in the shop for repairs. The ball joints and front end work should be completed by the next week. Never thought a blown tire would require so much time for repairs! Hopefully we can be back on the road real soon.

Please notice the rallies for Vintage Birds listed in our newsletter and attend as many as possible. We are working with Shane Fedeli, Vice president of Vintage Birds to coordinate a joint rally July 25 – 31, 2016 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin for the Air Show. Blue Bird had a rally in years past and it was a fantastic time for all. I would encourage everyone to make plans now to attend. This is the Air Show of all air shows, 20 to 30 planes in the air at the same time. This is not just flying planes but actually an enactment of Vintage planes during battles. Numerous food vendors, sale items, and you can actually buy a kit plane or a helicopter. If you are interested in attending please contact Shane at shanefedeli@gmail.com or myself at wleroywilson@aol.com.

As for rallies, we would like to put together a rally committee to help in planning rallies for next year and beyond. If we start now, working on rallies for the future will be easier and have more time for planning.

Make plans now to attend our Family of Friends Annual Rally October 25 – 29, 2015 at the Florida Grande Resort, Webster, Florida. Our annual business meeting will take place at this rally on Monday night, October 26. A special rate of \$30.00 per night will be honored three days prior and three days after the rally. The Resort asked us to announce they will have a Halloween party on Saturday night and everyone is invited to attend. Please call direct to make your reservations **(352) 569-1169**.

The rally fee of \$250.00 does not include the lot rental. Please send your rally fee to Treasurer Carolyn Dover, PO Box 711, Marietta, SC 29661. We will have more information in the next newsletter, we are planning to have a lot of fun at his rally and need your participation!

If you have any contributions or suggestions for the newsletter, please let me or Karen James know. (Karen4247@aol.com). We can't do this without all of us working together, each one is very important to the club. Hope to see you on the road real soon!

Leroy Wilson

To God BeThe Glory! Great Things He Hath Done.

SUNSHINE ARTICLE – July 2015

We send congratulations and best wishes to our Chapter President and First Lady, Leroy and Glenda Wilson, on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 20.

Congratulations also to Tommy and Shirley Vance as they celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on April 10.

Happy Birthday wishes to Art Galea as he celebrated his 90th birthday in June with a huge party given by his children in Michigan.

We send birthday greetings to Albert L. (Buddy) Luce, Jr. as he celebrates his 93rd birthday in July. For those newer members of the Family of Friends that may not have

met Mr. Luce, his dad was the founder of the Blue Bird Corporation.

We send prayers and get well wishes to Greg Peterson, Brenda Horvath, James Weatherford, Warren Brule, Bob Coates, Ralph Fullenwider, and Bob Sheppard.

Our love and deepest sympathy to Cy Fulton and his family in the loss of his precious wife, Janet, on June 12 in Hoover, Alabama. Cy and Janet are the parents of three children and eight grandchildren.

We send special prayers and love to Badger and Helen Bazen in South Carolina on the loss of their home in a fire several months ago.

Please remember that we need your input on news that we can share with the Chapter Membership.

Best wishes to all of you for fun and safe travels.

Warmest regards, Brenda

DID YOU KNOW ARTICLE FOR JULY, 2015 by Sharon Kirby

Did you know that you can be treated for food allergies to such foods as peanuts and shrimp plus other allergies to pollens, danders, dust and mites, fungi, yeast (including candida species), molds, many food additives, most common chemicals and perfumes (except pesticides and herbicides), formaldehyde, and many autoimmune diseases such as arthritis. How? There is an allergy treatment program called LDA (Low Dose Allergen Immunotherapy) which is designed to help your body overcome its allergic or intolerant reaction to most substances.

Dr. W.A. Shrader, Jr. from Santa Fe, New Mexico is a leading expert on the subject, and you can go to his website (www.drshrader.com) to learn more about him and this procedure.

Here are a few things that you might be interested to know about this program:

1. LDA is administered by one or more tiny intradermal injections (into the skin itself) usually on the inner aspect of the forearm (like a TB shot).
2. There has never been a fatal or life-threatening systemic reaction to LDA treatment.
3. LDA injections cannot be given more often than every 7-8 weeks.
4. The effect of LDA is usually immediate, and 70% of patients feel well immediately after their first treatment.
5. You need to commit to at least 6 shots because the FULL benefit of LDA takes awhile.
6. Not all immunotherapy is the same and this procedure developed by Dr. Leonard M. McEwen from Great Britain is, according to Dr. Shrader, the best!

I am currently taking the shots to get rid of my rheumatoid arthritis and so far I have had 3 three shots and have seen some joint improvement!! Dr. Kathleen MacIsaac in Orlando has given me the LDA shots because she was trained under Dr. Shrader, and he recommended her, but there are many others who have been trained in this procedure under Dr. Shrader so he can probably recommend someone in your area. Hope you find this information helpful and will research LDA to see if it can help you!!

