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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President's Message for July 2025

Last month at an official CV Chapter Meeting, it was determined that President's Message and "Colonial Crier" newsletter could be reduced to bi-monthly; mainly because of not much going on some months to report. Thankfully, there is some news to share this month.

Richard and Bronwyn Ziegler are our newest members making a total of 20 active voting members.

Five families attended the June 16-19 Rally at Rudd's Creek Campground and Clemmer residence. A meeting was called and the minutes are attached as a page in this newsletter. As usual there was an abundance of good food at the June Rally. The high-light was when everyone went to the BIB (Buggs Island Brewery) for Happy Hour which overlooks the lake in Clarksville, VA. Then to Bridgewater Restaurant for dinner which is across the street from BIB. Most enjoyed a boat ride during the rally and some enjoyed the lake.

Weather forecast for the week predicted rain, however, the weather turned out to be very nice.

For information, FRVA active Chapter membership requirements are at least 15 Chapter Members. A minimum of three Officer positions are required which are President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a National Director. At this time, no one has volunteered to accept any of the existing officer positions or any of the three minimum requirement positions. No one is volunteering so there is not much need for a nominating committee or to solicit members by phone.

EAMA monthly meeting was held by Zoom on Thursday 6/19/ 25 at 7:30 pm. As previously stated, there will not be a GEAR Rally in 2026 because EAMA is hosting the National Rally in Perry, GA in March of 2026. At this time, the tentative date for GEAR 2027 is October 4th-10th at Lewisburg, WV State Fairgrounds. 260 coaches have registered for GEAR 2025 either with FRVA or with Ocean Lakes Campground. Rally

Master Dave Fowler reports 200 have purchased tickets for Friday's Show which will be in the afternoon, so no driving after dark. Dave recommends the show. Volunteers will be needed at Perry, GA for Activity Carts, Security, Coffee & Donuts, Ladies Luncheon, Parking, Seminars, Crafts, Vendors, etc.

CV June Rally is arriving next week, the official dates of the Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Association Show are July 11-14, 2025. Parking will be dry camping on site and should arrive together to be parked together. After July, the only CV Rally scheduled is GEAR Rally at Myrtle Beach November 2-9, 2025.

Enjoy the summer.

Jerry

2nd Official June Business Meeting Minutes

To CV Chapter Members:

This meeting was held spontaneously at the request of CV voting members present at the CV June Rally held at Rudd's Creek Campground and Clemmer residence, Boydton VA.

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am June 18, 2025. John Anton made a motion to skip official opening procedures. Ellen Kane seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A quorum was present consisting of Anton, Clemmer, Dudziak, Kane, and McCaskey.

Jerry Clemmer asked if anyone needed minutes read from last meeting in May of 2025. Ray McCaskey motioned to approve, John Anton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports: Ray McCaskey reported no change in CV Treasury since the dinner at May Rally.

Jerry Clemmer reported that long time member, Second Vice-President, and long time Newsletter Editor Kenny Woolard sold his coach in 2024, is no longer active in FRVA, and will end many years of service to CV Chapter at the end of 2025. Ken, we and many past CV Members Thank You.

New Business

John Anton made a motion to pay for a second dinner at GEAR 2025 in November for 2025 only. It was noted that Standing Rule #10 provides for a Chapter-hosted dinner at large rallies if participation is significant. There was discussion about this and Jerry Clemmer seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Jerry stated that the future of CV Chapter is unknown at this time. Another meeting will be held at GEAR.

Jerry Clemmer motioned to adjourn. Ray McCaskey approved and the motion carried unanimously closing the meeting at 11:25 am.

Prepared June 24, 2025 by Jerry Clemmer. Thank you Pat McCaskey for filling in as Secretary and taking notes during the meeting.

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Rally Schedule

2025

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**

2026

AUG. 24-30 Anchor Down RV Resort
1703 HI Way 139, Dandridge TN 37725



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



Colonial Virginians Hear ye Hear Ye! Summer Rally 2026 in Tennessee

The Clemmer's and McCaskey's have booked a week at Anchor Down RV Resort, PLEASE JOIN US!

As of now this is a no-host rally, but if we get a few commitments, we can whoop it into a full-blown showdown. Book on your own, EARLY. This place books up a year in advance.



WHEN: August 24-30, 2026 - We're in for 6 nights, feel free to adjust to fit your desire.

WHERE: Anchor Down RV Resort,
1703 HI Way 139, Dandridge TN 37725

1-877-784-4446 <https://www.anchordownrvresort.com/>

McCaskeys – McCaskeyRV@gmail.com 757 951-7092

Clemmers – Homeon6@gmail.com 540 541-2357

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
Parksons, 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
jmsblueknight@gmail.com

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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