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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

This Executive Officer position is

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Reunion 2026 – Colonial Williamsburg, VA

Help Celebrate America's 250th in Colonial Williamsburg

Think Duke of Gloucester Street, think Town Crier, think Broadsides! Important announcements for all regarding registration for this year's reunion.



Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY August 1st. *Once registered, you will receive an invoice via email. In order to secure your spot, payment by check must be sent by the due date specified on the invoice.*

The committee must supply a final headcount to the RV park committing us to the reserved sites. And the sooner we have a complete headcount, the sooner we can proceed with finishing the detail planning of our event and sharing that with you.

So, if you are sitting on the fence, trying to decide, the August 1st date is now the watershed date.

This year's reunion will be all about good friends, good food, more good food, live entertainment, and a chance to brush up on your colonial history.

Where: American Heritage Resort Park
146 Maxton Ln, Williamsburg, VA 23188

When: Sunday, September 27, 2026, through Friday, October 2, 2026

Activities

Planned Activities (Tentative Schedule)

- Arrive Sunday, get settled in, and get to know your fellow Cruisers in the evening Meet and Greet.
- Make time to come to the annual meeting on Monday and hear from the mother ship, Phoenix Cruiser USA. Monday afternoon, enjoy a "Get to Know Williamsburg" presentation hosted by Rae Anne and Jim Hamp.
- Monday evening Martha Washington makes an appearance after the evening meal.





- Tuesday is the optional day trip to Williamsburg. Leave your Phoenix Cruiser parked, and head to Colonial Williamsburg for the day. Tickets and transportation are included in the tour price.

- Always a favorite are the member-hosted roundtables and information-sharing sessions. These are member-driven events. Signup will begin in August for these, so put your thinking cap on, and plan to be the host for a roundtable.



- Fun and games follow dinner each evening, including Bingo night (with prizes).



- Live entertainment after the Thursday Farewell dinner features the music of Americana singer/songwriter Stephen Christoff. His influences range from Sting to Paul Simon, Nick Drake, Radiohead, Jobim, Joni Mitchell, Paul McCartney, and Talking Heads.



- Food on the agenda will include two hot breakfasts, one continental breakfast (on the morning of the optional day trip), three dinners, and the beloved Ice Cream Social.

And last but surely not least, check out the volunteer opportunities – we have a small committee this year and need you to make it happen.

For additional information on other activities in and around Williamsburg, check out past newsletters on our website, noting the above date changes.

[To Register \(By August 1st\)](#)

You must be logged into the club's website to access.

Simply click on the link [➔ Phoenix Cruiser website](#). A new window will navigate to the website. Use the menus on the right side of the screen.

Under **Login Status**, verify your user information, and click **Log In**.

To register:

Under **Private: Members Only!** section, select [2026 Reunion Registration - Williamsburg, VA](#)

[For More Info on Williamsburg and the surrounding area:](#)

To view detailed information about the planned activities and other things to do in the Williamsburg area, check out the:

In the **Private Members Only!** Section, select [Newsletter Archives](#)

A list of past newsletters will be displayed. Information can be found on page 2 of both 2026 newsletters.

[Feb/Mar 2026 Newsletter](#) and [Apr/May 2026 Newsletter](#)

[Ten things to guess about our Reunion site...the questions.](#)

Now for a little fun. No need to Google, Yahoo! or invoke AI, the answers appear at the end of the newsletter!

The Quiz Questions

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Member News

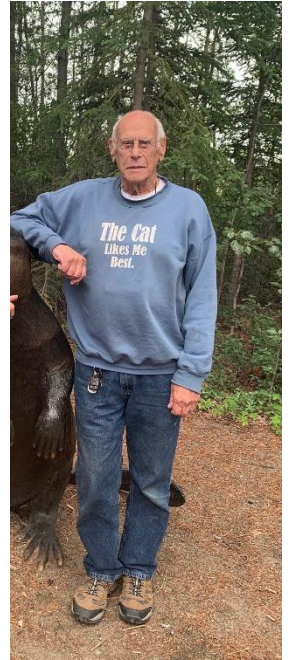
In Passing...

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that Howard Potvin passed away on May 2, 2026, of congestive heart failure and pancreatic cancer.

Howard was born in 1934 in Minneapolis, MN, and moved to California in 1951. He was a gifted mechanic, engineer, and electronic technician. He and Margaret bought their first Phoenix Cruiser 2400 and camped 608 nights in it, before buying a model 2552 to spend another 250 nights in it.

Howard was a valued friend of the PC RV Travel Club. He served as newsletter editor for many years and was a most helpful mentor. We will all miss him.

Please remember Margaret and the family in your thoughts and prayers.



Welcome our New Members

Ronald Mills is from Westlake, OH, and owns a 2017 Phoenix Cruiser 2100. Ronald and his wife had owned a 31' Coachman Leprechaun that was sold after his wife passed in 2020. He had been looking at Phoenix Cruisers for five years, specifically 2100. Several months ago, he saw a Phoenix Cruiser 2100 for sale in RV Trader. He quickly contacted the seller, a retired schoolteacher. They struck a deal in April, and the 2100 is now parked in his driveway.

