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PRESIDENT'S NOTES



US Hwy 58 bypass bridge at Buggs Island/Kerr Lake, Clarksville, VA
Photo by Holly Stephenson, Saturday December 16, 2023

President's message for January 2023 CV (Colonial Virginians) Newsletter

I assume the Presidency with honor and mixed emotions. Predecessors before me are hard acts to follow. The photo above is the beginning of a new day and a new year is beginning after a difficult year for CV Chapter. The photo above was taken by a neighbor on her way to work before 7:00 am as a VOLUNTEER at the Ruritan Club in Clarksville, VA. FMCA (Family RVing) is a VOLUNTEER organization which began in the 1960s by a few families using school buses and bus conversions. CV has several rallies planned for 2024 with information following in this newsletter. Please get out of your comfort zone, come to rallies, and/or choose a campground or venue of your own and host or co-host a rally. Ask any of your CV Officers for help and/or for information and I need all the help I can get.

CV's annual business meeting was online using "Zoom" on Friday December 15, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Participation was excellent with eleven of twenty members. By the time you read this, the minutes from the meeting should have been emailed to CV Members and Friends of CV. All CV Officer and appointed positions are filled. I thank everyone for participating and volunteering. Please remember CV is a social club and we gather to enjoy RVing and to have fellowship and fun. An important change to CV Chapter in 2023 is Members voted to change bylaws and welcome pull-type RVs to join CV Chapter.

CV members are concentrated in the Tidewater VA area. We live about 150 miles (three-hour drive) from the Tidewater area where I lived for 33 plus years. Thus, the CV calendar of events and rallies is being scaled back for 2024. There will be no luncheon meetings in January or February unless someone desires to volunteer and host the event. There will be no November or December events scheduled unless someone desires to volunteer and make the arrangements. That leaves 8 months (March through October) to host a CV Rally. The GEAR Rally (Greater Eastern Area Rally) will be near Ashville, NC October 23-26 (Wed.-Sat.). GEAR will be the October Rally for CV. There will be a catered dinner and CV's official business meeting will be held during GEAR. John and Diane Cooper volunteer and park RVs arriving. I am Chairman of Activity Carts and will be soliciting volunteers to drive the 6-passenger golf carts. A Co-Chairman is needed to help the Chairman. Volunteers are allowed to arrive at the GEAR facility before the official rally date. May we have a blessed 2024.
Jerry

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Rally Schedule

2024

TBD

OCT 23-26

2024 Gear (Greater Eastern Area Rally)

Asheville Fairgrounds, Fletcher, NC

January Birthdays – John McHale, Tom Fortenberry, Ron Foster, Mary Lou Dudziak, Carolyn McHale, Bev Fortenberry, Barbara Eberly, Denise Dick

January Anniversaries – Mike & Kayoko Miller, Ed & Eunice Hutchings

February Birthdays – Sammy Weaver

February Anniversaries – Stephen & Judith Mahanes

Colonial Virginians---FMCA Membership 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 _____

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You must maintain your membership in FMCA in order to be a member of the Colonial Virginians.

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