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A Message from our President

To All Cardinal Virginians,

As you all probably know, Sherree and I have traveled south to enjoy the warmer Florida weather this winter instead of the brisk temperatures at home. We are tucked into our campsite at Southern Palms RV resort in Eustis, FL, and expect to be back home around the end of February for the birth of our third grandchild during first week of March.

It has been a chilly Florida winter here so far, my shorts have been languishing in the drawer, and my sweatshirt has gotten more wear than I thought possible while here. Hopefully the weather will improve and we can experience the warmer temperatures that we came to Florida for.

It has been good to be able to share our time here with friends who have joined us, it seems that the experience of life is better shared with others.

We have been removing the Diamond Shield from the front of our motor home, while here in Florida. It has served its purpose and is starting to look bad. Removing it is a slow and tedious job and I must have looked so pitiful that I have even gotten some help as you can see. That is Rex Monroe and my wife Sherree working hard.



Yes, it won't be long until spring arrives, and we will all be camping together again. Be sure to check out the Rally Schedule below, and make your reservations now, so you are not left out of the fun, campgrounds will be filling up fast. Also, be sure to contact the rally host to let them know that you are going to attend, so they can plan accordingly. We are looking forward to getting together with everyone again this year. We never know what the future holds, each and every day is a gift, be sure to enjoy it.

Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) 2025 info:

We have reserved site 2160 at Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach, SC, arriving on November 3 and departing on Sunday November 9, the nice lady said sites 2153 thru 2164 should be available so our Cardinal Virginians can hopefully be close together. You will need to call Ocean Lakes, (877-510-1413) to reserve and get the discounted rates and a site nearby. And remember, we are also stopping by Lake City, SC for a pre GEAR get together, at the Crossroads RV Park (843-374-2131) arriving Wednesday, October 29 and departing for Ocean Lakes on November 3. Be sure to get those reservations made before the sites are gone. See you there!

Baynard

CARING AND CONCERNS:

No new report except that we pray that we all stay healthy as we grow older. Please contact me if you know of anyone I need to reach out to at 540-270-7219 or fallenoakfarm@juno.com

Betty Franklin

2025 rallies

Hello again Cardinal Virginians,
Here is a list of our **2025 rallies** as of now. Make those reservations so you will not be left out! We still have some open months for you to host, let's get our rally calendar set for next year. Let Gary Lambert our Trail Boss know of your plans to host. Phone 540-354-1963 or email sazzmo@outlook.com. Be sure to mark your calendars and make those reservations, and let the rally host know you will be attending.

Cardinal Virginians April rally:

Our April rally we will be arriving on Thursday April 24 departing on Sunday April 27 at Madison Vines RV Resort and Cottages, 110 Campground Ln, Madison, VA. 22727
Phone 540-948-4186. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. 15 sites and being held. More info to follow. Hosted by Betty Franklin and Sherree Barton (Betty-540-270-7219 or fallenoakfarm@juno.com) (Sherree 276-223-7364 or sbarton@appleshackcrafts.com)

Cardinal Virginians May rally:

Our May rally we will be arriving on Monday May 12 and departing on Friday May 16 at Cross Winds Family Campground, 160 Campground Lane, Linwood, NC 27299 (GPS address is 159 Sowers Rd, Linwood). Phone 336-853-4567. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. 14 sites are being held until April 23, 2025. More info to follow. Hosted by John and Diane Cooper (434-941-0688 or jcoop5342@gmail.com)

Cardinal Virginians June rally:

Our June rally we will be arriving on Thursday June 26 and departing Sunday June 29 at Lake Ridge RV resort, 8736 Double Cabin Rd, Hillsville, VA, 24343. Phone 276-766-3703. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site to get the 15% discount. 15 sites are being held until April 1, 2025. More info to follow. Hosted by Jeremy and Sarah Bishop (and Baby Bishop) (276-613-5487 or bishops816@gmail.com)

Cardinal Virginians July Rally: open, (FMCA's 111th International Convention, July 16-19, Gillette, WY.)

Cardinal Virginians August Rally:

Our August rally we will be arriving on August 18 and departing on August 21, 2025 at Sun Resorts Shenandoah Valley 348 Lake Road, Stuarts Draft, VA. 24477. Phone 540-337-2267. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. Hosted by Mark & Karilyn Pittman, and Bob & Sherry Sonessa (Karilyn 540-661-5406 or karilypittman@gmail.com) (Bob 540-230-2431 or ssonessa@comcast.net)

Cardinal Virginians September rally: open

Cardinal Virginians October rally:

Our October rally will be held arriving on October 30 departing on November 3, at Crossroads RV Park 243 S Church St, Lake City, SC, 29560 LakeCityRV.com Phone (843) 374-2131, be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians when making your reservations to obtain the rally discount rate.

Cardinal Virginians November rally:

From Lake City we are traveling on to the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) held this year November 4 thru 8 at Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC, 29575. Phone 877.510.1413 OceanLakes.com

The Eastern Area have reserved 300 full hook-up sites at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. The sites will be available from Sunday November 2 until departure on November 9, 2025. The dates for GEAR will be November 5th to 9th.

Site reservations for GEAR 25 are available now by calling Ocean Lakes Family Campground directly. Use the name “**2025 FMCA Eastern Area**” when making site reservations. This is for site locations only. Registration for GEAR 25 will be separate from the site registration.

Chapters that want to be close to each other please review the map of Ocean Lakes and decide what sites you want before you make your reservation. There is no guarantee that the sites will be available.

The price for GEAR 25 has not been established at this time and the program is still in the planning stage. We hope you will join us in Myrtle Beach

This is Gary Lambert, Wagon Master, coming to you for your assistance. As you can see from the picture of the rally board, we still have 2 months that have not been signed up for so put on your thinking caps and come up with something and select which month you would like to host. It is not that big of a job and you can get someone to co- host with you. So let's get our rally board filled up. Let me know what month you want along with dates and place.

CARDINAL VIRGINIANS RALLYS 2025		
MONTH APRIL 24-27	HOST/S FRANKLIN & BARTON	LOCATION Madison Vines
MAY 12-16	COOPER'S	CROSSWINDS FAMILYGG Limwood, NC
JUNE 26-29	Bishop's	LAKE Ridge RU RESORT Hillsville, VA
JULY		
AUGUST 18-21	SONNESSAS + PITTMANS	SUN RESORTS STUARTS Draft VA
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER 29- Nov2	?	CROSSROADS RESORT LAKE CITY, SC
NOVEMBER 5-9	GEAR	OCEAN LAKES MYRTAL BEACH, SC

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