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Hello again Cardinal Virginians,

One of the greatest benefits we have received from being a member of the Cardinal Virginians has been the many lasting friendships Sherree and I have made with folks from all over the state. These friendships continue to bring joy to us.

One of these cherished friendships has been with Bill and Cheryl Brown. They always seem to have a kind and positive attitude and are certainly a joy to be around. Their friendship has been a blessing to us.

It is a deep sadness I feel with Cheryl's passing.

Both Cheryl and Bill have approached her illness with a grace that can only come from their strong faith. May God continue to hold Bill and his family up through what comes next.

We have now had our first rally of 2024 at Cool Breeze Campground in Galax. We met some new members and potential new members who are going to be a great addition to our Chapter, and I'm sure will grow into more good friendships.

And we have had our first rally scheduled for **2025!** John and Diane Cooper are hosting May 12 through 16, 2025 at Crosswinds Family Campground, Linwood, NC. Put it on your calendar, more info to come! Host a rally at your favorite campground and let's get our rally calendar filled early for next year!

Be sure to attend some rallies this year and enjoy the great friendships offered with our Cardinal Virginians family.

Cardinal President
Baynard

Caring concerns

In Memorium

It is with great sadness that I let you all know that Cheryl Brown passed away April 18 at 6:20 pm. Cheryl bravely fought her ALS battle with such dignity and grace. We need to lift Bill, Luke and the entire family up in our prayers. There will be a memorial service for Cheryl in the near future

Betty Franklin

If you know of anyone who is sick or that I need to reach out to please contact me by text at 540-270-7219 or by email at fallenoakfarm@juno.com

Cool start to the 2024 camping season! By Timm Seaman



The Cardinal Virginians held its first rally of 2024 at Cool Breeze Campground in Galax, Virginia, April 18-21. The rally was hosted by Sarah and Jeremy Bishop with “oversight” by Mom and Pop Barton!

As with many of our rallies, it was primarily about the camaraderie and the food! Jeremy displayed his cooking expertise by grilling cheeseburger sliders Thursday night and smoking chicken leg and thigh quarters Saturday night. Friday’s dinner consisted of a variety of smoked chicken wings from the local brewery. Sunday’s breakfast highlight was sausage sliders and toasted breads, with Sherree professionally operating the toasters! All meals were accompanied by a potpourri of pot luck side dishes and scrumptious desserts. One thing is certain: no one goes hungry at our rallies!

Attendees were on their own throughout the day, but by evening everyone gathered back at the campground to visit with old friends and greet our new members and guests. A few tried their hand at corn hole but there was just too much visiting



going on to have a serious round of play. Or maybe we were all too busy snacking in preparation for the upcoming meal!

Sunday's breakfast was followed by devotions lead by Sarah, her first time doing so. But she did an excellent job. Prayers were said for our past President/Chaplain, Bill Brown, for the loss of his wife, Cheryl, both long-time members of the Cardinal Virginians, and for Rex Monroe whose back problems presented

Rex and Betty from attending.

Attendees at the April rally included the hosts, Sarah and Jeremy Bishop; Sherree and Baynard Barton, Evelyn and Dave Crabtree, Cindy and Rick Roberson (all the



way from Alabama), Judy and Gene Matthews, Sharon and Timm Seaman, new members Mona and Steve Horne, and potential members Mona and Brent Ferguson and Sue and John Tasslemyer.

May Rally for Cardinal Virginians

Pocahontas State Park in Chesterfield, VA

All meals and campfires at Site B-3 (Melton's)

Monday, May 20

- Arrive – check in is officially 4:00 -earlier time allowed if campsite is ready
- 4:30 Happy Hour begins – campers with last names beginning with A-L please bring a snack to share
- 6:00 Potato Bar supper. Bring a topping. Suggestions: chili, broccoli and cheese, shredded cheese, spring onions/chives, sour cream, bacon crumbles, cheese sauce, butter, mushrooms, pico de gallo, guacamole.
- Campfire

Tuesday, May 21

- 9:00 Breakfast – bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice
- Enjoy the day OYO
- 4:00 Annual Corn Hole Tournament
- 5:00 Happy Hour (M-Z bring a snack to share)
- 6:00 Covered Dish supper – Last Meal (bring a dish that begins with the first letter of your last name)
- Ice Cream Bar – provided

- **Campfire**

Wednesday, May 22

- Enjoy your day OYO
- **2:30 – 5:00 Swift Creek Mill Theatre: “Run For Your Wife”** Group tickets @\$30pp (normally \$49). 12 people need to reserve to get our specially arranged group rate. Reserve on line at www.swiftcreekmill.com
- **5:30 - Happy Hour** – bring your leftover snacks
- **6:30 - Pizza and Salad Bar** (pizza and salad greens provided) Bring a salad topping or dressing. Suggestions: tomato, cucumber, olives, bacon crumbles, pepitas, raisins, avocado, shredded cheese, goat cheese, feta cheese, peppers, spring onions, red onion, hardboiled eggs, celery, green peas, blueberries, carrots, black beans, corn, apples, croutons, nuts...
- **8:30 – Campfire: “Remembering Cheryl Brown”**. Bring your stories and let’s celebrate Cheryl!

Thursday, May 23

- **8:30 - Continental Breakfast – provided**
- **Safe travels home!**

Lots to see and do in the Chesterfield Area:

- **Downtown Richmond Canal area/ James River**
- **Cary Town – artsy shopping**
- **Williamsburg – 75 minutes away (53 miles)**
- **Upper Shirley Plantation – reserve for lunch/winery – 38 minutes away**

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- **Henricus Historical Park – 17 minutes**
- **Shopping: Costco, WM, Home Goods, Trader Joe’s and many more.**
- **Pocahontas State Park has a lake, hiking/bike trails, museum**

Good day fellow Cardinal Virginians from your Wagon Master.

Well camping season is going by quickly. Think about next season so that we can have a full calendar.

Thank you,

Gary Lambert, Wagon Master

Please contact Gary Lambert (sazzmo@outlook.com), trail master, to sign up to host or cohost a 2025 rally. Phone 540-354-1964

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	???	

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If you have anything to go into the next newsletter please send your info to me at matthewsjh@gmail.com. Preferably in word format. Judy Matthews, Editor“

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