



CAPITOL CHAPTER

MAY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE # 2025-2

FAMILY RV ASSOCIATION
DC, MD, DE, PA, VA, WV, NJ

OFFICERS

President	Joe Kromash	240-505-3663	jkromash@gmail.com
Vice President	Len Mierzwa	301-904-9911	len.mierzwa@verizon.net
Secretary	Dana Kromash (Temporary)	301-807-4686	bobosmom1227@gmail.com
Treasurer	Joanne Becka	301-742-1911	joannebecka@gmail.com
Chapter National Director	VACANT		

Message from the President

Greetings Capitol Chapter,

Happy Spring to everyone! Hope everyone had a wonderful winter! Look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures for 2025. Please remember to post your adventures on our Facebook site.

Convention in Perry, Georgia in March was absolutely amazing. I attended many seminars and learned a lot and met some great people.

We just came back from our first CAPITOL chapter rally in Ocean City, Maryland. The cruisin' car show was great. We had 14 RV's in our group at the Sun Outdoors

campground. The weather was great! We relaxed around campfires and everyone brought their favorite dishes for our potluck and happy hour. We had a fun pizza party and morning coffee and donuts!

Look forward to our upcoming rallies in September in Lancaster, PA and October in Gettysburg, PA.

We are attaching a list of our upcoming 2025 chapter rallies... if you have any ideas for other events just let me know!

We are looking for hosts and ideas for 2026! Please step up and help us plan our schedule for next year!!!

Until next time, keep on traveling!

Joe Kromash, President

Capitol Chapter Secretary

We are looking for candidates for our secretary position. Elections will be at our holiday party and the position effective 1/1/2026. Call Joe if you are interested.

Duties of this position are outlined below:

1. Preparing and recording meeting agendas and correspondence.
2. Maintaining chapter certification and roster changes.
3. Managing bylaws and standing rules.
4. Updating chapter officer updates and new member/past due member reports.
5. Maintaining accurate records and communications with FRVA chapter services.

Important Update

Please check your FRVA profile. When filling out rally events and registrations, it is important to list your co pilot's name and information. If not listed, your co-pilot will not be covered by FRVA's benefits, ie. medical, travel assist, discounts. Call FRVA to verify and update your profile. 800-543-3622.



The Capitol Chapter would like to welcome the following new members:

Edward Breau

Paul Mierzwa and Kelli Valaitis

Lynn Nelson and Wayne DanCause

Joe and Mary Warner

Welcome aboard! We are excited to have you join our group and look forward to meeting you at our rallies and events. Thank you for choosing to be part of the Capitol Chapter.

A Recap from Perry, Georgia ***"Return to Perry: Lafitte's Lost Treasure"***

For those lucky to have attended the Perry, Georgia 110th International Convention and RV Expo, we may not have found Lafitte's treasure, but we discovered an adventure filled with amazing events.

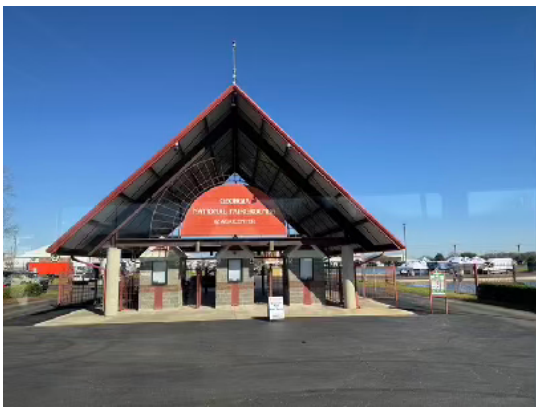
From sunrise to sunset, the schedules were filled with non stop happenings. Vendors and companies helped us spend for the latest updates and gadgets. New RV's on display tempted us with trade ins.

Downtown Perry greeted us with music and businesses extended their hours to welcome us. Discovery Zone had an interactive Market Place featuring Patrice and Kevin from the TV series "RV There Yet?"

And yes!, there were entertainers and a spectacular fireworks show.

You can read all about it in the **familyRVing** May/June 2025 magazine issue either mailed to you or online.

If you missed it, not to worry. There are International and Area Rallies thru this year. Of special interest to our Chapter, consider the Eastern Area Rally at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Hope to see you there!





