



# THE COLONIAL VIRGINIANS COLONIAL CRIER

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES



February sunrise on Butcher Creek at Buggs Island Lake

### Colonial Virginians President's Message for April 2024

The full moon this past Monday night March 25, 2024, for a few moments; was an awesome perfect circle in a clear sky and a perfect circle reflection on smooth water. Photos of the full moon were not realistic. The February sunrise is a better photo. Trees are leafing and flowers blooming here in south side Virginia. Hopefully, everyone is ready to get out and do things as winter is fading away.

We just returned from an unexpected nine day stay at a rental home on Summerland Key in the Florida Keys. Visiting the Florida Keys was not on our bucket list but it should have been.

Please see schedule in this newsletter for the April Rally. Seven Families have reservations. Misty Mountain Camp Resort will hold sites 6, 7, 8, & 14 for CV no later than Thursday March 7, 2024. There should be time to make reservations after you receive this newsletter. The CV recruitment brochure has been updated and will be available to distribute at the April Rally. Unfortunately, there were just three rallies to put in the brochure for 2024.

EAMA President Phyllis Britz attended the International Convention in Tucson, Arizona where she recruited volunteers for FMCA Store and a Co-Chairman for Activity Carts at GEAR. At this time Colonial Virginians does not have a Member going to the International Rally August 14-17, 2024 at Redmond, Oregon, that can vote at the business meeting. CV Chapter will help with travel costs for a National Director to attend an International Convention.

Phyllis Britz has a monthly zoom meeting to keep EAMA Chapters informed and aware of EAMA activities. EAMA Officers and Chapter Presidents participate in the meetings. The main topic at the meetings is planning GEAR Rallies. Another subject is recruiting new Chapter members. The March meeting was held Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 3:00 pm with 28 volunteers participating.

The Antons and Becky Crowder are hosting the September Rally in Hampton, VA. You may still make reservations. It is not too late to set up a rally this year. Any CV Officer will help you.

Not sure when you will get this but hope you have a nice Easter with Family and Friends. I was recruited to help with a Church Breakfast after sunrise service Easter morning at Weyers Cave, VA.

Jerry

### 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.

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## Rally Schedule

### 2024

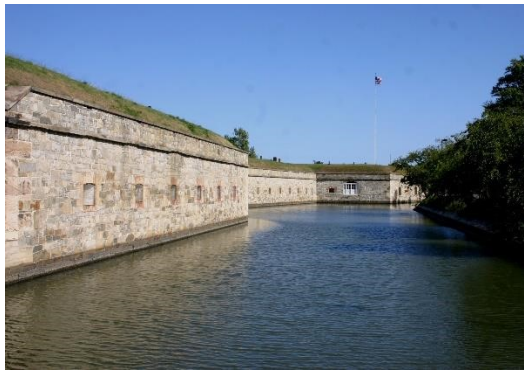
April	15-18	Misty Mountain RV Resort Hosts: Jerry & Brenda Clemmer with John & Diane Cooper
May	TBD	
June	TBD	
July	TBD	
Aug.	TBD	
Sept.	16-18	The Colonies RV & Travel Park Hosts: John & Carol Anton and Becky Crowder
Oct.	23-26	Gear (Greater Eastern Area Rally)
Nov.	TBD	
Dec.	TBD	

### **OCT 23-26**

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

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





## 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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**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

**May Birthdays** – Tommy Hope, David Eberly, Jack Driscoll, Nancy Norton, Debbie Lemons

**May Anniversaries** – Jack & Sharon Driscoll, Eddie & Billie Jean Shipp,

# 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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