

# The Cardinal Virginians

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February 2024

Hello again Cardinal Virginians,

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As you all probably know, Sherree and I have traveled south to enjoy the warmer Florida weather this winter instead of the brisk temperatures at home. We are tucked into our campsite at Oak Alley RV Resort, in Webster FL. for the next few months, and expect to be back home around the first week of April. So, as I write this I am enjoying life from under the awning.

My sister comes out and checks on our house periodically, and she took a this photo of our home when it was covered with snow from the last storm. As you can see we are happy to be camping here instead of enduring winter at home.



It won't be long until spring arrives though, and we will all be camping together again.

I want to thank everyone who is hosting or co-hosting an upcoming rally this year. It is really good to have our rally year planned out early so we can all have plenty of time to make plans to attend. Speaking of rallies, be sure to check out the Rally Schedule below, and make your reservations now, so you are not left out of the fun. Campgrounds will be filling up fast. Also, be sure to contact the rally host to let them know that you are going to attend, so they can plan accordingly.

If anyone is interested in helping create a Trifold type brochure to highlight our chapter let me know. I believe the FMCA will help with the cost of printing this up for us. We can use these to hand out to potential members.

Also, if you are planning to travel to the FMCA convention in Redmond Oregon this summer, please let me know so you can represent our chapter at the annual meeting to be held there.

The Eastern Area of the FMCA now has a website, [FMCA-ea.com](http://FMCA-ea.com). You might want to check it out.

Be sure to enjoy each day of life, as it is truly a gift to be treasured.

Baynard

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### **Our Chapters financial report for 2023**

2023 Year End Financial Status  
(as of 12/31/2023)  
Checking \$1563.87  
Savings \$ 847.86  
Total \$2411.73

Key Jan 2024 Activity

1/2 - \$250.00 VA Assn of Parks  
contribution

1/5 - Reimburse Kamal for 2024  
& 2025 WEB Domain Name

As of 01/15/2024:

Dues Paid/Waived 18 members 53%

Dues Owing 16 members 47%

Bank Status as of 01/15/2024

Checking \$1375.99

Savings \$ 847.86

Total \$2223.85

Financial Report for 2023 Complete  
Filing of Annual Form 990-N with IRS  
is pending IRS web site updating

Reported by Steve Bowers, Treasurer

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Greetings to all Cardinal Virginians,

I thought I might remind everyone that our 2024 dues are now due.

Our dues are a bargain, at only \$25 per coach to keep our Chapter  
going strong. (New members are not required to pay for 2024)

Please send your check to our treasurer:

Steve Bowers  
206 Twin Cove Trail  
Moneta, VA 24121

Thanks, and see you out there,  
Baynard

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*Caring and concerns:*

*Update on Sharon Seaman is very good news! She continues to improve from her stroke. She is gaining more strength and has increased ability in the use of her arm/hand. We all are so happy to hear this and will continue to lift her up in our prayers.*

*Judy Matthews is progressing slowly with her therapy following her surgery. The doctor tells her it will be a very slow recovery process. But we are excited that she is up and about even though she wishes healing was going faster. Judy, you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Happy to report that Kamal Rojiani's hernia surgery was successful, he is doing well and had a speedy recovery!*

*We continue to remember Cheryl Brown in our thoughts and prayers. May she continue to keep her beautiful positive spirit. And also we pray for strength for Bill.*

*Betty Franklin, Caring and Concerns - text 540-270-7219 or fallenoakfarm@juno.com*

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Speaking of rallies, be sure to check out the Rally Schedule below, and make your reservations now, so you are not left out of the fun. Campgrounds will be filling up fast. Be sure to get your reservations made ASAP. Some of the camp grounds are saying 30 days from the date the sites are reserved NOT 30 days from the date of the rally. So book your reservations soon.

Also, be sure to contact the rally host to let them know that you are going to attend, so they can plan accordingly

Gary Lambert, Trail Boss

Cardinal Virginians Rallies for 2024			
Month	Host/s	Campground	Location
April 18 - 21	Bishops & Bartons	Cool Breeze CG	Galax, VA
May 20 - 23	Meltons	Pocahontas St Pk	Chesterfield, VA
June 24 - 27	Coopers & Handys	Shenandoah Valley CG	Verona, VA
July 17 - 20	Bartons	Camp Bursa Hungry Mother St Pk	Marion, VA
August 15 - 19	Sonessas & Pittmans	Madison Vines CG	Madison, VA
September 25 - 28	Seamans	Natural Chimneys St Pk	Mt Solon, VA
October 17 – 20	Lamberts	Tanglewood RV Park	Clemons, NC
October 23 - 27	GEAR	Western NC Agricultural Center	Fletcher, NC
December	Christmas Luncheon	???	

## 2024 rally schedule

**APRIL**-The April rally will be at Cool Breeze Campground 2330 Edmonds Road, Galax, VA 24333. Arriving on Thursday April 18 and leaving on Sunday April 21. 12 sites are saved, let Robert know that you are with the Cardinal Virginians when reserving. For reservations Robert@coolbreezecampground.com, or call (276)236-0300

No problem if you would like to arrive earlier or stay longer.  
Hosted by Sarah and Jeremy Bishop,

**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 camp Burson, Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, VA, July 17-20  
Hosted by Sherree & Baynard Barton and Jeremy & 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](mailto:ssonnessa@comcast.net) or Bob at 540-230-2431 or the Pittmans at [karilypittman@gmail.com](mailto:karilypittman@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 & Timm Seaman, and Rex Monroe & Betty Franklin

Reservations can be made after January 15

To make online reservations visit [www.naturalchimneys.net](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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*Your Officers for 2023-2024*

*President, Baynard Barton*

*Vice President, Kamal Rojiani*

*2nd VP/trail boss, Gary Lambert*



*Treasurer, Steve Bowers 206 Twin Cove Trl, Moneta, Va 24121*

*Secretary, Donna Handy*

*Immediate Past President, Bill Brown*

*Newsletter, Judy Matthews*

*National Director, Steve Bowers*

*Chaplain, John Davis*

*Historian, Robbie Davis*

*Caring Concerns, Betty Franklin*

*Webmaster, Kamal Rojiani*

*Face book Administer, Carol Melton*