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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President's Message for August 2025

CV Chapter July Rally was at the annual "Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Association Show" near Easton, Maryland. The country side is mostly coastal land, flat, and farm country. Clemmers and Coopers arrived Wednesday July 9, 2025, one day before the official start of the show to get a good camping spot. It was dry camping and the weather was sunny, hot, and humid. Generators ran non-stop except for checking oil. We enjoyed watching horse pulls, tractor pulls, antique saw mill, numerous antique steam tractors, steam engines, hit-and-miss engines, a display of antique washing machines from many past years, parades of antique equipment, and many other sights. The facility is awesome considering it was started in 1973 by a few local citizens. There are numerous permanent buildings on site such as a replica of a machine shop, a building with early gas engines, a building depicting early rural life, restrooms and showers, a kitchen that served meals carry-out, a train with tracks around and through the facility. It was an enjoyable Rally.

I am asking 2nd VP/Editor Kenny Woolard to share information from Andy and Lee Deal with you from the Gillette, Wyoming National Rally. Lee Deal represented CV Chapter at the business meeting and voted for CV Chapter. Andy reports there were only 380 member coaches, a small FRVA National Rally. There is a summary of the General Business Meeting, a chart of FY 2025 income, a chart of FY 2025 expenses, and a pie chart of hoe FRCA dues are spent.

As previously reported CV has 20 voting members. CV April Rally had 3, May Rally had 5, June Rally had 5, July Rally had 2, members in attendance. CV Chapter next scheduled rally is GEAR November 9-16, 2025 at Ocean Lakes Campground at Myrtle Beach, SC. CV Chapter has a rally scheduled for August 2026 at Anchor Down RV Resort. Information for Anchor Down is in the Colonial Crier Newsletter.

GEAR Rally Master David Fowler solicited Chapters to place adds in the GEAR 2025 Program. CV BOD (Officers) choose not to spend our Treasury for an add because we don't have much information (rally schedules) to advertise.

Summer has been hot, humid, and is passing fast. There may not be a Colonial Crier

Edition in September unless there is new news or information to share with you.

Okay, let's laugh a little about husbands and wives. Wife asks "Husband how you would describe me"? Husband. "ABCDEFGHIIJK". Wife. "What does that stand for"? Husband. Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Fashionable, Gorgeous, and Hot. Wife. "Aaawww, thank you! But what about IJK"? Husband. "I'm just kidding."

Advice to husbands, stop at H. Enjoy the rest of summer.
Jerry

27 July, 2025

West Tiffin Voyagers National Director Report

Family RV Association Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, 16 July, 2025, Gillette, Wyoming

I attended the annual FRVA Governing Board meeting held during the 111th International Rally in Gillette WY.

There were 154 FRVA chapters represented, and a quorum was established

Standing rules were reviewed and adopted. Treasurer's/Finance Committee report reviewed and accepted.

Standing Committees –

- Constitution and Bylaws. There were 5 proposed Bylaw amendments presented:
 - A Full Life Member (who paid \$1000 years ago) is not entitled to waived FRVA convention fees like the Life Members (past presidents and founders) are. PASSED
 - Allow the Immediate Past President who sits on the FRVA Executive Board as an advisor, to have voting rights. NOT PASSED
 - Delete the restriction on FRVA members that also own small RV related business from not being eligible to run for national office. PASSED
 - Allow 2 two-year terms for Executive Board members, even if they filled a portion of another term. PASSED
 - Allow the Commercial Council President to serve as a non-voting advisor to the FRVA Executive Board. PASSED
- Convention

- Perry, GA and Sedalia, MO are the planned convention sites for 2026
- Perry, GA and Gillette, WY are the planned convention sites for 2027. There was a later discussion about NOT coming back to Gillette in 2027, and the summer 2027 convention location was changed to TBD.
- Policies and Procedures. There were 7 recommended P&P changes presented.
 - Membership Enrollment P&P revised to cover the Pathfinder membership category. PASSED
 - Statement of Investment Policy P&P revised to add cryptocurrency to the list of prohibited assets. PASSED
 - Chapter and Assoc Chapter Applications P&P revised to clarify that family and life members count towards the certified chapter members. PASSED
 - Nomination and Election, Chapter Officers Responsibilities P&P revised to clarify that the chapter Alternate National Director is an optional position. RETURNED TO COMMITTEE
 - Chapter National Director and Alternate National Director Responsibilities P&P revised to clarify when it is appropriate to appoint a chapter temporary delegate versus electing a temporary delegate. PASSED
 - Area Association Creation and Operation P&P revised to add Dissolution process. PASSED
 - FRVA Review Council Responsibilities P&P revised to cover the procedure of dissolving an FRVA area. RETURNED TO COMMITTEE

Other Committees reporting:

- Commercial Council
- Review Council
- AMS/IT Committee
- Contract Committee
- Education Committee
- Enhancing FRVA Committee
- Executive Director Search Committee
- Governance Committee
- Government and Legislative Committee
- Membership/Member Services Committee
- Recruitment and Retention Committee

Actions for 2024/2025. These items are actions taken by the Executive Board (EB) and Board of Directors (BOD) from Aug 24 thru Jul 25. There were 6 items to be voted on that required approval of the Governing Board (GB).

