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March 2024

Hello again, Cardinal Virginians,

Ahh, March, and hope of spring. It won't be long now until we can enjoy some warmer weather and new spring buds will be popping up everywhere. It will be a celebration of new birth.

And speaking of celebrations, March certainly has its share of special days. I thought I might share a few.

- We are first called to duty, as to say: March 4th.
- Then there is International Women's Day. It is observed annually on March 8th, serves as a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.
- Sunday, March 10, 2024 is Daylight Savings Time for Spring, time to move those clocks forward 1 hour.
- 3.14, Celebrate pi day with math, or you can just enjoy a piece of Pie while trying to memorize Pi. Good luck with that.
- The 74th day of the Roman calendar is March 15. It is known as the Ides of March, good thing you are not Julius Caesar.
- And of course March 17, St Patrick's Day, 'tis the waring of the green!
- Tuesday March 19, 2024 marks the first day of Spring. The Spring Equinox will usher in the new season. Bring on the sunshine and longer days!
- I think I may have just found my favorite holiday. (After Pie day of course) March 19, 2024. National Let's Laugh Day is March 19, 2024. Sharing funny memes encourages laughter which is exactly what this fun March holiday is about.

- **March Madness – March 21, 2024. Who is ready for some NCAA college basketball?**
- **The Lenten season started on February 14th and continues until March 28, 2024.**
- **March 29, The end of Lent and the last Friday before Easter is marked by the religious holiday of Good Friday.**
- **And the Easter holiday comes earlier this year on Sunday, March 31, 2024.**

**So you can see there is a lot to celebrate in March. But most of all we need to celebrate the gift of everyday life and friendship that we continue to hold dear in each and every day**

**Baynard**

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**Greetings to all Cardinal Virginians,**

**I thought I might remind everyone that our 2024 dues are now due.**

**Our dues are a bargain, at only \$25 per coach to keep our Chapter going strong.**

**Please send your check to our treasurer:**

**Steve Bowers  
206 Twin Cove Trail  
Moneta, VA 24121**

**Thanks, and see you out there,  
Baynard**

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*Caring and concerns:*

**Judy Matthews continues to slowly recover from her back surgery. Seeing small improvements on week. She and Gene are planning on attending several rallies this year. Look forward to seeing them both.**

**Sharon Seaman has developed some heart irregularities following her stroke. She is making great progress from her stroke, but let's keep her in our prayers as she continues her total recovery.**

**Steve Bowers had his knee surgery which fortunately did not require knee replacement just some meniscus and other internal issues repair. He is doing physical therapy now and we pray that this will get him ready for our upcoming rallies!**

**As always we lift Cheryl Brown up in our thoughts and prayers. We so miss her cheerful and loving presence at our gatherings. We love you Cheryl.**

**If you know of a member that we need to lift up as a club please text me at [540-270-7219](tel:540-270-7219) or email [fallenoakfarm@juno.com](mailto:fallenoakfarm@juno.com)**

**Respectfully,  
Betty Franklin  
Caring and Conerns**

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**From our Trail Boss:**

**I want to thank everyone who is hosting or co-hosting an upcoming rally this year. It is really good to have our rally year**

planned out early so we can all have plenty of time to make plans to attend.

Speaking of rallies, be sure to check out the Rally Schedule below, and make your reservations now, so you are not left out of the fun. Campgrounds will be filling up fast. Be sure to get your reservations made ASAP. Some of the camp grounds are saying 30 days from the date the sites are reserved NOT 30 days from the date of the rally. So book your reservations soon.

*Also, be sure to contact the rally host to let them know that you are going to attend, so they can plan accordingly*

**Gary Lambert, Trail Boss**

Cardinal Virginians Rallies for 2024			
Month	Host/s	Campground	Location
April 18 - 21	Bishops & Bartons	Cool Breeze CG	Galax, VA
May 20 - 23	Meltons	Pocahontas St Pk	Chesterfield, VA
June 24 - 27	Coopers & Handys	Shenandoah Valley CG	Verona, VA
July 17 - 20	Bartons	Camp Bursa Hungry Mother St Pk	Marion, VA
August 15 - 19	Sonessas & Pittmans	Madison Vines CG	Madison, VA
September 25 - 28	Seamans	Natural Chimneys St Pk	Mt Solon, VA
October 17 – 20	Lamberts	Tanglewood RV Park	Clemons, NC
October 23 - 27	GEAR	Western NC Agricultural Center	Fletcher, NC
December	Christmas Luncheon	???	

