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***PRESIDENT'S NOTES***

January 2025 has been cold and fast. Temperatures below normal and inclement weather caused many cancellations, postponements, and travel problems on icy roads. The month was busy for us. Cataract surgeries were completed on both of my eyes. Brenda had right knee replaced on January 10, 2025. My surgeries were nothing compared to Brenda's. Brenda is progressing well with PT (physical therapy). We are thankful and blessed that everything is healing and are ready for warmer weather.

The dynamics of camping today require planning and making reservations as much as a year in advance of when you want to attend an event or enjoy a favorite campground. Many venues sell out promptly and many campgrounds are booked months in advance of peak camping times.

FMCA's 110th International Convention & RV EXPO is March 12-15, 2025 is at Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agriculture Center, Perry, GA. Coopers and Mahanes plan to attend. EAMA President Gary Lyons has reserved a table for CV to be represented at the Chapter Fair.

CV's Rally flyer will be updated asap. The flier should be available for us to use as a recruitment tool for new members and available at Perry, GA for the International Rally in March.

CV's first 2025 Rally is at Madison Vines RV Resort & Cottages, at Madison Virginia, April 28-30 (Mon.-leave Thur.) Ken & Ellen Kane are hosts. I am sure the Kanes would welcome a co-host.

CV's May Rally was arranged by John and Diane Cooper at Crosswinds Family Campground in Linwood, NC. Rally dates are May 7-9 (Wed.-leave Sat.). Clemmers are co-hosts.

Clemmers are hosting the June Rally at our residence and Rudds Creek Campground, Boydton, VA June 16-18 (Mon.-leave Thur.). John and Carol Anton are co-hosts.

Clemmers are inviting anyone to a "No-Host" rally the weekend after July 4 weekend, 2025. The event is the annual "Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Association Show" at Easton, MD. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

CV rallies have not been scheduled for August, September, or October.

The EAMA 2025 Rally is at Ocean Lakes Campground, in Myrtle Beach, SC November 2-9 (arrive Sun.& leave Sun.). This will be a CV Rally. Seven CV Members have already made reservations.

In closing, the following is something to ponder:

A little boy learned to tie his shoe. His Grandmother went to his bedroom and said, that's great, you have learned to tie your shoe." Then he started crying. Grandma said, What's wrong?" He said, "I'll have to do this the rest of my life."

Jerry

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## Rally Schedule

### 2025

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|------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FEB. | TBD   |                                                                                                                    |
| MAR. | 12-15 | FMCA's 110 International Convention & ESPO<br>Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agriculture Center,<br>Perry, Georgia |
| APR. | 28-30 | Madison Vines RV Resort. Madison County, VA.<br>Hosts: Kanes                                                       |
| MAY  | 7-9   | Cross Winds Family Campground, Linwood, NC.<br>Host: Coopers, Clemmers                                             |
| JUNE | 16-18 | Rudd's Creek Campground<br>Host: Clemmer                                                                           |
| JULY | 9-13  | No Host Rally, Tuckahoe Steam & Engine Show<br>See enclosed for info                                               |



Campsite at Rudds Creek Campground, Buggs Island/Kerr Lake, from the Internet

Colonial Virginians Bugg's Island Rally  
 Monday June 16, 2025 to Thursday June 19, 2025 (three nights)  
 Hosts Jerry & Brenda Clemmer & John & Carol Anton  
 Updated 12/29/2024

In my younger years my vision was that Bugg's Island Lake and Kerr Lake were two separate lakes. In my high school years, a trip to Bugg's Island Lake revealed to me that when the lake was being developed the law-makers in Virginia and North Carolina could not agree on a name for the lake. Virginia named the lake "Bugg's Island" because of an island in the Roanoke River which is to this day, just below the dam. North Carolina on the other-hand, named the lake Kerr Lake (pronounced "car") in honor of a government official named John H. Kerr. There is another small reservoir in western North Carolina with the same name.

Please see the site map of Rudds Creek Campground (on Bugg's Island Lake) on the following page. There are many good sites, however, the area most suited to larger RVs is the last loop, farthest from the Campground entrance. The last loop has sites 53E through 100E. All are nice sites with water and 30 or 50 amps. There is a dump station. The section was recently walked and the following sites are recommended:

56E, 60E, 61E, 63E, 66E, 67E, 71E, 73E\*, 75E\*, 77E\* 78E\*, 79E\*, 80E\*, 85E\*, 86E, 88E\*, 89E, 90E, 94E, 91E\*, 95E\*, and 96E. The \* indicates the 10 best sites.

It appears to me that reservations for CV June 2025 Rally can be made after December 16, 2024 at 10:00 am or later. The website is "Recreation.gov" ----- "Rudds Creek Rec. AR., John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir" or "Campsites for Rudds Creek Rec. AR., John H. Kerr Dam".

This is being sent at this time due to the "Army Core of Engineers" reservation system which has some flaws.

Meals and other activities will be held at Clemmer's home about 2 miles from Rudds Creek Campground entrance. More information will be provided in future Newsletters.

