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Update from the FRVTA Board President

As regional show season comes to a close, FRVTA is looking ahead to training, job fairs, and giving back across the state. This month's message also honors Dave Kelly as he prepares for retirement after 38 years... [read more...](#)

A Legacy that Helped Shape Florida's RV Industry

After 38 years with the Florida RV Trade Association, FRVTA Executive Director Dave Kelly reflects on a career built on growth, collaboration, and a passion for the RV lifestyle. From joining the team just before the 3rd Annual Florida RV SuperShow to helping build one of the strongest RV associations in the country, his farewell is a heartfelt tribute to the board, staff, industry colleagues, and family who helped make the journey so meaningful, as he looks ahead to his next chapter with pride, gratitude, and memories that will stay with him down the road... [read more...](#)

Session Ends, Budget Delayed, and Major Wins for Florida's RV Industry

by Andres Malave. Although the 2026 Legislative Session has officially adjourned, lawmakers still must return to finalize the state budget as House, Senate, and Governor negotiations continue. In the meantime, FRVTA members can celebrate significant legislative victories, including the passage of Senate Bill 118 protecting RV owners and businesses from disproportionate local assessments, along with new placement flexibility for manufactured homes in RV parks—key wins that reflect the importance of continued industry advocacy in Tallahassee... [read more...](#)

Is Your Purchase Agreement Missing this Protection?

by Marissa Kaliman. One overlooked disclosure in your vehicle purchase agreement could cost your dealership the opportunity to resolve a dispute before it turns into litigation. Review your sale forms now to make sure this critical compliance safeguard is not missing before it becomes an expensive issue... [read more...](#)

FRVTA Concludes Successful Regional Show Season

by Dave Kelly. The Florida RV Trade Association has officially concluded its five-show regional circuit, with strong dealer results and encouraging attendance across key markets statewide. From Fort Myers and Jacksonville to West Palm Beach, Ocala, and Orlando, favorable weather, established venues, and enthusiastic RV shoppers helped make this season a success, while plans are already underway for the upcoming summer and fall shows... [read more...](#)

FRVTA Scholarship DEADLINE June 5th

The FRVTA Scholarship Committee would like to remind you that now is the time to encourage your employees and their dependents to apply for the Florida RV Trade

Association Scholarship. All we ask is that you display the enclosed poster and applications in an area where your employees will see it (time clock, break room, etc.). The scholarship is open to any of your employees or their dependents that are working toward an undergraduate degree in one of Florida's state colleges. The FRVTA Scholarship pays \$2,000 a year for up to four years. This is a great opportunity for you to offer a scholarship to your employees without any cost or obligation to your company. Part-time students can apply as well. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 6, 2025!! As time is of the essence, please display the poster as soon as possible and mention the scholarship to those employees you know have children in college or getting ready to graduate from high school. Thank you for your help in making the scholarship program successful... [to apply...](#)

FRVTA Region 4 Gives Back to Central Florida

FRVTA Region 4 recently presented a \$500 donation to the Orlando Union Rescue Mission, supporting one of Central Florida's oldest and largest homeless service providers and their mission to help transform lives in Central Florida. The contribution reflects Region 4's continued commitment to giving back and supporting organizations that make a meaningful impact throughout the local community... [read more...](#)

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!](#)

Florida Propane Gas Association Safety Training this April in Ocala

A comprehensive week long propane gas safety school 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. More than 20 industry veterans and LP Gas Section inspectors provide professional instruction. All persons who currently have a Qualifier/Master Qualifier certification can receive up to 30 state certified CEU credits for renewal purposes.

FULL COURSE REGISTRATION includes safety school handouts, the latest editions of NFPA 54, NFPA 58, Florida Laws and Rules, and NFPA 110.

CEU ONLY REGISTRATION (MONDAY & TUESDAY ONLY) includes all Safety School handouts but WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY CODE BOOKS. CEU Students will receive a certificate of course completion from the Florida Propane Gas Association... [to register...](#)

Firefly Integrations Training this May in Port St. Lucie

Last chance to register for Firefly Integrations Training Academy being held May 5th in Port St. Lucie. Learn Firefly panel operation and troubleshooting. The Training Academy enables techs to service Firefly systems, earning credit towards level 3 RVTI certification... [to register...](#)

Aqua-Hot Training in Longmont, CO

Aqua-Hot is hosting multiple training sessions this summer at their new facility in Longmont, CO. Receive RVTI hours while gaining a deep understanding of Aqua-Hot hydronic heating systems, enabling you to confidently troubleshoot and service them. Learn best practices for installation, maintenance, and repair, ensuring optimal performance and customer satisfaction. Graduate as a Certified Aqua-Hot Technician with the ability to have your dealer or service center listed on their official Dealer & Service Center Locator... [to register...](#)

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 • Apr 2nd • [Wyvern Hotel](#) • 1101 East Retta Esplande • Punta Gorda

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

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

Region 4 • Apr 15th • [High Tide Harry's Reel Seafood](#) • 4645 S Semoran Blvd • Orlando

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

Region 7 • Apr 28th • [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...

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...](#)

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...](#)

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 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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