



From the President:

Blue Bird Family of Friends

Greetings to each and every one ☺. Certainly hope everyone is on the mend and ready to travel. Have heard a lot about sickness, test's and doctors appointments. It seems we are at the age where we spend at lot of time "being checked out". Even amidst our aches and pains, we still should be thankful. We can look around and see people with worse conditions than ours.

We live in the most beautiful country and drive the greatest coaches on the road. When I accepted the office of President, my thoughts were to travel more than ever and spend time with our Blue Bird Family. Glenda and I thought we would be on the road traveling from one Rally to the next or even call it a Gathering with as many Birds as we could get together. Well, that certainly hasn't happened! Health issues have controlled desires to travel ~ I might mention that Dennie and Karen James have been experiencing the same thing for several months, as have several others. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for my many shortcomings. I am so sorry to have had to miss newsletters, rallies and time with each of you. Looks like I will be getting "another" new knee this fall ~ 10 knee surgeries, but who is counting! But until then, we need to get together! Are you planning a short trip? Let us know and we will turn it into a Blue Bird event. Some of our greatest and most memorable trips have centered around last minute plans. The most important thing is time with family and friends. So, if you are hitting the road, give us a call, 423-593-0779 and we will try to meet. I have spoken with members of Vintage Birds and they have graciously invited and included us in their rallies. If you aren't a member, I encourage you to join. Get in touch with Shane Fedeli, Treasurer and Webmaster shane@vintagebirds.com. You can read their

newsletter and check out the rallies at www.vintagebirds.com.

We do have our Annual Rally in the Valley coming up in October. This year we will be meeting in Sevierville, Tennessee at Riverside Campground. Hats off to Larry and Betty Miller for all their work on this event! October is a busy and beautiful time in the mountains. The air is beginning to turn crisp and leaves begin to change so you don't want to miss this Rally! The deadline to register is June 15th so do it now or you might not get a campsite. After June 15th, it is first come, first serve. Call the campground at 865-453-7299. During this Rally, we will have our Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers. Please come and let's get our club rolling again.

Little did we know back in 1994 when we purchased our first Bird that was sitting on the side of I-75 that we were embarking on the greatest adventure of a lifetime! Travel and sights have been fabulous but the friendships made along the way have been priceless!! I am sure there are new Bird owners just beginning this journey. I encourage you to invite them into our Family of Friends. We always need new members.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Safe and Happy travels to everyone!

Leroy Wilson
Chapter President

Glenda Wilson
To God Be the Glory!

Chattanooga 2017 by Rozeanne DeShazer



Chattanooga RITV October 29-November 3, 2017 Hosts Leroy & Glenda Wilson

Leroy & Glenda Wilson always know how to show our Blue Bird members a good time! Their generosity and hospitality knows no bounds!

We were all treated to an abundance of good food and entertainment along with the opportunity to have time to enjoy one another's company!

They managed this major fete while they both were in recovery from challenging health issues! They are an amazing duo and we are all blessed to have their friendship and guidance.

A most impressive event began our Rally. The Rolling Thunder Tennessee Two unit (a Veteran's support group) performed the "Missing Man" presentation in honor of the POW-MIA. It was truly a sobering and humbling reminder of the men and women whom served but did not return.

The presentation was followed with an evening meal and visiting.

Each day we were treated to a full breakfast which started us all in fine shape! Each evening we were treated to a delicious catered meal. We can say that we all ate well for the entire rally!

The Annual Business Meeting was held on Monday evening followed by dinner, then Bingo.

A trip to the Aquarium downtown was informative and enjoyable. That was followed by a lovely boat ride up and down the Tennessee River.

The Wilsons provided us with a bus for all activities away from the campground. Their son, David was the gracious and skilled driver!

A trip to Etowah, TN to board a train was on the agenda Thursday. The train took us along the Hiwassee River Gorge to Farmer, Tennessee along the North Carolina-Tennessee border. It was a perfect day for "leaf peeping!"

After the evening meal, we were treated to a performance by James Rogers. He is a singer, song writer, and professional entertainer. He performed for years at Dollywood and had his own theater in Pigeon Forge (Music Mansion) for five years. He is currently traveling and doing performances across America. It was a delightful way to end the rally!