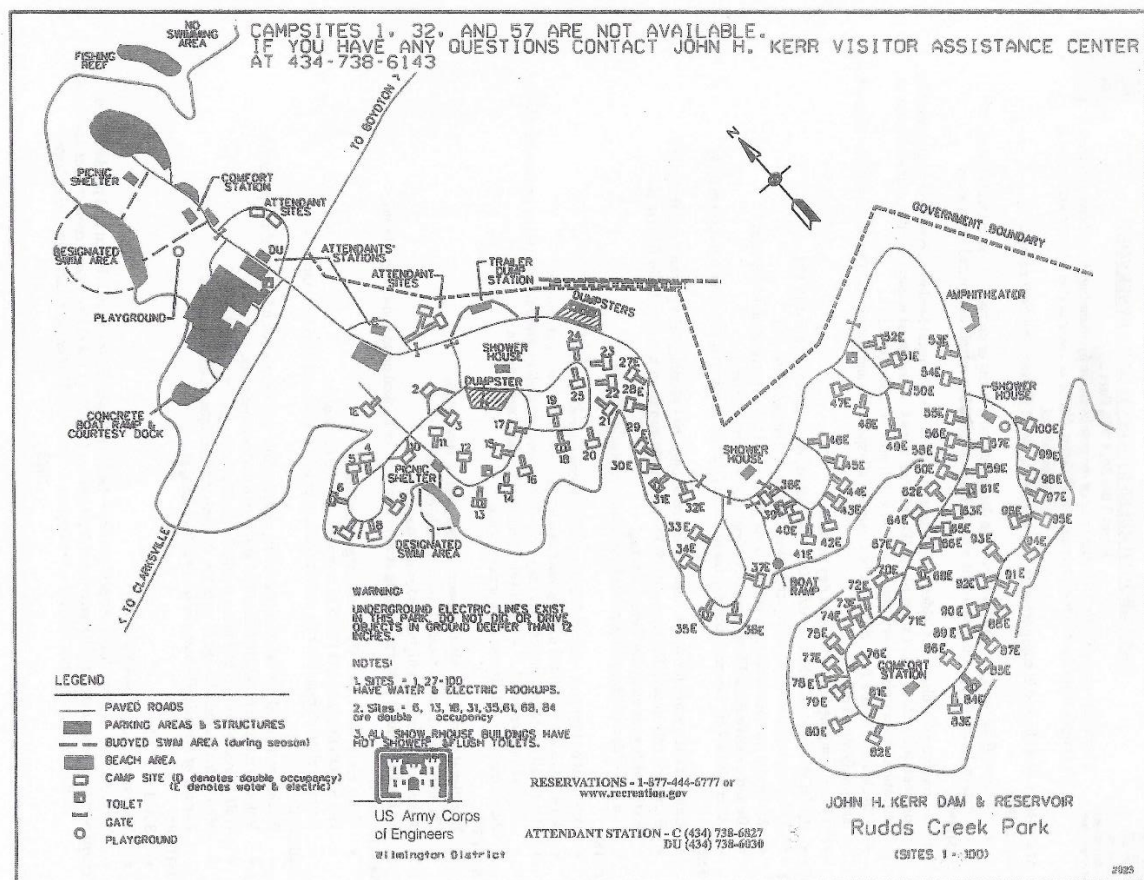




Photo copied from an annual past Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Engine Show in Easton, MD

**CV “No Host Rally” July 9-13, 2025, 11472 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601**

The 2025 annual Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Engine Show website has not been updated on the Internet at this time. An inquiry was emailed to Show promoters in early January. The January 8, 2025 reply is below. The local campgrounds recommended are MD State Parks and appear to be more suited for small RVs or tents and have limited electrical service.

The Clemmers will be parking on the show grounds and dry camping. We should plan to arrive together if we want to park together. Please note that the email below indicates that we attended the 2024 show. The Clemmers did not attend the 2024 show. Please let Clemmers know if you plan to attend in July 2025.

Good morning Jerry, thank you for your inquiry and happy new year to you and yours!

We're glad you enjoyed our 2024 show and are looking forward to seeing you all again! The dates for our big annual steam show for 2025 are July 10th-13th (Thursday-Sunday). Camping (and camping in groups) is permitted, however we can't guarantee a big group being together as the camping spots are first/come/first serve. Camping spots start at the end of the machine shop and loop around that perimeter of the grounds back towards the gate, and camping spots are also available in the field (opposite side of the grounds). There is a camping fee of \$15/day (in addition to initial show admission). Dry camping is perfect as these spots do not have utility hookups (however you are most welcome to use the restrooms on the grounds, which do have showers). If anyone would prefer a nearby campground which does have utility connections, the two most near the show would be Tuckahoe State Park and Martinak State Park.

Thank you again, and we certainly look forward to seeing you in July! Please feel free to write back or call if you have additional questions or if I can be of any further assistance at this time.

Very best, Ben Taylor (c/o TS&GA), 410-822-9868

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***Please make check payable to Colonial Virginians and mail your application and check to: Ray McCaskey, 7 Prestwick Williamsburg, VA 23188***

Dues are \$20 per year with the first year prorated as follows from the time you join Colonial Virginians, January through March – \$20.00; April through June - \$15.00; July thru September - \$10.00 and October through December – \$5.00. This does not include camping and rally fees.

**You must maintain your membership in FMCA in order to be a member of the Colonial Virginians.**

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