Foothills Travelers Newsletter, November 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.

Our Fall Business Meeting and Rally was October 6-9 at Palmetto Cove in Cleveland, SC and we had strong attendance. Present were:

- Eleanor Allen
- Daryl and Rose Cook
- Bill and Laura Egeln
- Dwellion and Jacky Howard
- Larry and Patt Lawson (hosts)
- Chuck and Polly Mierke
- Mike and Doris Smalley
- John Spears
- Tom and Beth Boswell
- Don and Pat Crum
- Donnie and Ginny Hendrix
- Mike and Kathy Keith
- Caryl Mallory
- Dave and Beth Rathke
- Jerry Sneed and Sylvia Daves
- Guests Michael Jaynes and DebLee

Thanks to Larry and Patt Lawson for hosting this great rally that included two outdoor 'Movie Nights' where we watched two classics, *Support Your Local Sheriff* and *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. We even had popcorn!! We enjoyed a local country, bluegrass, and gospel band, The Green Grass Cutters, and breakfast at our local favorite, The Pumpkintown Café. The soup and chili supper, which highlighted our members' culinary skills, was outstanding and the biscuits and gravy breakfasts left everyone full and content. We finished our time together with a 50/50 raffle and 7 raffles for camping at Hideaway RV Resort in Myrtle Beach, KOA in Mount Pleasant, North Myrtle Beach RV Resort in Little River, Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach, Oak Plantation Campground in Johns Island, and Palmetto Cove RV Park in Cleveland. Thanks to Jerry Sneed, winner of the 50/50 raffle, who donated his winnings to the Foothills Travelers operations budget.

During our Fall Business Meeting we elected officers for the 2027-2028 term. Those officers are:

- Dwellion Howard, President
- Saunie Hall, Vice-President
- Kathy Keith, Treasurer
- Rose Cook, Secretary
- Mike Keith, National Director
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I have included a copy of the Minutes for the Business Meeting and encourage you to review that information. View pics of this rally by clicking here and selecting the 2026-10 Palmetto Cove Rally folder.

Upcoming Rallies, Travel, and Events:

- December 5, 2026, Christmas Luncheon at Jerry Sneed's Farm, Shelby, NC
- January 7-10, 2026, Greenville RV Show, Greenville Convention Center
- March 9-12, 2027, Creekfire RV Resort, Savannah, GA
- March 17-20, 2027, FRVA 114th International Convention & RV Expo, Perry, GA
- May 4-7, 2027, Willow Valley RV Resort, Rabun Gap, GA
- May 24-27, 2027, Willow Tree RV Resort, Longs, SC **HOST NEEDED!**
- July 20-23, Creekwood Farm RV Park, Waynesville, NC (Maggie Valley) **HOST NEEDED!**
- August 19-22, FRVA 115th International Convention & RV Expo, Shawnee, Oklahoma
- October 5-10, Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR), Lewisburg, WV
- October 19-22, Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC **HOST NEEDED!**
- March 16-19, 2028, FRVA 116th International Convention & RV Expo, Perry, GA

You will notice that 3 of the above rallies have a comment that a rally host is needed. Your board has secured advanced reservations at those sites but currently, no one has volunteered to be the host. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!** If you have never hosted a rally, we have folks who are willing to coach you through the process. There is no one way to host a rally and there is no right and wrong way to do it so please step up and let us know which rally you are willing to host.

December 5, Christmas Luncheon at Jerry Sneed's Farm, Shelby, NC

We will host a Foothills Travelers Christmas luncheon at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 5th, at Jerry Sneed's farm, 253 Dick Spangler Road in Shelby, NC. This is a beautiful property where both Jerry and his son Danny and family live. We will eat fresh smoked BBQ butt and smoked chicken prepared right on the farm by Jerry and Danny. Sides will be potato salad, baked beans, chips, bread and a homemade dessert. Since meat prices fluctuate, we can't determine the exact price per person until we get closer to the event date, but we expect it will be between $15 and $20 per person. While preparing for our luncheon, Jerry and Danny also offer to prepare a take-home smoked BBQ butt for individual members for around $25 to $30 each. These would be an excellent choice for family or holiday dinners, special events, etc. They can even be frozen and reheated for up to a year.

Many chapter members will make this a day trip to the farm. However, for those that live a little farther away or anyone who just wants to relax for a few days, there is a brand-new campground nearby. KOA's Broad River Campground, 120 Broad River Campground Rd. in Mooresboro, NC, is less than 30 minutes from the farm. Click here for the campground's website.

