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Update from the FRVTA Board President

September is a busy month for FRVTA, with the State Convention just around the corner, regional shows starting back up, and the 2027 Florida RV SuperShow Draw happening this week. There's a lot to look forward to as we head into another exciting fall season.. [read more...](#)

From the Executive Director

by Ken Loyd. The 2026 FRVTA State Convention is just around the corner, and I'm also approaching a milestone of my own—nearly one year on the FRVTA staff! This year's Convention features an inspiring keynote from Dr. Mary C. Kelly, an informative State of the Industry panel, new breakout sessions designed to help you and your business succeed, and the election of our new State and Regional leadership. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone, so if you haven't registered yet, now's the time to make plans to Explore the RV Wonderland with us September 10–13 in Bonita Springs... [read more...](#)

Remembering Longtime Board Member George Lempenau

The FRVTA is saddened by the passing of longtime Board Member and campground industry leader George Lempenau. For decades, George was a familiar face in Florida's RV community, bringing his experience, dedication and unmistakable personality to the Association and the industry he loved.

We remember George's many years of service, the family campground legacy he helped build and the lasting friendships he made along the way... [read more...](#)

Register for the 2026 FRVTA Members Convention!

Join your fellow FRVTA members September 10-13, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs for the FRVTA State Convention. This annual event brings together industry professionals from across Florida for networking, educational sessions, association business, and valuable opportunities to strengthen relationships within the RV industry. Secure your spot and be part of the conversations shaping the future of Florida RVing.... [more info...](#) and [to register...](#)

FRVTA State Officer Elections to Take Place at 2026 Convention

The annual election of FRVTA State Officers will take place during the 2026 State Convention, September 10–13 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. Qualified members interested in serving in a State Office are encouraged to submit their intent to run to Nominating Committee Chairman Brian Copley prior to the Convention... [more info...](#)

Florida's General Election Takes Shape

by Andres Malave. Florida voters will face some big decisions this November, with three proposed constitutional amendments and key statewide and legislative races on the ballot. From property taxes and state finances to

closely watched races across Florida, the results could have a lasting impact on the state's business and political landscape... [read more...](#)

Free Online Technical Training Resource for all FRVTA Members

Take advantage of one of your FRVTA member benefits with free access to the RVDLN RV Service Video Library. From Florida LP Gas certification and RVTI-approved recertification courses to appliance repair and OEM-specific training, these on-demand videos are a valuable resource for your entire service team... [read more...](#)

Hands-On Firefly Technical Training Coming to Florida

Sharpen your team's troubleshooting and diagnostic skills with the Firefly Integrations Training Academy. Join the hands-on technical training on September 15 in Orlando or September 17 in Tampa and learn directly from Firefly experts. Register early and use promo code SAVE20 to receive a 20% discount on your registration. [learn more and register...](#)

Dometic Technical Training Coming to Florida

RV service technicians have two upcoming opportunities to attend Dometic Technical Training School in Florida. Classes will be held October 6–7 in Tampa, February 9–10 in Orlando, and April 6-7 in Jacksonville, covering air conditioners, refrigerators, water heaters and furnaces.

Technicians can earn up to 16 hours toward RVIA certification, and space is limited to just 20 participants per day. For registration information, contact Dometic at training.school@dometic.com or 1-800-216-5115, Option #2.

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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...](#)

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In Case You Missed It...

Legislative Update: Florida Primary Election Preview

by Andres Malave. With Florida's Primary Election just two weeks away, the political landscape is taking shape. Get the latest update on the gubernatorial and Cabinet races, key polling trends, and what to watch as voters head to the polls. Plus, a preview of next month's look at Florida's closely watched congressional races... [read more...](#)

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Workforce Integration: A Critical M&A Success Factor

by Marissa X. Kaliman. Successful mergers and acquisitions depend on more than financials. Learn why workforce integration, employee classification, retention strategies, and legal due diligence play a critical role in protecting value and ensuring a smooth transition after closing... [read more...](#)

Price Transparency: Why Dealers Should Act Now

by Ejola Cook. Consumers are demanding clear, upfront pricing, and regulators are paying attention. While RV dealers are exempt from the FTC's CARS Rule, hidden fees and unclear disclosures can still create legal and reputational risks. Learn why price transparency is becoming a competitive advantage and what your dealership should do now to stay ahead of the curve... [read more...](#)

Montana LLC Loophole Under Fire: What Florida Dealers Need to Know

by Ejola Cook. States are cracking down on the widespread use of Montana LLCs to avoid sales tax on high-value vehicle purchases. With enforcement actions already underway in California led by Rob Bonta, the ripple effects are reaching Florida, where audits and scrutiny are on the rise. Dealers and industry professionals should take note—this is no longer a distant issue, and the risks, including fines and criminal exposure, are becoming very real .. [read more...](#)

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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...](#)

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...](#)

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Legislative Wins and What's Next in Tallahassee

by Andres Malave. Following a strong showing at the FRVCA Convention, the RV industry continues to build momentum in Tallahassee. Key legislation has been signed into law, delivering meaningful protections for RV owners and expanded opportunities for park development. While a Special Session addressed redistricting, the state budget remains unresolved, with lawmakers expected to return in May... [read more...](#)

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2026 Small Business Summit: Build a Future Ready Business

Entrepreneurs, startups, and business leaders are invited to the 2026 Small Business Summit hosted by the Jacksonville Women's Business Center. This FREE, one-day event will feature expert insights, networking opportunities, and practical strategies on topics including access to capital, government contracting, AI, cybersecurity, workforce development, and marketing to help businesses grow and stay competitive... [learn more and register...](#)

Understanding Taxes for Small Businesses Webinar

Small business owners can join this free IRS webinar focused on the fundamentals of business taxes and financial reporting. Participants will learn how to understand Form 1040 Schedule C, compare common business structures, and explore valuable IRS resources and online tools designed to help small businesses succeed... [learn more and register...](#)

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...](#)

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.

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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...](#)

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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...](#)

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