We are so grateful for the many kindnesses that Leroy and Glenda show to each of us! This rally was just another example of their friendship and generosity shown to each of our members. Thanks to a dynamic duo!

Family of Friends Rally – 2018
October 9 to October 14, 2018
“Family Gathering in the Smokies”

Riverside RV Resort, 4280 Boyds Creek Highway, Sevierville, Tennessee 37876

www.riversidecamp.com

1-800-341-7534 or 1-865-453-7299

Please get your reservations in as soon as possible. Cut off date is June 15, 2018, after that, it will be on a “first come – first serve” basis.

Schedule

Tuesday, October 9: Check in at 12:00 noon. The afternoon is open. Dinner with cold cuts, chips, and refreshments at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 10: Breakfast - 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

This day will consist of a *Cornhole Tournament* and other events. Select a partner and earn bragging rights of Corn Hole Champion!

Lunch on your own.

We will have a Swap Meet in the afternoon. Bring an item of interest you would like to swap, (craft, painting, knife, hat, etc)

Dinner at 5:00 followed by a sing a long. Anyone who has musical talents (those who play any kind of instrument) regardless of skill lever, bring your instrument along! We will have a **BLAST!**

Thursday, Oct. 11: Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30

10:00 – We will get on Leroy Wilson’s bus for a scenic trip through Cades Cove. Bring a folding chair to put in the belly of the bus. We will stop for lunch and your chairs will come in handy. A box lunch will be served consisting of cold cut sandwiches, chicken salad croissants, chips, cookie and a soft drink or water.

Dinner at 5:00 at the campground.

Friday, October 12: Breakfast – 7:30 to 8:30

Free morning and lunch on your own.

At 1:00, there will be a bus to Tanger Outlets and the Smoky Mountain Knife Store. The Tanger shuttle will leave at 1:00 and pick up at 4:15. The shuttle for the knife store will leave at 1:30 and pick up at 3:45.

Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Following dinner there will be a Halloween Party Dress Up from 7:00 to 9:00. Please plan on dressing up and enjoying a fun evening! We will have refreshments, music and a panel of Judges for the Best Dressed couple. Be creative and surprise all of us with your costume. Door prize to the winner! Also, Miss Brenda Rogers will honor us with her most entertaining story telling.

Saturday, October 13: Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30 am

The day will be a free day. Dinner at 5:00. After dinner, we will gather for entertainment provided by James Weatherford.

Sunday, Oct. 14: Breakfast will consist of donuts and coffee with a worship service at the Pavilion.

PLEASE NOTE: We will have Mr. Wayne Clapp doing Coach Repairs from Wednesday through Saturday. Please contact Tommy Vance in advance and provide a brief description of service needed. (NO oil changes). Tommy Vance phone number is 828-442-2585. His email is tvancebr549@yahoo.com

Larry Field with Mobile Wash will provide coach cleaning and waxing during the rally. There will be a reservation list at check in.

As you might have noticed, we have not scheduled many group events for attractions in the area. There is a vast array of things to see and do. Go on-line and check out the various events and activities and schedule your own activities.

Kindest Regards to All! *Larry D. Miller*

What Have You Done with your Wanderlodge lately?

Our Grandchildren have grown up in our Wanderlodge. We've taken them on local trips to Harper's Ferry, WV; Natural Bridge, VA; Eagle Pass in Romney, WV.

They have enjoyed trips to mineral and gold mines, seen fossils in Gray, TN, toured the Kentucky Horse Park and explored Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, and been to Nashville, TN.

In 2015 they wanted more. On spring break we drove the Wanderlodge and they flew to San Marcos, TX. The Pecan Grove Campground had cabins to rent so the whole family could stay together: six adults and two children. The Wanderlodge was the gathering place for meals and movies at night. We toured the Alamo in San Antonio, went whitewater canoeing on the San Marcos River, enjoyed the flowers through the Hill Country, and visited Austin. It was a great trip.