Sharon Kirby

Cooking is for the Birds by Rozanne DeShazer

PINEAPPLE SALAD by Brenda Horvath

2-20 oz. cans pineapple
1 cup sugar
6 Tbls. flour
2 cups cheddar cheese
1/2 cup melted butter
1 cup Ritz crackers

Drain pineapple. Save 6 tablespoons juice in a small bowl.

Mix sugar & flour

Slowly stir in juice.

Mix well

In another bowl, combine butter & cracker crumbs

In a 1/2 qt. dish, layer pineapple, flour mix & cheese

Top with cracker crumbs

Bake 30 minutes in 350 degree oven. (uncovered)

Slow Cooker Barbecued Ribs

3 1/2 pounds pork loin back ribs
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp pepper
3 tablespoons liquid smoke
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1 medium onion, sliced
1/2 cup cola
1 1/2 cups barbeque sauce

1. Spray inside of 4 to 5 quart slow cooker with cooking spray.

2. Remove inner skin from ribs. Mix brown sugar, salt, pepper, liquid smoke and garlic; rub mixture into ribs. Cut ribs into 4 inch pieces. Layer ribs and onion in slow cooker, pour cola over the ribs.

3..Cover and cook on low heat setting 8 to 9 hours or until tender. Remove ribs from slow cooker, drain and discard liquid.

4. Pour barbecue sauce into shallow bowl, dip ribs into sauce and place them back in slow cooker. Pour remaining sauce over ribs and cover and cook on low heat setting for 1 hour.

Healthy Ice Cream (easy to make in the coach!)

This is a healthy version of ice cream!

Four ingredients only!!!!

This would also make a great dessert to serve up after dinner.

Share with your friends - they will love it, too!

4 Ingredient Ice Cream

Ingredients:

- 2 bananas, cut into 1-inch slices(frozen)
- ½ cup frozen strawberries, sliced
- 2 Tbsp Almond Milk
- ½ tsp vanilla

Instructions

1. Place banana slices on a plate, separating each slice. Place slices in freezer for 2 hours (overnight is best!).
 2. Remove strawberries and bananas from freezer and place in food processor, blend until they are the consistency of soft serve ice cream.
 3. Add almond milk(more or less for desired texture)and vanilla and blend until smooth and well-mixed.
 4. Transfer ice cream to a freezer container and freeze until solid.(don't have to wait if fruit is frozen, it is like soft serve ice cream)
 5. Scoop with ice cream scoop and serve.
- You can really use any frozen fruit to make this!!

Family Fun by Martha Rowe Vaughn

At Christmas the family talked about having a family vacation. When Chris was in college and Sallie in grade school, we drove a van to Arizona and New Mexico during the Thanksgiving break from school. We had a wonderful time seeing the Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Caverns and many sights in between. I did not know how much the children enjoyed the trip until this past Christmas. They were enthusiastic to have another vacation in the West.

Things are a lot different now. Chris Ihara and Leslie have two children: Emma and Ben; Sallie has a boyfriend, Evan. All the adults have pressing jobs and crazy schedules. We decided to have the trip during Emma and Ben's school spring holiday, the week before Easter. We decided on Texas somewhere near San Antonio. The children would fly into Austin and Charlie and I would bring the motor coach. I looked for a campground in the area that had space for the motor coach and us and cabins to rent for the rest. I found The Pecan Place in San Marcos, Texas with the right combination: a large site for the motor coach and a

bunk cabin right across the street. The cabin had accommodations for eight people: a loft with two beds, a bathroom, a bunkroom, a bedroom, out-fitted kitchen, gas grill, and a supply of linens. In addition Pecan Place is off the highway and right next to the San Marcos River with a canoe and kayak rental shop next door. There is an indoor pool and a playground.

I spent two weeks planning and cooking meals ahead and freezing them in the bus freezer. My idea was to have dinners and some breakfasts outside at our site. With eight people it is often hard to find a decent place to eat. I was prepared when Charlie and I left four days ahead of the others for the long drive to San Marcos. Everybody would be there by Saturday, March 28th.

The first night we had a birthday party for Sallie and Emma and a supper of lasagna, salad and bread with a birthday cake for dessert. The next morning was egg casserole with bacon and biscuits. We headed to San Antonio to see the Alamo and enjoy the river walk and boat ride. I hope when the grandchildren learn about the war with Mexico they will remember seeing the Alamo. They were not real impressed.

