



Bluebird Family of Friends: From the President:

As your new president, I would like to thank the members for entrusting me as your leader. Betty and I hosted the fall rally in Sevierville Tennessee. The turnout was awesome, however we did miss some special friends due to breakdown and family illness. Joe & Susan Crocker had a breakdown near Hendersonville N.C. on their way from Florida. Tommy & Shirley Vance were not able to attend due to their daughter Lisa and her illness. Let's all please remember this special family in our thoughts and prayers.. All the members or our group are special people, but Tommy & Shirley have been very special friends in my life as well as Bettys, for many years.

Two other potential new members had to cancel reservations at the last minute due to sickness. Jack & Angie Hicks & Everett Hobson & his wife.

We would like to extend a great big "thank you" to James Weatherford For the beautiful music & vocals he provided. Great job James!

Our election of officers was held on Thursday evening 10/11/2018. The

Following slate of officers were submitted by the nominating committee, Maurice DeShazer & Tommy Vance, for physical year 2018-2020.

PresidentLarry Miller
Vice President.....Tommy Vance
Secretary.....Karen James
Treasurer.....Kim Pierce
National Director for FMCA..... Greg Peterson
Rally Committee.....Tom Bay & LeRoy Wilson

The slate of officers were voted into their office by majority vote.

As president of our group, I would like to say thank you to each member for your confidence in me. I will certainly attempt putting my best foot forward as well as make every attempt to not let you down. My goal is to make our group the very best it can be. In doing so, I will attempt to grow our membership and make our times together as memorable as possible. I will further work at the direction of the majority of the group, understand, I can't please everyone but, I will attempt to please everyone I can.

I'm relatively new to this family so I beg for your patience and understanding. I have lots to learn and I will learn the methods over time.

I will include a questionnaire in this newsletter. Hopefully this will give me some guidance as to what the group, as a whole, would like to see occur and the priority of this family.

I would like to personally thank LeRoy Wilson & his wonderful wife Glenda, for their dedication and service to our Family. LeRoy has served two terms as president and done a fabulous job. We are also grateful to Carolyn Dover, whom served as treasurer & Susan Crocker whom served as secretary for the past four years. Both ladies have served in spectacular fashion and we are certainly indebted to both of them. Greg Peterson was our FMCA National Director and has graciously volunteered to again assume that position. Good job, Greg!

I also want to say a very sincere **Thank You** to Brenda Rogers, a sweetheart of a lady, for her entertainment on Friday evening. As always, her stories & jokes were over the top. Brenda's friend Jimmy Mann, well, just let me say, Brenda might be a keeper.

I am most happy to welcome four new members, that joined our Family at the rally.

- 1- Dan & Judy Hunt
- 2- Randy & Sonya Shrimplin
- 3- Jerry & Brenda Stevens
- 4- Bob & Debbie Harris

I would like to encourage each member to try and recruit one member in the upcoming year. The sustainability of our family is dependent on adding to the membership.

In closing, I had discussions with Dennis & Karen James, Bob Cortner, Randy & Sonya Shrimplin, Dan & Judy Hunt, Tom & Sandy Bay, Maurice & Rosanne Dashazer, possibly others, about a gathering sometime in February of 2019, in Florida. It will be a challenge to find an RV park that can accommodate 6-10 coaches.

If anyone would like to head this up, please contact Tom Bay, LeRoy Wilson, or myself. Anyone in our Family of Friends or their guest, in the Florida area, would be most welcome to join us.

Until we meet again, please stay healthy and travel safely.

Warmest Regards

Larry Miller

Bluebird Family of Friends Questionnaire

This questionnaire is for the purpose of giving some insight as to the overall desire of the membership.

1- What are some things you would like to see implemented in our Family of Friends?

2- Who should be allowed membership into our group?

a- Anyone___ b- motorhome only___ c- coach & or fifth wheel d- fifth wheel or travel trailers___

3- Do you think all new members should be recommended by a current member in good standing? _____

4- How many rallies would you like to see our club hold each year? _____

5- How many gatherings would you like to see our club hold each year?_____

6- Are you a member of the Vintage Bird group?_____

7- Are you a member of WOG?_____

8- Would you consider hosting a rally or a gathering?

If so when_____ & where_____?

9-What are your thoughts regarding joint rallies or gatherings with the Vintage Bird group?

Is there a location or area where you would be interested in attending a rally? We need ideas!

This questionnaire will be held in confidence and utilized to guide my direction as president of our Family of Friends.

Thank You

Larry Miller

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From the Treasurer, Kim Pierce.

Dues are Due! **Reminder**, please pay your dues for this year! Dues are \$25.00 and can be mailed to: Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, 3916 N. Potsdam Ave. Box 866, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104-7048.

Upcoming Rallies:

2019

Quartzsite, Arizona January 12-27

Lake Havasu City, Arizona February 11-18

Vidalia, Louisiana February 23-March 3

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina April 10-14

Muscoda, Wisconsin May 17-19

Shipshewana, Indiana June 5-9

Hood River, Oregon July 2-8

Boothbay, Maine July 28-August 4

Red River, New Mexico October, 2019

(Thank you to Greg Gesse for these dates!)

