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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President's Message for October 2025

This may be the last President's Message from your outgoing President. CV Chapter had Rallies in April, May, June, and July. One more Rally is the GEAR Rally in November. There is not much news to share with no CV Rallies for 3 months in 2025. A slate of Officers for 2026 was presented last month. Other current Officers are willing to continue to serve in 2026. I am ready to pass the President's position to incoming CV President Richard Ziegler.

There is a message from Richard Ziegler on another page in this newsletter.

GEAR in November at Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach is sold out with over 300 registrations. The reason for the limit is the people capacity of the main meeting room in case of a fire. CV Chapter has 6 member registrations and possibly one member on the waiting list for GEAR.

At this time, CV Chapter has one rally scheduled for 2026. It is August 24 - leave August 30, 2026 (6 nights) at Anchor Down RV Resort on Douglas Lake in Danridge, TN. There are 10 registered to attend. A member registered this past week and advised; "Anyone who has not made reservation yet for next August needs to at least book a placeholder and then watch for openings later." Incoming Colonial Virginians President Richard Ziegler is planning rallies for 2026 and has great ideas to promote and grow Colonial Virginians Chapter.

EAMA (Eastern Area Motorhome Association)... need to change the name, is hosting FRVA National Rally at Perry, GA in March of 2026. Eastern Area President Gary Lyons needs a volunteer for Perry as a "Coordinator" and two volunteers as "Seminar Chairman". There is a slate of officers for EAMA positions as follows: Brian Parnes for Area Senior Vice President, Tina Parnes for Eastern Area Secretary, and Steven Raileanu for Central Region Vice President. These Officers will be installed at GEAR.

There may not be a newsletter for November.

In closing this month here is a story that should make you chuckle.

A wife sees a daytime talk show where they're discussing remarriage after a spouse passes away. After chatting with her mother and friends about it at length, she asks her husband later that night in bed, "Honey, if I were to die, would you remarry?"

He replies, Well, after a considerable period of grieving and maybe even therapy... we all need companionship. So, I guess I would."

Spurred on by her husband's response, she then asks, "If I die and you remarried, would you let the woman live in this house?"

He replies, "We've spent a lot of money getting this house just the way we want it. It seems like a waste to give it all up... so, yes, I guess I would."

Looking flustered, the wife finally asks, "Would you let her use my golf clubs?"

"Oh no... she's left-handed."

Go Rving. Enjoy the mild fall weather, take off to the beach, or go to a fall festival or other event.

Jerry

Hello, I'm Richard Ziegler

Incoming Board President for Colonial Virginia Recreational Vehicle Association (FRVA formerly FMCA)

First and foremost, I want to thank Jerry and the outgoing Board for their hard work and commitment in 2024/2025, and for positioning the Colonial VA

I am an avid outdoorsman thru sky diving, scuba diving, over 20 years with RV's and motorhomes, and over 45 years of personal boat ownership. I am excited to learn more about your love of the outdoors.

As a passionate advocate for these activities and more with several clubs I belong to cover multiple interests, I promise to bring a unique blend of expertise, enthusiasm, vision and growth to the Colonial Virginia Chapter of FRVA.

The Ziegler Family

I was born in Washington, DC in 1954 during a winter snowstorm on Elvis' birthday. Growing up, I lived in Arlington, Springfield, and McLean. I graduated from Langley HS in 1972.

I met my wife Bronwyn in Charlottesville, and we married in 1977. We have three grown children, all living in the Richmond area (Brandermill and the Fan District).

We have no grandchildren so I will be interested in hearing about yours. I have two younger sisters. My father is 89 and living in Leesburg.

Going Forward

My goals for 2026 are to focus on FUN rallies and activities with robust attendance, where we all can develop lasting relationships, learn from each other's past knowledge and experiences, all while sharing in a sense of anticipation, accomplishment, and fellowship through shared common interests.

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Rally Schedule

2025

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

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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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