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Hello again Cardinal Virginians

Whew, Sherree and I have certainly been having a good time at our monthly rallies, and it looks like our September and October rallies will be spectacular as well. Be sure to make those reservations so you are not left out. And we need to get next year's rallies set, so think about hosting a rally. We still need a host for July and October 2025. At our August rally it seems we got to enjoy of some famous cantaloupe! Bill and Brenda sent me the following:

Short video from a Norfolk news show on growing Rocky Hock, NC. This is where the cantaloupe brought to the Rally at Madison Vines came from. We live about 2 miles from the farm. Thought you may find this interesting.

<https://www.wavy.com/hr-show/reck-on-the-road/reck-on-the-road-rocky-hock-melons/amp/>

I think we are going to have a milestone with the Cardinal Virginians. I wonder when was the last time one of our members has been pregnant. Our daughter Sarah & husband Jeremy Bishop, who are Cardinal Virginian members, are going to have a baby. Woohoo! It looks like our trip to Florida will be cut short this winter, the little one is due on March 4, 2025.

See you at a rally!

Baynard

Notes for the short Cardinal Virginians meeting.

Date: July 15, 2024

Meeting time called to order: 6:20 p.m.

Baynard Barton presiding.

Welcome and thanks to our hosts

New Members attending- Chap & Joy Womack and Gehrig & Gaye Ferguson

Thank you note for our ALS donation has been received

New Business:

Vote to Change our Chapter by laws to allow President to serve more than 2 years.

A motion is made by Diane Cooper

Seconded by Judy Matthews.

Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Slate of officers for next year, to be voted on next month, and take office in October

President- Baynard Barton

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Vice President- Kamal Rojiani
Secretary- Donna Handy
Treasurer- Steve Bowers

Enjoy the rally.
Rally Attendees See rally report

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p. m.

Acting Secretary: Sherree Barton



CARDINAL VIRGINIANS RALLY AUGUST 15-19, 2024 **Madison Vines Campground** **Madison, VA.**

Co- Hosted by:

Bob and Sherry Sonnessa and Mark and Karilyn Pittman

Rally Attendees:

Bill & Brenda Robbins
Baynard & Sherree Barton
John & Diane Cooper
Betty Franklin & Rex Monroe

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Gene & Judy Matthews
Leon & JoAnne Kates
John & Peggy Slingerland
Kamal & Linda Tang
Feliza Jones
Ray & Karen Morton
Steve & Lynn Bowers
Chap & Joy Womack (New members)
Gehrig & Gaye Ferguson (New Members)
(and the loveable fur babies – Sully, Buddy, Chloe, Marty, Artemus, Cowboy – (hope I didn't forget any)

Thursday -we arrived for Happy Hour, introductions of our new members, followed by an amazing pulled pork dinner with all the fixings, Homemade Potato Salad , Coleslaw Yum! I think we initiated our new members telling them we are a "camping group with an eating disorder because every time we turned around – it was time to have more food.!!! We did hold a brief business meeting (separate notes will be posted in the newsletter) After dinner we had a fun time playing games! Just curious? How well do you know your significant other? Or – What do you know about foods? A Fun time was had by all playing those games.

Friday – oh let's see.... It must be time to eat again! And EAT we did. Homemade biscuits, sausage & gravy, scrambled eggs. Fruit. – Full again, and looking forward to the next breaking of the bread together, we depart to explore the area. Some of us met up in Brandy Station, Virginia. We were invited on a tour of the Civil War Graffiti House there. We had a lovely Docent, a very knowledgeable historian, our own Betty Franklin. Betty gave us a detailed tour of the Graffiti house and the soldiers both Confederate and Union that signed their names on the wall, put dates, where they were from, what units they were assigned to, & drew pictures on the walls. It was a fascinating journey into our past. Just the thought of who walked in that very building where we were standing was incredible to envision.

