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A Message from our President

To All Cardinal Virginians,

Happy March everyone!

As you read this Sherree and I have arrived back home to the brisk Southwest Virginia weather after a couple of months enjoying some warmer temperatures.

We have cut our Florida winter trip short this year to be home in time for the birth of our third grandchild. We are eagerly waiting for Adylee Joyce Bishop to make her appearance. Our busy lives will get even busier then.

Speaking of being busy, **this is my last year as your Cardinal Virginians president, so be thinking about who you'd like to take over the presidency in October, keeping our chapter moving forward.**

It won't be long now and we will be camping together again. Check the rally schedule and make those reservations to join us at a rally, and let your rally host know you plan on attending so they can plan accordingly.

Since it is March, I will leave you with this old Irish saying:

"Two people shorten the road"

Which is to say that having someone with you makes the time go by easier, and more enjoyable. It is better to share the journey of life with others.

Life is great and only getting better, see you soon!

Baynard

CARING AND CONCERNS:

A word from Paul Melton

Just to update you. Monday I had my heart catheterization procedure. They found 1 totally blocked artery, which is inoperable. This is what caused unknown heart attack. Other arteries and vessels have picked up the slack. I also received 2 stents. Started at 9am at hospital and spent couple hours in recovery and released to go home at 5pm. Home safe.

Thank you Paul for keeping us up to date. Get well quickly.

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,

This is your wagon master coming to you for your assistance. As you can see from the picture of the rally board, we **still have 1 month that has not been signed up for so put on your thinking caps** and come up with something and select which month you would like to host. It is not that big of a job and you can get someone to co-host with you. So let's get our rally board filled up. Let me know what month you want along with dates and place.

Here is a list of our **2025 rallies** as of now. **Make those reservations now so you will not be left out! Campgrounds are already renting out nearby sites!**

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 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

It will be September 10 thru 14 at Mayberry Campground, 114 Byron Bunker Lane, Mt. Airy, NC 27030, phone 336-789-6199.

Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians when making your reservation to obtain the site discount. Please let Jane and Gary know of your plans to attend so they can plan accordingly, email- sazzmo@outlook.com; phone- (540) 354-1963

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.

Gary Lambert

Wagon Master

CARDINAL VIRGINIANS RALLYS 2025		
MONTH APRIL 24-27	HOST/S FRANKLIN & BARTON	LOCATION Madison Vines
MAY 12-16	COOPER'S	CROSSWINDS FAMILYGG Limwood, NC
JUNE 26-29	Bishop's	LAKE Ridge RU RESORT Hillsville, VA
JULY	OPEN	Open
AUGUST 18-21	SONNESSAS + PITTMANS	SUN RESORTS STUARTS Draft VA
SEPTEMBER 10-14	Jane & Gary Lambert	Mayberry Campground, 114 Byron Lane, Mt. Airy, NC 336-789-6199

OCTOBER 29- Nov2	?	CROSSROADS RESORT LAKE CITY, SC
NOVEMBER 5-9; Early sites Nov 2	GEAR	OCEAN LAKES MYRTAL BEACH, SC

April Rally Teaser-

The April rally at Madison Vines RV Resort will be here before we know it. If you haven't booked your site, there is still time. Please let either Betty Franklin (540-270-7219) or Sherree Barton(276-223-7364) know if you haven't already if you plan to attend. Madison Vines RV Resort and Cottages 540-948-4186.

A tentative schedule is as follows:

Arrival on Thursday April 24.

Happy Hour and Dinner provided by your hosts. Times and site numbers will be decided later.

Friday April 25

Breakfast and Lunch on you own.

Free time to explore the area.

4:30 p.m. light snacks

5:30 Dinner will be provided by the Campground. More information will be provided when the Campground lets us know.

Saturday April 26

9:00 A.M. Potluck Breakfast

Enjoy your day exploring the area.

4.30 Happy Hour

5:30 Dinner will be provided by the Campground.

Sunday April 27

9:00 A.M. Breakfast provided by the Campground. Safe travels home if

you aren't staying another day.

Betty is planning a tour of the Graffiti House at Brandy Station for anyone wanting to attend.

There will be a charge for the meals offered by the Campground. I will let you know the prices as soon as I know

WANT AND SELL ADS

Sherry and Bob Sonessa have one brand new, never been used, Michelin tire. Size 305/70/R22.5 that will fit most class A motor homes. These tires normally sell for hundreds of dollars each, now offering it for FREE to a good home.

Call Bob Sonessa cell number 540-230-2431.

This is a grand opportunity for a spare tire. Baynard





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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