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***PRESIDENT'S NOTES***

President's Message for January 2025

December is a busy month with Christmas gatherings, parties, traditions, and traveling for some folks. Hopefully you are having memorable Holidays with Family and Friends and good health. January is a good time to plan the year ahead and volunteer to host a CV Rally one of the unscheduled months. Now is the time to make reservations to attend a CV Rally or other FRVA (Family RVing Association or Family Recreational Vehicle Association) Rally. FMCA has officially changed the name to Family RVing Association.

Last month there was information about making reservations for CV Rally, 3 nights, June 16-18 (Monday-leave 19th Thursday), 2025. The same information is attached again this month on separate page.

It was stated last month that the Army Core of Engineers reservation system is flawed. This is why the system is flawed. Reservations can be made 6 months in advance for up to two weeks. People pick the week or days they want and then make reservations a week or days in advance of the days or week they want. When it gets close to the time to go camping they cancel the advance days or week they did not plan to use with minimum cost of cancellation and then they get the days or week they really wanted. The result is the campgrounds are half empty most of the camping season, depriving others of using the campgrounds. This could be discouraged if a steep penalty is charged (maybe full cost of daily camping plus fee for handling) for each day of cancellation. For Medical Emergency, death, and circumstances where the complete reservation is cancelled; one day camping fee and fee for handling could be charged.

CV has 4 Rallies scheduled for 2025 out of 8 designated CV Rally months from March through October per President's Message from January 2024 Newsletter. Months June, July, August, September, and October are still available to host a Rally. This year, November will be an additional Rally month because GEAR (Greater Eastern Area Rally) is scheduled for a week at Ocean Lakes Family Campground at Myrtle Beach, SC. Reservations can be made for November 2-9, 2025 (one week). Official GEAR Rally dates are November 4-8, 2025.

As of November 2024 "Colonial Crier", seven CV Members have reserved sites HH-15 through HH-21. Sites in the next row, HH-12, 13, & 14 were being held for CV members. 300 sites have been reserved for GEAR attendees at Ocean Lakes.

At this time CV Members have CV Rallies planned for April, May, June, and November 2025. Reservations may be made for the May, June, and November Rallies. As your President, with

duties such as soliciting and getting new members, it is challenging when CV Chapter does not have an attractive schedule of CV Rallies. Changes in demographics the past few years are affecting some other Chapters the same as CV Chapter. Some Chapters are thriving and EAMA has several new Chapters.

EAMA (Eastern Area Motorhome Association) President Gary Lyons held annual business meeting online at 7:00 pm Tuesday December 10, 2024. EAMA Rally Master for GEAR 2025/Area Senior Vice President David Fowler conducted the meeting. A summary of the meeting will be in the February Crier.

May we have a prosperous and blessed 2025.

Jerry

# Colonial Virginians

## 2024 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 12/31/2023			\$4,133.84
Income			
2024 Dues	265.00		
		Sub Total	<u>265.00</u>
Expenses			
Bank Service Fees	-44.00		
Rally Badges	-69.00		
Rally Flags	-466.61		
Postage	-6.20		
		Sub Total	<u>-585.81</u>
		NET Change	<u>-320.81</u>
Ending Balance 12/28/2024			\$3,813.03

The club will finish the year with just over \$3,800 in the account. There was no charitable collection or contribution this year.

Dues for FY2025 have been waved for all new and existing members.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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## Rally Schedule

2025

JAN.	TBD	
FEB.	TBD	
MAR.	TBD	
APR.	TBD	Madison Vines RV Resort. Madison County, VA. Hosts: Kanes
MAY	7-10	Cross Winds Family Campground, Linwood, NC. Host: Coopers
JUNE	16-19	Rudd's Creek Campground Host: Clemmer



Campsite at Rudds Creek Campground, Buggs Island/Kerr Lake, from the Internet

Colonial Virginians Bugg's Island Rally  
Monday June 16, 2025 to Thursday June 19, 2025 (three nights)  
Hosts Jerry & Brenda Clemmer & John & Carol Anton  
Updated 12/29/2024

In my younger years my vision was that Bugg's Island Lake and Kerr Lake were two separate lakes. In my high school years, a trip to Bugg's Island Lake revealed to me that when the lake was being developed the law-makers in Virginia and North Carolina could not agree on a name for the lake. Virginia named the lake "Bugg's Island" because of an island in the Roanoke River which is to this day, just below the dam. North Carolina on the other-hand, named the lake Kerr Lake (pronounced "car") in honor of a government official named John H. Kerr. There is another small reservoir in western North Carolina with the same name.

Please see the site map of Rudds Creek Campground (on Bugg's Island Lake) on the following page. There are many good sites, however, the area most suited to larger RVs is the last loop, farthest from the Campground entrance. The last loop has sites 53E through 100E. All are nice sites with water and 30 or 50 amps. There is a dump station. The section was recently walked and the following sites are recommended:

