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Hello again Cardinal Virginians,

Well, it seems the long hot days of summer are already upon us, time sure does go by quickly when you are enjoying life, especially with our Cardinal Virginians friends. Our June rally was a lot of fun, and we are looking forward to hosting everyone here at Hungry Mother for the July rally.

Speaking of having fun, in October, my time as president of the Cardinal Virginians will come to an end. Our bylaws only allow a president to serve for 2 years.

I am hoping to find someone willing to volunteer to serve as our next Chapter president, or be on a committee to find a member willing to serve as our next president. The position is not hard, our chapter has a lot of supporting members that have made things easy for me, and I will gladly help whoever takes over. Think about stepping up to keep our Cardinal Virginians Chapter going strong.

I have good news about our Chapter's donation to ALS in our dear friend Cheryl Brown's name. Steve and Lynn Bowers added a donation and with the \$880 collected at the rally, plus a small contribution from our Chapter funds we have made it an even \$1,000 donation. Great job everyone!

See you at a rally!

Baynard
Cardinal Virginians President

June rally report, June 24-27 Shenandoah Valley Campground, Verona Va.

What a fantastic rally hosted by Tim and Donna Handy, and John and Diane Cooper. A great time was had by all!

The temperature was HOT but the trees gave us a great breeze and along with fans we stayed cool. We did have a storm come through on Wednesday evening, but thankfully dinner was over and most people got back to their coaches before the rain came.

We had nine coaches, 19 members, 3 dogs, and rabbits, rabbits, everywhere rabbits! In attendance were our hosts Tim and Donna Handy and John and Diane Cooper, Rex Monroe and Betty Franklin and Rex's sister Stephanie Hanson, Gene and Judy Matthews, Kamal Rojiani and Linda Tang, Paul and Carol Melton, Brent and Mona Ferguson, Leon and JoAnne Kates, and Baynard and Sherree Barton.

On Monday we had a light appetizer happy hour followed by a wonderful taco dinner provided by our hosts with a few toppings added by the rally attendees. Dinner was followed by scrumptious desserts by our hosts and other members of the group.

On Tuesday morning our hosts again provided a fantastic pancake breakfast with the attendees bringing fruit. After breakfast several members of our group visited wineries, flea markets, and other attractions in the area. Others stayed at the park and enjoyed watching the rabbits. After a light happy hour we had another amazing dinner of salad, lasagna, and rigatoni provided by our hosts followed by yummy deserts.

On Wednesday some members stayed at the campground and others toured the area. Some walked to the waterfall at the end of the campground and others went tubing and swimming. After a light happy hour we had an amazing dinner of quesadillas and corn soufflé with all the fixings provided by our hosts followed again by lovely deserts.

Thursday morning we had a breakfast of homemade lemon poppy seed bread, apple cake, left over pancakes, yogurt and fruit.

Sadly we had to say our goodbyes until next month. Thanks to all who helped make this a great rally!

Reported by Sherree Barton



SPECIAL THANKS

One of the reasons Gene and I joined the Cardinal Virginians was a recommendation from Patsy, a hospice volunteer, who told me there was always someone to help figure out problems related to our coach. Well, that was true then, but even more so on the departure day from our June rally. We've been having problems with the chassis battery recharging, but thought we had it fixed with the

replacement of a solenoid. Gene had an appointment at the Salem Veterans hospital on the Thursday, but we knew we could get home in time to for him to leave with time to spare until... We were ready to pull out and the MH wouldn't start. Gene went home (close to the campground) and got the battery charger. Knowing it would take a while for the battery to charge, Gene left and I would bring the coach home. Now, the good Samaritans, John Cooper and Baynard came to the rescue. John turned the amps up to 50, checked the cable attachments and had it charged in quick order. When he said I could start the engine I tried and it started. I could have cried I was so relieved. John reeled the electrical cable in, rolled up the extension cord and charger and sent me on my way I think every member of our group would bend over backwards to help in situations like this but I really need to commend John for his quick assessment of the situation and resultant solution. Thanks to Sherree and Baynard for always looking out for all our members.

Thank again.

GENE AND JUDY MATTHEWS

Caring and concerns:

Continued prayers for Sharon Seaman and as awaits additional treatment.

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

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

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	???	

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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