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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President's Message for April 2025

It is Thursday March 27, 2025. After three weeks of above freezing temperatures the thermometer was showing 28 degrees this morning with a nice frost. Already mowed to cut the tops off the weeds which makes the place look better.

CV had several members attending the International Rally at Perry Georgia earlier this month. The Coopers, Mary Lou Duziak, Kaness, Mahanes, and Rehders were at Perry and parked in different areas. With 18 active members, a quorum of 25% is five members. A quorum was at Perry although I don't think they all got together at the same time.

Thank you, Ken and Ellen Kane for stepping up and representing CV at the Chapter Fair at Perry. Thank you, Diane Cooper for representing CV Chapter at the EAMA meeting at Perry. Diane accepted a 35 Year Certificate and a check from FRVA for \$200.00 to CV Chapter for CV Chapter's 35 year anniversary. I believe the anniversary date is in May. EAMA President Gary Lyons presented the Certificate and check to Diane.

It is time to have a nominating committee to solicit a slate of Officers for 2026. For this to happen a quorum is needed to have an "official business meeting". It appears the next opportunity for this to happen is CV June Rally. We are looking forward to CV Rallies in April, May, and June. If there is no quorum at a CV Rally, an online meeting will be scheduled. This is my second and last year as CV President. More could have been done to try to grow our Chapter, however, not sure things would have been any different. Here is my synopsis. In the past CV Chapter had more than 50 members and held Rallies every month. Rallies had 15 to 30 coaches. CV Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules were appropriate for the past. The demographics today are different. One of the things I intended to try to do (and others before me) was to increase CV Officer terms from one year to 2 to 4 years and stagger elections so elections are not needed for all officers at the same time. FRVA requirements for Chapter Officers have changed. I believe changes are needed to CV Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules. Doing the work necessary to make changes may not affect the future of CV Chapter.

Looking ahead for 2025, CV has a Rally at Madison Vines in late April and then in May at Crossroads Family Campground in Linwood, NC. At this time there will be a quorum at the June Rally. A no host Rally is scheduled the weekend after July 4th at the annual Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Association Show near Easton, MD. There are two State Campgrounds near the show and dry camping is available on the show grounds. No CV Rallies are scheduled for August, September, or October. EAMA Rally is at Ocean Lakes Campground at Myrtle Beach, SC November 2-9.

Spring season is wonderful except for pollen. It is time to get out and enjoy the sights and smells.

A man tells his Doctor he is unable to do all the things around the house that he used to do. After the exam, he says, "Now Doc, I can take it, tell me in plain English what is wrong with me." "Well in layman's terms, you're lazy!" says the Doctor. "Okay, now give me a medical term so I can tell my wife."

Jerry

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Rally Schedule

2025

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
AUG.	TBD	
SEPT.	TBD	
OCT.	TBD	
NOV.	TBD	
DEC.	TBD	
Nov.	2-9	EAMA Rally, Ocean Lakes Campground Myrtle Beach, SC

May 7-10, 2025 Rally – Colonial Virginians - No Host Rally – No Rally Fees

Crosswinds Family Campground

GPS 159 Sowers Road

Linwood, N.C. 27299

www.CrosswindsFamilyCampground.com

Phone (336)-853-4567

Currently : Coopers, Clemmers, Lindgrens, Kanes

Make reservations by 4-16-25 Bring wood for campfire

Please email me to let me what you are bringing to avoid duplicates:

Diane cooper4me48@gmail.com

Wednesday May 7

Heavy Hors'd'oeuvres – everyone bring something to share (this is going to be dinner)

Coopers: Cowboy Beans

Thursday May 8

- Breakfast –9:00 Coopers and Clemmers - Pancakes – Sausage
- Lunch – On your own
- Happy Hour - 5:00 – Bring your snacks
- Dinner – 6:00 Hendrix BBQ in Spencer, NC (Let me know if you are going or not)

Friday May 9

- Breakfast – 9:00 Coopers and Clemmers – Quiche, Fruit, Eggs, Bacon
- Lunch – On your own
- Happy Hour – 5:00 – Bring your goodies
- Dinner – 6:00 Pot Luck -Everyone bring something (let us know what you are bringing)
- Coopers will bring Chicken Tenders – Need Sides and desserts

