



## June Newsletter

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### **A note from our President:**

Your Presidents remarks are going to be short this month, but VERY IMPORTANT. If you are going to attend a rally, when making your reservations with the camp ground be sure to tell them that you are with the Cardinal Virginians, so they will put you with the group and not somewhere far off from us.

Secondly, be sure to let the host/s know that you are coming so they can plan their needs according. It is hard for the host/s to make changes when they are expecting 12 rigs and 17 show up.

So, lets be courteous to our host and you would not like this to happen to you.

Gary Lambert  
President

### **Hosting a rally**

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

There are still opportunities for hosting/ co-hosting either October or November if you are interested.

**It's never too early to start looking ahead to the 2027 season either! Lets start planning!**

### **From our trail boss, Bob Sonnessa**

1. We still are looking for a host(s) for the October and November Rally's Please let me know if anyone is interested.
2. Please make sure you include me in any updates for the current or future rally's so I can ensure we are communicating correctly to the group.

### **3. WE ARE LIVE WITH THE "ON LINE CARDINAL VIRGINIANS FRVA CHAPTER MEMBER DIRECTORY"!!!!**

Hopefully by now you have received a request to join the Online Directory. We assisted many members during the rallies to get registered and started with the directory. You will need to do a couple of steps to get started which I have included below. PLEASE if you have problems contact me via cell or text me at 540-230-2431 and I can walk you through the process.

#### **GETTING STARTED WITH THE ON-LINE DIRECTORY**

1. Download "Online Directory app" on your phone or computer
2. Scroll to the bottom of page and click on Don't have an account yet? Sign up by using your email address
3. Once you have completed this you will receive a "User Details" message to add your email, set up and confirm your password, also add your first and last name
4. Search Member name by last name, this will pull up your profile
5. To add a picture, click on the Paper and pencil icon.
6. Edit and confirm information click on the "three dots"
7. If you make any changes, PLEASE HIT THE SAVE CHANGES BUTTON
8. Feel free to add additional fields located at the bottom
  - a. FRVA Number
  - b. Joined Date

**\*There are additional features of the Cardinal Virginian's Online Directory such as ALL group communication, Rally organization and updates, etc.that we will be utilizing so PLEASE make sure you get connected to the directory!!!**

### 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	Bartons and B. Fergusons	Jellystone RV Resort Natural Bridge Station	16 Recreation Ln, Natural Bridge Station Va 24579 540-291-2727
June 25-28	Compter's 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 <a href="http://www.cozyacres.com">www.cozyacres.com</a>
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  <a href="#">Spacious Skies – Luray – Penn Coachmen</a>
September 11-14 Early arrivals Sept. 9	Joint Rally with Penn Coachman group.	Pocono Raceway 1234 Long Pond Road Long Pond, PA	Go to <a href="http://www.Penncoachmen.org">www.Penncoachmen.org</a> to register
October	OPEN		
November	OPEN		
December	Christmas Dinner Golden Corral Roanoke VA	December 12,	Gary Lambert 540-354-1963

#### July 2026 Rally 7/23/26-7/26/26

Just a quick reminder that we only have 5 sites left for 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 to get the site that you desire.

## **August Rally 8/10/26-8/14/26**

We are teaming with Dogwood and Penn Coachmen Group to head to Spacious Skies Shenandoah Views Campground. The Link is included in the Rally Chart above.

## **September Rally 9/11/26 – 9/14/26**

We are teaming with Penn Coachmen Group to head to the Pocono Speedway. The link for registration is included in the Rally Chart above.

### **Meeting Notes:**

May 20,2026

- President Gary called meeting to order. He spoke of proper order of communications within the club. **Please bring anything to him first!**
- Karilyn spoke on our new Online Directory. Admins are Bob, Brent, Barbara, and Karilyn.They are always available to help out to solve issues. Rally Hosts will be named temporary admins to work in their Rally Group.
- Barbara Young has been working with Kamal to become our new Rally mistress. Thanks to them both!
- Discussion on new members led to a motion by Tim and seconded by Brent to give name badges to new members without charge. Motion carried.
- Other ideas were presented to get and keep new members. Welcome packet, poster, Letter from President were discussed. Donna passed out old FVRA magazines with applications to keep in RV.
- Monthly newsletters will attempt to use Bob's new order of submissions. All will be sent to Sarah by the 25th of each month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Handy, Secretary

