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A Message from our President

To All Cardinal Virginians,

Well, it's finally getting to be like summer again. It is really nice to see everything green back up and come to life again. But, with this time of year also comes with a lot of 'busy'. Sherree and I are certainly busy attending the Cardinal Rallies, busy with stuff going on in the park with our Friends of Hungry Mother group, and of course yard work kicks in, and best of all, we are busy spending time of Adye.

I guess that is what retirement should be about, staying engaged and enjoying life and family, volunteering and giving back to the community, without the responsibilities of having to earn a living.

One way to take advantage of these beautiful summer-like days is by attending a Cardinal Virginians rally. We have had two great rallies now and it has been good to see and catch up with all of our Cardinal Virginians friends again. I do want to remind everyone to be sure to let the rally host know that you will be attending so they can plan accordingly, and unless otherwise told, bring your own tableware to our common meals together.

Keep going strong, and keep it between the lines!

Baynard

MAY 12-15, 2025 RALLY NOTES

It is always fun to discover a new campground! John and Diane Cooper, our great hosts, introduced us to crosswinds Family Campground in Linwood, NC. We knew the weather might be an issue but large canopies came to the rescue. Those who braved the challenge were Coopers, Bartons, Pittmans, Crabtrees, Rojiani/Tang, Matthews, Pillis, and Handys. Pups were Cowboy and Cocoh! We all agreed the rain on the RV roof provided us with a restful sleep!

On Monday evening we dodged a few showers to enjoy our Happy Hour and Heavy HorsD'oeuvres dinner.

Tuesday morning we were treated to a pancakes and sausage breakfast. Our day was free to explore the area. Many went into Spencer or Salisbury. Several of us stayed and played games. We ate dinner at a Spencer Mexican restaurant called Queso Salsa. The food was good and the service outstanding. Ask Karilyn to see her photo of her huge tropical burrito! John, our firewood guy, made our first fire and we enjoyed it! John was at the griddle again on Wednesday morning cooking bacon! Diane was busy with quiche, sticky buns, assorted breads, and yogurt.

The North Carolina Transportation Museum is in Spencer. Several groups toured this. Others went thrift shopping in Salisbury. The sun did come out and that Carolina Blue sky made it a great day! Happy Hour and Pot Luck brought more food and beverages. A local Food Lion made chicken tenders for us. We had plenty of dishes from which to choose. John made our second campfire and we finally saw the stars!

Quite a spread was laid out for our continental breakfast on Thursday morning. We got busy dismantling our cozy rally spot. We all had a great time and appreciated the efforts of our hosts. We especially enjoyed an awesome family campground with reasonable rates! We will be back, for sure.

Donna Handy

CARING AND CONCERNS:

We need to keep John Davis in our thoughts and prayers. He has been experiencing severe back and shoulder pain. And let's keep Robbie in our prayers also. We have truly missed them at our rallies.

Dave and Evelyn Crabtree had to leave the May rally early as Dave was having some problems with swelling in his legs. After a quick check, he found out he needed to take some antibiotics and put his feet up. Sounds great, but not when you're not feeling your best. Get well Dave

Please contact me if you know of anyone I need to reach out to at 540-270-7219 or fallenoakfarm@juno.com

Betty Franklin

2025 rallies

Hello again Cardinal Virginians,

Here is a list of our **2025 rallies** as of now. **Make those reservations now so you will not be left out! Campgrounds are already renting out nearby sites! We still need someone to host July.**

Let Gary Lambert our Trail Boss know of your plans to host. Phone 540-354-1963 or email sazzmo@outlook.com. **Be sure to mark your calendars and make those reservations, and let the rally host know you will be attending.**

Cardinal Virginians April rally:

Our April rally we will be arriving on Thursday April 24 departing on Sunday April 27 at Madison Vines RV Resort and Cottages, 110 Campground Ln, Madison, VA. 22727
Phone 540-948-4186. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. 15 sites and being held. More info to follow. Hosted by Betty Franklin and Sherree Barton (Betty-540-270-7219 or fallenoakfarm@juno.com) (Sherree 276-223-7364 or sbarton@appleshackcrafts.com)

Cardinal Virginians May rally:

