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### President's Message

Wow, another month has gone by already. I am writing this sitting by the fire, as it is chilly and breezy outside and has the feel of January, burr.

Our final rally of the year is over, and the holidays are approaching fast. Sherree and I are feeling thankful for our Cardinal Virginians' friends. It has been great to be able get together with everyone this year.

We still have our Christmas luncheon to go on December 10. It will be our last chance this year to enjoy our friends before everyone settles in for the winter or runs away to warmer climates. Be sure to let Robbie and John know you are coming so we will have plenty of food.

Think about where and when you will be hosting a rally in 2023, so we can fill the rally schedule at the Christmas dinner.  
See you there!

Baynard Barton

### October Cardinal Virginia Rally 2022

Smith Mountain State Park Huddleston, VA was a fantastic fall rally. The Park was draped with fall colors and cool crisp mornings. The weekend had plenty of sunshine for the 11 Motor Coaches and the 21 owners who attended: The Seamans, Monroes, Strong & Robbins, Nichols, Melton, Browns, Schoepfs, Rojania and Davis. Many thanks to our hosts: Bartons and Handys for planning and organizing the rally.

The majority of the group arrived Thursday to enjoy an early start to the rally. Our hosts had the two tents with the Cardinal Virginian banner and the tables set up with a welcoming campfire. After setting up our RV's we informally gathered for our first libation of the rally & shared snacks and conversation.

During the rally, the host site #38 was the gathering place to meet and plan for Friday's & Saturday's free day of activities. Friday night at 5 O Clock Happy Hour was the first formal gathering at the host site where story's were shared " how we spent the day" (relaxing, reading, shopping, wine tasting, trouble shooting, walking & visiting)

Friday night we all enjoyed the delicious hot meal of home made chicken Gnocchi soup, beef & turkey chilies, chicken quesadillas and fresh bread. We also had Broccoli Cheese soup made by Robbie Davis. Key lime pie and whiskey spoon bread for dessert. The evening ended with s'mores by the fire.

Saturday was a repeat of Friday more fellowship at the Cardinal Virginia Host site. Betty Monroe discovered the Osprey 10K race /5K race-walk was taking place in the park and inspired Debbie Robbins to join her Saturday. They completed the 10K walk in the park by 11:00am just in time to get back to the host site for informal planned afternoon activities. The majority of the group set out to the SML Bridge for lunch at Moose's and some local shopping. Another smaller group traveled to the Emerson Creek Potter Sale. The Ruben sandwich was a hit with the lunch crowd and the pottery shoppers came back with real dog dish deals- Just ask Carol. Saturday. Happy Hour time to enjoy a favorite beverage and a variety of hors-d'oeuvre and recap the days events.

Our hosts serviced wonderful warm pulled chicken and smoked pork where you could pick your own BBQ sauce. The meal was accompanied by individual side dishes provide by those attending. Cheese cake for dessert with a variety of flavors. Pumpkin Spice was a taste of fall flavor. Chocolate to pair with the raspberry wine which we did not open because we were too full.

All during the weekend we socialized with each other. During the day we visited one another's RV sites to see the new coach and get a tour, help diagnose an issue or meet the new furry family members.

Sunday morning was another opportunity to get together for Tim's hot griddle pancakes and locally sourced Bedford pork & turkey sausages. The devotions given by Bill Brown reminded us all to God's amazing grace. We are all individuals with different backgrounds with one thing in common Faith. We all have a different lens on how we look at things and perceive things. If we keep God in focus we will be OK.

As a personal note it was so very good to see everyone who attended this rally because it has been a long time since Neil and I have been able join a rally with the group. During the rally we learned of others personal losses: loss of family members, loss of health, loss of beloved pets and upcoming medical procedures. We also learned of personal resilience that brought everyone to attend the weekend rally.

Please, never forget we are a kind and generous group. The Park Camp hosts Terry & Janet Duckworth, wrote a personal Hallmark- Thank You card and hand delivered it to our Cardinal Virginia Host for just delivering to them a few bowls of soup. The reason they come back to volunteer was just a small gesture of kindness from our group. You all are wonderful in all your own talents that you gracefully share with the Cardinal Virginians.

Debbie

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**December 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - Christmas Luncheon (Staunton) Christ  
Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

Please RSVP with check to Robbie Davis

208 Tuxedo Road, Staunton, Va 24401

COST: \$25 EACH

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number coming for luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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Address: Christ Lutheran Church, 2807 North Augusta Street, Staunton 24401

Fellowship hall is in back of church on far left looking at building.

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## 2022 RALLY SCHEDULE

<b>DATES</b>	<b>HOST</b>	<b>COHOST</b>	<b>CAMPGROUND</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
April 24-27	Meltons		Cozy Acres		Powatan
May 19-22	Matthews	Monroe	Luray RV Resort		Luray
June 21-24	Handy	Barton	Devils Backbone Camp	Book through Reserve America	Roseland
July 13-17	FMCA	GEAR Rally	WF Fairgrounds		Lewisburg WV
August 16-19	Lambert		North 340		Waynesboro
September 22-25	Seaman		Paradise Lake Family Campground		Spout Spring (about 10 miles east of Lynchburg)
October 20-23	Barton	Handy	Smith Mountain Lake State Park (w/e only)		
December 10 Christmas catered Luncheon	Davis	Matthews	Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall		Staunton

***HAPPY HALLOWEEN***