Throughout the week we took a boat ride on the beautiful, spring-fed San Marcos River. We visited two caves, a small zoo, and canoed the river. Sallie and Evan took a hike in a near-by park. Chris and Leslie took the kids to Austin to do the indoor skydiving. In between we swam at the pool, played in the river, and watched TV movies in the motor coach.

On our last day, Evan and Sallie wanted to visit a small town called Gonzales about one hour southeast of San Marcos. We stopped at the museum in an old three-story building that had been the jail. It was musty, rusty, scary, and wonderful. As soon as I saw it, I called Chris and told him to come. While we waited for them, a man asked us if we would like a free tour of the town. We saw beautiful homes and gardens and enjoyed the history of the town. By the time we got back to the jail, Chris and family had arrived. The kids were enthralled and Chris took lots of pictures. The walls were covered in graffiti with not one bad word. Ben pointed out a poem on the wall. Emma was horrified at the hanging structure and the noose. Both declared it was the best part of the vacation. One never knows what will interest children.

That afternoon, we gathered back at the campground. We all agreed that it had been a wonderful week and we want to make it an annual event.

With so many campgrounds offering cabins for rent as well as RV spaces, a family vacation is a great way to share the joy we Blue Birders experience on our travels. I urge you try it.



Do you have an interesting story about a trip? We would love to have pictures and a story of your adventures. You can write as much or as little as you want, our members enjoy suggestions as to locations you have enjoyed or even something as simple as how to entertain grandchildren on a trip! We need your ideas!

Rallies:

August 28-30 – **Lone Star Birds** Head to the Beach at Galveston.

Vintage Bird Rally: Croton New York & New Paltz, New York – September 13 – 20, 2015 Call Steven Pappas @ 201-264-1479 or email spappas@freight.abf.com

Vintage Bird Rally: October 13-17 Palmetto Cove RV Resort in Cleveland, South Carolina. Contact Ross or Carolyn Dover at 864-979-0870 or rossdover@att.net

WOG Rally: Pine Mountain , Ga. Oct. 21 – 25, 2015. Contact Pine Mountain Campground for reservations 706-663-4329.

Family of Friends Annual Rally: Florida Grand RV Resort, Webster, Florida, October 24 to October 30, 2015. Florida Grande Motor Coach Resort, nestled in the heart of Central Florida, is your luxury Class A coach resort destination. Beautifully landscaped with first class amenities, Florida Grande Motor Coach Resort is surrounded by beautiful 100-year-old oak trees in pristine nature preserves. Relax by our heated pool, visit with friends in the clubhouse, take a stroll through our wetland preserve, or explore the many activities in the area.

Our guests enjoy a wealth of amenities including the Florida Grande Club House that houses our fitness center, library, billiards lounge, and a fully-equipped catering-style kitchen. Our friendly and helpful staff is able to assist with your on-site needs.

Accepting only Class A motor coaches, each 2,000 sq ft concrete RV pad has a 50 amp pedestal, underground utilities, and irrigation.

Florida Grande is conveniently located just a short drive from cultural events, major attractions, sporting events, shopping, and anything else you can think of. Come see what Florida has to offer! More rally information will soon be available.

“Moonshine Over Mayberry” Rally – April 6 to 10, 2016. Mayberry Campground, Mt. Airy, North Carolina. Watch for details!

Beautiful Mountains of South Carolina

Dates: October 13, 2015 to October 17, 2015 Arrive on the 13th and leave on the 17th

Fee: \$200.00 Includes: 4 breakfasts and 2 dinners
4 nights of Camping at Palmetto Cover RV Park, no reservations needed. \$25.00 per night, NO Credit Cards!

Arrive on Tuesday with free afternoon to renew friendships and get to know the area. Dinner at 6:00.

Wednesday we will leave early around 8 O'clock to go to the Flea Market. Lunch on your own, Dinner at 6:00.

Thursday we will tour the BMW Plant, in Greer, SC.(Eat in Greenville)

Friday is a free day. Aunt Sue's, will we enjoy a seafood buffet. Dinner will be paid for by the Vintage Bird Chapter. (This is in addition to the 2 dinners included in the rally fee).

This will be a relaxed weekend with time to visit, exchange ideas, look at our coaches and tell old stories that we have heard many times. A tranquil and scenic place to get away, get together and get outdoors.

You will need to make your own reservations. They DO NOT accept Credit Cards. All sites are grassy and equipped with full hook ups which include water, electric and sewer.

