



### **A note from our President**

Greetings from sunny Florida.

Yes, we are here in Leesburg/Eustis and it is sunny and 78 degrees right now. The weather forecast for Christmas is mostly sunny and 78. It was definitely a different Christmas this year. But we handled it and made it through the festivities. We had our BIG 18inch tree with some decorations on it with lights. It was really nice. Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and you got everything you wanted, and a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026.

If you have NOT paid your dues (\$25) yet, please get them in to Brent Ferguson ASAP. 226 Altamira Drive Roanoke, VA 24019. It is not to early to make your reservations for our rallies for next year, you can always cancel later.

Also, Gene & Judy Matthews have sold their motorhome and will not be camping with us anymore, but may come to visit. Steve & Lynn Bowers are selling their motorhome but hope to camp/visit with us whenever they can.

Evelyn Crabtree would like to hear from her camping family, so give her a call when you have the chance. 540-250-1643. Her motorhome is still for sale and setting in her driveway. So, if you know of anyone looking for a nice one tell them to call her.

Stay warm and be safe out there. Until next month.

Gary Lambert  
President  
Cardinal Virginians

### **Hosting a Rally**

We now have most of our rallies scheduled for 2026! Thank you to everyone who stepped up and volunteered to host.

There may still opportunities available for hosting if you are interested. It is never too soon to start looking ahead to the 2027 season either!

## Report for Christmas luncheon

The Christmas luncheon was held on December 12th at Golden Coral in Roanoke. There was 17 of our members in attendance and a good time was had by all. Sorry more of you could not have been there. The food was really good and plenty for everyone. We had good fellowship and discussions among ourselves. The canned food we collected was taken to Feeding America by Brent Ferguson.

Thank you Brent.

Hope to see most of you at our first rally in April at Madison Vines.

Gary



## Upcoming Rallies

<b>Cardinal Virginians Rallies for 2026</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b>Host/s</b>	<b>Campground</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Phone #</b>
April 29 - May 3	Lamberts & G.Fergusons	Madison Vines CG	110 Campground Ln, Madison, VA	540-948-4186
May ?	Coopers & Kanes	Jellystone	Natural Bridge, Va	540-291-2727
June 25 - 28	Compters & Handys	Wythville KOA Holiday	231 KOA Rd., Wythville, VA 24382	276-228-2601
July 23 - 26	Pittmans & Petersons	Cozy Acres CG	2177 Ridge Rd. Powhatan, VA 23139	804-598-2470
August	OPEN			
September ?	Sonnessas & B. Fergusons			
Oct	Seamons ?			
November				
December	OPEN	Christmas Party		

### **Note:**

**Please let the host know along with our trail boss. If you are attending a Rally Get those reservations in as soon as possible to ensure that there are spots available**

## **May 2026 Rally**

For the May 26 Rally at Jellystone in Natural Bridge, Virginia

15 specific sites have been reserved. Details about the individual sites are in the photo. Deposits need to be made by April 3. Contact Jellystone to reserve

SITES ON HOLD	MAX RV Length in Feet
10.22 SHE WANTS	
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U101	42
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U103	40
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U105	42
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U107	42
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U109	42
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U111	45
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U118	42
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U119	42
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U120	42
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U121	45
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U122	35
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U123	42
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U124	42
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U125	45
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U127	45

## **June 2026 Rally**

***Greetings! Barbara and I are new to the Cardinal Virginians, but we have volunteered to host the June 2026 rally, along with Tim & Donna Handy.***

We have confirmed dates for the June 2026 rally at Wytheville KOA (Wytheville VA): Thursday, June 25 through Sunday, June 28.

They have blocked off the entire lower ("L") section for us. That's way more than we'll need, but better too many than too few sites. (I didn't ask for that many – they volunteered it). These are all premium big-rig sites, some pull-throughs and some back-ins, but nothing that's difficult to get in or out of. I booked Site L17 for Barbara and me, and added a day on the front end for us to setup. Tim & Donna will also come a day early, and they will be staying in L18. (see site map, attached)

Reservations are available now, and the block will be held until April 30. Rates are about \$80-82 per night (standard). They said they don't usually discount for less than 25 RVs, but I'm negotiating with the owner about that. And of course, there's always a 10% discount for KOA Rewards members – I don't know how many of our group are also KOA members.

Meetings and group meals: They said we could use the pavilion at the upper part of the campground, but I think that's too far for many of our folks to walk (and it's a slight

uphill). Either folks would have to rent a golf car or we'd have to ferry people back and forth, which would be a pain. I asked if we could just do the popup shelter thing like we did at Stuarts Draft, and they were okay with that. We would set up between the back-in sites (L17 – L22) and the pond. They could even move some extra tables and a fire ring there to accommodate us. We'll just have to pray for good weather!

Let me know your thoughts/questions/suggestions about this. Are we on the right track? If not, please let me know ASAP.

