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August Newsletter

A Note from Our President

Hello again Cardinal Virginians,

Wow, it is hard to believe it is August already, my how our summer has flown by. It is raining outside again as I write this. Here in Marion, we seem to be living in a rain forest, every day we have a shower, or a spritz, or a drizzle, or a downpour, and sometimes all the above! But all the rain certainly does make everything look lush and healthy. We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful area.

We are looking forward to our August rally at Sun Retreat Shenandoah Valley in Stuarts Draft, VA. Karilyn & Mark and Sherry & Bob really know how to treat us well, it will be a good time for all, and we look forward to meeting some new folks that will be joining us. If you haven't made your plans to attend, time is running short. Stop by, even if it is for a day visit.

Keep thinking about hosting a rally for next year, and ask our new members to co-host with you.

See you out there,
Baynard

Hosting a Rally

Sadly, there is no rally write-up to include in this month's newsletter, as we did not have a rally for July this year. We also don't have any scheduled rallies for the upcoming 2026 season. It is never too early to volunteer and get those rallies scheduled.

We have had a great idea from Karilyn Pittman for hosting rallies! She would like to suggest that "seasoned" CV members ask new members to pair up with them to plan and host a rally. This way we can encourage the new folks to step up and get involved without feeling overwhelmed.

This idea could also be applied in reverse. So if you are a new member who is thinking about hosting for the first time, don't be afraid to ask those "seasoned" members for help hosting.

Let's encourage some new members to host and maybe discover some new locations as well. But most importantly let's get those rallies planned and scheduled for next year!

Serving our organization

As many of you know, Baynard's time as our President is coming to an end. We need nominations for a new president! There are other officers too, who would be willing to pass on their duties on to someone new. Please consider serving our organization by stepping up and taking on one of these roles. If you are interested in taking on any of these roles please let Baynard know.

Caring and Concerns

Bill Robbins had a fall on July 4th while trimming a tree branch when the ladder he was on slipped and fell. He fell about 6 feet and broke his right femur and injured his hip. Surgery and physical therapy followed the fall. Let's keep Bill in our thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery so he and Brenda can join us at our rallies. They are hoping to be able to attend the September rally. Also, hugs to Brenda as she helps nurse Bill back to a full recovery.

If you know of anyone I need to reach out to please contact me at 540-270-7219 or fallenoakfarm@juno.com

Betty Franklin
Care and Concerns

Upcoming Rallies

Cardinal Virginians August Rally:

Our August rally we will be arriving on August 18 and departing on August 21, 2025 at Sun Resorts Shenandoah Valley 348 Lake Road, Stuarts Draft, VA. 24477. Phone 540-337-2267. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. Hosted by Mark & Karilyn Pittman, and Bob & Sherry Sonessa (Karilyn 540-661-5406 or karilypittman@gmail.com) (Bob 540-230-2431 or ssonessa@comcast.net)

Cardinal Virginians September rally

It will be September 10 thru 14 at Mayberry Campground, 114 Byron Bunker Lane, Mt. Airy, NC 27030, phone 336-789-6199. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians when making your reservation to obtain the site discount. Please let Jane and Gary know of your plans to attend so they can plan accordingly, email- sazzmo@outlook.com; phone- (540) 354-1963

Cardinal Virginians October rally:

Our October rally will be held arriving on October 30 departing on November 3, at Crossroads RV Park 243 S Church St, Lake City, SC, 29560 LakeCityRV.com Phone (843) 374-2131, be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians when making your reservations to obtain the rally discount rate.

Cardinal Virginians November

From Lake City we are traveling on to the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) held this year November 3 thru 8 at Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC, 29575. Phone 877.510.1413 OceanLakes.com

The Eastern Area have reserved 300 full hook-up sites at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. The sites will be available from Sunday November 2 until departure on November 9, 2025.

The dates for GEAR will be November 5th to 9th.

Site reservations for GEAR 25 are available now by calling Ocean Lakes Family Campground directly. Use the name “**2025 FMCA Eastern Area**” when making site reservations. This is for site locations only. Registration for GEAR 25 will be separate from the site registration. Chapters that want to be close to each other please review the map of Ocean Lakes and decide what sites you want before you make your reservation. There is no guarantee that the sites will be available.

The price for GEAR 25 has not been established at this time and the program is still in the planning stage. We hope you will join us in Myrtle Beach.

Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) 2025 additional info:

The Bartons have reserved site 2160 at Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach, SC, arriving on November 3 and departing on Sunday November 9, the nice lady said sites 2153 thru 2164 should be available so our Cardinal Virginian friends can hopefully be close together. You will need to call Ocean Lakes, (877-510-1413) to reserve and get the discounted rates and a site nearby.

Our Christmas luncheon is now scheduled for Friday, December 12, at 1 PM, At the Golden Corral in Roanoke Va. Make plans to join us and let Gary Lambert know you will be attending.

Gary Lambert
Wagon Master

2025 Rallies (remaining)

MONTH	HOST	LOCATION
August 18-21	Sonessas +Pitmans	Sun Resorts. Stuart's Draft, Va
September 10-14	Jane and Gary Lambert	Mayberry Campground. Mt. Airy, NC
October 29- Nov 2	??	Crossroads Resort. Lake City, SC
November 5-9 early sites 11/2	GEAR	Ocean Lakes. Myrtle Beach, SC

August Rally Agenda

Hello August Rally Campers!

