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Update from the FRVTA Board President

March is always an exciting time for our industry as Florida's RV Show season continues at full speed. We've already had three successful regional shows this year in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, and West Palm Beach. Thank you to the dealers, suppliers, volunteers, and staff who helped make each event a success... [read more...](#)

Legislative Update 2026.3

by Andres Malave. With just two weeks remaining in the regular 60-day Legislative Session, momentum is building, and so is uncertainty. While committees are wrapping up and floor calendars are stacking up, one major obstacle stands in the way of an on-time finish. As of today, the House and Senate remain more than \$1 billion apart in their budget proposals... [read more...](#)

Is Your Arbitration Agreement Costing You More Than the Claim?

by Ejola Cook. Arbitration has long been viewed as a safer alternative to court for RV dealers and industry businesses—but rising filing fees and arbitrator costs are changing the equation. Before your next consumer dispute, it may be time to review your deal packet, consider mandatory mediation clauses, and ensure your agreements are structured to truly protect your bottom line... [read more...](#)

Two-Day Dometic Academy is Coming to 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 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...](#)

RVTI Level 1 Training is Coming to Tampa

RVTI Level 1 Training is coming to Tampa this April—and it's completely FREE for FRVTA members, a \$375 value. Space is limited to just 20 technicians, so don't miss this opportunity to earn your certification in one week and strengthen your service team before the busy season... [more information coming soon!](#)

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 • Mar 12th • [Beef O'Bradys](#) • 1105 Taylor Rd • Punta Gorda

Region 2 • Mar 11th • [Brio Italian Grille](#) • 3101 PGA Boulevard • Palm Beach Gardens

Region 3 • No Meeting

Region 4 • No Meeting

Region 6 • No Meeting

Region 7 • Mar 24th • [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 2026.2

by Andres Malave. The pace has been set in Tallahassee as we're already into the fourth week of the 60-day Legislative Session. Meanwhile, the issues shaping the remainder of the Session are becoming clearer by the day... [read more...](#)

2026 Florida RV SuperShow Sets an Optimistic Tone

by Gary Gerard. Attendance climbed past 70,000 and exhibitors reported stronger-than-expected sales at the 2026 Florida RV SuperShow, signaling cautious optimism for the year ahead. RV Business highlights record-breaking dealer performance, strong demand for towables, motorized units, and high-end fifth wheels, and why Tampa remains a key bellwether as the RV market shows early signs of recovery... [read more...](#)

Florida Businesses Face Rising Website Privacy Lawsuits

by Timothy D. Shields. Florida RV dealerships, resorts, and industry businesses are increasingly at risk of data privacy litigation tied to everyday website tools like tracking pixels, cookies, chat features, session replay software, and third-party marketing scripts. This article explains why Florida has become a hotspot for "digital wiretapping" claims, how common online features can create unexpected liability, and the key compliance steps RV businesses should take now to reduce exposure, protect customer trust, and avoid costly lawsuits... [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...](#)

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...](#)

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...](#)

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...](#)

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...](#)

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 or 863-318-0193.

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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