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A Message from our President

To All Cardinal Virginians,

Cardinal Virginians, Welcome to 2025!

The month of January is named in honor of the Roman god Janus, who is symbolic of beginnings and endings, as well as gates and doorways. In many artistic depictions of Janus, he is portrayed as having two faces that look to the past and to the future.

Back at Y2K, I would have never thought we would make it this far. Ahh, life is good and only getting better! As you read this, hopefully we are getting settled into our site at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL.

Our Christmas Luncheon at the Golden Corral in Roanoke went very well, thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed the good food and great company. Thanks again to Timm and Sharon Seaman for finding us a 'Cozy' space to gather.

At our brief meeting during the luncheon we voted to make our yearly \$250 donation to the Virginia Creeper Trail, which suffered devastating damage from Hurricane Helene. You can check out their website at vacreepertrail.org.

Our 2025 Cardinal Virginians dues are now due, the \$25 is a small price to pay for all the good times we have together. Be sure to make those camping reservations now that it is 2025, we don't want you to miss out on the fun.

And remember that I am now in my last year as president of our Cardinal Virginians. I am hoping to find members interested in either becoming our next

president, or being on a nominating committee, Let's keep our chapter going strong!

May your 2025 calendar be filled with things you like to do, with friends you enjoy; and may we witness an abundance of mindfulness and compassion among all mankind.

Happy New Year!

Baynard

Our Donation letter to the Virginia Creeper Trail:

Cardinal Virginians
206 Twin Cove Trail
Moneta, VA 24121
HM/Cell:(540)209-0818
eMail - gsbowers49@yahoo.com

December 9, 2024

Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy
P.O. Box 55
Damascus, VA 24236

We are a local chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA). Our members reside across the western corridor of Virginia. We have 6-8 Camping Rallies a year and enjoy the Virginia State campgrounds and other Virginia facilities as our schedules allow.

Annually, we select a Virginia entity which our chapter members have experienced a "value added" encounter and recognize that entity with a financial contribution in support of their continuing operations. On behalf of our chapter President (Baynard Barton) and the entire membership of the Cardinal Virginian chapter, it is my honor to deliver our appreciation to your organization – as well as the enclosed check for two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to assist in your Hurricane Helene recovery efforts.

George S. Bowers
Cardinal Virginians, Treasurer

Baynard Barton
Cardinal Virginians, President



Cardinal Virginians Christmas luncheon, December 7, 2024 Golden Corral, Roanoke, VA.

Baynard

CARING AND CONCERNS:

Happy New Year

No new report except that we pray that we all stay healthy as we grow older.

Judy is doing super well since shoulder surgery but still has difficulty walking after her back surgery.

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.comm

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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