### **May 2026 Rally**

Our second rally of the Cardinal Virginians took place at Jellystone RV Park at Natural Bridge Station on May 18 -21. Our hosts were Brent and Mona Ferguson and Baynard and Sherree Barton. Campers included the Kanes Lamberts, Handys, Sonnessas, Pittmans, and new members Jim and Jeannette Harlow. We were also joined by Gehrig and Gaye Ferguson and the Seamans on Monday evening. Our hosts treated us to a

hot dog dinner with all the fixings on the first night. The temperature was delightful but the following two days had us sweltering in 95 + degree temperatures. Thankfully our canopies were equipped with multiple fans that brought breezes as we visited with each other and enjoyed the park. Ellen Kane had a craft treat for us - a patriotic banner and an air freshener for us to create. We had a potluck breakfast and also a potluck dinner during our stay and there was never a shortage of food choices. On Wednesday, we visited the Pink Cadillac for dinner that reminded us of yesterday gone bye with Elvis memorabilia and even a working jukebox. We ended our week with a continental breakfast provided by the hosts.

A great time was had by all.

- Jane



### **Online Directory:**

The Cardinal Virginians are excited to announce several new features coming to our updated website and Online Directory! These improvements are designed to strengthen communication, make rally planning easier, and help members stay connected.

Members can look forward to:

- Improved communication throughout our chapter
- An online directory featuring member photos and contact information to help everyone recognize and connect with fellow members
- Easy access to important upcoming rally information
- The ability to quickly communicate with fellow Cardinal Virginians
- Enhanced rally management tools that allow rally hosts to organize attendees and communicate updates or changes directly with participants
- Temporary administrative privileges for each rally host within their specific rally section

These exciting updates will help strengthen connections within our Family RV Association chapter and improve the overall experience for both current and future members of the Cardinal Virginians.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Online Directory Administrators: Bob Sonnessa, Barbara Young, Brent Ferguson, or Karilyn Pittman.

### **Webpage Administrator**

We would also like to recognize Barbara Young, our new website administrator, who has been working diligently to enhance the Cardinal Virginians website and improve communication throughout our membership. She has been working closely with our former administrator, Kamal, to ensure a smooth transition.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Kamal for managing and maintaining the system over the past several years.

Please Stay tuned for the new look as Barbara will be sending out additional information as updates occur

Thanks! Hope to see you in July at Cozy Acres.  
All the best, Karilyn

## ***New Members***

Please welcome our New Members

Tink and Debby Reedy  
Roanoke VA

## **For Sale:**

Blue OX BX7335 Avanta 2 Tow Bar (10,000 lb.) 2 Inch Receiver and RVi Brake 2 RV flat tow braking system with remote. Kamal Rojiani (540) 239-0610

## **Care and Concerns**

Please keep Sharon Seaman in your thoughts and prayers this month. On June 1st she is scheduled to have Watchman heart implant surgery. This implant is to help prevent her from having another stroke. Pray for a successful surgery and a quick easy recovery. Also, pray from Timm as he nurses her back to good health.

If you know of someone I need to reach out to with a card please contact me by text at 540-270-7219 or email [fallenoakfarm@juno.com](mailto:fallenoakfarm@juno.com)

Betty Franklin  
Care and Concerns

## **Some good news**

Here is a celebration & picture for the newsletter.

Let us join Jim & Jeanette Harlow if Mineral, VA, in welcoming their second granddaughter, Madison James. She was born on Sunday, May 31st at 1:00 pm. Mother, father and baby Madison are doing well! A future FRVAer!



## **Your Cardinal Virginians Officers**

President- Gary Lambert  
Vice President – Bob Sonnessa  
Trail Boss-Bob Sonnessa  
Secretary- Donna Handy  
Treasurer- Brent Ferguson  
National Director- Bill Brown  
Care & Concerns- Betty Franklin  
Webmaster Administrator- Barbara Young  
Newsletter Editor- Sarah Bishop  
Facebook Administrator- Sherry Sonnessa and Karilyn Pittman  
Past President- Baynard Barton

### **Sarah's Note**

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](mailto: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 June newsletter, I need it by May 25) This ensures 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.**

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve the Cardinal Virginians as your newsletter editor

### **Newsletter Distribution**

Please remember that for legal reasons we send most of our communications through FRVA. Make sure you are on the FRVA mailing list to ensure that you continue to receive the newsletter and other important information from that source.

You can also check our website for the information or if necessary, we can put this newsletter in the mail.

*Sarah Bishop, editor*