

# **2024 Tampa Bay Summer RV Show**

is being held June 6th-9th at the Florida State Fairgrounds...

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# **FRVTA One-Day Training Sessions Gear Up This Summer**

FRVTA will once again put on FREE one day training sessions across the state. These will cover various topics and products. In June, FRVTA Training Liaison Steve Roddy will present LP Gas, Getting your State Qualifier and Master Certification... *more info...* 

## **FREE LP Gas Training in June**

RV Technicians don't want to miss this free one-day training. Space is limited so sign up asap! The classes are being held in Tampa on June 5th 8am-5pm, Jacksonville on June 12th 8am-5pm, or West Palm Beach. LP Qualifier Prep please bring the following books: NFPA 58, NFPA 54, NFPA 1192, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Laws and Rules, and Safe Dispensing of Propane... *to register...* 

## **Dealer Protection from Consumer Attorney Fees**

by Ejola Cook. The RV Technical Institute (RVTI) has launched a program to assist RV technicians with expired certifications in renewing their credentials effortlessly... *more info...* 

# **New RVTI Program for Renewing RV Technician Certifications**

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# **Regional Meeting Policy Update**

Per unanimous decision by the FRVTA Board of Directors, alcoholic beverages will no longer be provided at the regional meetings. Any attendees who wish to have an adult beverage at the meetings will be responsible for payment.

# One-Day Summer Training Coming to Florida

The FRVTA Is putting together a series of one-day training sessions covering various topics and products. FRVTA Training Director Steve Roddy will conducts classes on LP Gas and test preparation for all levels of certification. These classes will be held around the state in June. More details will follow. July will bring Lippert Training to JTech in Jacksonville, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and in Tampa, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Additional training is in the works for August. If there is a product or topic you'd like to see covered, please let the FRVTA State Office know. Sign up forms and more information will be coming on the summer training program... *call now...* 

#### **RVers Guide Available for Distribution or Online**

The *RVers Guide* is the annual membership directory which is used to promote your company. They are available for you to distribute at your business locations to your customers. If interested, contact the FRVTA office and they will be shipped to your business (60 per box). The complete guide is also **available on our website**. With 125,000 copies of this magazine distributed at all of our RV shows, by personal requests via phone and our website, through the Chambers of Commerce and the Florida Turnpike and Interstate Rest Areas, as well as our member's businesses, your name will be in front of RV consumers all year round. In addition, please check your listing to make sure it is correct as this reflects the information we have on file for your company. For any corrections, please contact the FRVTA State Office or send changes in writing. *call now...* 

## **Registration Open for Florida Propane Gas Safety School**

A comprehensive week-long propane gas safety school May 13-17 covering: Safety Requirements of NFPA 54, NFPA 58, Florida Laws and Rules, Regulators, Piping, Dispensing Stations, Venting, Bobtails, Bulk Plants, Propane Properties, Emergency Procedures, Gas Installation and Service, Gas Leak Detection, Liquid Transfer and Safety Procedures... *register here...* 

#### **FRVTA Government Affairs Committee**

by Lyn Hart. If you have questions or problems with any RV-related legal issues, the FRVTA Government Affairs Committee is here to help. Please contact the State office... *call now...* 

### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES** (click the location name to GPS)

Region 1 • May 2nd • Beef O Brady's • 1105 Taylor Rd • Punta Gorda

Region 2 • May 8th • Duffy's Sports Grill • 11588 US-1 • North Palm Beach

Region 3 • No Meeting

Region 4 • No Meeting

Region 5 • TBD

Region 6 • No Meeting

Region 7 • May 28th • Braised Onion • 754 NE 25th Ave • Ocala

ALL MEETINGS: Networking 6:30 PM • Dinner 7:00 PM

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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#### In Case You Missed It...

### **Amended Park Reservation Law**

by Leah Langston. The new law essentially gives Florida residents a leg-up by allowing them a one-month advantage over non-residents for booking their camping stays. Floridians can now book 11 months out for their preferred dates while non-residents are restricted to a 10-month reservation window... **more info...** 

# **RVIA February 2024 Shipment Report Shows 18% Increase**

The latest findings from the RV Industry Association's February 2024 survey of manufacturers reveal a notable surge in total RV shipments, reaching 31,024 units by month-end. This figure marks a substantial 17.8% increase compared to the 26,326 units shipped in February 2023... *more info...* 

# **RVRA 2024 Survey**

The RV Rental Association (RVRA) has initiated a comprehensive survey aimed at evaluating the prevailing conditions of the RV rental market, encompassing aspects such as fleet size, types of RVs available, and consumer preferences. Scheduled for completion by April 19... *more info...* 

# FRVTA 2024 Regional Shows Wrap Up with a Strong Orlando RV Show

The Florida RV Trade Association (FRVTA) just completed the last of five regional shows held around the state and the attendance numbers have been mixed... **more info...** 

# FRVTA Regional Shows "A Mixed Bag"

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# **RV Storage with an HOA**

by Leah Langston. As of July 1, 2023, Florida has now made legal exceptions for folks to keep RV's on their property even if they have an HOA which prohibits it... *read more...* 

## **RV Technician Training Videos Added to FRVTA Library**

Five new RV Technician Training videos on OEM Specific Components have been added to the video library on RVDLN.org. This is a great resource for service technicians of all levels. You will need to sign up for a Free Member account with RVDLN and log in to view... *watch now...* 

# **Accepting Foreign Trades**

by Leah Langston. Although its not the most common scenario you might have, there may be a time when, as a dealer, you are asked to take a Canadian vehicle in on trade. Can you even do that? What do you need to know?... **read more...** 

# Eligible Taxpayers Can Now File Their 2023 Tax Return for Free Directly with the IRS

Direct File is a historic new service from the IRS that will let people in select states electronically file (e-file) their taxes directly with the IRS online for free. It's available in English and Spanish, works on a mobile device as well as it does on tablets and personal computers, and includes dedicated support from IRS customer service specialists.. **more info...** 

## **Understanding Florida LP Gas Licensing**

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) is responsible for licensing individuals and businesses that sell, transport, dispense or store liquefied petroleum (LP) gas and that manufacture, install, service or repair LP gas containers, systems, or appliances. *read more...* 



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