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April Newsletter

From our President

Hello Fellow Cardinal Virginians,

Well, it is time for us to say good bye to Florida for this year. We have had a great time and hate to leave, but there are things to do back in Roanoke. There were a lot of things to do down here and a lot of places to go, like thrift shops and thrift shops and more thrift shops. Oh, did I mention the flea markets- they are everywhere. Along with us there was Baynard & Sherree, Rex & Betty and Tim & Donna. The place we were in, Midway Manor RV and Mobil Home Park, was very nice and the people were super nice and friendly. In fact, they were so friendly that Jane and I bought a house in the park. Now next year we will not have to drive the motorhome down- just the car.

Well so much about Florida, now to the business at hand. For those of you that have **not paid your dues** yet, you have been dropped from the roster per our bylaws. You can be reinstated by sending in your dues or letting me or Brent know that you will not be rejoining. Also, if you are going to any of our rallies, PLEASE let the host know that you are coming so they can plan their menus and other things accordingly.

Our first rally is coming up on April 29 – May 3 at Madison Vines. It is Cinco De Mayo weekend there. There are a lot of meals provided by the campground for a fee. We will figure out the rest of the meals later. Jane and I along with Ferg and Gaye are hosting this one so please let us know if you are coming.

Gary Lambert
President

Hosting a rally

We now have most of our rallies scheduled for 2026! Thank you to everyone who stepped up and volunteered to host.

We still have October and November open for 2026. It is never too soon to start looking ahead to the 2027 season either!

From our trail boss, Bob Sonessa

Greetings Cardinal Virginians,

We are excited to finally get back to our Group Rallies!!! We have some really good ones planned this year and hope many of you will be able to attend these events.

1. We still are looking for a host(s) for the October and November Rally's Please let me know if anyone is interested in planning an event or even if you would like to team with another member to host the event. If we cannot get anyone to assist we can always look to hold a "host-less" rally,, Ugg, don't even like the word.

2. Please make sure you include me in any updates for the current or future rallies so I can ensure we are communicating correctly to the group.

3. We have an exciting trip planned in September joining forces with the PennCoachmen group from PA. If you are interested in attending please go to the www.Penncoachment.org website to register. The dates of the rally are September 11 – 14 but they have an early bird opening beginning the 9th. Don't hesitate to register as this is filling up quickly.

5. **GREAT NEWS FOR OUR GROUP:** Several members have been investigating an "On-Line" directory for our group. We met with a member of Penn Coachmen and they walked us through their system (very cool). SO we will be bringing this new, exciting and informative software system to our group in the next couple of months.

*****The system is called On-Line Directory and soon (once I get all the member information loaded each of you will receive an email to joint the system). PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THE NOTICE AND IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR NAME OR INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY TEXT OR CALL ME AT 540-230-2431 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND I WILL REMOVE YOUR INFORMAITON PRIOR TO LOADING THE SYSTEM***

This system has many unique features, easy access and tracking registration for upcoming rallies, tracking the events of our group and most importantly communicating information to our members directly.

That's all for now, can't wait to get together in April at Madison Vines!!!

Bob Sonessa, VP/Trail Boss

2026 Rally Schedule

Dates	Host	Location	Contact information
April 29-May 3	Lamberts and G. Fergusons	Madison Vines campground	110 Campground Ln, Madison Va 540-948-4186
May 18- 21	Kanes and Bartons	Jellystone RV Resort Natural Bridge Station	16 Recreation Ln, Natural Bridge Station Va 24579 540-291-2727
June 25-28	Compters and Handy's	KOA of Wytheville, Virginia	231 KOA Rd Wytheville Va 24382 276-228-2601
July 23-26	Pittman's and Petersons	Cozy Acres Campground	2177 B Ridge Rd Powhatan Va 804-598-2470 www.cozyacres.com
August 10-14	Joint Rally with Dogwood and Penn Coachman groups	Spacious Skies Shenandoah Views Campground	3402 Kimball Rd. Luray Va 22835 540-743-7222 Spacious Skies – Luray – Penn Coachmen
September 11-14 Early arrivals Sept. 9	Joint Rally with Penn Coachman group.	Pocono Raceway 1234 Long Pond Road Long Pond, PA	Go to www.Penncoachmen.org o register
October	OPEN		
November	OPEN		
December	Christmas Dinner	TBD	TBD

May 2026 Rally 5/18/26-5/21/26

The May rally will be May 18 through the 21st at Jellystone RV resort at Natural Bridge Station, Va. This will be hosted by Kane's and Barton's. Deposits must be made by April third at 5 PM.

If anybody has trouble making reservations, they should call Eva Winther at (443) 856-4811. Leave a message and she will call you back..

