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PRESIDENT'S NOTES



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Colonial Virginians President's Message for March 2024

The flower above is one of Brenda's hellebores. It is a non-native evergreen, leaves are somewhat poisonous, it is hardy, comes in a variety of colors, and blooms January to March. As a past bee-keeper, bees loved them on warm winter days.

Before deciding to take the Colonial Virginians President's position; past Presidents told me one of the most challenging tasks was preparing the monthly President's message. This being my third month, I am at a loss as to what to put on paper. Here goes.

We were in Waynesboro about a week ago when my favorite Daughter-In-Law asked me my stage of retirement. I asked what do you mean? She explained that typically retirees have about ten years of "Go-Go" when they wonder how they had time to work a full-time job. Then comes the ten "Slow-Down" years when our bodies and minds begin to let us down. Lastly are the typical "No-Go" years when we realize we can no longer do the things we love and may have to depend on others to help with our necessary daily needs. I answered jokingly, somewhere between "Go-Go" and "Slow-Down".

This is news from the EAMA Chapter President's Meeting on February 20, 2024. EAMA President Phyllis Britz has a vacancy for VOLUNTEERS as Chairman and Co-Chairman for "Games" and for the "FMCA Store" for GEAR 2024. A Co-Chairman is needed for "Activity Carts". GEAR 2025 will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC, most likely in November. Entertainment for Friday and Saturday night has already been arranged. Much of the planning is still underway.

Active members please, please step-up to host a CV Rally in 2024. Members personal calendars are likely getting filled. We have camping reservations at a VA State Park for several days Memorial Day weekend that were made last summer. At the GEAR Chapter Fair in October of 2023, several other Chapters already had rally schedules for the 2024 season. At this time, CV has three rallies which are in April, September, and October.

We have warmer weather and more daylight now so warm up by laughing at this joke...New neighbors moved in. They are young and nice. The wife said, "She is beautiful and they are so in love. He kisses her, strokes her hair, and holds her hand. Why don't you do that? Husband replied, "Because I don't know her that well yet" That's when the fight started.

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Rally Schedule

2024

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	

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**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 16th and leaving on September 18th. 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.

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

April Birthdays – John McPherson, Stephen Mahanes, Dick Brothers, Susan Johns, Diane Cooper, Lee Deal

April Anniversaries – Randy & Marge Presgraves, John & Carol Anton, Keith & Carol Lindgren, Frank & Bette Decker, Jim & Marilyn Brown

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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