- Request the GB authorize the sale of two pieces of FRVA owned residential property that are adjacent to the Clough Pike headquarters. These were purchased years ago for possible expansion of the HQ, but are now a yearly financial burden with property taxes and upkeep. PASSED
- Recommend the GB authorize the EB to conduct a study into the feasibility of consolidating the two current FRVA properties at Clough Pike (HQ) and Round Bottom Rd (Campground & Storage bldg.) into a single FRVA facility. PASSED
- That the EB approve a decrease in the Commercial Memberships dues for new and renewal commercial members to \$69 until 16 Jul 2025. PASSED
- To approve the locations of Perry, GA and Sedalia, MO for the 2026 International Conventions. PASSED
- To approve the locations of Perry, GA and Gillette, WY for the 2027 International Conventions. PASSED after the deletion of Gillette WY. Summer 2027 convention location now TBD.
- To recommend GB quorum be amended to: "A quorum for the transaction of business at the GB meeting is 25% of the voting chapters or 75 members from the voting chapters, whichever is less" PASSED

There were 17 GB "Informational items" which had previously been reported/approved in the EB and BOD meeting minutes and were provided to aid the GB in exercising its oversight of FRVA affairs.

- To suspend the "share the love" campaign beginning 17 Aug 2024
- To change the FRVA CEO title back to Executive Director
- To refer the possibility of a Lifetime Membership campaign
- To purchase the FRVA.com domain name
- To move FRVA away from its AMS/IT system
- To allow in house FRVA IT staff to develop proof of concepts for management software modules for membership, events and chapters.
- To start newly updated membership plates (goose eggs) as of 1 Mar, 2025
- To recommend the EB approve the RV Overnights proposal
- To approve the 2025-2026 insurance policies renewals on 01 Apr, 2025
- To suspend the monthly dues option
- To change the affiliate programs – both family and chapter – to include members who have expired for 60 days or more, not 6 months.
- To earmark 50% of FRVA's net operating earnings to each of the reserve funds in the investment portfolio.
- To set aside \$20K for educational purposes in FRVA's 2026 fiscal year proposed budget

- To accept the Wage Review Board recommendation for the 2026 budget for salaries and contract employee expenses in the amount of \$1,929.926.
- The Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Policy and Procedure Committee and Governance Committee will review governing documents and recommend what items the GB must approve versus what the EB can approve
- To approve the proposed 2026 fiscal year budget with a surplus of \$20,121
- To award the 2025 Robert L. Richter Award to David Meyer, F477215, Dogwood Chapter.

Nominating Committee Report. Announcement of candidates for national office for the 2025-2027 term.

National President – Paul Mitchell, F165576 - ELECTED

Barbara Smith, F329936

National Senior VP - Bob Weithofer, F253844 – ELECTED

Les Naylor, F231802

National Secretary - Glenda Milner, L409834 – ELECTED

Don Schluese, F264999

National Treasurer - Nick Gilliam, F428529 – WITHDREW

Ken Lewis, F257360D – ELECTED by GB proclamation

Provided are two charts, one that shows the overall income and expenses for fiscal year 2025, and one that shows the fiscal year 2025 breakdown of your dues.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Deal, F359977