June 2026 Rally 6/25/26-6/28/26

Greetings! Barbara and I have volunteered to host the June 2026 rally, along with Tim & Donna Handy. We have confirmed dates for the June 2026 rally at Wytheville KOA (Wytheville VA): Thursday, June 25 through Sunday, June 28 They have blocked off the entire lower ("L") section for us. These are all premium big-rig sites. Reservations are available now, and the block will be held until April 30. Rates are about \$80-82 per night (standard). And of course, there's always a 10% discount for KOA Rewards members. There are also cabins available for anyone who isn't bringing a rig.

The Wytheville KOA is one of our favorite campgrounds. The owners and staff are very nice, and the campground itself is very well kept and has a ton of amenities, including a beautiful new pool, mini-golf, arcade games, walking trail, two dog parks, and – believe it or not – a bowling alley! There is so much to do in the area, too: antiquing, hiking (New River Trail to the Shot Tower is our favorite), wineries, museums, shopping and more!

We hope you will join us in June. Be sure to reserve before April 30, because this is a very popular campground. We hope to have an agenda for the weekend in the May newsletter. See you in Wytheville!

Larry & Barbara Compter, and Tim & Donna Handy

July, 2026 Cardinal Virginians Rally 7/23/26-7/26/26

Just a quick reminder that we only have 5 sites left for the July, 2026, Rally. The campground has agreed to hold the campsites until June, 2026, however, we recommend that you make your reservations as soon as possible in order to get the site that you desire. They will require one night's deposit to hold your site. As the event gets closer, we will be sending out a schedule of the chapter's activities, meals and local attractions to those we know are attending.

The Petersons will be on Site 117 and the Pittmans will be on Site 118. All sites have full hookups. The sites that we have secured, along with the prices and a brief description, are listed below. If the sites we blocked are no longer available, the

campground may have other sites, however, we encourage you to book sooner instead of later. **Remember to mention “Cardinal Virginians” when booking your site.**

Site Number	Description	Price	Campers
37 VIP site	Pull through with Gazebo	\$90/ night	
38 Super Site	Pull through with paver patio	\$62/ night	Handys
39 Super Site	Pull through with paver patio	\$62/ night	
52 Super Site	Pull through with paver patio	\$62/ night	Sonnessas
53 Super Site	Pull through with paver patio	\$62/ night	Bartons
54 Super Site	Pull through with paver patio	\$62/ night	Bishops
55 Super Site	Pull through with paver patio	\$62/ night	Kates
56 Super Site	Pull through with paver patio	\$62/ night	
115 VIP Site	Back-in Waterfront with a patio	\$80/ night	
116 VIP Site	Back-in Waterfront with a patio	\$80/ night	
117 VIP Site	Back-in Waterfront with a patio	\$80/ night	Petersons (co-hosts) Arriving 7/22/26
118 VIP (motorhomes only)	Pull-in Waterfront with a patio	\$80/ night	Pittmans (co-hosts) Arriving 7/22/26
119 VIP (motorhomes only)	Pull-in Waterfront with a patio	\$80/ night	Rapps
120 VIP (motorhomes only)	Pull-in Waterfront with a patio	\$80/ night	Fergusons, Brent/ Mona

We have reserved the clubhouse for the weekend to be used in the event of rain.

*****A reminder: Please let us know when you make your reservations and what site you chose. Having an accurate headcount is very helpful when planning meals and activities. You can email us at shell2is67@gmail.com (Michelle) or karilypittman@gmail.com (Karilyn)**



August and September Rallies 8/10/26-8/14/26 and 9/9/26-9/15/26

1. August Rally - we are teaming with Dogwood and Penn Coachmen group to head to Spacious Skies Shenandoah Views Campground. Dates of the Rally are August 10 -14, 2026. Here is the link for additional information and Registration which MUST be completed by April 30,2026. Also, they have 30 sites which do fill up quickly so make your reservations ASAP if you are interested in attending. I have also included a link for this event and the registration form for those who are interested in attending. [Spacious Skies – Luray – Penn Coachmen](#)

2. September Rally - We are headed to the Pocono Speedway from September 11 - 15 and joining with the Penn Coachmen group. We have recently sent information regarding this event via email. If you have additional questions contact Bob Sonessa, Cell 540-230-2431 or email ssonessa@comcast.net

Bob Sonessa, VP/Traill

Care and Concerns

Sherree Barton lost her sister, Linda in mid-March. Let's lift her and her family up in our prayers as they go this time of grief.

If you know of someone that I need to reach out to please contact me by phone at 540-270-7219 or email at fallenoakfarm@juno.com

Betty Franklin

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If you have anything you would like included in future newsletters, please send it to the appropriate person or to me. You can email me, (bishops816@gmail.com) text me (276-613-5487) or even reach out through Facebook.

***Please ensure that anything you want included in future newsletters gets to me by the 25th of the previous month. (for example, if you want something in the May newsletter I need it by April 25) This insures that I have plenty of time to make sure I include it.**

Going forward, anything that is received after that deadline will not be included until the NEXT month's newsletter.

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