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## Update from the FRVTA Board President

With SuperShow on the horizon, now is the time to plan for Industry Day and connect with fellow professionals before the season gets into full swing. This month also highlights upcoming Lippert and Dometic training and a busy RV Show schedule statewide... [read more...](#)

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## Legislative Update 2026.1

by Andres Malave. With the legislative pace accelerating in Tallahassee, property taxes, budget negotiations, and the race to succeed Governor DeSantis are taking center stage. Here's what to watch in the months ahead... [read more...](#)

## When "And" Makes a Trade Title a Problem

by Ejola Cook. Dealers still get tripped up on trade titles with multiple owners — and the consequences can be expensive and time-consuming. A single missed detail can stall a deal for months. Learn what to watch for and how to keep your team out of trouble... [read more...](#)

## FRVTA Region 7 Continues Tradition of Giving

Region 7 supported Interfaith Emergency Services, Care Camps, and Dogs Inc. with charitable donations during their annual Christmas celebration. These gifts reflect Region 7's ongoing commitment to giving back to the communities they serve... [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. Classes will be limited to 25-30 students...[to register...](#)

## Lippert RV Technician Training in Tampa January 21st

This 1-day seminar will offer detailed insights into the installation, maintenance, and problem-solving techniques for Lippert's top components. Attendees will receive 1 CEU for each hour of training completed. Topics covered include Furrion Air Conditioners, Furrion & Girard Tankless Water Heaters, and SureSlide Slide-Outs...[to register...](#)

## Lippert Utility Trailer Technician Training in Tampa January 22nd

This one-day seminar will offer detailed insights into the installation, maintenance, and problem-solving techniques for Lippert's top components. Attendees will receive 1 CEU for each hour of training completed. Topics covered include Intro to Utility Axles, Diagnostic Procedures & Repair for Utility Axles, and Hydraulic Landing Gear... [to register...](#)

## Two-Day Dometic Academy is Coming to Orlando and Ocala

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 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...](#)

## FRVTA R2 Donates to Hibiscus Children's Center

Region 2 proudly presents a \$2,500 donation to the Hibiscus Children's Center through the MC Santa's Elves Activity Fund. This incredible organization provides a safe haven for children who have experienced abuse, abandonment, or neglect—offering over 450,000 nights of safety and care since opening its doors. Region 2's donation helps bring smiles and create lasting memories for children through fun outings and special experiences all year long... [read more...](#)

## RVers Guide and Supershow Program Advertising

Advertising sales are underway for the 2027 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](mailto: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 • Jan 8th • [Celtic Ray Public House](#) • 145 E Marion Ave • Punta Gorda

Region 2 • Jan 7th • [Brio Italian Grille](#) • 3101 PGA Boulevard • Palm Beach Gardens

Region 3 • No Meeting

Region 4 • No Meeting

Region 6 • No Meeting

Region 7 • Jan 27th • [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...*****Legislative Update 2025.12**

by Andres Malave. Property tax reform is on the move: all eight House amendments advanced, with four headed to State Affairs on December 2. Our priority bill, SB 118 (RV park assessments), passed its first stop unanimously. Plus: the House launches “AI Week,” a new Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting meets December 4, and key special elections land December 9 and March 24. With 2026 statewide races ahead, your PAC support matters more than ever.. [read more...](#)

**Why Financial and Tax Records Matter in Every Emergency****Preparedness Plan**

by Traeanne Reynolds. The IRS is reminding businesses that emergency plans should protect more than just buildings and equipment. Financial and tax records are critical to safeguarding customer data and ensuring fast recovery after a disaster... [read more...](#)

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lasting memories for children through fun outings and special experiences all year long... [read more...](#)

## **New FL Bill Causes Big Changes for RV Drivers**

by Ejola Cook. Having an RV is like having your home always with you, and sometimes those lines of home and driving become blurred. I have seen RV drivers riding with open containers believing that they won't get caught because they are in essence in their "home." However, on October 1st, 2025, Florida House Bill 687, also known as "Trenton's Law," went into effect... [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...](#)

## **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 "slomads" 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...](#)

### **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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