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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Colonial Virginians President's Message for June 2025

It is a cool rainy Tuesday afternoon in Waynesboro, VA this 27th day of May, 2025. I failed to bring proper warm clothing this trip and thankful that I did throw in a jacket at the last minute. Rain is needed.

Clemmers, Coopers, Kanes, McKaskeys, and Rehders had a great sociable get together at Crossroads Family Campground in Linwood, NC in May, for a quorum. The group informed me after breakfast on Tuesday that we were having a business meeting. I complied the following key points from the meeting.

The minutes from the meeting by Secretary Diane Cooper are in this newsletter on another page.

Treasurer Ray McCaskey reported that in January of 2025 the treasury balance was \$3809.03. Income (\$200.00 from FRVA for 35 year anniversary) and expenses (\$5.00 per month bank fee) to date balance is \$3920.03.

Members voted unanimously to implement Standing Rule that Chapter Funds will pay for a group dinner at a restaurant one evening at a CV Rally. The group went to a local restaurant, Hendrix BBQ on Wednesday night. Receipt for such dinner to be presented to Treasurer Ray McCaskey for reimbursement to the Rally organizer (host or hosts). There was discussion that some of the existing standing rules are not being followed because of the way the Chapter is operating the past few years and need to be updated to keep up with the times. There was discussion about the amount of paper-work required for Chapter Officers such as the monthly "President's Message" and Secretarial Duties to satisfy FRVA and the monthly newsletter. The group decided unanimously to discontinue the practice of sending the Colonial Crier to "Friends of Colonial Virginians". There is nothing in the FRVA Bylaws or Standing Rules requiring monthly President's message or Newsletters. The result of the discussion was that President's message every two months is sufficient and that sending Newsletter to "Friends of Colonial Virginians" may be discontinued. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to maintain the roster and has been the President's responsibility to present the President's Message.

Attempt was made to solicit volunteers for a Nominating Committee to solicit CV members for officers positions for 2026. At this time CV Chapter does not have a nominating committee. Secretary Diane Cooper does not want to be Secretary in 2026. Folks, the future of CV Chapter after 2025 is unknown at this time. I do not want to continue as President. We do not have a nominating committee. Where do we go from here?

Looking ahead to the remainder of 2025. EAMA monthly zoom meeting was the evening of Thursday May 15, 2025. EAMA Rally Master David Fowler stated that 177 RVs have registered for GEAR 2026 at Myrtle Beach. Site reservations and payment shall be made with Ocean Lakes. Registration forms for the GEAR Rally are online and paid to FRVA. FRVA membership has declined to about 60K Members. If membership drops below 50K then "Medical & Travel Assist" benefit will not be sustainable. David and Jan Fowler plan step down as EAMA Area President and EAMA Secretary at the EAMA Rally in November. EAMA Officer elections are to be held in November. Our Eastern Area still has a vacancy for a Vice President. EAMA President Gary Lyon invited two volunteers to assist him with implementing absentee voting (Zoom or Google Meet) for Delegates that do not attend National Rallies. FRVA has difficulty getting enough qualified attendees at National Rallies to make up a quorum so business can be conducted. CV Chapter is grateful to have Lee Deal who will vote for CV Chapter at International Convention in Gillette, WY in July 2025. One of the business items is to scale back from two International Rallies each year to one.

We are looking forward to June "Rally at Buggs Island Lake". Antons and Clemmers are hosting with Kanes and McCaskeys participating. This will be a no host rally. If you are participating in the June Rally, agenda will be emailed to you.

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Rally Schedule

2025

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	

2025 Mountain State Forest Festival Sept. 27- Oct. 5

Hot Air Balloon Festival in New Mexico in October 2025.

