



September Newsletter

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Presidents Note:

Well Fellow Cardinal Virginians, we made it back from Alaska all in one piece. But as for the Illness that is another question. After getting back home, I came down with a mild case of COVID, got over it but still have the congestion and cough. Then after that Jane got the congestion and cough but wouldn't go to the doctor.

Finally, she went and found out she had Pneumonia so off to the hospital we go. She is getting better and will be home by the time this reaches everyone.

Our trip to Alaska was great. We had a really good time saw a lot of things and places. We did not realize that Juneau, the capital of Alaska, does not have any roads. The only way in or out is by sea plane or boat, so we did not see much of it.

Our new chapter By-laws and Standing Rules have been rewritten in the correct format per FRVA, by Barbara Young and have been gone over by the executive committee and approved. Now they have to be sent to FRVA and Eastern Area for their approval. A BIG thank you goes out to Barbara for all of her hard work in getting this done, thanks Barbara.

There is still one month remaining for a rally host/s October. If anyone wants to step up and do this one, please let Bob Sonnessa our Trail Boss know.

One important thing we need to bring up and that is we need someone to take over the position of Care and Concerns. Betty Franklin is stepping down due to too much on her plate right now. So if you are interested, let me know.

Your Chapter President
Gary Lambert

Hosting a rally

1. We are down to our last Rally scheduled, jointly with Penn Coachmen to the Pocono Race way in September.
2. 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
3. Remember it's no fun having our Campers sit unused.

From our trail boss, Bob Sonnessa

1. Let's 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. It has been great to see the number of members who have loaded their pictures on the On-Line Directory, many members are seeing the benefits of this application.
5. **PLEASE** make sure you check your email as we can communicate using the online directory and 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.

2026/2027 Rally Schedule

Dates	Host	Location	Contact information
September 11-14 2026 Early arrivals Sept. 9	Joint Rally with Penn Coachman group.	Pocono Raceway 1234 Long Pond Road Long Pond, PA	Go to www.Penncoachmen.org to register
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

July 2027 Rally

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.

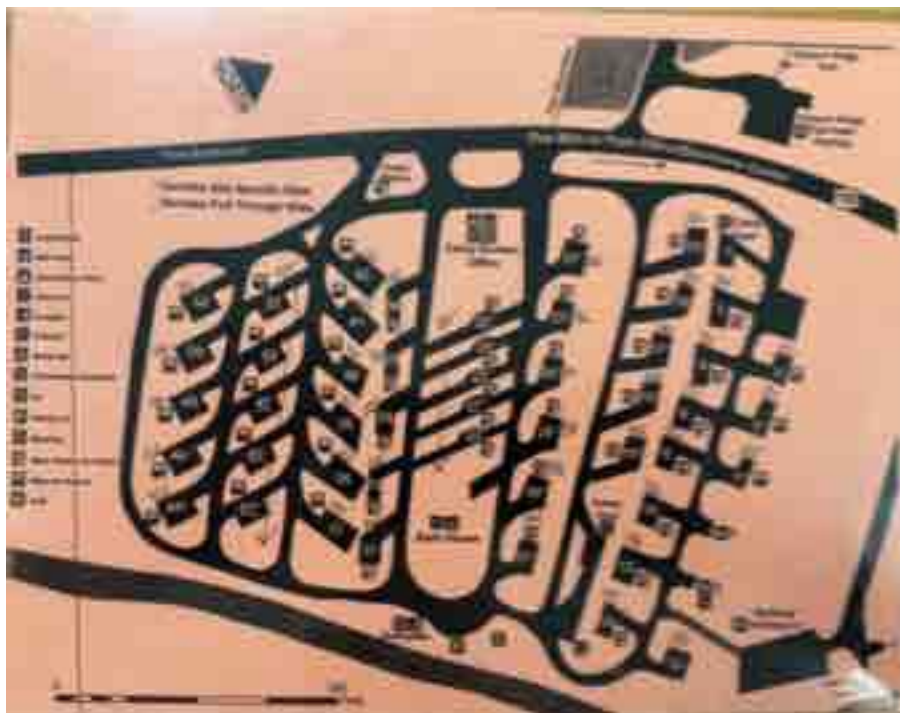
You will be arriving on Tuesday, July 13, to enjoy the park before the Festival begins on Friday. Then departing on Sunday, July 18, 2024 unless you would like to add another day and stay through Sunday, the end of the Festival, and depart on Monday, July 19.

