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A Message from our President

To All Cardinal Virginians,

As I write this, The fallen leaves have finally been moved and it is freezing cold outside and spitting snow. There is nothing better during this time of year than relaxing by a warm fire surrounded by family. Ahh,... life is good.

It looks as though we have a couple of unhosted rally months in our rally schedule for next year. Get in touch with our Trail Boss Gary Lambert for getting those rallies scheduled, and thanks to everyone who has stepped up to host a rally! It is going to be fun times!

There is still time to make it to our Christmas luncheon on December 7. Please make an effort to join us, it is our last opportunity to get together this year.

Hope everyone stays healthy, and safe in their travels over this holiday season. I will leave you with this thought, I saw a poster the other day and it said:

If, instead of the 3 wise men, there were 3 wise women they would have,
-asked for directions,
-arrived on time,
-helped deliver the baby,
-brought practical gifts
-cleaned the stable
-made a casserole
-and there would be peace on earth!

Enjoy this Christmas season with friends and family and be kind to everyone. These moments together are precious.

Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! To everyone,

Baynard

Our Cardinal Virginians 2024 Christmas Luncheon will be at 1PM on Saturday, December 7 at the Golden Corral, 1441 Towne Square Blvd NW, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Come and join us one last time in 2024!

Hosted by Timm and Sharon Seaman, please let Timm and Sharon know if you are planning on attending.
([540-679-9052](tel:540-679-9052) or tseaman24@gmail.com).

Baynard

A Special Thank You

Jeremy and I would like to thank everyone for the generous gift that was collected for Adylee Joyce, at the October rally. You can be sure that the donation will be put to good use over the next few weeks as we prepare for Miss Addie's arrival. We are very excited and can't wait for everyone to meet her at future rallies.

-Sarah and Jeremy Bishop

Cardinal Virginians October 2024

Rally Report, October 17th-20th 2024

Our final camping rally for 2024 was held at Tanglewood RV Park in Clemmons, NC, and hosted by Jane and Gary Lambert.

Despite having been in Niagara Falls the week prior to the rally and buying a new RV 3 days earlier, the Lamberts went above and beyond and did an amazing job of taking care of the rally attendees.

Upon arrival on Thursday, the rally goers were treated to appetizers followed by dinner consisting of chili, vegetable beef soup, broccoli cheddar soup, and loaded potato soup, served with crackers, corn bread, and focaccia bread. This sure warmed us up on a chilly evening. Then for dessert we were served brownies and pineapple cake. All this tasty food was supplied by our hosts, who made sure to provide gluten free options for dinner and dessert as well.

On Friday morning most of us visited the 801 Southern Kitchen for breakfast. Some visited the area, while others stayed at the campground or walked the trails around the park. For dinner we went to Clemmons Kitchen. The food was amazing.

Jane and Gary prepared a feast for breakfast on Saturday morning which consisted of sausage and gravy biscuits, scrambled eggs, bacon and fruit. Again we were free to visit the area and enjoy the warmer day.

At around 3 PM, our hosts set up some games. We played Giant Jenga, beanbag baseball, and corn hole, and there were winners all around. After happy hour, Jane and Gary provided ravioli and gluten free chicken alfredo with wonderful sides and deserts provided by the attendees. After dinner many of us sat by the fire and visited.

On Sunday morning Jane and Gary sent us all on our way home with full stomachs of boiled eggs, bagels, fruit, yogurt, banana bread, and pumpkin bread. The Lamberts certainly made sure no one went hungry.

There were 10 coaches in attendance. The members included Gary and Jane Lambert-our hosts, Baynard and Sherree Barton, Dave and Evelyn Crabtree, Gehrig and Gaye Ferguson, Paul and Carol Melton, Steve and Jeannie Miller, Betty Franklin and Rex Monroe, Bill and Brenda Robbins, Kamal Rojiani and Linda Tang, and Timm and Sharon Seaman.

Reported by Sherree Barton

CARING AND CONCERNS:

Happy Thanksgiving

Great news: Jane Lambert is finally out of her back brace! So happy for you Jane.

