



October Newsletter
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Presidents Note:

Hello Cardinal Virginians and welcome fall. It is about time we get some relief from the heat, sorry for you that like the heat. Well, our trip to Pocono Raceway and camping with the PennCoachmen was really enjoyable for everyone of the 11 rigs we had from the Cardinals. Everyone had a great time, met a lot of nice people from the Penn Coachmen chapter, ate a lot of good food, provided by the raceway cafeteria. Many of us either road in a race car with a driver or drove a race car ourselves around the track at speeds up to 160 – 170 MPH. Boy that was fun!! On our last day there, we all got to take our personal cars out onto the track and drive around following a track employee. Our speeds did not compare to the ones above but it was still fun. There was also a lot of things to do and see in the area.

Well, it looks like our year is winding down. Boy this year has gone by fast. We still have a non- hosted rally in October and our annual Christmas party/luncheon in December coming up. Remember to let Gary know of you are going to attend the luncheon on December 12th at 1:00 at Golden Coral in Roanoke. Please bring a can good or two to help out Feeding America and the people in need.

Our chapter now has a couple of new officers, Secretary and Webmaster Barbara Young and a new Care and Concerns person Mona Ferguson. Be sure to let Mona know of anyone in our chapter that is having any medical/health issues so she can reach out to them. We want to thank Donna Handy and Betty Franklin for their work in the past.

Gary Lambert
Chapter President

Hosting a rally

1. We have finished our planned Rallies for 2026, THANKS to everyone who hosted and participated in the events. We had Great times and made lots of memories. Looking forward to our 2027 Schedule
2. Please make sure you email me or call to let me know about any upcoming Rallies so I can track and include them in the newsletter
3. Please remember to contact Gary to let him know you will be attending the Christmas Dinner. His number is

Upcoming Rallies

Dates	Host	Location	Contact information
December 12, 2026	Christmas Dinner	Golden Corral Roanoke, Va	Gary Lambert 540-354-1963
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	Open		
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	Handy's and Coopers	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

From our Trail Boss, Bob Sonnessa

1. Let's continue to work on planning for our 2027 Rallies. We already have some dates that are listed below.
2. **PLEASE call and reserve your spots as soon as possible, EVEN if you have to cancel prior to the date. This way you will be near the rest of the group.**
3. REMEMBER to check your emails as we are using the ON line Directory to send out notices.

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.

I have already reserved and paid for 15 sites at Camp Burson, Hungry Mother State Park, during the annual Arts & Crafts Festival. This Festival has been held for over 50 years now, and usually has over 100 vendors, with food, crafts, and entertainment for 3 days, along with special evening happenings in downtown Marion.

You will be arriving on Tuesday, July 13, to enjoy the park before the Festival begins on Friday. Then departing on Sunday, July 18, 2024 unless you would like to add another day and stay through Sunday, the end of the Festival, and depart on Monday, July 19.

Only 4 Electric and Water only sites are still available. They are: #49 (50ft pull thru site) and #44(42ft), #46(48ft), #37(40ft) (back in sites,) all these are near the Cardinal tent site. The E/W only sites are \$37/night +\$5 fee + tax = \$199.81 for the 5 nights. The 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

September Rally Write-up

I was asked to recap the Penn Coachmen/Cardinal VA Pocono Racetrack September Rally and send it to you for the newsletter. Here you go:

9 Cardinal Virginian families joined together with the Penn Coachmen for their Rally at The Pocono Racetrack. This has been a regular event for the Penn Coachmen and is a great, unique rally. It was a week of fun, adventures, stock car racing, meeting new & old friends and great meals. The Barton's, Cooper's, Ferguson's (Brent & Mona), Kane's, Lambert's, Pittman's, Robbin's, Sonnessa's and the Young's all attended. Most of the group broke up the trip there and back with a quick overnight stop at Candy Hill in Winchester, VA. Many members went out to dinner while in Winchester at I J Cann's. They met up with previous members David & Joyce Martin. David presented "the pink sewer pink" to Bob and Sherry....as you can see Bob was rocking the pigs hairstyle!