For spring break in 2017 the family insisted on another trip. We drove the Wanderlodge and they flew to Apache Junction, AZ. We rented a class C for two adults and two children and a cabin for our daughter, Sallie. From three campgrounds at Apache Junction, Flagstaff, and Holbrook, we toured the area for 10 days. A visit to Canyon De Chelly National Monument led by a Navajo guide was the highlight of the trip. The Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, and the Painted Desert were enjoyed, too. After the family returned to school and work, we continued west to Joshua Tree, Death Valley, Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Yosemite, and Redwood National Parks. Traveling on to Portland, OR, we visited friends who took us to the Japanese Gardens and the Columbia River Gorge, both fantastic places. We returned through Salt Lake, Utah and Omaha, Nebraska. No trip through Iowa goes without a stop a HWH in Moscow to get the

coach systems working again. Not the best ending for a wonderful family trip, but necessary. Where will our Wanderlodge take us next time?

Share your adventures in our newsletter. We want to hear from you!

Martha and Charlie Vaughn

Upcoming Rallies:

Hood River Oregon – July 5 to 8, 2018

Vintage Bird Chapter Rally, Detroit Michigan July 15 to 21, 2018

Ludington, Michigan, September 6 to 9, 2018

Cape Cod Rally – September 23 – 29, Cape Cod north campground, Truro, Ma.

Vintage Chapter Rally – Williamsburg Virginia – October 1 – 6, 2018, American Heritage RV Park, Williamsburg

Blue Bird Family of Friends Annual Rally – October 9 – 14, 2018. Riverside RV Park, Sevierville, Tennessee

WOG Rally, Pine Mountain, Georgia October 17 – 21, 2018

White Tanks Rally - November 9 – 12, 2018, Waddell, Arizona

Clearwater Florida, January 2 – 2, 2019

Quartsite – January 12 – 27, 2019

Bayou Birds – Vidalia , Louisiana Feb. 23 – March 3, 2019

Birds at the Beach, Ocean Lakes RV Park, Myrtle Beach - April 10 – 14, 2019

Red River Rally, Red River New Mexico - Oct. 1 – 2, 2019 (enjoy the Balloons in Albuquerque)

[Cooking is for the Birds](#) by Rozanne DeShazer

Sounds super easy. I'm going to try this one.

SWISS CHEESE CHICKEN & STUFFING

Swiss cheese chicken and stuffing bake is an all-in-one casserole; nothing else is needed to make the meal complete.

Ingredients

- 5 skinless and boneless chicken breasts
- 5 slices of Swiss cheese (you can also try with Pepper jack, Monterey...)
- 1 can of cream of onion soup
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) of white wine (you can substitute for milk if you prefer)
- stuffing mix (we recommend garlic and herbs, but you can use the plain one as well)
- 1/4 cup (50 gr.) of butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 350 F (175 C). Grease a casserole dish and season your chicken breasts.

2. In a mixing bowl, mix the white wine (or the milk) with the can of cream of onion soup. Add a couple of spoonfuls of the soup and wine mixture to the casserole and spread it. Arrange your chicken breasts and cover each one of them with a slice of the cheese.
3. Pour the rest of the soup and wine mixture over the chicken and the cheese.
4. Pour the stuffing mix over the casserole and sprinkle it with the butter.
5. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 35 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for 10-15 more minutes or until golden brown.

TIP: If you're going to freeze this casserole, it's better not to add the stuffing and add it whenever you're going to eat it. That way the bread won't get soggy while it thaws. In any case, serve over rice or with a side of steamed green beans.

YELLOW CROOKNECK SQUASH CASSEROLE

What You'll Need

3 cups Pepperidge Farm® Cornbread Stuffing

1/4 cup butter, melted (1/2 stick)

1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)

1/2 cup sour cream

2 small yellow squash, shredded (about 2 cups)

2 small zucchini, shredded (2 cups) or use all yellow squash & no zucchini or substitute other type squash

1 small carrot, shredded (about 1/3 cup)

1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (about 2 ounces)

How to Make It

Stir the stuffing and butter in a large bowl. Reserve **1/2 cup** of the stuffing mixture and spoon the remaining stuffing mixture into a 2-quart shallow baking dish.

Stir the soup, sour cream, yellow squash, carrot and cheese in a medium bowl. Spread the mixture over the stuffing mixture and sprinkle with the reserved stuffing mixture.

Bake at 350°F. for 40 minutes or until the mixture is hot and bubbling.