Andrew Cohen is from Ulster Park, NY, and owns a 2010 Phoenix Cruiser 2350. He learned about our club by looking us up...and we are glad he did. He and his wife are retired and have four children between them. They have a Yorkie and love to ride their trike. This is their first RV, and they plan to travel with friends and look forward to meeting new ones.

Dave & Carol Kemp are from Gulf Breeze, FL, and own a 2021 Phoenix Cruiser 2552. They are retired and heard about us on Facebook.

Belinda Traynor is from Campobello, SC, owns a 2006 Phoenix Cruiser 2350, and heard about us on Facebook. She is 71 years old, retired, and loves to travel on her PC with her little Plott Hound mix, Sassy. While she lives in South Carolina and has travel buddies there, she would meet more of the travel community. She has relatives who live in Texas and Arizona and likes to travel to and visit them. She traveled out of the West for more than a month in 2024 and camped locally in 2025.

Debra Holshue lives in Ocala, FL, and owns a 2012 Phoenix Cruiser 2350. She heard about us on Facebook.

Patty & Doug Holmstead are from Stryker, OH, and own a 2015 Phoenix Cruiser 2351. They heard about the club from a camper they met at a campground.

John & Paula Clutter are from Jacksonville, FL, and own a 2017 Phoenix Cruiser 2552. They heard about the club from the previous owner.

Wayne & Theresa Israel are from Terrebonne, OR, and own a 2021 Phoenix Cruiser 2552. They learned about us from the Phoenix USA RV website. They are retired snowbirds who just purchased their Phoenix Cruiser, the sixth and last motorhome.

Susan Clarke is from Mount Vernon, OH and owns a 2018 Phoenix Cruiser 2551. They are a retired school teacher and a sanitation worker. Although they live in Ohio, their children and grandchildren are spread across the United States. They travel with their Sheltie.

Mark & Angie Goudy are from Deerfield, KS, and own a 2002 Phoenix Cruiser 2300. They heard about the club from literature they found in their new RV. They are retired and have three adult children and five grandkids...so far.

Tammie & Michael Rice are from Fayetteville, NC, and own a 2017 Phoenix Cruiser 2552. They are retired and selling the house so they can travel with their cat for three to six months while they decide where to settle down next. They love campgrounds that are small, quiet, and near water and mountains.

David & Mary England are from Lakeview, MI, and own a 2014 Phoenix Cruiser 2552. They found out about us by searching on the Internet. They are retired teachers who love to travel. They have had many motor homes over the years and recently purchased a Phoenix Cruiser. They would like to meet others with a desire to see our beautiful country. David enjoyed a second career, after retiring from education, as a minister with the United Church of Christ. This gave both of them many opportunities to meet people from around the state and, often, from around the world. They can also serve as volunteers in their local community and at their church conference. Mary enjoys many crafts and also likes to teach craft classes. Their two kids, their spouses, and their five granddaughters live between Florida and Michigan. Their trips to visit them are their favorite trips. And last, but certainly not least, their 13-year-old rescue dachshund, Buster, is their favorite traveling companion. They are looking forward to getting on the road this summer and seeing where the road takes them.

Anita & Robert Cardinal are from Thief River Falls, MN, and own a 2006 Phoenix Cruiser 2350. They heard about the club from Facebook.

John Halupka

Good to Know

The idea for this month's "Good to Know" article is one we can all relate to:

Share your favorite PC Cruiser dumb stunt, blunder, miscalculation, or "disaster". One that turned out OK in the end, well enough that you can chuckle, laugh, or hee-haw about it and can share the humor with the rest of us. And tell us what was done to correct it or share words of warning (so it is a misstep others don't make).

And here is what we heard. Thanks to this month's contributors!

One amazing miscalculation. A couple of years ago, we were in the mountains of Southern California, near the Mexican border. We were in our 40' Bluebird towing a Pathfinder. We (I) decided to try this inviting dirt road up what seemed like a slight incline. About a mile into the climb, a warning sign appeared: "WARNING. STEEP DANGEROUS ROAD. 4-WHEEL DRIVE ONLY". There was no guardrail, no turnaround. A drop-off on the right, rock wall on the left. The "road" is getting narrower. Couldn't back up. Had to take the tow off and s-l-o-w-l-y retreat. Lived to cruise another day!

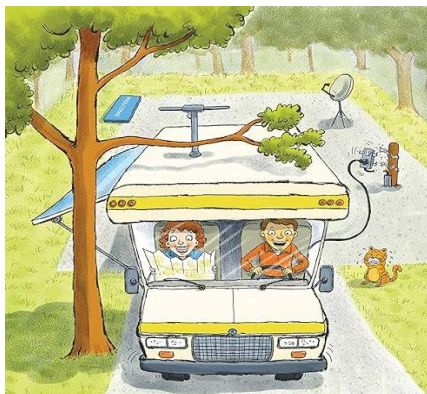
Gabe Palmer



Our 2006 Phoenix cruiser came with the small armless sofa/electric bed in the slide-out. We took it to a local RV supplier and had a "double recliner" put in. When I opened the door to see it... I was shocked. The \$1500 double recliner sat a foot higher than the original sofa! I must scramble to get up on it, and it looks unnaturally high in the space.