Jerry also mentioned that if your diesel Class A on a Freightliner chassis needs service, you can make an appointment with the Gaffney Service Center to have your coach serviced the week before or after the Christmas luncheon. The Gaffney Service Center is about 40 minutes from the farm and, as you probably know, the service center has sites with water, 30 and 50 amp electrical service, and a dump station for those servicing with them. The Gaffney Service Center's number is 855-253-0421 or click here for their website. Finally, Jerry has offered to allow us to dry camp at his farm. If you would like to do this, please contact Jerry directly, if you have not already done so, and let him know of your interest.

January 7-10, Greenville RV Show, Greenville Convention Center Foothills Travelers will again co-host the FRVA booth at the Greenville RV Show with members of the Over the Mountain and Dixie Traveliers chapters. We have currently staffed the show and look forward to meeting many potential new FRVA members. Click here for more information on the Greenville RV Show.

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.

March 17-20, 2027, FRVA International Convention & RV Expo, GA National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA Join hundreds of RVers for FRVA's 114th International Convention & RV Expo. You'll participate in activities throughout the multiple-day event that will have you grinning from ear to ear. Kick-start your RV season with a short trip learn something new, check out the latest RVs and shop for the accessories and services you need, enjoy terrific entertainment, and meet up with friends old and new. The "Hollywood On Wheels" convention is the perfect stopping point as you journey home from your snowbird state. The registration fee covers six nights of camping from March 15 to March 20. Click here to register on the FRVA website.

May 4-7, 2027, Willow Valley RV Resort, Rabun Gap, GA: 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!! Contact Willow Valley 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.

May 24-27, 2027, Willow Tree RV Resort, Longs, SC **THIS RALLY NEEDS A HOST VOLUNTEER! PLEASE CONTACT JACKY HOWARD.** We have rallied at Willow Tree RV Resort previously and it is a beautiful campground that is convenient to North Myrtle Beach, Little River, and Calabash, NC. There are tons of stuff to do and lots of great food close by so it's always a favorite.

Note! We realize that this date is only 2 weeks after Willow Valley in Rabun Gap but demand at Willow Tree is very high in the peak season (starting Memorial Day) with rates exceeding $100, and the kitchen/activities center cannot be reserved during peak season. We hope everyone can attend this rally! Click here for Willow Tree Resort's website.
July 20-23, Creekwood Farm RV Park, Waynesville, NC (Maggie Valley) **THIS RALLY NEEDS A HOST VOLUNTEER! PLEASE CONTACT JACKY HOWARD.** A beautiful campground in the mountains near the Blueridge Parkway, Maggie Valley, and Cherokee. Again, lots of things to do in this area. More information to come on this rally. Click Here for Creekwood Farm RV Park's website.

October 5-10, GEAR 2027, Lewisburg, WV FRVA members are invited to come together for exploration, connection, FUN, and a one-of-a-kind Gateway to the Mountains at Lewisburg WV. Mark your calendar to arrive on Tuesday afternoon, October 5, and depart on Sunday morning, October 10, 2027, at the West Virginia Fairgrounds in Lewisburg. The planning committee is coming together now, and we'd love enthusiastic volunteers to jump in, share ideas, take on tasks, and bring their unique talents to the adventure that is the Gateway to the Mountains. Please save this bookmark so you can stay connected and follow along as plans take shape: https://www.frva-ea.com/category/area/area-rallies/gear-2027/

October 19-22, Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC **THIS RALLY NEEDS A HOST VOLUNTEER! PLEASE CONTACT JACKY OR DWELLION HOWARD.** As usual, this will be the site of our Fall Business Meeting and with some luck the colors should be the colors should be nice. A beautiful campground with an amazing kitchen and covered outdoor recreational facility. Click here for Palmetto Cove's website. NOTE! Call the campground to make reservations.

Ginny Hendrix will assume the card ministry from Jacky effective immediately. Please join me in thanking Jacky for her dedication to this very important part of our chapter activities.

FRVA's Ambassador Program. Chapter members are FRVA's best advertisement and have that greatest opportunity for influencing other campers to join. Be on the lookout for further information about the Ambassador Program from FRVA or our very own National Director, Mike Keith.

Chapter dues are due for 2027 Just a reminder that our 2027 chapter dues of **$25** are due by January 1, 2027. For your convenience, you can pay your 2027 dues now by mailing your check to our Secretary, Kathy Keith, at 4 Wild Cherry Circle, Lyman, SC 29365. Or, if you use Zelle, you may send your $25 dues to Kathy at 864-525-4153. Finally, Kathy can take your cash at the Christmas luncheon at Jerry's farm on December 5th.

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 right away! 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,



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