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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).

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

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!

We warmly welcome Karilyn and Mark Pittman back to the Cardinal Virginians!

October Rallies:

Our first October rally was held in conjunction with the GEAR (Great Eastern Area Rally), at the WV state fairgrounds in Lewisburg WV. October 3-8. When we arrived at the fairgrounds we were met by John Cooper directing us into the parking area, and then lead to our site by Diane Cooper.

When we needed to get around the fairgrounds there was Gary Lambert driving the activity golf cart, and Jane Lambert was helping with the seminars. It was good to see our members volunteering.

We had a First Timers get together at our coach to help new people feel welcome, along with the Chapter Fair and Cardinal Virginians Block Party the next evening, and met a lot of interesting folks including new members Bill and Brenda Robbins, and some other potential members, along with some couples that we are going to meet up with in Florida this winter. Thankfully, Gary and Jane helped with all of these get togethers



The entertainment was great and included, on the last evening, Carson Peters and Iron Mountain. One of the members of that group is from our hometown of Marion.

We also had an opportunity to drive out the New River Gorge National Park. We

went to the Bridge of course, and also checked out the Grandview and Sandstone areas.

We had a great time! You will have to make plans to attend GEAR 2024 which will be in Fletcher NC, just south of Asheville. Baynard

Second October Rally:

Pocahontas State Park in Chesterfield County welcomed us to our October 16-20 rally in 2023. Half of us were new to this park and discovered a hidden treasure. Pocahontas is a CCC park and the largest in VA. There are 129 sites, 20 trails, CCC museum, pool, lakes, creeks and almost 8,000 acres to explore. We captured one corner of the loop with a buddy site for the Meltons, Bartons, and Bowers. The Coopers, Davis' and Handys glamped in nearby sites. We needed this privacy as corn hole can get rowdy!!! Three sweet pooches also joined us, Jax, Camper, and Cocoh.



Monday brought us a Happy Hour with heavy hors d'oeuvre to share. John Cooper brought firewood and kept the fire blazing. Some special guests arrived on Tuesday afternoon. It was great to see Feliza and also Mark and Karilyn Pittman with Buddy. Carol taught us how to eat a taco salad from a Frito bag! We also had desserts galore, including Feliza's

lasagna cupcakes and pineapple pies!

Corn hole brought out some great competition among the guys and ladies. Felizia showed us how to "sink it" in her first ever game! Wednesday started off with yummy breakfast dishes. A

brief meeting was held. Being so close to the “city”, many of us explored, shopped, and visited with old friends from the area. We ended the day at Spring Run Winery for wine, bbq, and bluegrass music just a mile away from camp! Thursday was the saddest day as we had to pack up. Our wonderful hosts provided a great continental breakfast. Thank you Carol and Paul for leading our rally in your neck of the woods. John Davis led us in devotions.



The weather was wonderful and we watched the leaves change colors before our eyes. We had so much fun that Paul and Carol volunteered to host again next May 20-23, 2024. Get your sites near B3 reserved early. We already have ours!



RALLY REPORT by
Donna Handy

Secretary Minutes from business meeting 10/18/23

President Baynard called the meeting to order. He gave a short report on GEAR. He attended the president's meeting. Many chapters already have their 2024 rallies all scheduled and are working on 2025. Therefore we need to be filling our 2024 dates, no later than December 9th at our Christmas luncheon. Baynard and Sherree also hosted several get togethers for first time attendees. Many of these do not belong to a chapter. We now have new members, Bill and Brenda Robbins in our chapter and a few more prospects. The Coopers worked GEAR and helped with parking, and Gary Lambe it rt drove activity carts and Jane helped with seminars.

Treasurer Steve reported that we do have money in the bank and two new member coaches, Dave & Beckie Pillis and Bill & Brenda Robbins. We are now back to 30 RVs.

Some rallies are already planned for next year. Here is a sneak peek. It doesn't hurt to reserve your site early.

May-20-23, 2024 Pocahontas State Park—Meltons (get near B3)

July-17-20, 2024 Hungry Mother State Park—Bartons (our sites full) Thanks to Baynard

September-25-28, 2024 Natural Chimneys Regional Park, Salon, VA—Seamans

October – Tanglewood Park, Clemmons, NC—Lamberts

On to GEAR in Fletcher, NC

As you can see, we still need rallies for APRIL, JUNE, and AUGUST! Let Gary know what you have in mind!! Two couples can co-host to make it easier!

Christmas luncheon is on Saturday, Dec. 9. Robbie and Judy will give details.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Handy,

Caring and Concerns:

Judy Matthews is scheduled for back surgery November 14 so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers, And pray for a quick recovery.

Continue to keep Cheryl Brown and Bill in our daily prayers. She is such an inspiration with her positive attitude as she deals with ALS.

If you know of anyone I need to reach out to please contact me by email at fallenoakfarm@juno.com or by phone/text at [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. Only April and August have yet to be hosted. 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.

Five months in 2024 are already spoken for and they are May, June, July, September and October. April and August remain open to host.

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

2024 rally schedule

APRIL- open

MAY- The May rally will be back at Pocahontas State Park, Chesterfield, VA May 20-23 hosted by Carol and Paul Melton

JUNE- the June Rally will be at Verona Shenandoah Valley Campground, Verona, VA June 24-27 hosted by Tim and Donna Handy, and John and Diane Cooper.

JULY- The July rally will be at Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, VA, July 17-20 hosted by Sherree and Baynard Barton and Jeremy and Sarah Bishop

AUGUST- open

SEPTEMBER- The Sept. 2024 rally will be Sept. 25-28 at Natural Chimneys Regional Park in Mt. Salon, VA hosted by Sharon and Timm Seaman

**OCTOBER- The October rally will be at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, NC hosted by Jane and Gary Lambert
Then on to the GEAR in Fletcher, NC**

DECEMBER-Christmas luncheon

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

Our Christmas luncheon will be December 9 at 12 noon. Held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2807 N Augusta St, Staunton, VA Please make your reservations by December 4 to Robbie Davis (540-886-0871 or 540-245-0469) in order to have enough food available for everyone. Come Join us!

December 9th (Saturday) - Christmas Luncheon (Staunton) 12 noon.
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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CARDINAL VIRGINIANS
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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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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