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March Newsletter

From our President

Gary has asked me to tell everyone that he has been busy enjoying life and living up in Florida and will have something more next month. Remember to pay your dues. And we are looking forward to another great camping season.

Hosting a rally

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

There may still opportunities available for hosting or co-hosting if you are interested.

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

Hello CardinalVirginians,
Hope your new year is off to a great start. We are all looking forward to the commencement of our planned Rally's!!! Here is an update on a couple of important items for you all to be aware of

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 if you have planned or are thinking of planning a Rally to let me know so I can update our calendar and the wonderful board that Baynard made to keep us organize

3. I also need to get an idea of the number of coaches who are interested in joining with the Penn Coachmen for their September rally at the Pocono Race way(we will be staying in the infield where the drivers stay during nascar events with FULL hook ups) This event is scheduled for September 11 - 14 with the ability to arrive early on the 9th for those interested. We currently have 7 coaches who have expressed a desire to go.

For those of you who are interested in making it a 2 day travel TO AND FROM the event, Brent has found some space at Candy Hill Campground in Winchester so we do not have to make the journey all in one day. At this time we are looking to get a NUMBER of those interested in going so we can get a better group rate at Candy Hill. We would arrive on September 8th for 1 night and then head to the race way on the 9th. We will stay there on the way home also on September 14th. But as you all know, RV spots fill up quickly so I would hate to miss out on a great opportunity.

We will be getting additional information as to the group as soon as it becomes available

4. PLEASE let me know via, text (540)230-2431, email at ssonessa@comcast.net or just call me. We need to get a number to the host ASAP preferably early February

5. Last but not least, those that attended the Christmas dinner will remember I talked about gathering additional information about a "Group Texting System" with the hopes of making our communication easier. After several calls with the Penn Coachmen staff they have strongly recommended that we look into a "on-line Directory". For those of us that are members of Penn, it is really easy to use and has multiple uses to make group and rally communications MUCH easier than having Baynard send things out individually to each member of our group and also a place to have all of membership information easily available to the group.

So, I will be working with a small group of our members to view the system and bring back information so we can discuss Pros and Cons. I will be making a presentation and providing more information during our First Rally at Madison Vines , April 29 - May 3 so that we can decide if the on line directory is something we would like to move forward with.

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 Barton's	Jellystone RV Resort Natural Bridge Station	16 Recreation Ln, Natural Bridge Station Va 24579 540-291-2727
June 25-28	Compters and Handys	KOA of Wytheville, Virginia	231 KOA Rd Wytheville Va 24382 276-228-2601
July 23-26	Pitmans and Petersons	Cozy Acres Campground	2177 B Ridge Rd Powhatan Va 804-598-2470 www.cozyacres.com
August 10-14	Joined 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 11-15 Early arrivals Sept. 9	Joint Rally with Penn Coachman group.	Pocono Raceway	*contact Bob Sonessa 540-230-2431 ssonessa@comcast.net
October	OPEN		
November	OPEN		

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 are new to the Cardinal Virginians, but we 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. That’s way more than we’ll need, but better too many than too few sites. (I didn’t ask for that many – they volunteered it). These are all premium big-rig sites, some pull-throughs and some back-ins, but nothing that’s difficult to get in or out of. I booked Site L17 for Barbara and me, and added a day on the front end for us to setup. Tim & Donna will also come a day early, and they will be staying in L18. (see site map, attached)

Reservations are available now, and the block will be held until April 30. Rates are about \$80-82 per night (standard). They said they don’t usually discount for less than 25 RVs, but I’m negotiating with the owner about that. And of course, there’s always a 10% discount for KOA Rewards members – I don’t know how many of our group are also KOA members.

Meetings and group meals: They said we could use the pavilion at the upper part of the campground, but I think that’s too far for many of our folks to walk (and it’s a slight uphill). Either folks would have to rent a golf car or we’d have to ferry people back and forth, which would be a pain. I asked if we could just do the popup shelter thing like we did at Stuarts Draft, and they were okay with that. We would set up between the back-in sites (L17 – L22) and the pond. They could even move some extra tables and a fire ring there to accommodate us. We’ll just have to pray for good weather!

Let me know your thoughts/questions/suggestions about this. Are we on the right track? If not, please let me know ASAP.

Larry & Barbara Compter

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

Hope all is well and you all are staying warm!!