Our Ocean City Cruisin'

Donuts and coffee, Pot luck, pizza party, boat dinner at Sneaky Pete's Restaurant, classic car show, and just relaxing around the campfire filled our days at Sun Outdoor Campground, Ocean City. We were treated to new faces and new friends as the Jersey Gems Chapter joined us. Thanks to Joe and Dana Kromash for hosting this rally.

More rallies are planned. Check the events schedule and come join us. We know how to rally and party.





2025 RALLIES AND EVENTS

Please note: FMCA has officially changed to Family RV Association, but sites and some rally titles still defer to FMCA.COM



All information and registrations are online at www.frva.com

September 10 - 14, 2025

2025 Balloon Festival

Old Mill Stream Campground
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Rally Masters: Len and Diane Mierzwa

Len and Diane have reserved sites for Capitol Members. We currently have 11 rigs signed up. Sites are still available.

RSVP - Call Len at 301-904-9911 to get your site number BEFORE you call the campground with your deposit.

Rally fee is \$20 per rig.

Old Mill Stream Campground: 717-299-2314



October 9 -12, 2025

Artillery Ridge Campground

610 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

<https://www.artilleryridge.com/camping>

Special Events:

Apple Festival, Gettysburg, PA <https://appleharvest.com/>

Catoctin Colorfest, Thurmont, MD <https://visitfrederick.org/catoctin-colorfest/>

Rally Masters: Margie and Stuart Cohn

Margie has reserved 10 sites for Capitol Members. Campsites reserved are 82-89 and 99-100 (for larger rigs). So far, 5 rigs are attending.

Happy Hour will be organized and included in the Rally fee.

Rally fee is \$20 per rig.

RSVP: Call the campground directly at 717-334-1288 to reserve your spot.

Reservations are under Capitol Chapter or Margie Cohn.

Additionally, please call Margie at 443-632-5561 to let her know your site number.



November 5 - 9, 2025

Coast into GEAR 2025

Ocean Lakes Resort Campground

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



- 300 sites have been reserved and you must make your campsite reservation by calling the campground at 877-510-1413. Reservations should be made with Ocean Lakes Resort Campground directly using "2025 FMCA Eastern Area" code. To register for the rally, access the FRVA website. Select **Events** and then **Convention & Area Rally Registration** for all information.
- The campground has Golf Carts to rent, so we will not have the expense of bringing them in. If you have your own, please check with the campground for their rules and requirements.
- No Security or Parkers will be needed. (campground will do this).

December 7, 2025

Holiday Party - 1 PM

West End Grill

2049 West St., Annapolis, MD

Board elections and annual chapter meeting.

Organizers: Joe and Dana Kromash 301-807-4686

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

Ways to Connect and Keep in Touch

You can read about the latest happenings and contact Capitol officers and friends.

★ **Websites:**

www.frva.com

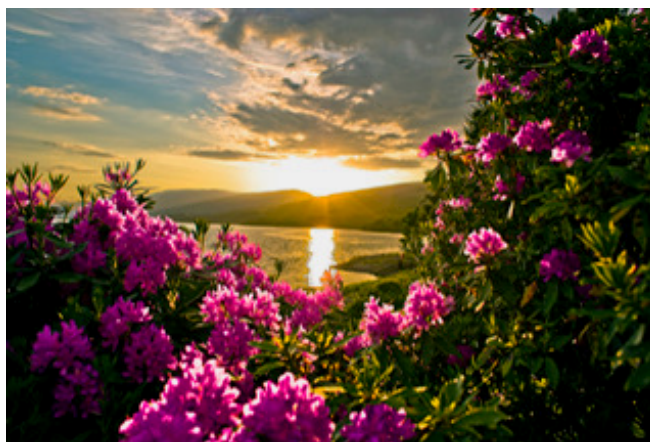
www.fmca-ea.com

★ **Capitol Chapter Newsletter**

★ **Emails**

★ **Facebook-Capitol Chapter-FRVA**

Dana Kromash and Robyn Needel are the Administrators. Please like and follow us on our Facebook site.



*Behold my friends, the Spring is come;
The Earth has gladly received the embraces of the Sun, and we
shall soon see the results of their love!"* Sitting Bull