## **2024 rally schedule**

**APRIL-**The April rally will be at Cool Breeze Campground 2330 Edmonds Road, Galax, VA 24333. Arriving on Thursday April 18 and leaving on Sunday April 21. 12 sites are saved, let Robert know that you are with the Cardinal Virginians when reserving. For reservations [Robert@coolbreezecampground.com](mailto:Robert@coolbreezecampground.com), or call (276)236-0300

No problem if you would like to arrive earlier or stay longer.  
Hosted by Sarah and Jeremy Bishop,

**MAY-** The May rally will be back at Pocahontas State Park, 10301 State Park Rd. Chesterfield, VA, May 20-23.

Hosted by Carol and Paul Melton

Reserve your site thru [ReserveVAparks.com](http://ReserveVAparks.com), look for sites near #B3; (site #92 is across the street.)

**JUNE-** The June Rally will be at Verona Shenandoah Valley Campground, 296 Riner Lane, Verona, VA 24482. June 24-27  
Hosted by Tim and Donna Handy, and John and Diane Cooper.  
For reservations- [reservations@campingisfun.com](mailto:reservations@campingisfun.com), or (540) 248-2267.

**JULY-** The July rally will be at camp Burson, Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, VA, July 17-20

Hosted by Sherree & Baynard Barton and Jeremy & Sarah Bishop.

Reserve your site thru [reservevaparks.com](http://reservevaparks.com). If no sites are available, be sure to check back for cancellations.

## **AUGUST-**

**Cardinal Virginians' August, 2024 Rally**

**Madison Vines RV Resort and Cottages, 110 Campground Road –  
Madison, VA 22727 phone 540-948-4186**

**[www.madisonvinesrvresortandcottages.com](http://www.madisonvinesrvresortandcottages.com)**

**• Rally Dates: 8/15/2024-8/19/2024**

- **Co-Hosts: Sherry and Bob Sonnessa, and Karilyn and Mark Pittman**
- **Important date to remember: January 1, 2024. Must reserve your site by then if you want to be with the group and receive the group rate. After January 1st, the campground will be releasing any remaining sites of the 15 sites we have reserved.**
- **Sites: We have reserved 9 Premium pull-thru sites (302-318) and 6 Deluxe back-in sites (305-317). The Sonnessas will be on site 318 and the Pittmans will be on site 316. The other sites will be first come, first serve. We have also reserved a one bedroom cottage (#201),for Feliza Jones, if she decides to join us.**

**We are receiving a group rate for the four nights however, Jamie, the manager, has told us that if anyone would like to come early or stay longer, they will still receive the group rate.**

- **The total cost for the four nights is \$258.10**
- **When calling to make your reservations, tell them that you are with the Cardinal Virginians.**
- **We will provide a more detailed schedule of activities as the rally approaches but for now, we want to let you know that the campground has BINGO and appetizers on Friday evening, a dinner on Saturday evening and a pancake breakfast on Sunday. There will be a nominal charge for these. We are planning to attend these.**

**Any questions? Contact the Sonnessas at ssonnessa@comcast.net or Bob at 540-230-2431 or the Pittmans at karilypittman@gmail.com or Karilyn at 703-472-5975.**

**We look forward to camping together with you in August. We promise you that the weekend will be a lot of fun filled with plenty of laughs and good times!**

**Until later...**

**Sherry and Bob, Karilyn and Mark**

**SEPTEMBER- The Sept. 2024 rally will be Sept. 25-28 at Natural Chimneys Regional Park in Mt. Solon, VA.**

**Hosted by Sharon & Timm Seaman, and Rex Monroe & Betty Franklin**

**Reservations can be made after January 15**

**To make online reservations visit [www.naturalchimneys.net](http://www.naturalchimneys.net).**

**Requests for reservations can be directed to the Natural Chimneys Park Visitor Center during posted operating hours. The phone number is 540-245-5753 and email requests can be sent to [camping@co.augusta.va.us](mailto:camping@co.augusta.va.us).**

**OCTOBER- The October rally will be at Tanglewood RV Park, 4061 Clemmons Road, Clemmons, NC 27012. October 17-20.**

**Hosted by Jane and Gary Lambert**

**If anyone wants to stay over and go to GEAR they will have to tell them when they make their reservations. For reservations [rvcampground.tanglewoodpark.org](http://rvcampground.tanglewoodpark.org). Or 336-703-6494**

**Gary and Jane are on site 19**

**-Then on to the GEAR (Great Eastern Area Rally) October 23-27 in Fletcher, NC**

**DECEMBER-Christmas luncheon**

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