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Message from the President

Greetings Capitol Chapter,

Happy Summer! Hope your days have been memorable and enjoyable. I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures. If you would like to share, feel free to post your trips, pictures and travel tips on our Facebook site.

We have a busy fall schedule for our Capitol Chapter with a September rally and October rally. And for an unforgettable time, get ready to "Coast into GEAR" at the GEAR rally in November.

Our membership chairs, Dana Kromash and Diane Mierzwa are starting to plan our 2026 Chapter rallies. We are looking for hosts and ideas for 2026. Please step up and help us plan our schedule for next year.

We will be having our holiday party and annual meeting on December 7, 2025 at West End Grill in Annapolis. An Evite will be going out in the near future.

Please contact me to discuss your ideas or for more information on our volunteer positions. Hope to see you all at the upcoming events.
Until next time, keep on traveling.

Joe Kromash, President

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 copilot will not be covered by FRVA's benefits, ie. medical, travel assist, discounts. Call FRVA to verify and update your profile. 800-543-3622.

DID YOU KNOW?

Between Buffalo and Rochester in upstate New York, the East Coast can boast that it also has a Grand Canyon.

Letchworth State Park is known as the "Grand Canyon of the East". The Genesee River roars through sections of the park over three major waterfalls. Scenic overlooks let you get close up views of the surrounding natural beauty. Fall is especially a great time to visit to see the changing foliage with spectacular colors. You can download the NYS Parks Explorer App before you visit. You will receive updates and the interactive map will tell you where you are in the park.

<https://parks.ny.gov/explorer-app/>

For more information:

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/letchworth>

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/letchworth-state-park-guide-7559695>

<https://www.comejoinmyjourney.com/letchworth-state-park-fall/>

An Invitation to Pocono Raceway Rally

The Penn Coachmen Chapter has extended an invitation to Capitol members who are interested in joining their rally on the infield at Pocono Raceway, NASCAR'S only privately owned racetrack in Long Pond, PA.

Check out their flyer. For more detailed information including registration forms, visit their website. www.penncoachmen.org

JOIN US

2025 Penn Coachmen Pocono Raceway Rally

Camping dates: Sept 24 –Sept 30 Planned activities: Sept 25 through Sept 29

Full 50 A hookups, Infield parking, \$40 per night (Pay directly to the raceway)

\$25 per person registration fee (Pay to Penn Coachmen)

Additional rally fees to be paid upon arrival

- 3 dinners and 2 breakfasts at the café included in rally fees
- RV education seminars (included)
- RV Technical roundtable (bring your questions)
- Crafts (minimal materials cost) & games
- Stock Car Experience (Sept 29, ride-along or drive, additional cost)
Make reservations at www.877stockcar.com
- Entertainment (one night)
- Local attractions and activities
- Inside activity accommodations this year
- Track access for walks and bicycle riding (times to be announced)
- Raceway tours (included)
- We welcome all RV types
- Membership is NOT required

Call **610-334-3287** or visit penncoachmen.org to register for the rally

Call the racetrack to reserve camping site at
800-722-3929



2025 RALLIES AND EVENTS

September 10 - 14, 2025

Lancaster Rally

Old Mill Stream Campground
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Rally Masters: Len and Diane Mierzwa

Len and Diane have reserved sites for Capitol Members.

RSVP - Call Len at 301-904-9911 after you get your campsite.

Rally fee is \$20 per rig.

Old Mill Stream Campground: 717-299-2314

Note: The Lancaster Hot Air Balloon Festival has been cancelled. There are still many activities happening in the area.

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.

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



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

We will be holding our chapter meeting and voting on board positions.

Open positions

Chapter Secretary - We have a nomination for Deborah Langsdon.

Chapter National Director- Keeps the Chapter informed of items pertaining to the National organization as well as keeping the National organization apprised of items happening at the Chapter level. Another important duty is participation in and voting during the Governing board meetings.

Organizers: Joe and Dana Kromash 301-807-4686

2026 RALLIES AND EVENTS

March 18 - 21, 2026

FRVA 112th International Convention

Georgia National Fairgrounds

Perry, Georgia

Mail in registration is now available on [FRVA.com](https://www.frva.com)

Online registration coming in September



APRIL 9 - 12, 2026

Cherry Hill Park Campground, College Park, Md.

Hosts: Joe & Dana Kromash

Campground: Cherry Hill Park Campground

9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, Md 20740

Group name - FRVA Capitol Chapter/ Dana Kromash

www.cherryhillpark.com



Call Cherry Hill Campground directly to reserve your site at 240-484-8917.

Please let Joe & Dana know after you have made your reservation. 301-807-4686

There are 10 reserved full hook up RV sites. The campground is offering 2025 rates until October 1, 2025. The rate is \$97.80 per night. This rate only applies to the 3 nights on contract (April 9-12). After October 1, the campground will release the unused sites and will charge the 2026 rates.

Vehicles- Extra vehicles will be charged \$7 per vehicle. (One vehicle per site at N/C)

Day Visitors - Day visitors must be registered prior to arrival and will be charged \$4 per person, max 5 per site. If not registered, fee is \$7. Visitors must register at the office each day they are visiting.

Payment in full will be taken 10 days prior to arrival if not already paid by guest online.

Please remember to reserve your site prior to October 1, 2025.

June 5 - 9, 2026

Williamsburg, VA

Hosts: Len & Diane Mierzwa



American Heritage RV Park

146 Maxton Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188

americanheritagervpark.com

888-530-2267

757-566-2133

If we have 10 rigs attending, the nightly rate is \$69 plus tax. Less than 10 rigs, peak rates will be charged. The rates for 2026 have not yet been set. Discounts will apply to Military, AAA, or Good Sam members, but you cannot use the discount with the \$69 rate. Reservations must be made before April 24, 2026 to qualify as part of the Capitol Chapter and the \$69 rate. Tell the campground you are with the Capitol Chapter.

Once you book your site, please either email Len at len.mierzwa@verizon.com or call 301-904-9911 to let him know you are registered.

July 1 - 4, 2026

FRVA's 113th International Convention

Sedalia, MO

Registration Coming Soon

October 22 - 25, 2026

Sunfest Ocean City, MD

Hosts: Len & Diane Mierzwa

Sun Outdoors Campground

12612 Eagles Nest Road Berlin, MD

We have 10 sites reserved. Call Ann Savoia at 248-749-7619 to make your reservation.

Sunfest is one of the areas largest outdoor festivals showcasing arts, crafts, music and culinary delights. The music lineup features live performances by top artists and local talents from various genres. Plus you will experience all the excitement the boardwalk has to offer.

December, 2026

Holiday Party

Organizers: Joe & Dana Kromash

West End Grill

2049 West St. Annapolis, MD

Board elections and annual Chapter meeting

Date to be announced.

We are looking for event ideas and rally hosts for 2026. Please contact either Diane Mierzwa at diane.mierzwa@verizon.net or 301-904-9911, or Dana Kromash at bobosmom1227@gmail.com or call 301-807-4686.

We also need volunteers that might be interested in serving in an officer position. Contact Len Mierzwa at len.mierzwa@verizon.net or 301-904-9911.

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.frva-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.



JUST GO.