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Update from the FRVTA Board President

Football season is back, and so are RV tailgates. From game day fun to our fall shows and the upcoming Supershow, there's a lot happening at the FRVTA.... [read more...](#)

Passing the Torch at the FRVTA: Dave Kelly to Retire

Ken Loyd steps in as FRVTA's Executive Director on October 13, with Dave Kelly staying through the end of show season to ensure a smooth handoff. Read the full announcement and what this means for members and upcoming shows... [read more...](#)

Legislative Update

by Andres Malave. October kicks off committee weeks for the 2026 Legislative Session and ushers in new leadership designates—Rep. Sam Garrison and Sen. Jim Boyd—while special elections reshape key House and Senate seats. Inside: the October–December committee week schedule, the elimination of Florida's business rent tax starting October 1, and what a potential federal shutdown could mean for our industry. Stay tuned for timely updates and how these shifts impact Florida's RV community... [read more...](#)

FRVTA Offering LP Test Prep on Industry Day at SuperShow

FRVTA's Education Director Steve Roddy will again hold two LP classes on Industry Day (Tuesday, January 13, 2026). The morning session will prepare attendees to take the LP Qualifier Test and the afternoon session will be for those that will be taking the Master Qualifier Test. More information and sign-up forms will be available shortly. Classes will be limited to 25-30 students.

Two-Day Dometic Academy is Coming to Florida

The two-day training session will cover Air Conditioners and Furnaces on Day One and Furnaces and Refrigerators and Water Heaters on Day Two. The event is being held Nov 11-12 in Jacksonville, February 10-11 in Orlando, and March 17-18 in Ocala. Technicians will receive 8 hours of credit toward RVIA Certification for one day, 16 hours of credit toward RVIA Certification for 2 days. Class space is limited... [to register...](#)

RVers Guide and Supershow Program Advertising Options

Advertising sales are underway for the 2026 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 available on our website on our [Advertising page](#) or contact Deanna Pearce directly at: dlpearce7@gmail.com or 863-318-0193.

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 • Oct 9th • [Laishley Crab House](#) • 150 Laishley Ct • Punta Gorda

Region 2 • Oct 8th • [Brio Italian Grille](#) • 3101 PGA Boulevard • Palm Beach Gardens

Region 3 • Oct 14th • [Sheraton Tampa Brandon](#) • 10221 Princess Palm • Tampa

Region 4 • Oct 15th • [Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen](#) • 494 FL 436 • Altamonte Springs

Region 6 • Oct 21st • [Hilltop Restaurant](#) • 2030 Wells Rd • Orange Park

Region 7 • Oct 29th • [Braised Onion](#) • 754 NE 25th Ave • Ocala

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

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In Case You Missed It...

Why LP Gas Licensing Matters in the RV Industry

by Traeanne Reynolds. Whether you're selling, servicing, inspecting, or hosting RVs at your facility, ensuring proper LP gas safety is not optional—it's critical. In Florida and many other states, working on an RV's LP gas system requires a state-issued license. Understanding why this matters helps protect your business, your customers, and your reputation... [read more...](#)

Does the Florida Lemon Law Apply to RVs?

by Ejola Cook. Lately I have heard more consumers and lawyers threatening lemon law actions, but do they apply to RV's? The answer is that it depends. So, lets break it down... [read more...](#)

RV Pro Honors FRVTA's Patty Flanagan

For over 22 years, Patty has been the driving force behind FRVTA's regional RV shows. Known for her organization, dedication, and mentorship, she now leads the Florida RV SuperShow while training the next generation. Her commitment to the industry and passion for helping others make her an invaluable part of the FRVTA team... [read more...](#)

Slomads on the Rise: Longer-Stay RVers Reshape the Industry

by Traeanne Reynolds. Extended RV stays are becoming the new normal. Discover how campgrounds, dealerships, and suppliers can adapt to meet the

needs of “slo-mads” and unlock fresh business opportunities... [read more...](#)

Legislative Update

by Andres Malave. The 2025 Session may be officially in the books, but preparations are already underway for the 2026 Session. Committee meetings begin the week of October 6 and will continue through December 8. The Session itself is scheduled to start in January and run through early March, giving lawmakers time to return home and hit the campaign trail... [read more...](#)

Be Prepared: IRS Tips for Disaster Readiness

With peak disaster season approaching, now is the perfect time to review emergency preparedness steps to protect your clients and your practice. The IRS offers valuable guidance on safeguarding critical tax and financial documents before a disaster strikes.

Key tips include storing copies of important records in a secure location, maintaining an inventory of high-value items, and becoming familiar with IRS disaster assistance resources. Taking these simple steps now can make a big difference in the event of an emergency... [learn more...](#)

Legislative Update

by Andres Malave. Governor DeSantis closed out the month of June by signing the nearly \$115 billion budget and tax cut package. As expected, he took an axe to about \$500 million in local spending projects. Many of those were highlighted in Florida Tax Watch's [Budget Turkey Watch Report](#).... [read more...](#)

Understanding the Telephone Communications Protections Act

by Ejola Cook. Do you ever get frustrated with text messages selling you products that you never asked for? Well, the government implemented laws to protect consumers from these types of texting campaigns... [read more...](#)

Golf Carts and Liability: a \$50 Million Wake Up Call

by Ejola Cook. While I typically focus on the laws and cases affecting RV's and our dealers, I feel I need to veer a little off the path and discuss Golf Carts. I know many of your customers use them, drive them, and you might even use them yourselves... [read more...](#)

IRS Tips for Protecting Financial Records in Emergencies

The IRS recently released Tax Tip 2025-31, a valuable resource for individuals and business owners outlining steps to safeguard financial records in the event of a disaster or emergency. From creating electronic backups to reviewing insurance coverage, these tips are essential for staying organized and prepared—especially as we approach hurricane season and the next tax filing period.

We encourage all FRVTA members to review and share this information with your teams, clients, and customers. Being proactive today can make a big difference when it matters most.

Good Will Protection

by Ejola Cook. All too frequently I get calls from upset dealers, who, in the name of customer goodwill, provide free services or refunds for products, then despite this help, those same customers go to leave scathing reviews, or return demanding more service and products for free... [read more...](#)

Are You Fully Protected Against an Unfair & Deceptive Practices Claim?

by Ejola Cook. A favorite cause of action for consumer attorneys is to claim violations of Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act. Part of the reason the attorneys love this statute is that a Dealer does not even have to break a law to be held liable. It also allows the plaintiff's attorney a right to legal fees... [read more...](#)

Creating Lifelong Customers

by Traeanne Reynolds. In the competitive RV dealership industry, cultivating lifelong customers is essential for sustained success. Implementing a customer-centric sales process not only enhances loyalty but also significantly reduces costs associated with acquiring new customers... [read more...](#)

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...](#)

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...](#)

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...](#)

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.



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