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To All Cardinal Virginians,

Jacket Weather!

That's one thing I like about this time of year. Cooler weather to enjoy the outdoors. The trees are starting to turn here at Hungry Mother State Park, getting ready to put on their big show. I'm glad we live where we can enjoy the fall colors.

Of course one of the problems about living in the woods are the leaves. When we are finished admiring their beautiful colors, they seem to fall and I have to spend hours moving them. No complaints here though.

Along with moving leaves, this October will find Sherree and I on the road every week during the month usually with only a day or two in between. The first week of the month will find us at the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) in Lewisburg, WV. Then a whole 3 days at home and we are off to Bryson City, NC to ride the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad through the fall foliage. Leaving from there we go to Pocahontas State Park for our Cardinal Virginians October Rally hosted by the Melton's. And finally after a day or two of rest we are off to upstate New York to visit our grandkids.

Whew, life is busy.

Be sure to spare a moment or two of your busy life to reflect and take in nature's beauty, and get out and enjoy some "Jacket Weather"

Baynard

Also:

Just a note to say that be sure to check out the October issue of the Family RVing Magazine. Our Cardinal Virginians 30th anniversary write up is on pages 78 and 79!

September Rally at Shenandoah Valley Family Campground, Mt. Jackson, VA

If you missed this rally, you definitely missed out on another wonderful time with friends, great food and conversation, cooperating weather (well, almost!) and fellowship. A special Thank You to Jane and Gary, Sherree and Baynard for hosting. We had our usual happy hour and pre-dinner “snacks” each day, followed by pizza and salad on Tuesday; dinner at Southern Kitchen in New Market on Wednesday; and grilled sausages, beans and corn bread on Thursday. Feliza sweetened us all again with her Red Velvet cake, lemon bars and chocolate chip chiffon cake (the leftover chiffon cake became a heated but light-hearted discussion between Rex, Timm and Baynard on who would keep the cake leftovers overnight; they eventually remained safe in Jane’s refrigerator). Our daily ration of good food was topped off with a great Friday morning breakfast followed by devotions on “Aging” provided by our Chaplain, John Davis. For the most part, the weather was very cooperative with the exception of the storm that blew in on Tuesday with wind and rain that forced the festive activities into the shelter. We were able to play several games of “Left/Right/Center” and “Sequence” over several days, as well as visiting the various sites in the area. Rally attendees included Jane and Gary Lambert (co-hosts), Sherree and Baynard Barton (co-hosts), Robbie and John Davis, Rex Monroe and his sister,



Stephanie Hanson, Sharon and Timm Seaman, Diane and John Cooper, and very special visits from Feliza Jones and Cheryl & Bill Brown

By Timm & Sharon Seaman



Caring and Concerns:

Please continue to keep Judy Matthews in your thoughts and prayers. She has an appointment for a consultation on October 2nd for potential back surgery.

Continue to keep Cheryl Brown and Bill in our prayers as they deal with Cheryl's ALS. We send our thoughts and love to both of them.

Good news update: Patty Nichols is doing much better!

If anyone knows of a member that I need to reach out to with a card please contact me at fallenoakfarm@juno.com or text [540-270-7219](tel:540-270-7219)

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Good day fellow Cardinal Virginians from your Wagon Master.

The new rally year is coming up fast and it is time to start thinking about hosting a rally or two. This year the same people did most of the hosting and that is not fair. Either we start stepping up and doing our part or we go to un-hosted rallies. So think about it and let's get going on next year.

Three months in 2024 are already spoken for and they are July, September and October.

Let's get our rally schedule full by our Christmas dinner!

Please contact Gary Lambert (sazzmo@outlook.com), trail master, to sign up to host or cohost a rally. Phone 540-354-1963

2023 Rally Schedule with contact numbers

MONTH	HOST	CAMPGROUND	CG PHONE #
April 20-23	Jeremy & Sarah Bishop	Pioneer Village 3627 E. Lee Hwy Max Meadows, VA	276-637-3777
May 16-19	Gene & Judy Matthews Betty Franklin and Rex Monroe	Madison Vines RV 110 Campground Lane, Madison, VA	540-948-4186
June 20-23	Anniversary Celebration Carol Melton / Rhoda Schoepf	Misty Mountain 56 Misty Mt. Rd. Greenwood, Va	888-647-8900
July 25-28	Gary & Jane Lambert	Tanglewood Park 4061 Clemmons Road, Clemmons, NC	540-354-1963
August 9-12	Bishops/Barton	Pioneer Village 3627 E. Lee Hwy Max Meadows	276-637-3777
September 12-15	Shenandoah Valley campground Lamberts/Bartons	168 Industrial Park Road Mt. Jackson, VA 22842	1(540)477-3080
October 4-8	Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) -FMCA State Fairgrounds of West Virginia	947 Maplewood Ave. Lewisburg, WV 24901	FMCA.com
October 16-19	Pocahontas State Park Meltons	10301 State Park Rd. Chesterfield, VA 23832	ReserveVAparks.com
December 9	Christmas Luncheon John & Robbie Davis/ Gene & Judy Matthews	Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church 2807 N Augusta St Staunton, VA	Robbie Davis H-540-886-0871 C-540-245-0469

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If you have anything to go into the next newsletter please send your info to me at matthewsjh@gmail.com. My previous computer has died and I am using a new one as well as a new edition of word. So if the formatting is off that may not change until I get more “savy” with this new stuff. It seems that there are some documents that I cannot move over to the newsletter. If anything is saved as a PDF I cannot do much with it. I couldn’t even transfer the email info this time. So I either typed it in or copied as the best I could as evidenced by Rhoda’s rally write up. I can edit “Word”. I will retype if needed so don’t let that keep you from having your information included. Judy Matthews, Editor

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