Here is the rally schedule for our August trip to Sun Resorts Shenandoah Valley. Your hosts, Bob & Sherry Sonnessa, & Mark & Karilyn Pittman, are looking forward to spending the final days of summer with you. If you plan to attend, please let our hosts know so that we have an accurate headcount for the meals and activities that we have planned. RSVP to Karilyn at (703)472-5975 or karilypittman@gmail.com

August Rally Schedule (subject to change)

As always: bring your own beverages, plates and utensils to each meal. The happy hours, meals & planned activities will be at the hosts' sites-G51 & G52

Monday-travel day for campers

5:00 pm Happy Hour/Dinner provided by your hosts

Chips, Salsa and Guacamole

Chicken enchiladas

Frito Salad

Sherbet for dessert

BYOB

Tuesday

9:00 am-Potluck breakfast

Campers to provide a dish to share

Immediately following breakfast-a special activity planned by your hosts

Lunch on your own

5:00 pm Happy Hour

Light snacks provided by your hosts

BYOB

6:00 pm Dinner

Campers to bring side dishes and/or desserts
Brats and Italian Sausages-provided provided by your hosts
Peppers, Onions and condiments-provided by your hosts
Sauerkraut-provided by your hosts
Hoagie rolls-provided by your hosts

Wednesday

Breakfast and lunch on your own
5:00 pm Happy Hour and Dinner combined
Heavy Hors devours by campers (This will be your dinner!)
Wings & Little Smokies in sauce provided by your hosts
BYOB

Thursday-Final day at Rally

9:00 am Continental breakfast provided by your hosts

****There will be drawings for door prizes****

Yogurt
Fruit
Sweet rolls/Mini bagels, etc.
Orange Juice

September Rally Agenda

September 10 - 14 Rally Mayberry CG

Wednesday travel day;

5:30 Happy Hour provided by the host,
Followed by dinner consisting of hamburgers & hot dogs with
potato salad & baked beans, and ice cream sandwiches & cookies.

Thursday;

Breakfast at 9:00 provided be host. Eggs, sausage gravy and
biscuits, Bacon, sausage, pancakes & fruit. Bring your own drink of choice, along
with your plate/bowl and silverware.

5:00 Happy Hour, bring your drink, followed by heavy appetizers at 6:00
Bring something to share.

Friday;

Breakfast and lunch on your own
5:00 dinner at 13 Bones in Mt Airy. We will leave the campground around
4:40. Come back to the campground after dinner for ice cream sundaes/banana
splits and fellowship

Saturday;

Breakfast and lunch on your own.
5:00 Happy Hour bring a snack and your drink.
6:00 dinner grilled pork tenderloin, rice pilaf, peas & carrots. Bring a side dish or
dessert. Also bring your plate/bowl, silverware and drink.

Sunday;

9:00

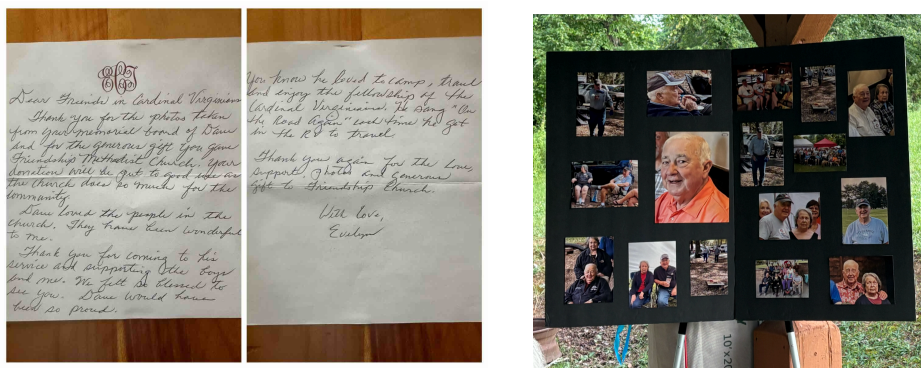
Continental breakfast, pastries, fruit, hard boiled eggs & Bagels.
Bring your own drink. ? devotions and good byes.

Safe travels to everyone and thank you for coming

A special note

At our June rally we featured a picture board as a memorial for Dave Crabtree. We also took up a collection to give as a donation to Friendship Methodist Church in Dave's honor. Many of our members also attended Dave's service.

We have received this nice handwritten thank you note from Evelyn Crabtree concerning our Photo board of Dave and our donation to Friendship Church in his memory.



*Dear Friends in Cardinal Virginians,
Thank you for the photos taken from your memorial board of Dave, and for the generous gift you gave Friendship Methodist Church. Your donation will be put to good use as the church does so much for the community. Dave loved the people in the church. They have been wonderful to me. Thank you for coming to his service and supporting the boys and me. We felt so blessed to see you. Dave would have been so proud. You know he loved to camp, travel, and enjoy the fellowship of the Cardinal Virginians. He sang, 'On The Road Again' each time he got in the RV to travel.*

Thank you again for the love, support, photos, and generous gift to Friendship Church.

*With Love,
Evelyn*

Your Officers for October 2024/2025

*President, Baynard Barton
Vice President, Kamal Rojiani
2nd VP/trail boss, Gary Lambert
*Treasurer, Steve Bowers *Secretary, Donna Handy
*Newsletter, Sarah Bishop
National Director, Steve Bowers
Alternate National Director, Bill Brown
*Chaplain, John Davis
Caring, Betty Franklin
Webmaster, Kamal Rojiani
*Face book Administrator, Carol Melton
(*Need new candidates for election)

Editors note

If you have anything you would like included in future newsletters, please send it to me. You can email me, (bishops816@gmail.com) text me (276-613-5487) or even reach out through Facebook. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve the Cardinal Virginians As you newsletter editor.

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Sarah Bishop, editor