Continue to prayer for Rhoda Schoepf as she still has lingering issues from her pneumonia.

Keep Judy Matthews in your prayers as she progresses in her healing from her shoulder surgery.

We send our heart felt sympathy to Mark Pittman and Feliza Jones. Mark lost his father,

Jim, on November 2nd and Feliza lost her sister, Jan, on November 7th. Let's especially remember them during the holiday season as they grieve their loss.

Please contact me if you know of anyone I need to reach out to at 540-270-7219 or fallenoakfarm@juno.com

Betty Franklin

2025 rallies

Hello again Cardinal Virginians,

Here is a list of our **2025 rallies** as of now. Make those reservations so you will not be left out! We still have some open months for you to host, let's get our rally calendar set for next year. Let Gary Lambert our Trail Boss know of your plans to host. Phone 540-354-1963 or email sazzmo@outlook.com. Be sure to mark your calendars and make those reservations, and let the rally host know you will be attending.

Cardinal Virginians April rally:

Our April rally we will be arriving on Thursday April 24 departing on Sunday April 27 at Madison Vines RV Resort and Cottages, 110 Campground Ln, Madison, VA. 22727
Phone 540-948-4186. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. 15 sites and being held. More info to follow. Hosted by Betty Franklin and Sherree Barton (Betty-540-270-7219 or fallenoakfarm@juno.com) (Sherree 276-223-7364 or sbarton@appleshackcrafts.com)

Cardinal Virginians May rally:

Our May rally we will be arriving on Monday May 12 and departing on Friday May 16 at Cross Winds Family Campground, 160 Campground Lane, Linwood, NC 27299 (GPS address is 159 Sowers Rd, Linwood). Phone 336-853-4567. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. 14 sites are being held until April 23, 2025. More info to follow. Hosted by John and Diane Cooper (434-941-0688 or jcoop5342@gmail.com)

Cardinal Virginians June rally:

Our June rally we will be arriving on Thursday June 26 and departing Sunday June 29 at Lake Ridge RV resort, 8736 Double Cabin Rd, Hillsville, VA, 24343. Phone 276-766-3703. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site to get the 15% discount. 15 sites are being held until April 1, 2025. More info to follow. Hosted by Jeremy and Sarah Bishop (and Baby Bishop) (276-613-5487 or bishops816@gmail.com)

Cardinal Virginians July Rally: open, FMCA's 111th International Convention, July 16-19, Gillette, WY.

Cardinal Virginians August Rally:

Our August rally we will be arriving on August 18 and departing on August 21, 2025 at Sun Resorts Shenandoah Valley 348 Lake Road, Stuarts Draft, VA. 24477. Phone 540-337-2267. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. Hosted by Mark & Karilyn Pittman, and Bob & Sherry Sonessa (Karilyn 540-661-5406 or karilypittman@gmail.com) (Bob 540-230-2431 or ssonessa@comcast.net)

Cardinal Virginians September rally: open

Cardinal Virginians October rally:

Our October rally will be held arriving on October 30 departing on November 3, at Crossroads RV Park 243 S Church St, Lake City, SC, 29560 LakeCityRV.com Phone (843) 374-2131, be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians when making your reservations to obtain the rally discount rate.

Cardinal Virginians November rally:

From Lake City we are traveling on to the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) held this year November 4 thru 8 at Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC, 29575. Phone 877.510.1413 OceanLakes.com

The Eastern Area have reserved 300 full hook-up sites at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. The sites will be available from Sunday November 2 until departure on November 9, 2025. The dates for GEAR will be November 5th to 9th.

Site reservations for GEAR 25 are available now by calling Ocean Lakes Family Campground directly. Use the name “**2025 FMCA Eastern Area**” when making site reservations. This is for site locations only. Registration for GEAR 25 will be separate from the site registration.

Chapters that want to be close to each other please review the map of Ocean Lakes and decide what sites you want before you make your reservation. There is no guarantee that the sites will be available.

The price for GEAR 25 has not been established at this time and the program is still in the planning stage. We hope you will join us in Myrtle Beach.

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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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