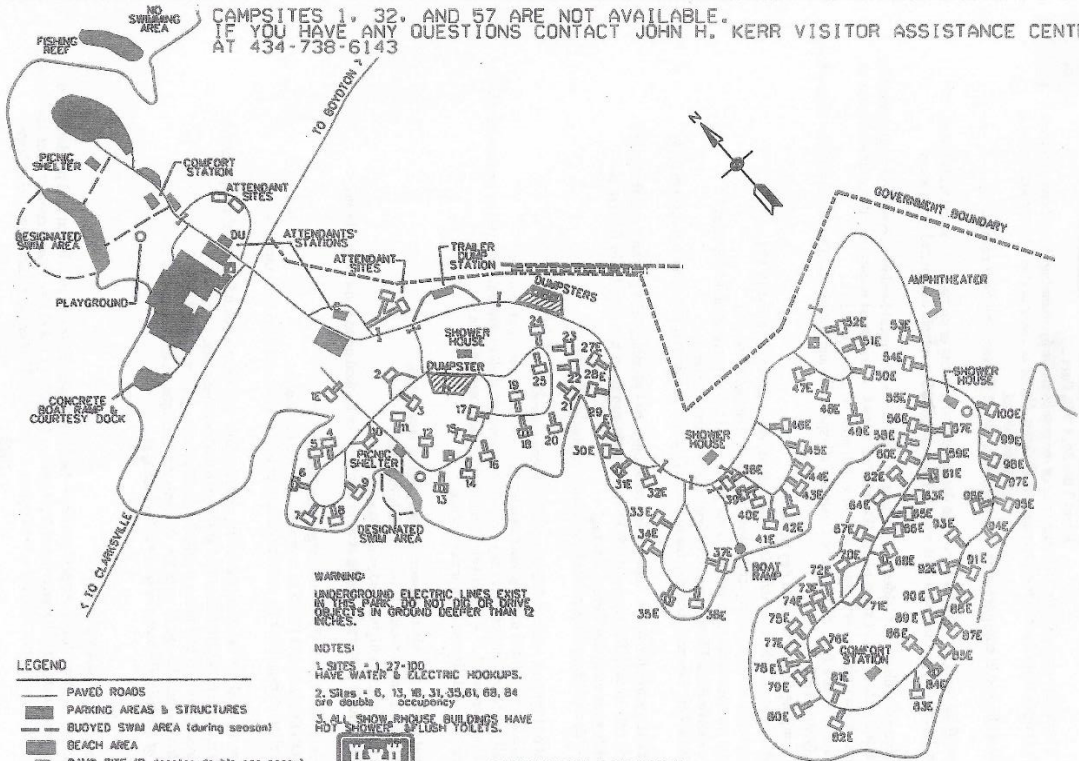
56E, 60E, 61E, 63E, 66E, 67E, 71E, 73E\*, 75E\*, 77E\* 78E\*, 79E\*, 80E\*, 85E\*, 86E, 88E\*, 89E, 90E, 94E, 91E\*, 95E\*, and 96E. The \* indicates the 10 best sites.

It appears to me that reservations for CV June 2025 Rally can be made after December 16, 2024 at 10:00 am or later. The website is "Recreation.gov" ----- "Rudds Creek Rec. AR., John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir" or "Campsites for Rudds Creek Rec. AR., John H. Kerr Dam".

This is being sent at this time due to the "Army Core of Engineers" reservation system which has some flaws.

Meals and other activities will be held at Clemmer's home about 2 miles from Rudds Creek Campground entrance. More information will be provided in future Newsletters.

CAMPSITES 1, 32, AND 57 ARE NOT AVAILABLE.  
 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT JOHN H. KERR VISITOR ASSISTANCE CENTER  
 AT 434-738-6143



**WARNING:**  
 UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINES EXIST  
 IN THIS PARK. DO NOT DIG OR BURY  
 OBJECTS IN GROUND DEEPER THAN 12  
 INCHES.

**NOTES:**  
 1. SITES 1, 27-100  
 HAVE WATER & ELECTRIC HOOKUPS.  
 2. SITES 5, 13, 19, 31, 35, 61, 68, 84  
 ARE DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.  
 3. ALL SHOW HOUSE BUILDINGS HAVE  
 POT SHOWERS & FLUSH TOILETS.

- LEGEND**
- PAVED ROADS
  - ▭ PARKING AREAS & STRUCTURES
  - - - BUOYED SWM AREA (during season)
  - ▭ BEACH AREA
  - CAMP SITE (D denotes double occupancy)  
(E denotes water & electric)
  - TOILET
  - GATE
  - PLAYGROUND



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 of Engineers  
 Wilmington District

RESERVATIONS - 1-877-444-6777 or  
[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

ATTENDANT STATION - C (434) 738-6827  
 DU (434) 738-6038

JOHN H. KERR DAM & RESERVOIR  
 Rudds Creek Park  
 (SITES 1-100)

**YOUR NAME**

**City, State**

**FMCA #123456**

**FMCA - Colonial Virginians**

**NAME BADGE ORDER FORM**

**Name Badge (with pin) \$8.00**

**Bolo Tie \$3.50**

**1st Name Badge**

First & Last Name preferred on your name badge.

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Address (City & State only)

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FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Name Badge**

First & Last Name preferred on your name badge.

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Address (City & State only)

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FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

**Forward completed form and payment to:**

**CV Treasurer, 7 Prestwick, Williamsburg VA 23188**

# Colonial Virginians---FMCA Mmbership Application

Name – Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day)

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day) (Month/Day)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

His Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Her Cell \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership - New  Renewal  Change

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want the Colonial Crier newsletter e-mailed to you? Yes  No

***Please make check payable to Colonial Virginians and mail your application and check to: Ray McCaskey, 7 Prestwick Williamsburg, VA 23188***

Dues are \$20 per year with the first year prorated as follows from the time you join Colonial Virginians, January through March – \$20.00; April through June - \$15.00; July thru September - \$10.00 and October through December – \$5.00. This does not include camping and rally fees.

**You must maintain your membership in FMCA in order to be a member of the Colonial Virginians.**

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