November Newsletter

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Presidents Note:

Hello Cardinal Virginians,

As many of you have heard we lost a valued member, friend and president with the passing of Gary Lambert. Gary truly was an incredible member and embodied the true spirit of our Cardinal Virginians Group. Please continue to keep Jane in your thoughts and prayers as she adjusts to this unfortunate situation. We appreciate the assistance members have provided in getting their coach service ready and ready to sell. We know this has made a significant impact on Jane. Gary may be gone but his leadership and friendship will remain with us all.

We recently held an executive meeting, and it was agreed that I would step into the Presidents position for the remaining of the term. I am honored and humbled to accept the position and will hopefully be able to somehow fill the role that Gary left. I am sure I will make some mistakes, but rest assured we have an awesome executive team that will keep me in line and on my toes. The executive team consists of Brent Ferguson, Bill Brown, and Barbara Young. They are committed to making my transition as smooth and seamless as possible and I appreciate their support and encouragement. I will also rely on as usual Baynard for his wisdom and expertise with this position.

With my transition to the President position, it will leave the Vice-President/Trail Boss vacant. Barbara has organized and identified Baynard Barton, Karilyn Pittman and Mona Ferguson who have volunteered to be our Nominating Committee members who will assist in identifying potential members who may be interested in the position. We appreciate their assistance with this particularly important task.

As we look back on this season, we have had the opportunity to have some great rallies that have continued to allow us to make memories and grow our membership. We have been blessed with safe travel and clear weather. We now can continue our adventures in the scheduling of new rallies in 2027. We already have several trips planned and are looking to get some additional months filled. You do not have to plan alone so reach out to other members to help.

Our last event of the year will be our Christmas Dinner which will be held on December 12 at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Roanoke starting at 1pm. Mona and Brent are heading this event up so please make sure you call or message them and let them know if you can attend to ensure our room is big enough to accommodate us. Also, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for Feeding SWVA food bank as we have in the past. This year we will also be accepting donations for Northview Methodist Church in memory of Gary Lambert. If you are unable to attend the dinner, please feel free to send Brent a check and designate for the Church.

I look forward to the upcoming events we have planned for our group. If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to email me at ssonnessa@comcast.net or call me 540-230-2431.

Safe travels in November and enjoy the Thanksgiving Holidays!!

Bob Sonnessa

Chapter President

Hosting a rally:

1. Please email or contact Bob Sonnessa, 540-230-2431 or via email ssonnessa@comcast.net if you would like additional information on hosting a rally.
2. Remember it is no fun having our Campers sit unused.

Hello to all Cardinal Virginians,

Great News! Our July 2027 rally is again going to be at Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, VA, Hosted by Dave and Mary LeClaire, and Baynard and Sherree Barton, July 13 thru 18. You will be arriving on Tuesday before the festival begins on Friday. Then departing on Sunday unless you want to stay an extra day to be there through the end of the festival.

We now have ONLY ONE SITE REMAINING! at Camp Burson, Hungry Mother State Park, during the annual Arts & Crafts Festival. The ONLY SITE REMAINING is Electric and Water only, #46(48ft), (back in) near the Cardinal tent site The E/W only sites are $37/night +$5 fee + tax = $199.81 for the 5 nightsThe Cardinal Virginian's tents will be set up at E/W site #43 I also will have a 30 gallon HONEY WAGON TANK AVAILABLE at site 43 if needed TO EMPTY YOUR HOLDING TANKS. The Dump site is nearby. No need to move your coach to empty.

