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FRVTA State Convention

The Annual FRVTA State Convention will be held September 5-8, 2024 at the beautiful Renaissance Orlando At Sea World Resort. Make plans now to attend this fun and informative convention... *more info...*

Legislative Update 2024.7

by Jennifer Ungru. As Florida gears up for the 2024 elections, the political landscape is defined by political strategy, ambition, and historical precedent. With all 120 seats in the House of Representatives and 20 seats in the Senate up for grabs, the stakes are high for both parties seeking to shape the state's legislative future... *more info...*

FREE LP Gas Training in August

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 Ft Myers on Aug 21st 8am-5pm. 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. Provides 4 Florida LP CEUs... *to register...*

Off-Site Sales

by Leah Langston. By now you may know you can store a vehicle at an off-site location, but did you know you also have the ability to sell it off-site too? We have all seen them, the "tent sales" on local lots selling inventory away from the dealership. Although this process tends to be a little trickier than selling it off your regular lot, it can be done... *more info...*

FRVTA State Elections Set for September

It's your chance to make a difference! The annual election of FRVTA State Officers will take place at the State Convention (September 5-8 at the Renaissance Sea World Resort in Orlando) in accordance with the FRVTA By-Laws, The Nominating Committee would like to hear from any qualified candidates (see info in link) who would like to submit their name for nomination to State Office.... *more info...*

FRVTA Supports Senator Mike Hardopolos

The Florida RV Trade Association urges you to support Senator Mike Haridopolos in his congressional campaign for the district covering Brevard and Indian River Counties.

Senator Haridopolos is a legislative champion and a staunch ally of the RV industry. Over his 16 years in the Florida legislature, he has consistently advocated for our interests. We can have no better representative in Congress.

Please consider supporting Senator Mike Haridopolos. Contributions can be made through his website at **www.Mike4Congress.com**. Every contribution, no matter the size, demonstrates widespread support for his first-quarter campaign. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Reserve Your Space in the RVers Guide and Supershow Program

Advertising sales are underway for the 2025 RVers Guide to Florida and Official SuperShow Program. The information is being sent out via eBLast by the FRVTA State office weekly. The information is also available using this link: https://www.frvta.org/members/httpfrvta-wpengine-comwp-content/ or contact Deanna Pearce directly at: dipearce7@gmail.com or 863-318-0193.

Firefly Integrations Training Coming to Orlando, Florida

Technicians can increase their knowledge on troubleshooting and repairing the Firefly multiplex system during this 4-hour session July 23rd or 24th in Orlando. The hands-on training and technical discussion are designed to familiarize technicians with troubleshooting, diagnosing, and testing Firefly Integrations' operating panels. With a heightened understanding of RV-C and CAN BUS technology, technicians will be able to efficiently distinguish between operational, technical, and software issues. This small investment will allow technicians to greatly diminish the time spent troubleshooting and diagnosing issues, not only with the Firefly system but with other systems within an RV as well. Technicians can earn 4 hours toward RVTI Level 3 Certification... *to register...*

New RVTI Program for Renewing RV Technician Certifications

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

One-Day Summer Training Coming to Florida

The FRVTA Is putting together a series of one-day training sessions covering various topics and products. July will bring Lippert Training to JTech in Jacksonville on July 23rd and in Tampa on July 25th... *more info......*

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...*

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 • Jul 30th • Captain's Table •1200 W Retta Esplanade • Punta Gorda

Region 2 • Jul 10th • Prezzo's Italian • 4520 PGA Blvd • Palm Beach Gardens

Region 3 • Jul 9th • Sheraton Tampa Brandon • 10221 Princess Palm • Tampa

Region 4 • Jul 17th • Azetca D'Oro• 3130 Daniels Rd • Winter Garden

Region 5 • Jul 25th • Zoom Meeting

Region 6 • Jul 23rd • Hilltop Restaurant • 2030 Wells Rd • Orange Park

Region 7 • Jul 23rd • 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...

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.

Non-Refundable Deposits

by Leah Langston. Non-Refundable Deposits are a great way for dealers to help secure a sale by having the buyer put a "little skin in the game." As simple as it sounds, a Non-Refundable Deposit ("NRD") is money paid by a customer toward the purchase of a specific vehicle that under certain conditions will be "non-refundable." Like many other rules, this rule is governed by the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act... *more info...*

Dealer Protection from Consumer Attorney Fees

by Ejola Cook. Timing is everything right? It is, especially when it comes to Demands under Florida's Unfair and Deceptive Act Statute § 501.98. Chapter 501 is a favorite

of consumer attorneys, a catch all claim, with a very low threshold. Learn how to add a layer of protection to your business... *more info...*

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...*

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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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