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November Newsletter

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

Hello Cardinal Virginians,

Well, it looks like fall is definitely here and old man winter is just around the corner. So, it is getting time to start thinking about winterizing our rigs and closing them up until next year. That is except for those of you that are going to warmer climate places.

Those that get to attend GEAR this year, I hope you have a great time and maybe learn some things and/or pick up some valuable information and tips. Maybe you could pass those tips along to the rest of us. We were all set to attend until a NC wind decided to break our awning and I have to get another one. You know how hard it is to get things and especially to find someone to install it for you. Neither is an easy job.

I hope everyone has a blessed and safe Thanksgiving. If you are traveling during that time, please be careful and we will see you at the Christmas party, which, by the way is on December 12th at 1:00 pm at Golden Coral in Roanoke. If possible bring a canned good or two for Feeding America and let me know if you are going to attend.

ALSO DUES ARE NOW DUE, SO PAY UP.

Gary

### **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!

## October Rally Write- up ( Pre- Rally to GEAR)

Those in attendance were Baynard and Sherree Barton, John and Diane Cooper, Brent and Mona Ferguson, Gene and Judy Matthews, and Timm and Sharon Seaman.

Some arrived on Wednesday, October 29th and others on Thursday, October 30th. We visited local restaurants for large plates full of delicious, tasty food. But mostly basically enjoyed each others company telling stories and just relaxing outside enjoying the sunny days.

On Sunday and Monday we will head to Myrtle Beach for the GEAR

Sherree Barton



## Upcoming Rallies 2025

### **Cardinal Virginians November**

From our Rally in Lake City we are traveling on to the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) held this year November 3 thru 8 at Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC, 29575. Phone 877.510.1413 OceanLakes.com

The Eastern Area have reserved 300 full hook-up sites at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. The sites will be available from Sunday November 2 until departure on November 9, 2025.

### **The dates for GEAR will be November 5th to 9th.**

Site reservations for GEAR 25 are available now by calling Ocean Lakes Family Campground directly. Use the name “**2025 FMCA Eastern Area**” when making site reservations. This is for site locations only. Registration for GEAR 25 will be separate from the site registration. Chapters that want to be close to each other please review the map of Ocean Lakes and decide what sites you want before you make your reservation. There is no guarantee that the sites will be available.

The price for GEAR 25 has not been established at this time and the program is still in the planning stage. We hope you will join us in Myrtle Beach.

### **Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) 2025 additional info:**

The Bartons have reserved site 2160 at Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach, SC, arriving on November 3 and departing on Sunday November 9, the nice lady said sites 2153 thru 2164 should be available so our Cardinal Virginian friends can hopefully be close together. You will need to call Ocean Lakes, (877-510-1413) to reserve and get the discounted rates and a site nearby.

***Our Christmas luncheon is now scheduled for Friday, December 12, at 1 PM, At the Golden Corral in Roanoke Va. Make plans to join us and let Gary Lambert know you will be attending.***

### **A note regarding GEAR**

To all our Cardinal Virginians planning on attending GEAR in Myrtle Beach,

It would be nice to know if you are planning on attending the GEAR in Myrtle Beach. That way we can plan some group get togethers while there.

Please drop me an email or text if you are coming, So we can get you included.  
[bbarton@appleshackcrafts.com](mailto:bbarton@appleshackcrafts.com) Text- 276-223-2797

Thanks,  
Baynard

## Upcoming Rallies for 2026

*\*There may still be a couple open months\**

Cardinal Virginians Rallies for 2026				
Month	Host/s	Campground	Location	Phone #
April 29 - May 3	Lamberts & G.Fergusons	Madison Vines CG	110 Campground Ln, Madison, VA	540-948-4186
May ?	Coopers & Kanes			
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		Lancaster, PA	
Oct	Seamons ?			
November				
December	OPEN	Christmas Party		

### 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	Sonnessas
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	(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 [karilypittman@gmail.com](mailto:karilypittman@gmail.com) (Karilyn) or [shell2is67@gmail.com](mailto:shell2is67@gmail.com) (Michelle)

**Special note from Timm Seaman:**

The 2026 Cajun RV Rally is scheduled for April 9-13 and April 16-20 2026 in New Iberia, LA.

This rally was attended last year by Sharon & Timm Seaman and Mona & Brent Ferguson, and highly recommended if you enjoy Cajun music and food.

From Diane Cooper

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 below. Deposits need to be made by April 3. Contact Jellystone to reserve.

**Cardinal Virginians Rally**  
5/18 - 5/21/26

Outlook  
JS Natural Bridge, Site changes requested/ Cardinal Virginia RV Group May 2026

From Eva Winther <ewinther@bwdc.com>  
Date Wed 10/22/2025 9:39 AM  
To Diane Cooper <cooper4me48@gmail.com>

Deposits to be made by April 3 at 5pm

Hi Diane,  
I was able to add the RV sites you requested below for the **Cardinal Virginia RV Group May 2026**. They were all the same site type, so no further changes needed on the agreement. Please see my list below for the appropriate length of RV that will fit.


**For Cardinal Virginians (15 Sites) May 18-21, 2025**  
We would like the following 15 sites please.  
U101, U103, U105, U107, U109, U111, U118, U119, U120, U121, U122, U123, U124, U125, U127

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	45
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U125	45
PULL THROUGH 30/50 U127	45

Jellystone -  
Natural Bridge  
Virginia  
Call (540) 291-2727  
To Reserve

host-coopers  
Kanes-CoHost

Eva Winther  
Senior Regional Sales Manager

  
(443) 856-4811  
www.bwdc.com

Cardinal Virginians for Sale

Kamal Rojjani has his 2022 Tiffin Wayfarer for sale on RV Trader

Evelyn Crabtree has Her and Dave's Tiffin for sale.

Timm and Sharon Seaman have their class C, 2025 Coachmen Leprechaun motorhome for sale. Only 3600 miles. Priced low at \$110,000 on RV Trader

### **Cardinal Virginians in the News**

Back in the 80's, Cardinal Virginians member Timm Seaman was a vital part of NASCAR.

For each race, he worked in the scoring stand, manually scoring laps for the Skoal Bandit 33 race car driven by Harry Gant. For a track like Martinsville, this meant manually writing down the time from a timing clock every few seconds when Harry's car crossed the start/finish line, for 500 laps!

When our Cardinal Virginians toured the Martinsville Speedway at our April 2019 rally, Timm explained to us how the manual scoring worked, and how he used his knowledge of scoring to develop the first computerized scoring system named "Scorekeeper".

Timm was recently contacted by the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, NC, and they plan to have a special display of the scoring system and process next year!

Timm will keep us informed. (Sounds like a rally opportunity).

### **A note from our secretary, Donna Handy**

Folks, check on your renewal date for FRVA membership. Several members have not renewed and I get a memo!! Please check your renewal date! Ten have expired! Thanks!

Donna Handy, Sec

### **Care and Concerns:**

Tim Handy had knee replacement surgery on October 15th. Let's keep him in our thoughts and prayers as he continues his recovery process.

Please contact Betty Franklin if there is someone that needs to be included in our Care and Concerns so she can reach out to them on behalf of the club.  
[Fallenoakfarm@juno.com](mailto:Fallenoakfarm@juno.com) or text 540-270-7219

Betty

### **Your Cardinal Virginians Officers**

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### **Editors note**

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 December newsletter please get it to me by Nov. 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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