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 August 9 - 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 Sonnessa, Cell 540-230-2431 or email ssonnessa@comcast.net

Bob Sonessa, VP/Trail Boss

Horne	Steve & Mona		567 Saint James Rd	Chilhowie	VA	24319
Hm #	(276)759-6007		F549008	3-Jul	Steve	
Steve	(276)759-6007	psalmskiv@gmail.com		17-Apr	Mona	
Mona		-		20-Nov	Anniversary	
Jones	Feliza P.		6500 Newell Lane	Spotsylvania	VA	22551
Hm #			F27524	5-Nov	Feliza	
Feliza	(540)538-5173	jonesfeliza115@yahoo.com				
		-			CHARTER MEMBER	
Kates	Leon & JoAnne		4329 Cub Run Rd	Chantilly	VA	20151
Hm #			F522734	20-Oct	Leon	
Leon	(202)750-9239	seadog2997@gmail.com		5-Nov	JoAnne	
JoAnne	(703)919-7187	joannekates13@gmail.com		1-May	Anniversary	
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Kane	Ken & Ellen		13310 Brookcrest CT	Fredericksburg	VA	22407
Hm #			F286163	2-Dec	Ken	
Ken	(757)635-8281	kennethharoldkane@gmail.com		8-Jan	Ellen	
Ellen	(757)350-5422	ellenkane61@gmail.com		20-Apr	Anniversary	
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Koch	Michael and Susan		3285 Arrowhead Rd.	Rockingham	VA	22801
Hm #	(540)966-2147		F483371	9-Feb	Mike	
Mike	(540)421-2880	mallardrv@outlook.com		30-Mar	Sue	
Sue	(540)421-3071	shkoch1977@outlook.com		2-Jul	Anniversary	
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Lambert	Gary & Jane		453 Stayman Rd	Roanoke	VA	24019
Hm #	(540)966-2147		F482546	16-Mar	Gary	
Gary	(540)354-1963	sazzmo@outlook.com		28-Jun	Jane	
Jane	(540)314-4548	gsgirl324@lumos.net		24-Mar	Anniversary	
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Malloy	Michael & Esther		7377 Apple Ridge Drive	Timberville	VA	22853
Hm #	(540)896-2672		F1681-S3	2-May	Michael	
Michael	(540)908-8404	memalloy32@gmail.com		9-Feb	Esther	
Esther		-		20-Jun	Anniversary	
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Miller	Steve & Jeanie		320 North Church Drive	Hardy	VA	24101
Hm #	(540)721-0336		F499290	9-Mar	Steve	
Steve	(540)520-4028	smiller801@embarqmail.com		16-Jan	Jeanie	
Jeanie		jeaniemiller1@embarqmail.com		20-Jun	Anniversary	
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Monroe	Rex & Betty Franklin		8843 Monumental Mills Rd	Rixeyville	VA	22737
Hm #			F113600	5-Apr	Rex	
Rex	(540)270-3580	fallenoakfarm@juno.com		28-Jan	Betty	
Betty	(540)270-7219	-		27-Jun	Anniversary	
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Morton	Ray & Karen		393 Limetown Church Rd	Bentonville	VA	22610
Hm #	(540)914-7887		F545447	15-Jan	Ray	
Ray	(540)914-7887	ramorton2002@yahoo.com		21-Mar	Karen	
Karen	(540)914-7888	Peanut_3_1998@yahoo.com		16-Oct	Anniversary	
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Olah	Stanley & Sandra Evans		64 Red Apple Orchard Ln	Shipman	VA	22971
Hm #			F544293	21-May	Stan	
Stan	(434)989-3644	sola123@aol.com		12-Aug	Sandra	
Sandra		evanssg@comcast.net		28-Apr	Anniversary	
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Peterson	Larry & Michelle		719 Oak Grove Drive	Mineral	VA	23117
Hm #	(301)639-9717		F556375	7-Oct	Larry	
Larry		skilap1967@gmail.com		22-Dec	Michelle	
Michelle		shell2is67@gmail.com		17-Sep	Anniversary	
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Pillis	Dave & Beckie		5525 South Village Drive	Roanoke	VA	24018
Hm #	(540)772-0180		F429456	14-Apr	Dave	
Dave	(540)815-9505	Dpillis@AOL.com		7-Feb	Beckie	
Beckie		BSPillis@AOL.com		12-Aug	Anniversary	
Pittman	Mark & Karilyn		120 Campbell Lane	Mineral	VA	23117
Hm #			F477802	5-Nov	Mark	
Mark	(540)661-9406	mp23117@gmail.com		6-Dec	Karilyn	
Karilyn	(703)472-5975	karilypittman@gmail.com		11-Oct	Anniversary	
Rapp	Brian & Linda		131 Holly Court	Mineral	VA	23117
Hm #	(301)418-1087		F558361	26-Apr	Brian	
Brian	(301)418-0258	rappenb@comcast.net		4-Oct	Linda	
Linda				16-Mar	Anniversary	
Robbins	Bill & Brenda		222 Pueblo Trail	Edenton	NC	27932
Hm #			F480758	10-Jun	Bill	
Bill	(252)337-4439	william.robbins1129@gmail.com		10-Jul	Brenda	
Brenda		robbinsranch@embarqmail.com		29-Nov	Anniversary	
Rojiani	Kamal & Linda Tang		340 Walters Drive	Christiansburg	VA	24073
Hm #			F423108	22-Oct	Kamal	
Kamal	(540)239-0610	krojiani@gmail.com		1-Jul	Linda	
Linda	(757)561-4136	lztang2@gmail.com				
Schoepf	John & Rhoda		229 Halespoint Drive	Moneta	VA	24121
Hm #	(540)721-4327		F232737	15-Sep	John	
John	(540)682-4912	johns34902@aol.com		31-Mar	Rhoda	
Rhoda	(540)580-7589	rhodaklws@gmail.com		9-Sep	Anniversary	
Seaman	Timothy & Sharon		53 Santo Court	Roanoke	VA	24019
Hm #	(540)591-3527		F433179	11-Nov	Timothy	
Timothy	(540)679-9052	tseaman24@gmail.com		24-Sep	Sharon	
Sharon				24-Jun	Anniversary	
Slingerland	John & Peggy		1019 Lancaster Rd	Galax	VA	24333
Hm #	(276)238-3038		F496499	7-Dec	John	
John	(980)721-8614	jbsling@gmail.com		1-Sep	Peggy	
Peggy	(704)564-5266	paashon3@gmail.com		17-May	Anniversary	
Sonnessa	Robert & Sherry		6170 Centennial Rd	Blacksburg	VA	24060
Hm #			F476624	28-Sep	Bob	
Bob	(540) 230-2431	ssonnessa@comcast.net		25-Jun	Sherry	
Sherry	(703) 927-7603	sherry625@comcast.net		15-Feb	Anniv.	
Strong	Neil & Debbie Robbins		68 N. Pointe Lane	Moneta	VA	24121
Hm #			F436490	20-Feb	Neil	
Neil	(540)420-0108	neilstrong@aol.com		10-Mar	Debbie	
Debbie		darlakeagent@gmail.com		5-Jan	Anniversary	
Tasselmyer	John & Sue Ann		1326 S Shore Rd	Hadley	NY	12835
Hm #			F523706	12-Apr	John	
John	(845)656-9972	cabintass8@gmail.com		15-Aug	Sue Ann	
Sue Ann	(845)656-9972	rideevol@gmail.com			Anniversary	
Welch/Gra	Leroy (Lee) & Jane		760 Elmwood Dr.	Harrisonburg	VA	22801
Hm #			F541510	23-Aug	Les	
Les	(540) 421-3355	pedal.va@gmail.com		28-Oct	Jane	
Jane	(540) 729-9091	ecbaes@gmail.com		4-Jul	Anniversary	
Womack	Chap & Joy		P.O. Box 236	Shenandoah	VA	22849
Hm #			F500316		Chap	
Chap	(5404) 421-9077	ibmtnguy@yahoo.com			Joy	