The 7 FHU sites, SORRY ALL THE FHU SITES THAT I RENTED HAVE NOW BEEN SPOKEN FOR. You may be able to find one yourself at RESERVEVAPARKS.COM 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
(Campground Map below)



August, 2026, Rally in Luray

In August, several of the Cardinal Virginians enjoyed a shared rally with the Dogwood FRVA chapter and Penn Coachmen FRVA chapter at the beautiful Spacious Skies Shenandoah Views RV Resort in Luray, VA. The Cardinal Virginians attending the rally were the Sonnessas, the Compters, the Coopers, and the Pittmans. The rally was co-hosted by Jean and Ed Herbert of the Dogwoods, and Phyllis and Eric Britz of the Penn Coachmen.

Upon arrival on Monday, the entire group enjoyed a heavy appetizer potluck dinner followed by a program from a guest speaker. The program was presented by Sara Hebert, Assistant Site Manager and Educator, Virginia Museum of the Civil War, Virginia Military Institution New Market Battlefield State. She spoke about the battle that took place in New Market and the surrounding area. She shared how the cadets from VMI, marched 77 miles to support the troops.

Tuesday started with a brunch prepared by our co-hosts. The day was unscheduled and we had the chance to explore the area. In the afternoon, we were treated to root beer floats from the co-hosts. Dinner was prepared by our co-hosts and consisted of hot dogs, baked beans and chips. Following dinner, the entire group was invited to enjoy a campfire. It was a beautiful night and a perfect setting for a campfire.

Wednesday offered the option to visit Luray Caverns, the Car and Carriage Museum, and the Shenandoah Heritage Village. Following our visit, some of us enjoyed the sun and pool. That evening we enjoyed a catered meal of fried chicken with all the trimmings. Following dinner, we gather at Mark's and Karilyn's coach to play "Catch Phrase". It offered us several laughs and lots of fun!

On Thursday, some of the group visited the Route 11 Potato Chip Factory. The rest of us had a visit from Ellen and Ken Kane along with Gus. That evening a Potluck "Bring a Salad" was our group dinner.

Friday morning after having a "Grab and Go" breakfast, it was time to head home. The Dogwoods and Penn Coachmen made us feel very welcomed the entire week! They are a friendly bunch and we look forward to future trips with them!



Secretary Report September 2026

Your officers had a Zoom meeting on August 21. Gary, Bob, Brent, and Donna attended, as Barbara reviewed our Chapter Standing Rules and By-Laws documents. These revisions will come before the membership soon. Our goal was to simplify these.

The new Website was discussed. Barbara has been working on this for months. We will need to fund this endeavor. Any ideas to raise funds are welcome.

Rallies have been well attended and the 2027 rally schedule is progressing. Please consider becoming a co-host! We proposed to drop the rally form.

Hosts will total costs and split among the participants. Hosts do not pay a rally fee.

We will need a new Caring and Concerns member as Betty will step down.

Donna will step down as Secretary and Barbara Young has agreed to take over as our new year begins October 1

Care and Concerns

I have not received any reports from anyone about any of our members so I hope no news is good news!

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

Betty Franklin

Your Cardinal Virginians Officers

President- Gary Lambert
Vice President/ Trail Boss- Bob Sonessa
Secretary- Donna Handy
Treasurer- Brent Ferguson
National Director- Bill Brown
Alternate National Director: Bill Robbins
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, 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.**

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

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Sarah Bishop, editor