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Hello again Cardinal Virginians,

Ahhh,...Warmer weather is now upon us. Everything has greened up very nicely, and the birds are happily singing. This time of year should lift everyone's spirits. Nature is getting all dressed up for us to enjoy, and it certainly warms the heart to witness the world coming back to life. I am thankful to get to watch another spring unfold. Now it's up to us to get out there and enjoy. It's been a busy spring so far for Sherree and I, as it seems we have been on the road more than we have been home. Other than traffic snafus, we certainly enjoy traveling about.

One way to take advantage of these beautiful days is by attending a Cardinal Virginians rally. We have had two great rallies now and it has been good to see and catch up with all of our Cardinal Virginians friends again. I do want to remind everyone to be sure to let the rally host know that you will be attending so they can plan accordingly, and unless otherwise told, bring your own tableware to our common meals together.

Our May rally had a special guest, who fit right in, our Area Vice President Lynn Nelson. We also auctioned off some items and so far have raised \$880.00 for a donation to ALS in Cheryl Browns memory. Feliza's wreaths turned out to be big money items.

There seems to be a consensus to drop our Christmas luncheon. The Holidays are a very busy time of year, and it is hard to find a central location suitable for everyone, plus the cost of catering has increased greatly. I would still encourage our members in the same geographical area to get together at a local restaurant or such to celebrate the season. Therefore I would like to suggest that we could have smaller regional gatherings, in maybe Roanoke, Staunton, and Culpepper, etc. where the folks that live in that area could get together. Let me know if you plan to host one of these events and I can get it in the newsletter.

We now have 2 rallies scheduled for next year in May 2025.

John and Diane Cooper have arranged a rally at Crosswinds Family Campground in Linwood, NC; arriving on May 12 and departing on May 16. We have 14 sites reserved.

D3-D7, (pull through buddy sites) D18a, D18 (back in)

We will be in site D18B

50 amp is \$55, 30 amp is \$52. The rally room is ours as well at no charge

People can call anytime to make reservations. They will hold the sites until April 23,

2025 before releasing them. This is close to the town of Salisbury.

It's about 34 miles to the Concord Mills Outlet Mall.

The Sonnessas and the Pittmans are hosting a August 2025 rally at Sun Resorts Shenandoah Valley in Stuart's Draft, VA. This was formerly Shenandoah Acres. We have put a hold on 14 sites, some pull-thrus and some back-ins. The office will hold these until 1/1/2025. The dates are 8/18/25-8/21/25, Monday through Thursday!

Both of these 2025 rallies will accept you reservations now.

So, Let's get our rally schedule for 2025 filled, April, June, July, September, and October are available!

Cardinal President

Baynard

MAY RALLY- 20TH TO 23RD

Our May Rally was held during the week at State Park Pocahontas near Chesterfield, Va. As is our custom, people chose their activities based on interests, necessities and/or energy. Some went to Henricus Historical Park, 18 went to the Swift Creek Mill Theater Wednesday afternoon to enjoy a live performance entitled Run for Your Wife. The actors were so good at portraying this slap stick comedy. The timing of actions and dialogue was so good—not good but great. After the play we went by Carol and Paul's to pick up Jax, their puppy, and got a tour of their new home.

Wednesday evening the Club auctioned an assortment of FMCA items to benefit ALS in memory of Cheryl Brown. Between the action items and donations we will be able to donate over \$800 to ALS.

Even though attendees were out on their own throughout the day, by evening everyone gathered back at the campground to visit with old friends and greet our

new members and guests. A few tried their hand at corn hole with Tim Handy and John Cooper coming out triumphant.

Did anyone go hungry? Does that ever happen at a Cardinal Rally? Between covered dishes, Pizza, Potato bar and ice cream the answer is NO. All I can say “it was all delicious.”

Several participants had their camping dogs along. These social dogs all loved getting to see each other and loved the social hour.

Attendees at the May rally included the hosts, Carol and Paul Melton, Sherree and Baynard Barton, Judy and Gene Matthews, Sherry and Bob Sonessa, Donna and Tim Handy, Robbie and John Davis, Betty Franklin and Rex Monroe, Jane and Gary Lambert, Karilyn and Mark Pittman, Jane and Gary Lambert, Brenda and Bill Robbins, Diane and John Cooper, Brent and Mona Ferguson, Feliza Jones, and Bill Brown. We also had Lynn Nelson who is an FMCA Eastern Representative. Lynn shared information with the club regarding the GEAR rally in October. Lots of work is going in to making it a great rally.

Judy Matthews



Caring and concerns:

Judy Matthews as she works toward full recovery.

Sharon Seaman continues to wait for her pacemaker.

Lynn Bowers as she recovers from foot surgery

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers

If you know of anyone who is sick or that I need to reach out to please contact me by text at 540-270-7219 or by email at fallenoakfarm@juno.com

Betty Franklin

If you haven't noticed, we have quite a few new members. Be sure to welcome our new folks when you see them at a rally. Bill and Brenda Robbins, Brent and Mona Ferguson, Steve and Mona Horne, John and SueAnn Tasselmyer, Dave and Becky Pillis, Ray and Karen Morton, Gehrig and Gale Ferguson, John and Peggy Slingerland.

Good day fellow Cardinal Virginians from your Wagon Master.

Well camping season is moving quickly. Think about next season (2025) so that we can have a full calendar early on as we did last year for 2024.

Thank you,

Gary Lambert, Wagon Master

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Please contact Gary Lambert (sazzmo@outlook.com), trail master, to sign up to host or cohost a rally for 2025. Phone 540-354-1964

Cardinal Virginians Rallies for 2024			
Month	Host/s	Campground	Location
April 18 - 21	Bishops & Bartons	Cool Breeze CG	Galax, VA
May 20 - 23	Meltons	Pocahontas St Pk	Chesterfield, VA
June 24 - 27	Coopers & Handys	Shenandoah Valley CG	Verona, VA
July 17 - 20	Bartons	Camp Bursa Hungry Mother St Pk	Marion, VA
August 15 - 19	Sonessas & Pittmans	Madison Vines CG	Madison, VA
September 25 - 28	Seamans	Natural Chimneys St Pk	Mt Solon, VA
October 17 - 20	Lamberts	Tanglewood RV Park	Clemons, NC
October 23 - 27	GEAR	Western NC Agricultural Center	Fletcher, NC
December	Christmas Luncheon	???	

A note from Robbie and Judy: We need to hear from you about your thoughts about a Christmas Luncheon. Neither Robbie, John, Gene nor me have the energy to decorate and get it together as we have in the past. Last year was canceled due to lack of registrants and weather is unpredictable. Either send a message to me or Baynard so we can discuss this and make a decision about December.

Judy

If you have anything to go into the next newsletter please send your info to me at matthewsjh@gmail.com. Preferably in word format. Judy Matthews, Editor

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