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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Presidents's Message for September 2025

CV Chapter had a third "Official FRVA Chapter Meeting" in 2025 which was a "Zoom Meeting" held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 7:30 pm. CV Member participation in the meeting was disappointing. There was a quorum of six members. The main purpose of the meeting was to introduce CV Members to Richard Ziegler and to present a slate of Officers per FRVA Bylaws.

Officer candidates for 2026 are President - Richard Ziegler, Vice President - John Anton, Treasurer - Ray McCaskey, Secretary - Diane Cooper, and National Director - John Cooper.

At this time there are 8 CV Members registered for GEAR in November. Plans are to have a dinner meeting and install the 2025 Officers.

If CV Chapter is going to survive in the future more members need to step up and host rallies. It is difficult to recruit new members when there is not a monthly rally schedule. Campgrounds and dates must be selected in advance so people can plan vacations and set up their own schedules.

It would be beneficial for CV Chapter to have a rally schedule for 2026 and be able to present it the Chapter Fair at GEAR in November 2025. Since becoming CV President in January 2024, the rally schedule was cut back to 7 months, April through October. IF EACH FAMILY MEMBER GOING TO GEAR CHOOSES A MONTH (April through October) AND SELECTS A CAMPGROUND before the end of September; the dates can probably be put in the 2025 Chapter Flyer by FRVA and then passed out at GEAR in November.

Clemmers and McCaskeys are hosting a CV Rally at Anchor Down RV Resort in August of 2026. Arrive Monday August 24, leave Sunday August 30, for 6 nights. At this time, 8 Families have registered. Anchor Down is very popular. Reservations must be made way in advance. This will be a joint rally as the Cardinal Virginia FRVA Chapter has been invited to join CV Chapter at this rally. More information is on another page in this newsletter. At this time it will be no host rally with no rally fee. That may change

depending on participation.

As a member of camping groups in the past there are several methods to obtain a rally schedule. One is to put rally months in a hat and use members or member names and pull the months out of the hat and that is the month the members (normally two family members) host a rally. Another method is to ask for volunteers; which is not working for our Chapter.

Hosting a rally is not difficult. Any of CV Officers can provide information and advice. A "Rally Room" is not a necessity. Furnishing dinners throughout the rally is not required. "No host" rallies only require finding a campground (choose one close to where you live), choosing dates, and perhaps scheduling a pot-luck breakfast and/or dinner. CV's no-host rallies in 2024 and 2025 have not required rally fees.

I will be stepping down as CV President in November at GEAR. Please support CV's incoming President Richard Ziegler and CV's Officers.

Jerry

Three Rules for Life:

- 1) If you do not go after what you want, you will never have it.
- 2) If you do not ask, the answer will always be no.
- 3) If you do not step forward, you will remain in the same place.

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Rally Schedule

2025

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
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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