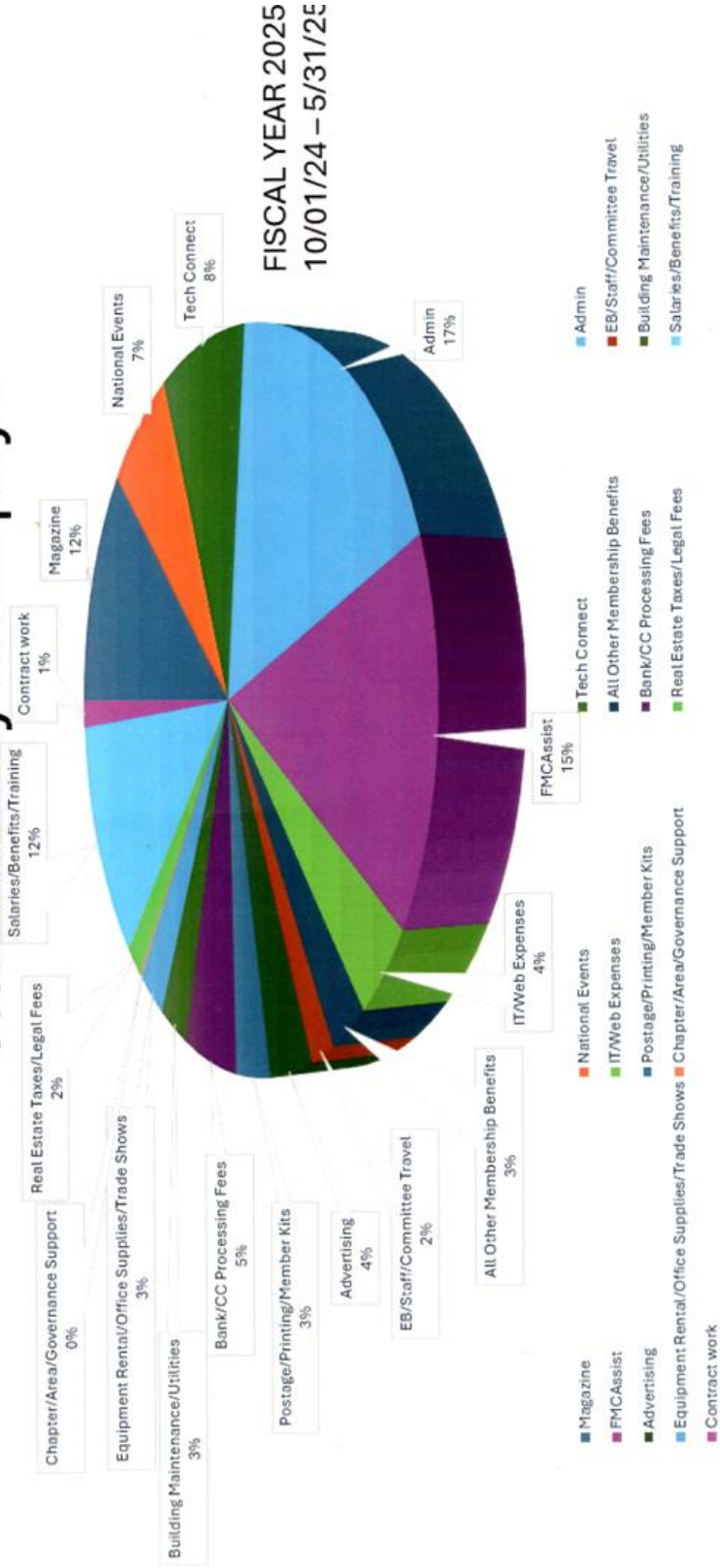
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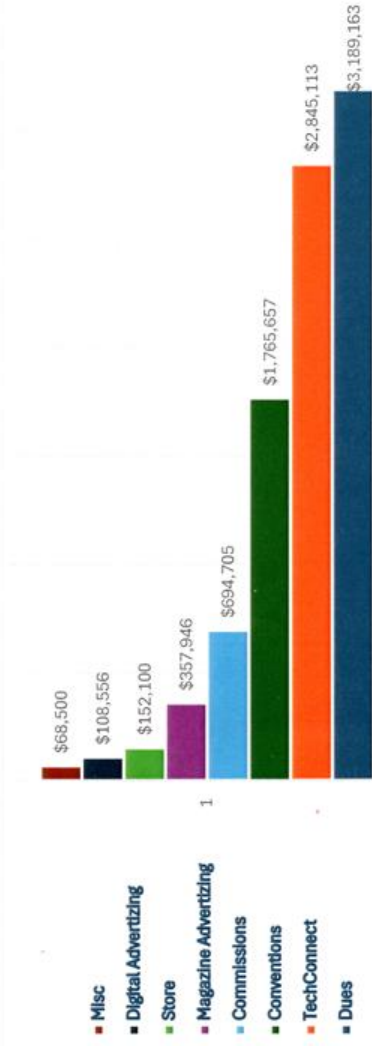
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What do my dues pay?



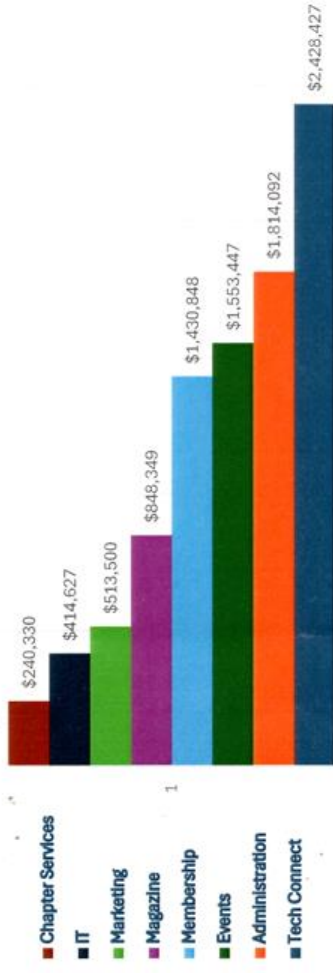
INCOME

Dues	\$3,189,163	35%
TechConnect	\$2,845,113	31%
Conventions	\$1,765,657	19%
Commissions	\$694,705	8%
Magazine Advertizing	\$357,946	4%
Store	\$152,100	2%
Digital Advertizing	\$108,556	1%
Misc	\$68,500	1%
Total	\$9,181,740	



EXPENSES

Tech Connect	\$2,428,427	26%
Administration	\$1,814,092	20%
Events	\$1,553,447	17%
Memberships	\$1,430,848	16%
Magazine	\$848,349	9%
Marketing	\$513,500	6%
IT	\$414,627	5%
Chapter Services	\$240,330	3%
Total	\$8,588,663	



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Rally Schedule

2025

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



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.Riverivercampground.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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