

Hi OTM Friends

April 2026 Rally wrap-up, and other stuff!

We'll start with the rally and work into the "other stuff"

For those that could not make the rally April 21-24 at Spacious Skies in Gaffney SC, **YOU** were missed...**LOTS!**

We had a great group. Patty & Ken, Tina & Brian, Carroll & MaryJo, Mike & Brenda, David, and Nikki, Jill & David, Mike & Doris, Jenice & Jeff, Keith and Nancy, and Kelly and Stanley spent an afternoon and dinner as well as giving a great restaurant recommendation.

Spacious Skies campground was very accommodating, we had use of the club house that is well appointed with full kitchen, lots of tables and chairs! We were able to have full hook-up, long flat cement and blacktop pull-thru sites! With all that, we were off to a great start to the rally! Even with the burn ban on any fire with embers everyone was excited to kick off the camping season as over half the group arrived on Monday!

Gaffney is a very cute small town with lots to keep one busy and entertained. Starting with the Visitor Center, with a great historical exhibit of Gaffney's place during the Revolutionary War. A brand-new interactive museum that was opening Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>, BUT as Jeff, Jenice, Keith and I were at the visitor center a call was made to ask if our small group might be able to get a sneak peek! We strongly encourage everyone to take a trip back to Gaffney and tour the museum! IT IS AWESOME!!!

Tuesday night potluck was equally exciting and very delicious, Barbeque chicken cooked by Carroll and Keith, and the sides lord the sides were fantastic. There was not enough room on the plate for all the desserts, good thing we had extra plates!

Wednesday weather was perfect for a walk about Cowpens and Kings Mountain National historic battlegrounds, places that historians believe were turning points for the Southern British fighting and occupation during the Revolution. Shout out to Nikki for locating the only coffee and ice cream parlor in Gaffney for a perfect chocolate milk shake!

Thursday brought some of us a day of rest and catching up together and other more adventurous members, some shopping, more touring, exploring, bike riding and hiking! Dinner together in the club house and discussion on the "other stuff"

Friday morning good-bys and travel safely until we come together again in Emberglow May 19-22, 2026, in Mill Spring NC. Hess, Schrag, Jones, Cheek/Orford, Bradford, Smith, Pierce, and Grandys. **When I spoke with Nancy at Emberglow there are still sites left if you are interested!**

## Now for the “OTHER STUFF”

A **VERY special thanks to Jeff and Jenice** for accepting the nomination for OTM president position! Jeff might have the nomination, but this role is a team effort with our partners, and along with the VP and Secretary/Treasurer and especially all the OTM members. It takes us all to support the chapter together! Stepping up, taking on a small piece is what makes our chapter **AWESOME!**

### **Watch for more information on OTM's 2026-2028 officer voting process in the coming days!**

**For** those that are on Facebook Jeff put together a photo album on our OTM Facebook page titled members and their RV's. Great idea Jeff, this way when we get together (and forgotten names) you can look everyone up on our closed Facebook group!! Please take a look at the album and see Jeff & Jenice and Mike & Brenda. Post your photo with your names. If you need help with posting, reach out to Jeff [Bfc28906@gmail.com](mailto:Bfc28906@gmail.com) and he'll help!

**The** long-awaited chapter and member migration to the new FRVA electronic system has been completed. Please take a few minutes to login and review and ensure the dashboard page information is correct or if any edits are needed. If there is anything needing corrected let FRVA know.

**Keith** and I, along with Brian and Tina, will be traveling to Sedalia MO in July for the annual governing board meeting. As National Director I will have the honor of voting on the FRVA budget, By-law changes, if any, and other FRVA business matters. Once FRVA sends the material that will be presented to the governing board I will share for discussion and comment. My hope is to have details by our June rally. This is another area where you as members are important to share your thoughts and get involved in your FRVA organization.

**During** Tuesday dinner there was a discussion about how OTM pays for things like Perry National Conventions, Eastern Area Rally, and silent auctions or other expenses that come up since OTM doesn't have membership fees. The members in attendance voted to have a donation box set out at each rally and members could contribute anonymously. OTM will create a standing rule to cover use and accounting management, which will be shared with members.

### **2027 will be here before you know it!**

OTM needs your help planning where and when we come together in 2027 and we'd like to start something new in 2027!

**We're calling it spread the FUN!**

Looking for members to pick a month that works for their schedules and volunteer to be the host of that month's rally. So, what

does that mean. Well, sending emails to those signed up with things to do in the area, making reservations if the group decides to go out for a meal, asking for suggestions on potluck ideas. If you have questions let us know. Might want to team up with another member to **Spread The FUN!**

Some discussion around festivals: Checkout this link for 2026 happenings that we might be able to extrapolate dates for 2027.

<https://www.ncfestivals.com/events>

The following are suggestions gathered last week.

Virginia Creeper WV - biking & hiking

White water activities

History, Revolution, Civil War

Roanoke VA

Railroad peddle car- Andrews NC

Fiddlers, folk music gatherings,

May in Charleston and Savannah - committee formed if interested in helping contact

Jenice, Nikki, Jill

February for those that might be interested- Myrtle Beach hosts a Fish and Oyster festival; If you'd like more info, we could use a committee to explore???? Kelly and Stanley LOVE it

**Add your favorites and look at what members have shared and send your thoughts, make a call to campground for details and share with everyone for feedback**

**Travelers Rest SC**

**N. Greenville SC KOA**

**Four Paws Kingdom campground**

**River Walk RV Park**

### **Plumtree Campground**

Newland NC.

<https://plumtreecamping.com/>

### **Boone KOA**

Boone NC

<https://koa.com/campgrounds/boone/amenities/>

Rates: \$60/night approx.

### **Mayberry Campground**

Mt. Airy NC.

Rate: \$60 or \$55 for AAA, Good Sam or first responders.

<http://www.mayberrycampground.com/>

Maggie Valley

### **Pride RV Resort**

Rates: \$63-76/ night depending on site selected.

Great Amenities

<https://pridervresort.com/>

### **Cross Winds Family Campground**

Rates: \$61.80 night

Good Amenities

Linwood NC

<https://crosswindsfamilycampground.com/>

### **Greystone RV Park**

Directly across the street from Pilot Mountain

\$72/night

They only have 10 sites so we'd have to see if they'd allow us to book the whole campground.

nice gated campground.

### **Kentucky near Mammoth Cave**

#### **Singing Hills RV Park**

LOTS to do in the area.

Rates: 50 Amp are \$54/night

<https://singinghillssrvpark.com/>

## **NE Alabama**

### **Little River Campground**

have 8 pull thru sites (7 grouped by  
clubhouse)

clubhouse right next to sites (no rental fee)  
(little river canyon)

Sammer is the new owner 616-554-4077

<https://campatlittleriver.com/>

currently run about \$45/night deposit  
needed: first night's stay (refundable up till  
7 days)

