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A Message from our President

Jacket Weather!

That's one thing I like about this time of year. Cooler weather to enjoy the outdoors. The trees are starting to turn here at Hungry Mother State Park, getting ready to put on their big show. I'm glad we live in an area where we can enjoy the fall colors.

Of course one of the problems about living in the woods are the leaves. When we are finished admiring their beautiful colors, they seem to fall and I have to spend hours moving them. No complaints here though.

We just returned from a great September Rally at Natural Chimneys, to find our power off here at the house from the Helene storm. There are lots of trees down and debris everywhere.

Along with moving leaves, this October will find Sherree and I on the road during the month. We will be headed to the Cardinal Virginians rally at Tanglewood, in Clemmons NC, then on to the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) near Asheville, NC. Whew, life is busy.

We do hope you also are able get out and enjoy some 'Jacket Weather' this month. Be sure to spare a moment of your busy life this month to reflect and take in nature's special beauty.

See you out there!
Baynard

Cardinal Virginians Business Meeting Notes.

September 25, 2024

Our meeting was called to order by Timm Seaman to first discuss upcoming events at our September rally at Natural Chimneys.

Then other business included election of officers for next year.

The attending members voted on and approved our slate of officers for the October 2024 through September 2025 year, which includes President, Baynard Barton; Vice President, Kamal Rojiani; Secretary, Donna Handy; Treasurer, Steve Bowers.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned.

Reported by Sherree Barton

Cardinal Virginians September 2024

I should start this report with the lyrics of familiar song. One that helps to describe the atmosphere and weather:

When skies are gray,
Don't worry or fret.
A smile will bring the sunshine,
And you'll never get wet!
Just let a smile be your umbrella,
On a rainy, rainy day.

The Cardinal Virginians shared plenty of smiles as spirits remained high and laughter abounded in spite of the often experienced torrential downpours! We all enjoyed the September Rally at Natural Chimneys Regional Park in Mount Solon, VA. Our co-hosts for the rally were Sharon and Timm Seaman, and Betty Franklin and Rex Monroe. The theme for the weekend was "International" and we were treated to foods from different cultures. Each day our meals focused around a country's cuisine. Here is a recap of our activities and food.

We arrived on Wednesday and enjoyed Happy Hour hosted by our rally co-hosts. A few of us played some cornhole and we all caught up with the news of our friends. The theme for that evening's meal was German food. Our co-hosts prepared German sausages, sauerkraut, potato salad, and "schlampige Joes"...German for Sloppy Joes! Dessert included apple strudel, ice cream, and Black Forest cake. We were all presented with miniature German flags and German music played in the background. Sadly, none of our hosts packed their lederhosen or dirndl dresses!

Following dinner, the Cardinal Virginians had a business meeting lead by our president Baynard Barton. There is an in-depth report about the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thursday arrived and so did the rain, raining hard all night long into the morning. The theme for this day was American Railroad Celebration. After a few attempts, we were finally able to get a group picture in between the rain storms. Our backdrop was the beautiful natural chimneys. On Thursday afternoon, four of the couples went to Staunton to catch the Virginia Scenic Railroad "Blue Ridge Flyer". Sharon and Timm, Baynard and Sherree, Brent and Mona, and Betty and Rex enjoyed the dinner train that took them through Waynesboro and the Afton Tunnel and back to Staunton. Once they returned to the campground, the rain had let up a bit and we were able to have a campfire together. The rain returned later that night and chased us all into our campers.

Friday's theme was Italian. Our co-hosts fixed an Italian style breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, croissants and fruit. As the rain continued on and off throughout the morning, some of us decided to visit a local winery. Brent and Mona, Gehrig and Gaye, Sharon and Timm, and Mark and I went to Bluestone Vineyard. We tasted several different wines and we each had our favorite. It was a fun afternoon! The snacks we packed held us over until Happy Hour and the view from the tasting room was gorgeous. For our dinner that evening, we feasted on spaghetti and meatballs and garlic bread provided by our co-hosts. The rest of us made our contributions to the meal and we all had plenty to eat! That night we were given a miniature flag of Italy and listened to Luciano Pavarotti in the background. Once again, we shared a campfire until the rains came.

Saturday arrived and guess what? The sun was shining and the sky was blue, without a cloud in sight. It cleared up just in time for many to pack up and leave. Before pulling out, we were treated to an American style continental breakfast complete with pancakes, donuts, fruit, sausages and all of the fixings. After breakfast we bid farewell to our camping friends, wished them all safe travels and looked forward to our next time we would be together.

As always, the Cardinal Virginians did not let the rain dampen our spirits! We are a hearty camping crew and we keep smiling in spite of Mother Nature and her persistent wet weather! The following Cardinal Virginians were in attendance at the rally, along with one guest, Dan Brooks from Newport News, who described himself as a "member-at-large":

- ❖ Peggy and John Slingerland
- ❖ Mona and Brent Ferguson
- ❖ Gaye and Gehrig Ferguson
- ❖ Gene and Judy Matthews
- ❖ Sherree and Baynard Barton
- ❖ Karilyn and Mark Pittman
- ❖ Betty Franklin and Rex Monroe
- ❖ Sharon and Timm Seaman
- ❖ And our guest, Dan Brooks (member-at-large!)



CARING AND CONCERNS:

Continue to keep Rhoda Schoepf in your thoughts and prayers as she has not yet been able to get her pneumonia cleared up.

Jane Lambert has a follow-up with her doctor for her back on October 3rd so let's pray that she gets a good report and can finally stop wearing her brace!

We need to keep Feliza and her sister in our thoughts and prayers. Feliza has gone to Hawaii to be with her sister. Last month I posted that her sister has cancer. Pray for strength for Feliza and comfort for her sister.

It is with sadness that I let you all know that John and Robbie Davis lost "Camper" on Sept 27th. We all know how hard it is when we lose our fur babies so we send love and

hugs to both of them.

If you know of anyone I need to reach out to please contact me at fallenoakfarm@juno.com or 640-270-7219.

Betty Franklin.

2024 rallies

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	Roanoke	

A word from our Wagon Master

Here is the updated schedule for CV Rallies.

Cardinal Virginians Rallies for 2025

Month	Host/s	Campground	Location	Phone #
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April 24 - 27	Franklin & Barton	Madison Vines CG	110 Campground Ln, Madison, VA	540-948-4186
May 12 - 16	Coopers	Crosswinds Family CG	160 Campground Ln. Linwood, NC	336-853-4567
June 24 - 27	Bishops	TBD		
July 17 - 20				
August 17 - 22	Pittmans & Sonnessas	Sun Resorts Shenandoah Valley CG	348 Lake Rd. Stuarts Draft, VA	540-337-2267
Septem ber				
October 17 – 20 2024	Lamberts	Tanglewood RV Park	4061 Clemmons Rd. Clemons, NC	336-703-6494
October 23 – 27 2024	GEAR	Western NC Agricultural Center	9237, 761 Boylston Hwy, Fletcher, NC	828-687-1414 ext 200
Novem ber	TBD	TBD		
Decemb er Xmas Lunche	1:00 - 3:00	Golden Corral	Roanoke, VA	

Please NOTE that October is still for 2024, the rest are for 2025.

There are still some months open so make so make your plans now to host a rally and let me know.

Thank you

Gary Lambert, Wagon Master

540-354-1963

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

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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