**Nov. 2-9 EAMA Rally, Ocean Lakes Campground
Myrtle Beach, SC**



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

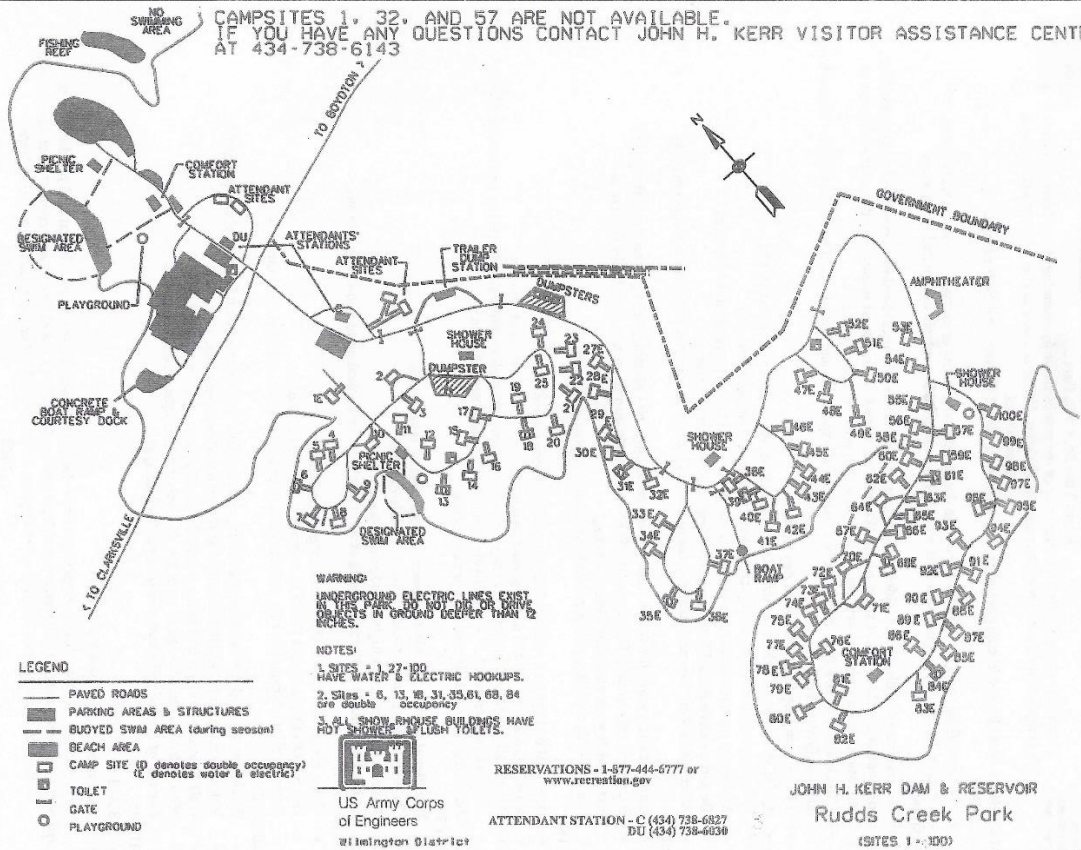




Photo copied from an annual past Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Engine Show in Easton, MD

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

2025 Mountain State Forest Festival
September 27-October 5, 2025

The Mountain State Festival is one of West Virginia's oldest and largest festivals in Elkins, WV. On average during this festival over 7500 people will attend and visit the festival during that week.

This year 2025 the 87th festival there will be:

- Grand Feature Parade
- Concert with Vegas McGraw
- Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Motorcycle Drill Team
- A lumber jack contest
- West Virginia Mountaineer Marching Band

Festival Stage on different dates will be Gandy Dancers, The Dixie Chicks Tribute Show, A night of Donce, Boys in the Band & Still Surfin Tribute to the Beach Boys.

Just an overall week of fun in West Virginia.

Camping will be at Five River Campground in Parsons, WV

Sites are full hookups –20, 30, 50 – electric, water & sewer

Our sites will be in the new section called "Shady Grove". 170 Full hookup sites.

Five Rivers Campground is located:

750 Walnut Street

Parsons, WV 26287

Website is: www.Riverrivercampground.com

Things to do:

Blackwater Falles, two different train rides within 1 hours drive, bike riding on an old train track trail, (it will take you to Elkins W VA 38 miles away paved).

Contact: Stephen Mahanes, 757-750-8281 for more Information.

Monaco International RV Club Balloon Fiesta



Hello Chapter President,

I hope this letter finds you and yours well, and 2025 is filled excitement and adventure. We of Monaco International RV Club want to invite you and your members to the Annual Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

As you may know, we of MI RV Club have had a desirable location at the Balloon Fiesta for several years, (this year Oct. 8 to the 12th). This VIP parking location faces the launch field and is on the front three rows of the RV parking area.

If you don't want to go onto the field, just sit in your lounge chair, enjoying your favorite drink at the MI social area, which gives you a complete view of the field any time of day or night on the front row.

Although these sites are boon docking, a freshwater wagon and gray and black tank contents removal truck (two different trucks) are available upon request with a service charge.

What's included with your rally fee? There's really too much to list here, but go to www.mirvclub.com and click on the Balloon Fiesta link for all of the exciting details. If the Balloon Fiesta is on your bucket list, as it is a not to be a missed event, this is the RV site for you. Additionally, for the adventurous there are opportunities to participate as one of the balloon's crew members. It may not get you a ride in the balloon but being a part of the crew provides a unique insight into the operation of preparing, launching and recovery operations. Just go to the Volunteer tent on the field and register.

All non-MI members have to do is join MI for \$40 which includes the \$15 membership fee and \$25 fee for name tags. The membership application is available on mirvclub.com.

Please click [here](#) for the Balloon Fiesta Flyer. I respectfully request that the flyer about the Balloon Fiesta be sent to your members. If you have any questions, please contact me by email as shown below.

Thanks,

Mike Sanders, President, MI
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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 _____

Do you want the Colonial Crier newsletter e-mailed to you? Yes ☐ No ☐

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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