The full price for the sites for this rally is now on my credit card so if you are interested please let me know (276-223-2797) Phone, text, or bbarton@appleshackcrafts.com, to choose your site, and send payment ASAP so I can pay the card balance when it comes due.
Thanks,
Baynard

From Our Trail Boss

1. Let us get ready for Rally Season 2027 by thinking of places to go and meet for a Rally.
2. We already have some tentative dates for 2027, and you will receive more information as it comes available.
3. **Please make sure to email me regarding ALL Rally scheduling so I may track and communicate appropriately to the group.**
4. **Remember it's easier to reserve and then cancel instead of not reserving at all. This way you will be near our group.**
5. **PLEASE** make sure you check your email as we communicate using the online directory to keep everyone informed of upcoming events for our organizations.
6. Remember you **CANNOT** respond directly to the online announcements, but you can email the sender of the announcement directly.
7. If you have any questions or issues with the online directory, please reach out to me.

Upcoming Rallies

Dates	Host	Location	Contact information
December 12, 2026	Christmas Dinner	Golden Corral Roanoke, Va	Brent Ferguson 540-355-1841

Dates	Hosts	Location	Contact information
March 18 – 21, 2027	FRVA	Perry Georgia	Online registration www.frva.com
April 21 – 25, 2027	Harlow's and Sonnessa'	Madison Vines, Ruckersville, Va Sites 305, 307,308, 309, 310, 312, 313, 316, 317, 318	Madison Vines – 540-948-4186. Host sites are 311 & 315 so we can put the tents up in the middle
May	Open		
June 24-27, 2027	Bishops and Fergusons	Mayberry Campground Mt. Airy, NC	Contact campground to make reservations 336-789-6199
July 14 – 18, 2027	Bartons & LeClaire	Hungry Mother State Park. (Baynard has reserved and paid for the sites in order to reserve them)	**Please contact Baynard ASAP to select site and make payment. Cell is 276-223-2797**
August	Open		
September 2027	Coopers and Kanes	TBD	TBD
October 5, 2027	2027 Greater Eastern Area Rally	West VA Fairgrounds, Lewisburg, WVA	More information https://www.frva-ea.com/category/area/area -rallies/gear-2027
December 2027		TBD	Cardinal Virginians Christmas Dinner

A Note from the Secretary

There will be a Business Meeting at the Christmas Party on December 12, 2026, 1:00pm. There are some important business matters that need to be discussed and voted on by the membership.

1. Election of a new Vice President/Trail Boss
2. Approval of the new By-Laws & SOG's
3. 2026 Donations to charity
4. Formulation of an Audit Committee.

You will receive a separate email containing: Agenda, ballot for the open officer position, copies of the Proposed Chapter Bylaw's and SOG's, & a way to connect to the meeting electronically if you cannot attend the meeting.

Hope to see everyone there,

Barb

From your Treasurer:

- It's time for 2027 membership dues...please get these submitted before January 31st...
- Please discard any older membership forms that mention name badge fees as we are waiving these and providing for free for any new members...
- I'm also asking folks to let me know if they're planning on attending our Christmas luncheon in December.
- We'll be accepting food donations for Feeding America, SWVA as well as monetary donations for Gary's church at the Christmas luncheon.

Thank you,

Brent Ferguson
Treasurer

Care and concerns

Please continue to pray for Jane as she navigates through this difficult time of loss.

Also pray for continued healing for John Cooper as he had hand surgery a couple weeks ago. He is doing good and healing is coming along well.

Betty has provided us with an update on Feliza as follows:

Please remember to keep our dear Feliza in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to deal with her journey through her cancer diagnosis. She has good days and bad days dealing with pain and sleep issues. Let's also lift up her daughter Gail who attends her appointments and has been such a blessing for Feliza.

Birthday's for November:
Feliza Jones - 5th.
Joanne Kates - 5th.
Mark Pittman - 5th.
Timm Seaman - 11th
Paul Young - 28th
Denny Bird - 29th

Anniversaries for November
Compter - 19th
Horn - 20th
Barton - 24th
Robins - 29th

If you have and concerns to share with the group please contact me.

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Your Cardinal Virginians Officers

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Sarah's Note

If you have anything you would like included in future newsletters, please send it to me. . You can email me, go 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.**

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

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Sarah Bishop, editor