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## ***PRESIDENT'S NOTES***



Blue Ridge Mountains with Peaks of Otter on the left  
Photo by John Cooper taken December 2023

We are still in the midst of winter as depicted in the photo. The contrast of cloud cover and sunshine is awesome. The snow-capped mountains must be about 50 miles away. Temperatures here last week ranged from a windy high of 30 degrees to a balmy 70 degrees while our snow-bird Members in Florida enjoy daily temperatures in the mid-70s.

EAMA (Eastern Area Motorhome Association – DE, DC, KY, MD, NC, PA, SC, TN, VA, WV) President Phyllis Britz conducts monthly “Zoom” online meetings mainly for EAMA Officers & Chapter Presidents, which I attended, the first time last month. The meeting was informative and focused on behind-the-scenes planning for the GEAR Rally in October. EAMA Officers intend to have GEAR 2025 in November at Myrtle Beach, SC.

Now is a good time to think about your recreational vehicle(s) and get things ready for the warmer season. What got broken, damaged, or quit working on one of your last outings. It is easy to forget such things or procrastinate until you remember when you are getting ready for the next outing.

At this time there are only two CV Rallies on the calendar for 2024. They are Misty Mountain in April and GEAR in October. Hopefully, more rallies will be added to the calendar. Since all or most of our Members are retired, rallies may be scheduled during the weekdays. Since the influx of RV owners soared because of Covid, it is usually difficult to obtain reservations for weekends unless done so way in advance.

Since we are not getting together nearly as frequently as in past years, your input/feedback is requested. My cell is 757-482-4504 (call or text) and email is [homeon6@gmail.com](mailto:homeon6@gmail.com)  
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## Rally Schedule

### 2024

MAR.	TBD	
April	15-18	Misty Mountain RV Resort Hosts: Jerry & Brenda Clemmer with John & Diane Cooper
May	TBD	
June	TBD	
July	TBD	
Aug.	TBD	
Sept.	16-18	The Colonies RV & Travel Park Hosts: John & Carol Anton and Becky Crowder
Oct.	23-26	Gear (Greater Eastern Area Rally)
Nov.	TBD	
Dec.	TBD	

### **OCT 23-26**

### **2024 Gear (Greater Eastern Area Rally)**

### **Asheville Fairgrounds, Fletcher, NC**

FMCA Colonial Virginians Rally April 2024  
Hosts are Jerry & Brenda Clemmer with John & Diane Cooper  
Where: Misty Mountain RV Resort (888) 647-8900 – (540) 456-6409  
56 Misty Mountain Road (Route 250), Greenwood, VA 22943

Arrival Monday April 15, depart Thursday April 18, 2024 (3 nights)

Misty Mountain RV Resort is west of Charlottesville, VA before Afton Mountain. If traveling I-64 take Exit 107 West on Route 250. Nine sites have been reserved (FMCA Colonial Virginians/Jerry Clemmer). They are sites 5-10 (40 feet) and sites 11-23 (65 feet). All sites are pull-through with full-hookups (50 amp). Clemmers are on site 11 and Coopers are on site 12 next to the Club Room which is reserved (no charge) for Colonial Virginians. The campground has approximately 95 RV sites and about 12 cabins across a creek and up on a hill. The campground is eliminating cable TV and upgrading to WIFI.

Rates are approximately \$70 per night after 10% group discount applied at check-in. Reservations must be made at least one month in advance because the campground will remove the sites from the reserved category. Check-in is 1:00 pm and check-out is 12:00 noon.

There are numerous wineries, brewers, distilleries, restaurants, and other attractions in the area.



An attraction that has been open only a few years is the “Blue Ridge Tunnel Trail” an old railroad tunnel through Afton Mountain. The tunnel is about one mile long and accessible from US route 250 on the Waynesboro/Western side and from Route 6 on the Afton/Eastern side. There is a trail on either side before reaching the tunnel, eastern side is upgrade and western side is downgrade. There is no charge. Biking is permitted. Good hiking/waterproof boots/shoes, raincoat/umbrella, and flashlight are recommended.

Look for updated information in future Newsletters.



## **September 16-18, 2024 Rally**

**The Colonies RV & Travel Park**

**501 Fenwick Road**

**Fort Monroe, VA 23651**

**757-722-2200**

**Hosts: John & Carol Anton**

**Becky Crowder**

We have 8 sites being held arriving on September 16<sup>th</sup> and leaving on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call the campground directly to make your reservation. Be sure to tell them you are with the Colonial Virginians Rally Group and the sites are being held under the name of Crowder & Anton's. There are lots of things to do in the area. You may want to venture out further to Williamsburg, Jamestown, or Yorktown. Since there are only 8 sites, be sure to call as soon as possible. Once registered, please contact John & Carol Anton (757-285-1180) or Becky Crowder (757-855-0276) to let us know you will be attending, so plans may be made accordingly. An itinerary will follow at a later date.

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**February Birthdays** – Sammy Weaver

**February Anniversaries** – Stephen & Judith Mahanes

**March Birthdays** – Ed Hutchings, Ray McCaskey, Jack Warren, Lee Norton, Dan Dick, Carol Anton, Millie Cohen, Marilyn Brown

**March Anniversaries** – Dan & Denise Dick, Dick & Betty Brothers, John & Diane Cooper

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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