I will need: your name and mates name, email address, phone number, mailing address, your money, and your arrival date by **Oct. 1, 2015**, Send all this to:

Ross Dover
PO Box 711
Marietta, SC 29661

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell: _____

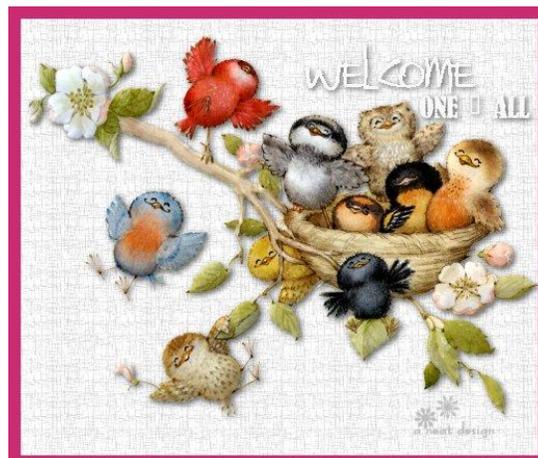
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Arrival Date _____ Money enclosed _____

Palmetto cove is in a volunteer -run RV Park located in upstate South Carolina. It's a quiet and family-friendly spot nestled at the very edge of the Blue Ridge escarpment on a river, and near the intersection of two famously scenic roads. (SC11 and US 276). You'll love the many attractions in and around Palmetto Cove.

No matter what your interests, you'll love the beautiful scenery and easy parking. Rates are only \$25.00 a night, and all sites have full hooks up . Most sites are open, with lots of lush, green grass underfoot. Wi-fi access is also available at most sites. You can make reservations at (864) 836-6221 Looking forward to seeing you at the South Carolina Rally in October 2015,

Have safe travels and hope to see you out there. Ross and Carolyn Dover



Where do Birds flock in the winter?

We would like to know where our members spend the winter months (or the summer months). Drop a quick email to Karen and let her know and we will include a short article in the next newsletter. **Where is everyone? I know that Maurice and Rozanne DeShazer spent part of their winter with Jon and Neat Scott, who spend their winter season in Indio at MCC resort. DeShazers are spending a part of their time with their daughter and family in San Diego . Bob and Dianne Headman also spend winters in Indio Outdoor Resorts. We found Bill & Pat Kirschner along with Pat and Bill Snyder, Anita and Doug Gadd and Jay and Sharon Zeigler spending time in Southern California. Art & Magda Overgaag enjoy living in California as well as Don Schroeder and Charles & Evelyn Olsen. Dan and Bobbie Jensen are in Texas but traveled even farther south to Florida. Speaking of Florida, we found many birds have settled in the warmer climate for the winter: Charlie and Martha Vaughn, Ron & Dorinda Rueckwald, Jim & Nancy Brookshire, Bayard & Martha Charpentier, Harvey & Linda Collins, Jimmy and Jean Cox, Joe & Susan Croker, Harney Davey & Lois Lynch, Dan & Natalie Disco, Ross & Carolyn Dover , Barry & Lucy Grim, Bob & Barbara Helms, Jeff & Brenda Horvath, Garland & Sharon Kirby, Bob & Rosemary Lanier, John & Norma McCullers, Ed & Carolyn Nowokunski, Greg & Judi Peterson, Jim & Jean Thompson, Jack & Ila Vandenberg, Dick & Patty Warren, James & Linda Weatherford, Tommy & Shirley Vance and Dennie & Karen James. Looks like the Florida sunshine has attracted the most birds! Of course, several Birders like Ralph & Carolyn Thiele, Bob & Rosemary Lanier, Alan & Jane Ritchie, John & Sheila Smith, and AJ and Caroleann Mickler live in the sunshine state so they don't have far to travel and can enjoy no snow shoveling. We still have the hardy souls among us who hunker down in the frozen north such as Jim & Lynne Olds in Minnesota and Jim and Sherry Miller in New York State and Rich and Marianne Ducci in Connecticut.. Len & Judi McLeod stay far north in Canada. Bob & Mary Jo Dilks and Ralph & Charolette Fullenwilder stay in Boomer Sooner Country in Oklahoma. These are just a few Blue Birders who have let us know where they nest. Won't you add to the list?**

What's the birthstone for July?

The ruby, birthstone for July, is among the most highly prized of gemstones. Large rubies are harder to find than large diamonds, emeralds and sapphires. As a result, rubies value increases with size more than any other gemstone. Happy birthday to those born in July!

Did you know it is predicted that 65 % of today's elementary school students will have jobs that do not yet exist. By the age of 35, these same students will have held 10 to 14 jobs. The world is changing!

Family of Friends Fall Rally Registration:

October 24 to October 30, 2015

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail _____

Handicap Request _____

Rally Fee: \$250. _____ One person: \$125.00 _____

The rally fee of \$250.00 does not include the lot rental. Please send your rally fee to Treasurer Carolyn Dover, PO Box 711, Marietta, SC 29661.

Florida Grande Motor Coach Resort

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GPS Coordinates

Latitude: 28.61011

Longitude: -82.02354