	Joy	(434) 242-7596	jburtowomack@yahoo.com		19-Jun	Anniversary
Young	Paul & Barbara		777 Jasper Wood Rd	Hurt	VA	
Hm #	(802)343-5101		F442990	28-Nov	Paul	
Paul	(802) 343-5101			1-Jun	Barbara	
Barbara	(802) 343-5101	barbara28young@gmail.com		6-Jun	Anniversary	



Care an Concerns:

Let's keep Bill Brown in our prayers as he underwent left hip replacement on February 16th. Due to some complications associated with anesthesia, his outpatient therapy will not begin until the first week of March. As a result, his recovery is expected to take several months. Bill reports that he is slowly regaining mobility and tentatively is planning that he and Donna will be able to join us at our April rally at Madison Vines. Additionally, he requests that you pray for God to strengthen Donna as she cares for him during this time of healing.

We need to keep Jay Doucette in our thoughts and prayers as he is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on March 3rd. Let's pray for a successful surgery and a quick recovery. Also, remember Susan as she helps him through the recovery process.

UPDATE on Jay's surgery: Surgery went well but he had to spend an extra night in the hospital. Physical therapy will start immediately. Praying for a quick recovery, Jay!

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

Betty Franklin

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***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 April newsletter I need it by March 25) This insures that I have plenty of time to make sure I include it.**

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