Saturday May 10

- Breakfast –9:00 continental breakfast – Coopers
- Pack up and leave

THINGS TO DO

NC Transportation Museum - Tues – Sat. 9-5 Spencer. NC

Nascar Hall of Fame

Breweries & Wineries

New Sarum Brewery – Salisbury Childress Vineyards Thurs 11-6

Cauble Creek Winery 11-6 Cougar run Winery – Concord 10-5

Thrift Stores and shopping

Concord Mills Mall

Salvation Army

Marketplace on Main

Nazareth Thrift Store

Goodwill

Wanda's Good Stuff (further away in Mount Holly)

Value Village (near Charlotte)

Spanky's Ice Cream – Salisbury

Trails & Walking Parks

Dan Nichols Park

Eagle Point Nature Preserve

Riverpark at Cooleemee Falls



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.

CAMPSITES 1, 32, AND 57 ARE NOT AVAILABLE.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT JOHN H. KERR VISITOR ASSISTANCE CENTER
AT 434-738-6143

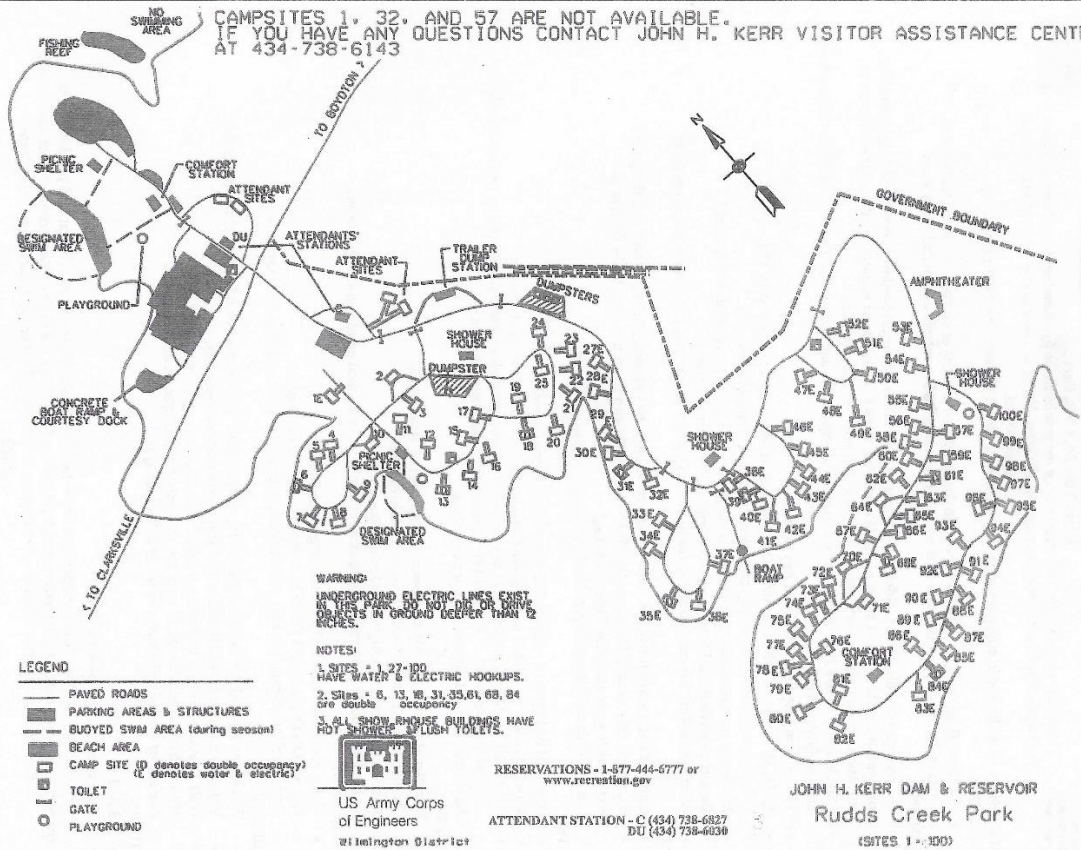




Photo copied from an annual past Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Engine Show in Easton, MD

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

YOUR NAME

City, State

FMCA #123456

FMCA - Colonial Virginians

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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

Colonial Virginians---FMCA Mmbership Application

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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