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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President's Message for March 2025

This time of year, it is nice to see more daylight on a daily basis as we look forward to warmer days. Also, time to check out the RV and get it ready. Does something need to be repaired, replaced, or serviced; that has been forgotten since the RV was last used?

FMCA is now officially FRVA, Family RV Association. It is still confusing because it will take FMCA some time to convert everything such as websites, etc. EAMA (Eastern Area Motorhome Association) monthly Zoom Meeting was held Thursday night February 20, 2025 at 7:30 pm with 25 participants. There were a lot of new faces likely due to new Chapter Presidents. The main topics were the upcoming International Convention March 12-15, 2025 at Perry, GA and EAMA's GEAR (Greater Eastern Area Association) Rally November 2-9, 2025 at Ocean Lakes Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC. There is still a vacant volunteer position in EAMA as Area Vice President which includes Virginia. Gear is shaping up and registration is due in the bi-monthly Family RVing magazine. If you want to attend one of the, dinner shows you need to pay in advance when you register for the GEAR Rally. The Eastern Area (EAMA) will be hosting the 2026 International Convention at Perry, GA. That involves a lot of time and planning by EAMA Officers and Chapters. There was much discussion at the Zoom meeting if EAMA (volunteers) could host Perry and then plan and organize GEAR in 2025. A positive note is that Perry 2026 is in March and GEAR 2026 will be in October which is 6-month time frame. EAMA Members agreed that it can be done and that a lot of RVers look forward to GEAR each year. GEAR Representatives did not want to cancel GEAR two-years in a row. GEAR 2024 was cancelled when Ashville was devastated by Hurricane Helene.

The Coopers, Kanes, Mahanes, and Rehders have registered to attend Perry in March. Mahanes belong to several Chapters. Steve Mahane volunteers with security and plans to park with the Penn Coachmen. The Coopers are volunteer parkers and will be recruiting new members at the Chapter Fair.

At the no-host CV October Rally at Cherry Hill Campground in Winchester, VA, Members voted that magnetic name badges are acceptable for CV Chapter Members. At this time, it appears a

good source to purchase new badges is a full-timing couple that is active in FRVA. I am depending on our Members going to Perry to contact the name-badge makers and get more information. Hopefully some of us will have new badges for the April Rally. The badges will have FRVA instead of FMCA.

There was a summary of CV Chapter's 2025 Rallies that are scheduled in the President's Message last month. The demographics of today require a lot of advance planning and making reservations months ahead of time

We are looking forward to attending CV Rallies this year and would love to see some of you join us or schedule a Rally in August, September, or October.

The following short story is the best one I have found for awhile and made me laugh.

A young couple had recently married. They were talking after their evening dinner. The wife says to the husband, "Why don't you sell your motorcycle so we can have more money to do things?" The husband replied "You are starting to sound like my ex-wife." The young bride surprisingly replied, "You never told me you were married before." To which the husband replied, "I wasn't."

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Rally Schedule

2025

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

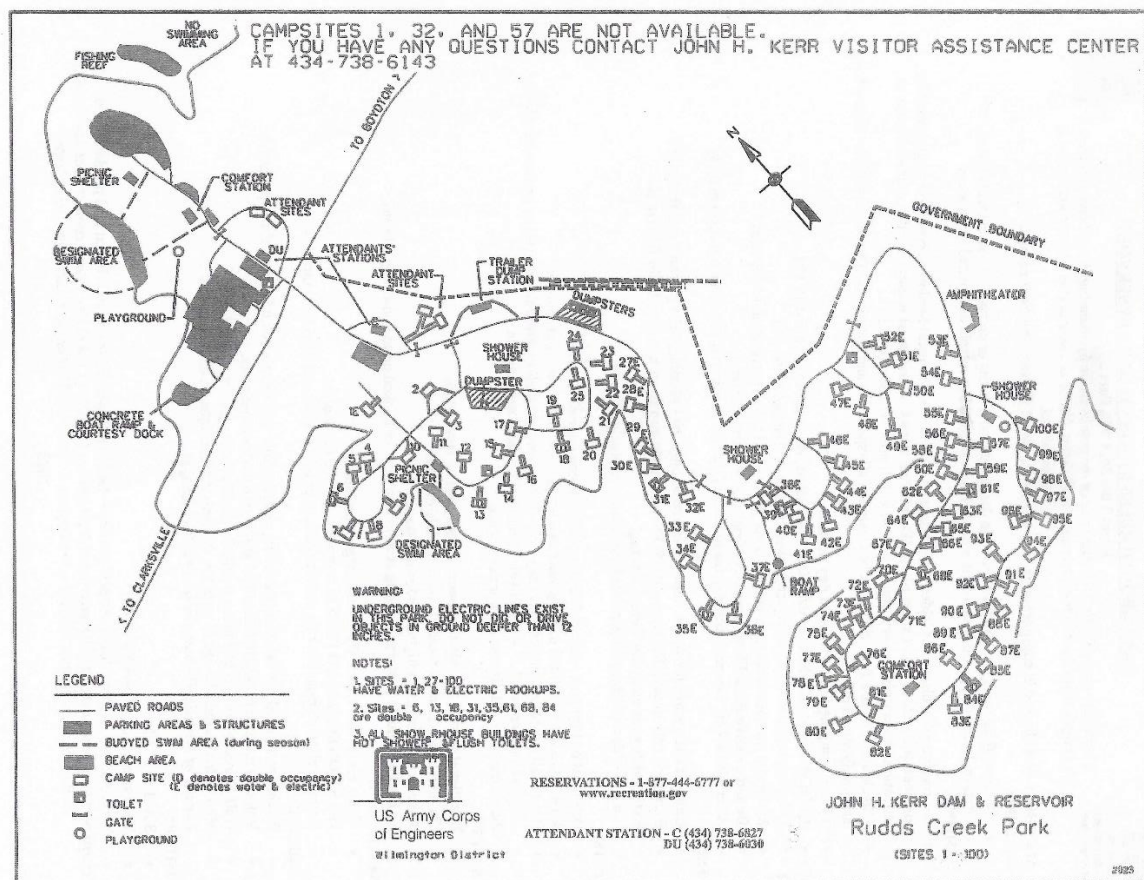




Photo copied from an annual past Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Engine Show in Easton, MD

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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City, State

FMCA #123456

FMCA - Colonial Virginians

NAME BADGE ORDER FORM

Name Badge (with pin) \$8.00

Bolo Tie \$3.50

1st Name Badge

First & Last Name preferred on your name badge.

Address (City & State only)

FMCA #

2nd Name Badge

First & Last Name preferred on your name badge.

Address (City & State only)

FMCA #

Forward completed form and payment to:

CV Treasurer, 7 Prestwick, Williamsburg VA 23188

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Name – Last _____ First _____ Birthday _____
(Month/Day)

Spouse's Name _____ Birthday _____ Anniversary _____
(Month/Day) (Month/Day)

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____

His Cell _____ Her Cell _____ FMCA # _____ Expiration Date _____

Membership - New ☐ Renewal ☐ Change ☐

Email _____ Email _____

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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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