Foothills Travelers Newsletter, August 2026

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Hello, Foothills Travelers!

This newsletter has several topics of importance so please take the time to read it thoroughly and let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. As always, if you have information that you would like to share with fellow chapter members please let me know and I'll include it in the next Newsletter or another chapter communication.

My intention has been to include a summary of information from the recent FRVA Governing Board Meeting in Sedalia, MO but the meeting minutes have yet to be distributed so I've decided to share other important information now. I'll share the Governing Board Meeting information with you later.

Upcoming Rallies and Travel:

- August 23-29, Old Mill Stream Campground at Dutch Wonderland, Lancaster, PA and the Pennsylvania Dutch Country
- October 6-9, Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC
- March 9-12, 2027, Creekfire RV Resort, Savannah, GA
- May 4-7, 2027, Willow Valley RV Resort, Rabun Gap, GA **NEW, SEE BELOW!**

October 6-9, Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC. This rally will be hosted by Larry and Patt Lawson and will also be Foothills Travelers' fall business meeting. For those that haven't been to Palmetto Cove, it's probably the least expensive yet most beautiful campground you'll find and it also boasts some of the best views. Call Palmetto Cove now at 864-836-6221 to book your reservation and be sure to mention you're with the Foothills Travelers rally. NOTE!! Do not book through the Palmetto Cove website! Larry also shares the following: *He and Patt will be arriving on October 5th and staying until the 11th and will be in site C-28. If you wish to arrive early and stay later just be sure to make those arrangements with Palmetto Cove. On Tuesday evening the 6th we will have an ice cream social held in the shelter and we'll spend time together*

and share stories by the campfire. Wednesday morning the 7th we will gather for our 'annual' pilgrimage to the Pumpkin Town Diner for breakfast. Wednesday evening, we have our second annual soup and salad dinner. Please bring enough soup/chili for yourself and two others. On Thursday morning the 8th we will have a breakfast of sausage, grits, and gravy as well as a selection of homemade breads and fruit preserves. Following breakfast, we will have our Fall Business Meeting including the election of officers for the 2027/2028 term. Dinner is on your own Thursday evening but we will have deserts followed by entertainment from the Jordon River Band SC. The band performs a blend of Blue Grass, Gospel, and Country music. On Friday morning the 9th we will have a coffee and pastry breakfast as we prepare for our travel home. Be sure to review my July 28th email with Larry's Newsletter about the rally, with details.

March 9-12, 2027, Creekfire RV Resort, Savannah, GA Hosted by Daryl and Rose Cook, this rally promises to be a great one at a beautiful resort campground in one of the most beautiful cities in the south. You will notice that this rally is scheduled for the week before FRVA's International Rally in Perry, GA on March 17-20, 2027. We suspect many folks will stay a little longer in Savannah or arrive in Perry a few days early. Book your reservations now by contacting Creekfire RV Resort at 912-897-2855 and be sure to mention the Foothills Travelers rally. Rose and Daryl will be following up with additional information as it becomes available but be sure to put these dates on your calendars now! Click here for the Creekfire RV Resort's website.

May 4-7, 2027, Willow Valley RV Resort, Rabun Gap, GA **NEW!!** Hosted by Rick and Pam Spires, Rabun GAP is near Dillard and Clayton, GA and is only about an hour from Helen, GA. These mountains are as beautiful as the Georgia mountains get! This is an early announcement so the activities are still in the planning stages but Pam says we will definitely be celebrating Cinco de Mayo!! Willow Valley is holding a group of campsites for Foothills Travelers until the first of September so to make sure we all stay together, please contact them at 706-746-0078 and make your reservations now! If paying by credit card the first night is $80.76 and the remaining nights are $72.00 plus tax. If you pay by check all nights are $72.00 plus tax. A deposit of $80.76 will hold your reservation. You can also stay a few extra days before or after the rally for the rally price. Stay tuned for additional details! Click here for Willow Valley RV Resort's web site.

FRVA updated web sites. Work is continuing to progress on FRVA's new Member Portal! As mentioned previously, the new Member Portal is up and running and I strongly encourage you to login and look around if you have not already done so. All members must have their own unique login ID which is your email address. This portal will allow you to check and edit all your personal information with FRVA. During the summer, FRVA will launch its new public website which everyone will have access to. We have not seen a preview of the new website, but I understand it will be much easier to navigate and find the information everyone needs. Feel free to contact me if you have any issues signing in.

Welcome to our newest Foothills Travelers members, Dave and Beth Rathke of Landrum, SC! Dave and Beth are long-time campers and are very excited about joining Foothills Travelers. Dave is a retired airline pilot and Beth is a retired teacher. If membership continues like it's going we will be able to open Foothills Travelers Airlines soon! 😊 If you have any camping trips planned and would like some fellow campers, give Dave and Beth a call! Their contact information was included in the most recent member roster. See their pic below!

Remember, you can view all Foothills Travelers photos and shared documents by clicking here and selecting the folder you're interested in. Be sure to put future rallies on your calendars and contact the campgrounds for reservations soon. We know that many chapter members will be traveling to other destinations between now and our future rallies so please travel safe and enjoy our beautiful country. May God bless you all greatly!

Respectfully,

Dwellion

Welcome Our Newest Members!



Dave and Beth Rathke