Blue Bird Family of Friends Business Meeting – October 11, 2018 – Sevierville, Tennessee

Due to mechanical problems with their coach, Secretary Susan Crocker was unable to attend the meeting. Glenda Wilson served as secretary pro-tem.

The annual business meeting of the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA was called to order by President Leroy Wilson at 6:30 p.m. on October 11, 2018. Opening prayer by Ross Dover. Amazing Grace was sung by Larry and Betty Miller and James Weatherford.

First Timers and new members were introduced. Dan and Judy Hunt, Dan and Liz Harris, Randy and Sonya Shrimplin, Jerry and Brenda Stevens, Debbie and Bobby Harris and Doug and Kim Pierce. Recognition of special guest Brenda Rogers and friend Jimmy Mann.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Bob Costin, second by Judi Peterson, all voted to approve the minutes.

The treasurers report was ready by Treasurer Carolyn Dover, upon a motion by Greg Peterson, second by Sandi Bay, all voted to approve the treasurer report.

Wayne Snead made a motion to pay \$4,000 for the food for this rally. Larry Miller had stated he would pay for the cost of the rally. After discussion, Wayne Snead amended the motion to pay for the complete cost of the rally food with Greg Gesse second. All voted in favor.

President Leroy Wilson discussed dues and asked everyone to get in touch with previous members and other owners and encourage them to participate in the club. Treasurer Carolyn Dover stated that dues were coming in slowly.

FMCA Representative Greg Peterson gave a report on FMCA. He stated that with the addition of towables and fifth wheels, approximately 3,000 members were added but FMCA finances were still in the red. Greg stated his dissatisfaction with the FMCA road service after being stranded on the interstate in Atlanta for over 17 hours. After solving the problem himself, he wrote to FMCA President and officers and received no response.

John Peterson, FMCA International Representative spoke about his position and mentioned that he brought the number of vendors at the FMCA rally from 30 to 65. The FMCA Destination Rally will be held at Myrtle Beach in the Spring. The cost will be \$496 per coach but only 200 coaches would be accommodated.

President Leroy Wilson opened the floor for recommendation for upcoming officers. Maurice DeShazer and Tommy Vance were on the nominating committee. Maurice read the following names: Larry Miller for President, Tommy Vance for Vice President, Kim Pierce for Treasurer, Karen James for Secretary, Greg Peterson for FMCA Representative. Ross Dover motioned for

the nominations to be closed and the recommended officers be elected. Wayne Snead second and all voted in favor. President Leroy congratulated the new officers and offered his full support.

President Leroy announced that he and Tom Bay will volunteer to work together to plan more gatherings in the future. Several suggestions were made for summer gatherings. Greg Gesse stated the Vintage Rally will be held October 2 – 6, 2019 at Road Runner RV Resort in Red River, New Mexico.

John McPherson asked if we have a Web Master. Charlie Vaughn stated he takes care of correspondence and Karen James does the newsletter. Contact Charlie with any news that needs reported to our members.

Judi Peterson expressed special thanks to Larry and Betty Miller for a great rally and expressed gratitude to the outgoing officers. Everyone agreed with a loud round of applause.

Brenda Rogers stated that Bob and Sonya Costin have owned a Blue Bird for over 37 years and that she was happy to see them at the rally.

Tommy and Shirley Vance were unable to attend the rally due to their daughter's serious illness. Everyone is keeping the Vance family in their thoughts and prayers. Joe and Susan Crocker had mechanical issues and missed the rally, Carolyn and Ralph Theil are experiencing health problems and had to cancel. Jack & Angie Hicks & Everett Hobson & his wife also had to cancel

due to illness. Jim and Lynne Olds are cleaning up after a tornado took out two dozen trees in their yard as well as their front windows on their house. We hope to see everyone at the next rally.

Everyone is keeping a close eye on Hurricane Michael. Richard and Sue Ramsey and Kathy and Steve Enflinger have homes at "ground zero". Both couples will head out tomorrow to check out damages.

Steve Enfinger moved to adjourn, Judi Peterson second with all in favor. The next meeting will be held at the fall rally. Time and date to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Wilson, Secretary Pro Tem

Application for Membership

You must be a member of the **Family Motor Coach Association**. Your club application fee is \$50.00 that includes two name badges and dues for the current year. Your subsequent or renewal dues are \$25.00. Make check payable to the **Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, LLC**.

Date _____ FMCA# _____

Name _____

Name _____

Street or shipping address _____

City/State/ _____

Zip _____

E-Mail address _____ Phone

Number _____

Cell Number _____

Birth date _____

Birth date _____

Wedding Anniversary date _____

Coach name, year, and model _____

Please print first and last name, as you want them to appear on your club badge: (new applications only)

1st Badge _____

2nd Badge _____

Please return form and check to: Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA 3916 N Potsdam Ave.
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