Wednesday and Thursday were pre rally days so our members went out exploring in the local Pocono area. Wineries, restaurants and even The World's Largest General Store were visited by many. Once the official rally started on Friday, we all wore our patriotic shirts and remembered those we lost on 9-11. The coffee station was open everyday from 7:30-9:00 am followed by hot dog daze from 11:30-1:00 daily. Each day featured a craft with our very own Ellen Kane teaching folks to make an American Flag out of a cutting board! Friday night was Bingo. Each person brought a wrapped \$10 gift as prizes. There were plenty of winners but only 2 "non winners" otherwise known as "losers (Mark P and Ellen K).

Saturday was the Stock Car Racing Experience. For an additional fee you could sign up to drive a Stock Car on the track or even do a ride along with a professional driver. John C and Mark P, drove and reached speeds of 160 mph. Brent F, Gary L, and Paul Y completed ride alongs going even faster. Mary Bach from AARP put on a seminar in the afternoon called "Scams All Around Us. It was great information to prevent all of us from getting scammed. Saturday evening we were able to watch the "Night Lights Lantern Festival" that was being held on the racetrack grounds. People buy tickets to this event to release lanterns in honor of someone they have lost. There was live music, food trucks and a beautiful lantern release. We were able to hear the live music during our Cardinal VA potluck and got to view the lantern release all from the comfort of our host site.

Sunday included a catered breakfast at the track cafe, followed by hot dog daze and a very informative seminar about what goes on behind the scenes during the race week. The Penn Coachmen annual membership meeting was held Sunday night with the election of their new officers.

Monday morning saw the addition of fantastic donuts at the coffee station. We were then allowed to drive our personal vehicles on the "Tricky Triangle" which is the nickname for the Poconos Racetrack. We got to take some group photos at the finish line and in the winners circle. Lunch was Hoagies in the track cafe as well as the Bean Bag Baseball Tournament in the afternoon. The Cardinal Virginians who participated had a great time and met new friends, however they did not take home the gold! A catered lasagne dinner wrapped up the night back at the track cafe. It was very nice not having to cook meals on the last day which allowed most of us to be packed up for a Tuesday morning departure. There was a final evening gathering around the firepit with great campfire stories shared.

Overall this is a great rally that was enjoyed by all in attendance. If you ever get a chance to participate try and go on this one as you will not regret it. Although it is a little tight getting into the campground under the tunnel!



Report from the Secretary

Good day Cardinal Virginians, as we move into fall, I hope all of you are still enjoying the camping season. Just a quick note to say HELLO to all of you, those I have met and those I hope to soon. I am looking forward to being your secretary and assisting all of you with any needs you may have with your FRVA Dashboard or communication. Please reach out if you need my assistance. Also, a reminder to make sure that your Online Directory information is up to date, especially your email, as that is how we are going to communicate in the future.

Update: New Chapter By-laws and Standing Rules have been sent to FRVA for approval. Once they come back to us, approved by national, we will call a meeting for the membership to ask questions and vote.

Happy Fall, Barbara

Still for sale:

2025 32-foot Coachmen Class C motorhome; only 3800 miles; excellent condition with many extra options. Like new condition. Almost \$40,000 under bluebook. Sell for \$80,000OBO due to wife's health. contact Timm Seaman at tseaman24@gmail.com or 540-679-9052 for info and photos

From your Treasurer:

- It's time for 2027 membership dues...please get these submitted before January 31st...
- The forms used by hosts to record expenses for food during a rally no longer need to be submitted. Please continue to add up your expenses and split between the number of campers present as usual. This decision was discussed and made by the executive committee...
- Please discard any older membership forms that mention name badge fees as we are waiving these and providing for free for any new members...

On a personal note, Mona, myself, Bob and Sherry would like to thank everyone that attended the Poconos rally for their participation and support. We had a great time and hope everyone else did as well. Looking forward to an event filled 2027.

Thank you,

Brent Ferguson
Treasurer

Care and Concerns

Hello, my name is Mona Ferguson and I wanted to let everyone know that I have taken over the "Care and Concerns" role from Betty Franklin. Please contact me, going forward, either by phone or email if you have any cares and or concerns you would like to share with our group.

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October Birthdays:

Linda Rapp - 4th
Larry Peterson - 7th
Leon Kates - 20th

October Anniversaries:

Mark & Karilyn Pittman - 17th

A Sad Note

Our beloved president Gary Lambert passed away on October 4. We have lost a great friend and camping companion. Please keep Jane and the rest of his family in your prayers.

Let's honor Gary's memory by continuing to travel and camp together.

Life is an adventure. Never waste a single day.

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