Our May rally we will be arriving on Monday May 12 and departing on Friday May 16 at Cross Winds Family Campground, 160 Campground Lane, Linwood, NC 27299 (GPS address is 159 Sowers Rd, Linwood). Phone 336-853-4567. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. 14 sites are being held until April 23, 2025. More info to follow. Hosted by John and Diane Cooper (434-941-0688 or jcoop5342@gmail.com)

Cardinal Virginians June rally:

Our June rally we will be arriving on Thursday June 26 and departing Sunday June 29 at Lake Ridge RV resort, 8736 Double Cabin Rd, Hillsville, VA, 24343. Phone 276-766-3703. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site to get the 15% discount. 15 sites are being held until April 1, 2025. More info to follow. Hosted by Jeremy and Sarah Bishop (and Adylee Joyce Bishop) (276-613-5487 or bishops816@gmail.com)

Cardinal Virginians July Rally: open, (FRVA 111th International Convention, July 16-19, Gillette, WY.)

Cardinal Virginians August Rally:

Our August rally we will be arriving on August 18 and departing on August 21, 2025 at Sun Resorts Shenandoah Valley 348 Lake Road, Stuarts Draft, VA. 24477. Phone 540-337-2267. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. Hosted by Mark & Karilyn Pittman, and Bob & Sherry Sonessa (Karilyn 540-661-5406 or karilypittman@gmail.com) (Bob 540-230-2431 or ssonessa@comcast.net)

Cardinal Virginians September rally

It will be September 10 thru 14 at Mayberry Campground, 114 Byron Bunker Lane, Mt. Airy, NC 27030, phone 336-789-6199.

Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians when making your reservation to obtain the site discount. Please let Jane and Gary know of your plans to attend so they can plan accordingly, email- sazzmo@outlook.com; phone- (540) 354-1963

Cardinal Virginians October rally:

Our October rally will be held arriving on October 30 departing on November 3, at Crossroads RV Park 243 S Church St, Lake City, SC, 29560 LakeCityRV.com Phone (843) 374-2131, be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians when making your reservations to obtain the rally discount rate.

Cardinal Virginians November rally:

From Lake City we are traveling on to the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) held this year November 3 thru 8 at Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC, 29575. Phone 877.510.1413 OceanLakes.com

The Eastern Area have reserved 300 full hook-up sites at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. The sites will be available from Sunday November 2 until departure on November 9, 2025. The dates for GEAR will be November 5th to 9th.

Site reservations for GEAR 25 are available now by calling Ocean Lakes Family Campground directly. Use the name "**2025 FMCA Eastern Area**" when making site reservations. This is for site locations only. Registration for GEAR 25 will be separate from the site registration.

Chapters that want to be close to each other please review the map of Ocean Lakes and decide what sites you want before you make your reservation. There is no guarantee that the sites will be available.

The price for GEAR 25 has not been established at this time and the program is still in the planning stage. We hope you will join us in Myrtle Beach.

Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) 2025 additional info:

The Bartons have reserved site 2160 at Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach, SC, arriving on November 3 and departing on Sunday November 9, the nice lady said sites 2153 thru 2164 should be available so our Cardinal Virginian friends can hopefully be close together. You will need to call Ocean Lakes, (877-510-1413) to reserve and get the discounted rates and a site nearby.
Gary Lambert

Wagon Master

CARDINAL VIRGINIANS RALLYS 2025		
MONTH APRIL 24-27	HOST/S FRANKLIN & BARTON	LOCATION Madison Vines

MAY 12-16	COOPER'S	CROSSWINDS FAMILYGG Limwood, NC
JUNE 26-29	Bishop's	LAKE Ridge RU RESORT Hillsville, VA
JULY	OPEN	Open
AUGUST 18-21	SONNESSAS + PITTMANS	SUN RESORTS STUARTS Draft VA
SEPTEMBER 10-14	Jane & Gary Lambert	Mayberry Campground, 114 Byron Lane, Mt. Airy, NC 336-789-6199
OCTOBER 29- Nov2	?	CROSSROADS RESORT LAKE CITY, SC
NOVEMBER 5-9; Early sites Nov 2	GEAR	OCEAN LAKES MYRTAL BEACH, SC

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Please feel free to advertise any items you would like to sell. Just send me the information for our newsletter.

If you have anything to go into the next it newsletter please send your info to me at matthewsjh@gmail.com. Preferably in word format. Judy Matthews, Editor

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Communication is vital to our success.

