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To All Cardinal Virginians

As I write this, the fallen leaves have finally been moved and it is freezing cold outside and spitting snow. There is nothing better than relaxing by the warm fire surrounded by family. Ahh, life is good.

It looks as though we have our rally schedule set for next year. Thank you to our Trail Boss Gary Lambert for getting the rallies scheduled, and thanks to everyone who has stepped up to host a rally! It is going to be fun times! (And we even have some thoughts about rallies in 2025 as well.)

There is still time to make it to our Christmas luncheon. Please make an effort to join us, it is our last opportunity to get together this year.

Hope everyone stays healthy, and safe in their travels over this holiday season. I'll leave you with this thought that I saw on a poster the other day,

If, instead of the 3 wise men, there were 3 wise women they would have

- asked for directions***
- arrived on time***
- helped deliver the baby***

- brought practical gifts***
- cleaned the stable***
- made a casserole***
- and there would be peace on earth!***

Enjoy this Christmas season with friends and family and be kind to everyone. These moments together are precious.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

Baynard

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 1 to Robbie Davis (540-886-0871 or 540-245-0469) in order to have enough food available for everyone. Come Join us!

We welcome our new members! Looking forward to meeting you all in the coming year!

John and Peggy Slingerland, Galax, VA

Ray and Karen Morton, Bentonville, VA

And we welcome back Bob and Sherry Sonnessa!

Caring and concerns

Judy Matthews has had her back surgery. I talked to Gene the day after and he said everything went well. Let's continue to pray for a speedy recovery.

Timm Seaman notified us that Sharon has had a reoccurrence of lung cancer and is scheduled for surgery on Monday. Please let us all keep her and Timm in our thoughts and prayers.

I heard from Cheryl Brown recently and she updated me on her progress. She saw her ALS doctor and she is doing well. They are going to try some eye glazing equipment for her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and Bill.

Karilyn Pittman is recovering as planned after her surgery. She said; 'I see the doctor tomorrow. Hopefully my stitches will be out soon. I'm still sore and I get fatigued, but every day is a bit better. Thanks for reaching out!'

Betty Franklin

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 making those reservations!

***The deadline for reservations for the August rally is January 1st
Reservations for the September rally can be made after January 15.
And it's always good to make those State Park reservations early before they fill up!***

Let's have a good time out there!

Cardinal Virginians 2024 rally schedule (as of 11/8/2023)

APRIL- hosted by Sarah and Jeremy Bishop, site and dates TBD

MAY- The May rally will be back at Pocahontas State Park, 10301 State Park Rd. Chesterfield, VA, May 20-23.
Hosted by Carol and Paul Melton
Reserve your site thru ReserveVAparks.com, look for sites near #B3; (site #92 is across the street.)

JUNE- the June Rally will be at Verona Shenandoah Valley Campground, 296 Riner Lane, Verona, VA 24482. June 24-27
Hosted by Tim and Donna Handy, and John and Diane Cooper.
For reservations- reservations@campingisfun.com, Or (540) 248-2267.

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.
Reserve your site thru reservevaparks.com. If no sites are available, be sure to check back for cancellations.

AUGUST-

Cardinal Virginians' August, 2024 Rally
Madison Vines RV Resort and Cottages, 110 Campground Road
– Madison, VA 22727 phone 540-948-4186
www.madisonvinesrvresortandcottages.com

- Rally Dates: 8/15/2024-8/19/2024
- Co-Hosts: Sherry and Bob Sonnessa, and Karilyn and Mark Pittman
- Important date to remember: **January 1, 2024**. Must reserve your site by then if you want to be with the group and receive the

group rate. After January 1st, the campground will be releasing any remaining sites of the 15 sites we have reserved.

- Sites: We have reserved 9 Premium pull-thru sites (302-318) and 6 Deluxe back-in sites (305-317). The Sonnessas will be on site 318 and the Pittmans will be on site 316. The other sites will be first come, first serve. We have also reserved a one bedroom cottage (#201), for Feliza Jones, if she decides to join us.

We are receiving a group rate for the four nights however, Jamie, the manager, has told us that if anyone would like to come early or stay longer, they will still receive the group rate.

- The total cost for the four nights is \$258.10
- When calling to make your reservations, tell them that you are with the Cardinal Virginians.
- We will provide a more detailed schedule of activities as the rally approaches but for now, we want to let you know that the campground has BINGO and appetizers on Friday evening, a dinner on Saturday evening and a pancake breakfast on Sunday. There will be a nominal charge for these. We are planning to attend these.

Any questions? Contact the Sonnessas at ssonnessa@comcast.net or Bob at 540-230-2431 or the Pittmans at karilynpi9man@gmail.com or Karilyn at 703-472-5975.

We look forward to camping together with you in August. We promise you that the weekend will be a lot of fun filled with plenty of laughs and good times!

Until later...

Sherry and Bob, Karilyn and Mark

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

Reservations can be made after January 15
To make online reservations visit www.naturalchimneys.net.
Requests for reservations can be directed to the Natural
Chimneys Park Visitor Center during posted operating hours. The
phone number is 540-245-5753 and email requests can be sent
to camping@co.augusta.va.us.

OCTOBER- The October rally will be at Tanglewood RV Park,
4061 Clemmons Road, Clemmons, NC 27012. October 17-20.
Hosted by Jane and Gary Lambert
If anyone wants to stay over and go to GEAR they will have to tell
them when they make their reservations. For reservations
rvcampground.tanglewoodpark.org. Or 336-703-6494
Gary and Jane are on site 19
-Then on to the GEAR (Great Eastern Area Rally) October 23-27
in Fletcher, NC

DECEMBER-Christmas luncheon

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