

## EAMA Central Region Report

I started the position the end of 2025, the first of 2026. Not really sure what my tasks for the year would be. I feel that I had a rough start. While there was a list of the chapters in the region, there was not much current information about the contacts within the chapters. And since there isn't a handbook of where to find the information, it took me a while to get into the swing of the position. While a couple of chapters turned out to be easy to locate contacts, I am still having issues establishing a line of contact with others. I started with the email addresses that I could locate but it was rare that I would hear back from the person I had emailed. Still not sure why folks did not respond. Ten months into the position, I have established communication with some of the chapters, just getting started with a couple, and still trying to get started with a couple.

Dogwood Chapter celebrated it's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a rally in July. Chapter is going strong, has a full compliment of officers and will hold elections at the upcoming annual meeting with a full slate of officers.

Elizabeth River Going Strong is another chapter going strong and while the chapter lost members last year to folks aging out, they have not had trouble picking up new members from the Tidewater area and other parts of Virginia or North Carolina. Usually rallies are attended by 20 to 23 rigs, officer positions seem to be steady.

Colonial Virginians are going into a two year hiatus. None of the members are willing to step up to take on the officer positions. My understanding the chapter president has stepped down and the treasurer is taking care of the closing down of all financials. Chapter services is aware of what is happening. I will be trying to contact some of the current members who have been suggested as possible officers, but am not sure the chapter can be revived. If that is the case, will try to contact current members to assist them to switch to operating chapters.

Cardinal Virginians lost their well like president on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, a sudden and sad loss. The secretary has stepped up to be the main contact as the chapter goes through this tough time. While this is one of the chapters I have heard very little of, it seems to be doing well.

Bay Travelers is a chapter I have had no contact with. I have tried emails and phone calls, but no response. I try calling at night, during the day, no difference.

Jeanette made a suggestion this afternoon while we were talking. Maybe I need to identify myself as representing FMCA, maybe these folks are not sure what FRVA actually is. Will try that approach in the future.

Mountaineers, West Virginia, just Friday I made contact with a lady who was a past national director. She and her husband have stepped back from Rv'ing as he go through chemo therapy. She did suggest another person, who was listed as the contact for the chapter, but with a different phone number. I have left messages at all of the phone numbers and at two email addresses. I will resend the messages, this time using the FMCA words to see if that has a different effect.

AllianceRV-FRVA chapter. This is the chapter I helped establish this summer. We have been awarded our chapter paperwork, banner and bag of goodies. We currently have 17 members and just started recruiting members from the various FaceBook Groups of Alliance Owners. The chapter has gained a couple of members from the groups and it looks like we have gained two new FRVA members as well. Hoping to have a rally of the AllianceRV-FRVA members after the convention in Perry, possibly near the SpacePort in Florida.

## Goals for the coming year:

Continue working to have regular communication between myself and the chapters in the region. Working to assist the chapters officers take advantage of the information, videos, training sessions, presented by Chapter Services, FRVA Cincinnati.

A monthly calendar of all Central Region rallies along with contact information so non-chapters members know who to contact should they want to attend the rally.

Jeanette and I will be attending the FRVA Conventions in Perry and Shawnee and will try to visit at least one rally hosted by each of the chapters in my region.

To assist the Eastern Area man a booth to recruit FRVA members at the Richmond RV Show the first weekend in February

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