Judy Matthews, editor

June Rally Agenda Cardinal Virginians at Lake Ridge RV Resort, June 26-29

****please bring plates and utensils to all meals****

Thursday, June 26:

Travel Day and arrival at Lake Ridge RV Resort.

No Happy hour as everyone gets set up and settled in. (but you can come hang out at the shelter anytime)

6:00 Dinner provided by hosts. Will be a taco bar with all the fixings for tacos. Bring a drink and enjoy.

Friday, June 27

Breakfast and Lunch on your own

Explore local areas

5:00 Happy Hour. Bring a light snack to share and a drink of your choice

6:00 Pot luck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share.

please let host know what you are bringing

***Note:** There will be a business meeting Friday evening. Please let Baynard know of any questions or concerns you would like addressed.

Saturday, June 28

Breakfast and Lunch on your own

Explore surrounding areas

5:00 Happy Hour. Bring a light snack to share and a drink of your choice

6:00 Dinner. Host will provide BBQ. Bring a side or dessert and your favorite sauce.

***please let host know what you are bringing ***

Sunday June 29

Departure Day.

8:30 Breakfast provided by host.

Devotional and Goodbyes

***Note:** checkout time for the campground is 11:00

Host contact information:

Email: bishops816@gmail.com

Phone: (276)- 613-5487

Campground information:

Lake Ridge RV Resort

8736 Double Cabin Rd, Hillsville, Va 24343

Phone: (276)-766-3703

Email: camp@lakeridgervresort.com

Directions to campground:

From I81 N or I81 S:

Take exit 89A for VA-100 S toward Hillsville.

In 13 miles turn left onto Deer Ridge Rd.

In 0.7 miles turn left onto State Rte 753.

In 0.5 miles turn left onto R J Ranch Dr.

In 0.2 miles, arrive at Lake Ridge RV Resort.

8736 Double Cabin Rd, Hillsville, VA

Area Amenities

Food:

<i>Hillsville, VA</i>	<i>Galax, VA</i>	<i>Mt. Airy, NC</i>
The Crooked Oak Restaurant	County Line Cafe	The Rusty Rooster Southern Breakfast
The Mason Jar	The Hub	Holly Springs Cafe
The Hillsville Diner	The Galax Smokehouse	Angry Troll Brewery company
The Barn Cafe	Creek Bottom Brewery and Restaurant	13 Bones
Slyders	The Briar Patch Market Place Cafe	Barney's Cafe
Rio Grande Mexican Grill	Dairy Bar	Little Richard's BBQ
Toaster's Deli		The Copper Pot Restaurant

Drinks:

<i>Beer</i>	<i>Wine.</i>	<i>Distilleries</i>
Creek Bottom Brewery	Villa Appalachia Winery	5 Mile Mountain Distillery
Buffalo Mountain Brewing Company	Uncorked in Mayberry	Salty Stash Distillery
White Elephant Beer Company	Round Peak Winery	Creek Bottom Distillery

Thirsty Souls Community Brewing	West Wind Winery	
Angry Trolls Brewing Company	Iron Heart Winery	

Shopping

<i>Hillsville, Va</i>	<i>Galax, Va</i>	<i>Mt. Airy, NC</i>
Vass General Store	Harmons Outlet	Mayberry Market and Souvenirs
Hillmont Mercantile	Graceful Goose Gift Shop	Mayberry Trading Post
Red Hill General Store	The Primitive Peddler	Mayberry Antique Mall
Sunny Side General Store	Label Shopper	Mayberry on Main Gift Shop
The Barn Shop	Blacksheep Boutique	Wyatt's trading post
Hillsville PH Thrift Store	Matthew's Five and Dime Store	

Outdoors:

Buffalo Mountain Trail	Grayson Highlands State Park
New River Trail	Grayson Gravel Trail
Beaver Dam Trail	New River Outdoor Activities

Devil's Den	Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail
Crooked Creek Wildlife Area	Matthew's State Forest

Other:

Blue Ridge Parkway	Andy Griffith Museum
Blue Ridge Music Center	Mayberry Replica Courthouse
Mabry Mill	Floyd's Barber Shop
Carroll County Historical Society Museum	Squad Car Tour
Matthew's Living History Farm Museum	Various Produce Markets down Fancy Gap Hwy in Cana, Va.