



CAROLINA CARDINALS

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The Carolina Cardinals opened the 2010 camping season by hosting the Central District Campout at Denton Farm Park. It turned out to be a cool and damp weekend, but when you are camping who cares? We had a total of 14 Cardinal families present, and guests Stan & Joann and Earl & Paula Jean Hill.

Thanks to all the RV Show workers: Yvonne & Lester, Betsy & Jay, Wick, Flint and the Jerry twins.

By now all the Retirees should be back from Ladson. We got off to a little rocky start at the beginning but I think the rally went very well (not to sure about Elvis). Meals served at the rally were excellent. Next years Retiree Rally will be in Canton, Texas in March. Most of you already know that we had to leave on Saturday because Mollie was not doing to well. Got her home and to the emergency room as soon as possible. After an overnight stay she is back home and doing much better.

Another big thank you, to all the folks who assisted with the Executive Board Hospitality on Thursday Night at Myrtle Beach. A lot of the Board told me how much they appreciated it.

NC FCRV posters are still available (see Yvonne). Please put them in business establishments. This is great way to advertise FCRV and the NC State Association. I took some posters to the Executive Board meeting and the State Directors were quite interested in them.

REPORT FROM SICK BAY & PRAYER LIST:

Mollie Stirewalt

Barbara Bentley's Brother, Brice Beam passed away Monday March 29th.

Go to the following website for the April issue of Camping Today. <http://www.fcrv.org/Camptoday/apr10.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 16-18 Carolina Cardinal Campout at Cross Country Campground (1-800-852-4840)
Hosts: Tuckers (Make own Reservations)

April 23-25 NC Spring Campvention, Denton Farm Park, Denton, NC (Retirees go in on the 21st)
Host: Retirees: Register with Reba. (Bring your old flags. The Scouts will do a flag burning ceremony for us.)

May 14-16 Carolina Cardinal Campout at Deer Creek Campground, Galax VA (1-866-342-0300)
Host: Lamberts (Make own Reservations) (Bring your bike)

June 9-13 Southeastern Regional Rock-A-Hock Campground, Lanexa, VA (1-757-494-7495)
(Registration form FCRV.org)

June 18-19 Carolina Cardinal Campout at Crosswinds Campground, Linwood (336-853-4567)
Host: Almonds (Make own Reservations)

July 9-16 50th Annual Family Campers & Rvers Campvention Berrien Springs, Michigan

July 16-18 Carolina Cardinal Campout at Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury (704-216-7808)
Host: Humphries (Make own Reservations)

August 20-21 Carolina Cardinal Campout at Mayberry Campground, Mount Airy (1-336-789-6199)
Hosts: Hokes (Make own Reservations)

Sept 17-19 NC State Fall Campvention, Tom Johnson, Marion, NC (Retirees will go in on Sept. 14th)
Register with Yvonne (Do not call the campground).
Host: Central District (Carolina Cardinals)

October 16-17 Carolina Cardinal Campout at ?? (Larry still working on it)
Host: Rimer

November 19-21 Carolina Cardinal Campout at Kings Mountain, SC (1-866-345-7275)
Hosts: Culp and Harkeys (Make own Reservations)
Everyone is reminded to make your reservations ASAP.

December 18th Carolina Cardinals Christmas Party at Mt. Pleasant UMC Fellowship Hall
Hosts: Barringers & Shoulders

LOTS OF CAMPOUTS LINED UP, SO DO NOT LET THE CAMPER SIT AND YOUR WHEELS RUST.

BIRTHDAYS:
04/18 Ray Cauthen

ANNIVERSARIES:
none

As a bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the remote countryside and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost and being a typical man, did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the crew who were eating lunch but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

I apologized to the workers for my tardiness and stepped to the side of the open grave where I saw the vault lid already in place.

I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long but this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I played out my heart and soul.

As I played the workers began to weep. I played and I played like I'd never played before, from Going Home and The Lord is My Shepherd to Flowers of the Forest.. I closed the lengthy session with Amazing Grace and walked to my car.

As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, "Sweet Mary' n Joseph, I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.."

Thanks to Flint, you can view campout photos from the Central District Campout go to Flint's Picasa Website : Picasaweb.google.com/flintbonds/CarolinaCardinals# click on Photos by [flint bonds](#)

HAPPY TRAILS

PICTURES FROM FLINT'S PICASA SITE



OLD STEAM SHOVEL FIRED UP AND READY TO GO. AT DENTON FARM PARK



WHERE CAMPERS GATHER THERE IS ALWAYS FOOD



SATURDAY TOURING GOLD HILL PARK



BARBARA BENTLEY GETS THE HEE-HAW DRESS UP PRIZE