Larry & Barbara Compter

### **July, 2026 Cardinal Virginians Rally**

7/23/26-7/26/26

Co-Hosted by Michelle & Larry Peterson and Karilyn & Mark Pittman  
Cozy Acres Campground  
2177 B Ridge Road  
Powhatan, VA 23139  
(804)598-2470  
[www.cozyacres.com](http://www.cozyacres.com)

We have arranged for the July, 2026, Rally to be held at Cozy Acres Campground in Powhatan, VA. We have worked with the campground staff to save 14 campsites for our group. There is a variety of sites in various price ranges.

The campground has agreed to hold the campsites until June, 2026, however, we recommend that you make your reservations as soon as possible in order to get the site that you desire.

They will require one night's deposit to hold your site.

Your co-hosts will be on waterfront sites. The Petersons will be on Site 117 and the Pittmans will be on Site 118. These sites allow our RVs to face each other and the gathering spot for the rally will be between these two sites.

All sites have full hookups. The prices range from \$62.00/night to \$90.00/night. The sites that we have secured, along with the prices and a brief description, are listed below. If the sites we blocked are no longer available, the campground may have other sites, however, we encourage you to book sooner instead of later. Remember to mention "Cardinal Virginians" when booking your site.

Site Number	Description	Price	Campers
37	VIP site Pull through with Gazebo	\$90/night	
38	Super Site Pull through with paver patio	\$62/night	
39	Super Site Pull through with paver patio	\$62/night	
52	Super Site Pull through with paver patio	\$62/night	Sonnessa

53 Super Site Pull through with paver patio \$62/night Bartons  
54 Super Site Pull through with paver patio \$62/night Bishops  
55 Super Site Pull through with paver patio \$62/night  
56 Super Site Pull through with paver patio \$62/night  
115 VIP Site Back-in Waterfront with a patio \$80/night  
116 VIP Site Back-in Waterfront with a patio \$80/night  
117 VIP Site Back-in Waterfront with a patio \$80/night Petersons (co-hosts)  
118 VIP (motorhomes only) Pull-in Waterfront with a patio \$80/night Pittmans (co-hosts)  
119 VIP (motorhomes only) Pull-in Waterfront with a patio \$80/night Rapps  
120 VIP (motorhomes only) Pull-in Waterfront with a patio \$80/night

We have reserved the clubhouse for the weekend to be used in the event of rain.

\*\*\*A reminder: Please let us know when you make your reservations and what site you chose. Having an accurate headcount is very helpful when planning meals and activities. You can email us at [karilynpittman@gmail.com](mailto:karilynpittman@gmail.com) (Karilyn) or [shell2is67@gmail.com](mailto:shell2is67@gmail.com) (Michelle)

#### September 2026 Rally

The September Rally will be a joint rally with the Penn Coachmen from Eastern PA.

We will be staying at the Pocono Speedway Racetrack in the infield. This is where the Drivers stay during Race days. The dates of the rally will be September 11 - 14 with early bird check in on the 9th for those interested in coming in early. We are also looking for a ½ way point up the Rt 81 highway for those interested in taking 2 days to go to the rally and then also to return home so we do not have to make the entire drive in 1 day

We will need to provide a number of attendees to the Rally leader from Penn Coachmen no later than Feb 1 for those who are interested in going.

We will be sending out a Rally Registration form during January for the Rally. Will also include information on meals

**DO NOT make reservations at this point. Once we get the number and the forms completed we will instruct you to contact the racetrack to handle the reservations.**

**Below is the link to the infield parking**

[Infield-RV-Park-Map.png \(1251x856\)](#)

Any questions, call Bob Sonnessa 540-230-2431 or email [ssonnessa@comcast.net](mailto:ssonnessa@comcast.net)

## **For Sale:**

Tim Seaman's 2025 32-foot Coachmen class c motorhome is still for sale. Only 3800 miles; excellent condition with many extra options. \$110k or make a reasonable offer.

Contact Timm at [tseaman24@gmail.com](mailto:tseaman24@gmail.com) for photos and info. Happy New Year.

## **Care and Concerns**

We need to add Donna Brown to our prayer list as she recently had a fall and broke several ribs and got banged up a bit. As you know there is nothing that can be done for the ribs but wait for them to heal! Hugs to you Donna.

Update on Mark Pittman as he continues his healing process from his prostate surgery. Mark is slowly progressing but still gets very tired and is still experiencing some pain. Let's continue to keep him in our prayers.

If you know of someone we needed to include in our thoughts and prayers please contact me at [fallenoakfarm@juno.com](mailto:fallenoakfarm@juno.com) or by text at 540-270-7219

Betty Franklin

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If you have anything you would like included in future newsletters, please send it to me. You can email me, ([bishops816@gmail.com](mailto:bishops816@gmail.com)) text me (276-613-5487) or even reach out through Facebook.

**\*Please have anything you want included to me by the 25th of the previous month. ( for example, if you want something in the February newsletter please get it to me by Jan. 25) This insures that I have plenty of time to make sure I include it.**

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve the Cardinal Virginians as your newsletter editor

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