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A Message from our President

To All Cardinal Virginians,

Sandwiched between the silliness of Halloween and the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is the month of November.

There are some very important days that sometimes get lost in November. The first we come to is Election Day. We have a personal choice to make in the direction of our democracy. Everyone should participate, your vote counts, get it done!

Veterans Day is a time to honor those who have sacrificed to keep our country the greatest in the world. We have quite a few Veterans in our Cardinal Virginians, my hat is off to you! Thank you.

And of course there is Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday. It is a time to gather with family and friends and be reflective on how blessed we all truly are. (Oh and there's the food part as well).

We have a first in our Cardinal Virginians, as you probably know our daughter Sarah and Jeremy Bishop, are expecting a baby girl in March 2025. She will be named Adylee Joyce Bishop. I believe it has been quite a while since an active member of our Cardinal Virginians has been expecting.

Be sure to be kind to everyone you encounter during these busy times.

Life is a journey we all must take. On this journey we really don't know when we will arrive or what we might encounter along the way. So enjoy each day as if it might be your last.

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
(540-679-9052 or tseaman24@gmail.com).**

Baynard

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:

Continue to keep Feliza, her sister and all of the family in your prayers. Feliza was able to spend three weeks in Hawaii with her sister but has now returned home. Especially pray for strength for Feliza during this time and comfort for her sister.

Great news from Sharon Seaman's check-up following her pacemaker surgery...everything is looking good! But let's not stop remembering her in our prayers.

We still needed to keep Rhoda Shoepf in our thoughts and prayers as she still has not totally recovered from her bout with pneumonia. We have truly missed her and John at our rallies.

It was wonderful to see that Jane is doing much better with her back even though she is still wear a back brace! She was the "hostess with the mostest" at our October rally!

Judy Matthews had a total shoulder replacement October 22 and is hoping recovery will be quicker than her back surgery was.

If you know of someone I need to contact please let me know.

Falenoakfarm@juno.com or 540-270-7219.

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.

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

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 i Thank you

Gary Lambert, Wagon Master

540-354-1963

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