CAPITOL CHAPTER

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FAMILY RV ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President

Greetings Capitol Chapter,

The fall season is here. Hope everyone had a great summer! We have had very successful rallies thus far in 2026 at Cherry Hill Campground in College Park, Maryland and American Heritage Campground in Williamsburg, Virginia. Thank you to our rally hosts Len & Diane Mierzwa for Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Capitol Chapter has one more rally scheduled in October in Ocean City, Maryland. Thank you, in advance, to our rally hosts Len and Diane Mierzwa.

You should all have received an Evite from Dana Kromash for the Holiday Party. Please open the invitation and RSVP by November 1, 2026. We are looking forward to our annual holiday party and annual meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2026, at West End Grill in Annapolis, MD. We hope to see all of you at this upcoming event.

We are already planning for 2027 rallies. Please consider hosting a rally! Our membership chair, Dana Kromash, can help you organize. It's really easy!!!

Additionally, I look forward to seeing everyone at the International Convention in March, 2027, in Perry, GA. Registration is open.

I am looking forward to a great rest of this year and 2027 and the chance to see everyone!
I look forward to meeting new friends and working together.
Feel free to contact me to discuss your ideas and volunteer positions.

Until next time, keep on traveling!

Joe Kromash, President

Capitol Chapter Members

Attached is the link to order Capitol Chapter shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies.
You have the option to have the shirts shipped to you (for a fee) or delivered to you at a rally.

All t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies are available with the Capitol Chapter emblem on the upper left chest. If you have any questions, send an email to snappyscenery301@gmail.com. Once the form has been submitted you will receive an email within 48 hours with your final invoice including shipping. Online payment forms accepted, Venmo and PayPal.

Capitol Chapter Shirt Order

Questions? Contact Len Mierzwa, 301-904-9911
len.mierzwa@verizon.net

Rally Recaps

July 1-4, 2026

FRVA's 113th International Convention
Sedalia, Mo.

What a great way to celebrate America 250!
Sedalia welcomed us with genuine down home hospitality and friendly faces that made our visit so memorable. We felt right at home and truly appreciated the community's hospitality and support.

And of course, the FRVA convention was a fantastic event. It brought together members from many states for an unforgettable experience filled with informative seminars, great music and bands, fellowship and spectacular fireworks.
It was a wonderful way to make new memories, reconnect with old friends and celebrate the people and activities that make FRVA so special.




National
Historic
District
DOWNTOWN
SEDALIA


FAMILY RV ASSOCIATION
EST. 1963
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SEDALIA


SEDALIA
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!
SEDALIA HISTORIC DISTRICT


HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA
07/4/2024
Welcome!
FAMILY RV ASSOCIATION




SPLASH!

2026 RALLIES AND EVENTS

October 22 - 25, 2026

Sunfest Ocean City, MD
Hosts: Len & Diane Mierzwa

Sun Outdoors Campground
12612 Eagles Nest Road Berlin, MD

One last call for the Sunfest Ocean City rally.
If you have not made reservations and would like to attend, please call Denise at 248-749-7648. You can tell her you are with the Capitol Chapter. Also, please call Len Mierzwa at 301-904-9911, to let him know you are coming.

Sunfest is one of the areas largest outdoor festivals showcasing arts, crafts, music and culinary delights. The music lineup features live performances by top artists and local talents from various genres. Plus you will experience all the excitement the boardwalk has to offer.

December 6, 2026
12:00 - 3:30 pm



Holiday Party & Annual Chapter Meeting
Organizers: Joe & Dana Kromash

West End Grill
2049 West St. Annapolis, MD

Please respond to the Evite (sent by Dana) by November 1

2027 RALLIES AND EVENTS

March 18-21, 2027



FRVA International Convention
Georgia National Fairgrounds
Perry, Georgia

Registration is now open on the FRVA website.



April 29 - May 2, 2027

Cruisin' Car Show
Sun Outdoors Ocean City, Berlin, MD
Hosts: Joe & Dana Kromash

Cruisin' Car Show in Ocean City, MD for FRVA - Capitol Chapter will be inviting the Jersey Gems to join us:

Sun Outdoors Ocean City, MD
Reserving 10 sites (can get more if needed)
Contact person to call at Sun Outdoors:
248-7951546 - Anderia

Name on Reservation: FRVA Capitol Chapter/Dana Kromash

Please contact me after you have made your reservation to let me know your site number.

301-807-4686 - Dana's cell

June 2027

Save the Date

Campground - TBD
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Hosts: Len & Diane Mierzwa
More info to follow

August 19-22, 2027

FRVA's 115th International Convention & RV Expo
Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center
Shawnee, OK

Registration opens January 18, 2027. Details will be posted on the FRVA website.

September 9-12, 2027

Save the Date

Roamstead Campground, Gatlinburg, TN

Hosts: Joe and Dana Kromash
More info to follow

October 5-10, 2027



GEAR
West Virginia State Fairgrounds, Lewisburg, WV

If you want to volunteer, have a workshop idea, or simply want to join the fun, email Clarissa and Ginny.

Clarissa Sherrow (Rally Chair) csherrow@zoominternet.net

Ginny Yelland (Co-Chair)
yelland.virginia@gmail.com

Details to follow

December 2027

Holiday Party & Annual Chapter Meeting
West End Grill, Annapolis, MD

Organizers: Joe & Dana Kromash



Just a friendly reminder that Capitol Chapter dues of $15.00 are due by January 1, 2027 The dues remain the same as last year - just $15.00

If you are planning to join us for our holiday luncheon, you're welcome to bring your dues with you. Joanne Becka, our treasurer will be happy to collect them. She can accept either cash or a check.

If you prefer to mail your dues, checks should be made payable to:

Capitol Chapter - FMCA

You may mail your check directly to Joanne:

Joanne Becka
4814 Osage Street
College Park, MD 20740

Any questions, call Joanne 301-742-1911

Dark Sky Parks

When planning your next road trip, have you ever considered adding a Dark Sky Park to your route?

Certified by DarkSky International, these protected public lands enforce strict lighting standards to preserve natural nocturnal environments. For RVers, they offer the unbeatable overnight experience of seeing shooting stars, planets, satellites and the Milky Way.

Many of these parks offer RV accessible campgrounds, telescope viewing pads and ranger led astronomy programs right outside your rig's front door. Several parks offer free telescope checkouts similar to library books. Check at the visitor center, a refundable deposit is usually required.

Just remember there is standard dark sky etiquette that you are expected to follow so be aware before you go.

Get ready to discover a whole new side of the great outdoors after sunset.

DarkSky International - darksky.org

National Park Service - nps.gov (Enter dark sky parks in search engine)

Cherry Springs State Park - https://cherryspringsstatepark.com

Virginia State Parks - dark sky VA state parks

Ways to Connect and Keep in Touch

You can read about the latest happenings and contact Capitol officers and friends.

- **Websites**:
  www.frva.com
  www.frva-ea.com
- **Capitol Chapter Newsletter**
- **Emails**
- **Facebook-Capitol Chapter-FRVA**

  Dana Kromash is the Administrator. Please like and follow us on our Facebook site.



Acadia National Park, Maine