It was too late to change it back for several reasons. So....don't make the same mistake. We should have made the drive to the Mothership!

June Constable



Years ago, before the PC, I always performed a walk-around before leaving the campsite. Guess I forgot to look up. Several miles down the road, a Do-Gooder flagged us down to tell us that the Batwing was still up. The King antenna doesn't have the range as the Batwing, but you don't have to retract it.

Pancho Davis

Last month, Tom Stauffer and I raved about our "Rola Cargo Tubs" as a favorite accessory we couldn't leave home without. The cargo tub will also be a feature of my contribution to this newsletter. Because apparently, I can and do.

As anyone who will listen knows, I moved the week before last. And the movers had used the Las Vegas packing method. Build several boxes, grab a load of stuff to pack, and deal it between the pre-constructed boxes. Total chaos. In the middle of all this, I took my beloved IGLU (my 2351 Slider) with the BUBBA (the Rola tub) on the back down for inspection and registration. While at the DMV, I asked a question about the plate's placement. Should I put it on the RV or the cargo tub hitch-mounted bracket where the plate would be visible? About halfway through the question, I stopped. The clerk questioned my mental pause. A vision had come to mind. Bracket yes, tub no. Where was my beloved tub!! It could be anywhere.

Turns out, as I backed out of the new driveway, I had concerns about the 12-ft road width and about backing down into the Middle Fork of the New River across the street, a 15 ft drop, no guard rail. I slammed on the brakes, relieved I didn't hit anything or put the back wheels off the pavement. And off I went on my merry way to the DMV.

When I got home, I started walking along the road. Lo and behold, after 20 minutes of hunting, I found Bubba down the bank, across the river, and up on the far bank. It was a bit hard to find in the rhododendrons.

I took a poll of my friends: "call the fire department for a water extraction exercise", "call a tow truck and have him bring a tie-down strap to hoist it out of there", anything but "me climb down the bank, cross the river, and climb up the other side". Sheesh... my friends and I are all in our 70s. In the end, the tow truck was called, and the young, buff driver did exactly what we couldn't: he climbed down the bank, crossed the river, and carried it out.



And Bubba is no worse for wear. I am reworking the mounting brackets.

Cath Evans

Ed. Note: We received a couple of other suggestions, not quite on-topic, that provided great ideas for future Good-to-Know articles. They are appreciated and will be used!

Ten things to guess about our Reunion site...[the answers.](#)

1. **Who is our PCTC (Phoenix Cruiser Travel Club) President?** Alas, the PCTC is without a President. This could be you. Please nominate yourself; you will have plenty of good help getting you up and running.
2. **What was the first capital of the colony of Virginia?** Jamestown was the first capital of the colony, from 1607 until 1699. The capital relocated to higher ground at Williamsburg, halfway between the James and York Rivers. And in 1780, during the Revolutionary War, Thomas Jefferson presided over the move of the capital to Richmond as the Governor of Virginia.
3. **What was the original name of Williamsburg?** The original name of Williamsburg was Middle Plantation. The higher elevation on a well-draining ridge meant less stagnant water and fewer mosquitoes compared to Jamestown.
4. **What is Jamestown best known for?** Jamestown is best known as the site of the first permanent English settlement in North America, established on May 14, 1607. Jamestown hosted the first meeting of delegates, marking the beginning of representative legislative government.
5. **What is a burgess (colonial America definition)?** A burgess is a white, male delegate.
6. **What was the House of Burgesses?** The House of Burgesses is recognized not only as the first elected representative government in colonial Virginia, but also as the place where some of the most notable figures of the American Revolution, such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and Richard Henry Lee, began their political careers. The chamber is reconstructed at the Capitol building in Williamsburg.
7. **Who was the first governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia?** Of "Give me Liberty, or Give me Death" fame, Patrick Henry served as the first Governor in 1776. He served several one-year terms.
8. **How many separate times did George Washington visit Williamsburg?**
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D. George Washington visited Williamsburg more than 55 times. The 55 is documented by his journals and does not account for missing journals. He and Martha honeymooned here. His time here molded him into the political and military leader he became.
9. **What is Hampton Roads?** Hampton Roads is the name for a collective of cities - Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Suffolk, and Williamsburg. The body of water known as Hampton Roads is one of the world's largest natural, ice-free harbors (more accurately, a roadstead or "roads"). Hampton Roads incorporates the mouths of the Elizabeth, Nansemond, and James rivers, together with several smaller rivers, and empties into the Chesapeake Bay near its mouth, leading to the Atlantic Ocean.
10. **What should you **NOT** do on the Colonial National Historical Parkway?** You should not take your Phoenix Cruiser, behave like a law-abiding citizen, drive on the correct side of the road, and try to transit a tunnel. The clearances are 10' 4" Jamestown-bound (or 10' 6" Yorktown-bound) at the curb. Unless you plan to drive straddling the double yellow lines, where clearances rise to 14' 8", take your tow vehicle.