

Greater Eastern Area Rally 2025

FIRST TIMERS' SEMINAR

Gary Lyons, President Eastern Area



ORIENTATION

- **Important information packages**
- **Key activities and events in the schedule**
- **The most important FRVA Benefit**
- **Questions and Answers**



In the event of an emergency

- **GEAR program page 3 lists nearby Medical Facilities**
- **Pay close attention to the emergency procedures provided.**

Dial 911

Then

843-828-4847

If in your RV:

Always know your location (site number!)

Turn on your emergency flashers



Information Packages - 1

➤ GEAR:

- Goody bags
- Locator cards
- Program and Schedule
- Daily updates (9:30 pm: QR code Program pg 3)



Information Packages - 2

- **Ocean Lakes (updates: QR code Program pg 9)**
 - **Laundry, snack bar, and market**
 - **Golf Carts**
 - **Curfew**
 - **Mail delivery**
 - **Uber**



CHECK OUT THE SEMINARS

- Technical “How To’s” and “Do-Nots”
- RV There Yet? with Kevin & Patrice McCabe
- Rick Steelman the Travel Concierge: Rving as Great Road Adventure
- Fantasy RV Tours (Alaska, Canadian Maritime Provinces, RT 66)
- Yankee RV Tours (Michigan & Ontario Maritime, Fall Foliage)
- Vendors: 10:00-4:00 Thursday, 9:00-4:00 Friday, 9:00-12:00 Saturday
- Coaches on Display courtesy Campers Inn



FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT

- 7:15pm Wednesday EAMA has talent with the Frustrated Maestros
- 7:30pm Thursday Carson Peters and the Iron Mountain Band
- 7:30pm Friday Synergy Twins
- 7:30pm Saturday Too Much Sylvia



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- Coffee and Donuts Thursday – Saturday mornings
- Bean Bag Baseball Thursday 1:00-3:00 (Sign ups!)
- Ice Cream Social – Thursday 3:00-4:00
- Dog Parade – Thursday 4:00
- Alabama Theater – Special Holiday Program Friday 1:30-4:00pm
- Ladies' Luncheon – Saturday 11:30-1:15
- Craft Show – Saturday 2:15-4:30 (Sign ups!)
- 16 Vendors & Exhibitors – Open Thursday 10:00 (Program pg25)
- Dealer Visits – enter for door prize drawing (Program pg26)



FRVA INFORMATION/BENEFITS

- Bob Weithofer presented FRVA updates and benefits earlier
- Up to date FRVA Membership Benefits can be found at www.frva.com under the FRVA membership tab
- Bob Weithofer will be available throughout GEAR to answer any remaining questions you might have



BENEFITS: THE FRVA AS FAMILY

- **HUNDREDS OF CHAPTERS, FUN-LOVING GROUPS**
- **MEANINGFUL WAYS TO CONNECT WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE**
- **GATHERING WITH PEOPLE WHO SHARE YOUR PASSIONS**
- **HIKING AND SHARING MUSIC, CAMPFIRE COOKING, HISTORY**
- **TRAVELING IN THE SAME TYPE OF RV**
- **SHARED HOBBIES AND EXPERIENCES**
- **SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO FIND A PLACE WHERE YOU TRULY BELONG**



The Eastern Area of FRVA



28 Chapters in 8 states plus 1 in NJ

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EASTERN AREA 4 REGIONS

- ➡ Northern Region (PA, DE, MD, DC & NJ)
- ➡ Southern Region (NC & SC)
- ➡ Western Region (TN & KY)
- ➡ Central Region (VA & WV)
- ➡ Full list of chapters: program page 9



OUR MOST IMPORTANT BENEFIT

- Is Chapter membership
- Chapter membership is not required.
- Chapters are where connections are made, laughter abounds, relationships grow, and RV life is shared!
- Chapter membership is open to all FRVA members who enjoy adventure and the excitement of exploring unique places, building new friendships all the while absorbing local history, culture, and GREAT food.
- All motorhomes and towables are welcome.
- There is something for everyone.



OUR MOST IMPORTANT BENEFIT

- Chapters: where connections are made, laughter abounds, relationships grow, and RV life is shared!
- 28 Chapters spread across 8 states + 1 in NJ
- 7 are special interest based on hobbies, brands, etc.
- 21 geographic



OUR MOST IMPORTANT BENEFIT

- Chapters: where connections are made, laughter abounds, relationships grow, and RV life is shared!
- Special interest
 - Tiffin Travelers
 - Eastern Gourmands
 - Rolling Red Hatters
 - Coaches for Christ
 - Frustrated Maestros
 - GMC Colonial Travelers
 - GMC Dixielanders



NORTHERN REGION

- **Alleghany Mountain (PA)**
- **GMC Colonial Travelers (PA)**
- **Penn Coachmen (PA & Area)**
- **20th Century Wagontrainers (NJ & PA)**
- **First State Travelers (DE)**
- **Friendly MD Travelers (MD)**
- **Capitol (MD)**



SOUTHERN REGION

- **Coastal Tarheels (NC)**
- **Dixie Traveliers (NC)**
- **Over the Mountain (NC)**
- **Carolina Heartlanders (NC & SC)**
- **Foothills Travelers (NC & SC)**
- **Carolina Drifters (SC)**
- **Carolina Pelicans (SC)**
- **Mid-South Roadrunners (SC)**

WESTERN REGION

- **Happy Tennessee Travelers (TN)**
- **Cumberland Travelers (TN, KY &AL)**
- **GMC Dixielanders (TN, KY, AL, NC, SC &GA)**
- **KY Horse Shu Kru (KY)**
- **Cardinal Virginians (VA)**
- **Colonial Virginians (VA)**
- **Dogwood (VA)**
- **Elizabeth River Going Strong (VA)**
- **Bay Travelers (Mid-Atlantic)**

CENTRAL REGION

- **Cardinal Virginians (VA)**
- **Colonial Virginians (VA)**
- **Dogwood (VA)**
- **Elizabeth River Going Strong (VA)**
- **Bay Travelers (Mid-Atlantic)**



FIND A CHAPTER (or two!)

- Check out the Chapter Fair at 4:00
- If you find interesting chapters ask about their chapter gatherings here at GEAR
- Check chapter rallies calendar <https://www.frva.com/frva-events>
- You can also explore
- <https://www.frva-ea.com/our-chapters/>
- <https://member.frva.com/Chapters/Find-a-Chapter>
- Many of us are members of more than one chapter.



SAVE THE DATES

Perry, GA March 18-21, 2026 at GA National Fairgrounds

- **We are the Host Area!**
- **Volunteers needed.**



Sedalia, MO July 1-4, 2026 at MO State Fairgrounds

- **FRVA Annual meeting**
- **Fireworks at the Fairground**
- **Community events**



SAVE THE DATES

- We will not hold GEAR in 2026
- Our next GEAR is scheduled for October 6-10, 2027
- WV State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, WV



THANKS TO THE FIRST TIMERS COMMITTEE

- **Phyllis Britz**
- **Sue Cipa**
- **All the volunteer hosts**



Now it is your turn!



THANK YOU!

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