Friday night dinner was hosted by the Madison Vines Campground. If we go there again, don't miss this opportunity to dine with the campground. We had a delicious gazpacho soup and shrimp cocktail followed by 4 games of bingo. Some of our Cardinal Virginians Won the blackout game – Karilyn Pittman (she said upon entering for dinner - I never win at Bingo) and Judy Matthews each won \$53. There was one other lady that was not part of our group that won \$53 as well. Great job Ladies!!

After Bingo – Well, you know – it was time to have dessert... the hosts had an Ice Cream Bar – Vanilla, Chocolate, Moose Tracks, Strawberry, Whipped Cream, Cherries, peanuts, Caramel and chocolate sauce.

Then a few settled into a wild game of Sequence. Just plain ole' Fun was had by all.

Saturday – Pot luck breakfast - we will NEVER starve if we hang together with this group of Cooks.

Dinner on Saturday night was again prepared by the Madison vines Campground if you choose to partake. What a meal it was – for \$12 per person you got

Braided Pork tenderloin	Cucumber, tomato, watermelon salad
Roasted corn & peppers	Fried apples
Sweetcorn muffins	beer or wine

Ice Cream for dessert

Entertainment – a band (Déjà vu) was playing just outside the door during dinner.

We were all so full, some had to take doggy bags back to the campers. We gathered a few souls to play Sequence again. (The Girls Won)

Sunday – breakfast on your own, but.... The campground provided Breakfast also and it was amazing. After Breakfast: free to check out the local area. Many of us hung around the campground on Sunday just visiting with each other. It was a chillaxing kind of day and we enjoyed each others' company.

After all the food we ate during the rally, the menu for Sunday night was "everybody bring a heavy Hors d' oeuvre." We got a small rain shower around us that produced a beautiful double rainbow.

They were calling for showers, and a storm. Thunder could be heard, so we folded the chairs up, put the fans up, made sure everything was secured, turned out the lights and said the party is over for tonight. We no sooner got in our coaches than the heavens opened up.

Monday – Farewell Day is upon us. Continental Breakfast was prepared by the hosts and we began breaking down our humble abode. I think we all had a great time

Thank you to the Pittman's and Sonnessa's for a tremendous rally.

Until we meet again, Happy Trails.

Diane Cooper

Caring and concerns:

Great report on Sharon Seaman: she received her pacemaker on August 12th and has already had improvements in her heart rate. She is doing so well that her doctor has given her a release to travel to South Dakota!

We need to keep Dave Pillis in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. He is doing well after a unexpected trip back to the hospital. He is walking several times a day and attending physical therapy

Follow-up on Jane Lambert from her fall at our July rally. She still has a back brace for her fracture. She has an appointment on August 30 for the doctor to make a decision as to whether the fracture is healing on its own

or if it will have to have cement put in the fracture. Let's all remember her in our prayers.

Also, we need to keep Feliza and her sister in our thoughts and prayers. Feliza's sister recently found out that she has a marble size tumor on her collarbone and of course Feliza is very concerned about her. We need to pray for comfort and peace for Feliza and healing touch for her sister.

Please add Rhoda Schoepf to your prayer list. After our rally at Hungry Mother, she got bronchitis which turned into pneumonia which resulted in hospital stay. She and John had to cancel for our last rally and our upcoming rally so let's be praying for a quick complete recovery.

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

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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	???	

Rallies for 2025

April OPEN

May 12 - 16, 2025 Crosswinds Family CG Linwood, NC Host Coopers

June 2025 Possible pending

July OPEN

August 18 - 21, 2025 Sun Resorts Shenandoah Valley Stuarts Draft, VA Host's Sonnessa's & Pittman's

September 2025 Possible pending

October OPEN

We still have April, July & October open, so get out there and make some arrangements for our 2025 rally's.

Your Trail Boss

Gary Lambert

WANT AND SELL ADS

Please feel free to advertise any items you would like to sell. Just send me the information for our newsletter.

BRAKE BUDDY for sale. Selling cheap to get it out of our storage room! \$50.
Factory checked for working status. Gene Matthews 540-487-2445

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

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