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GEAR 2025 Material Available for Downloading

Program

Schedule*



frva-ea.com/gear-program



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*For the Schedule only, updates will be posted daily at 9:30PM from Nov 2 - 8, 2025

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FMCA is now **Family RV Association** —
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Family RV Association Friends,

Lisa and I welcome you to the 38th Greater Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) “Coast Into GEAR” at the Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. We thoroughly enjoyed our time at GEAR in 2023 and wish that we could be with you in person this year instead of just in spirit. Last year was very difficult with the devastating floods in North Carolina, which caused the last-minute cancellation of the rally, but the Eastern Area officers and members “weathered” the storm with flying colors. Everyone handled a very difficult, unexpected situation with professionalism and you have come back this year and planned an exceptional rally for your members. You have also solved any flooding issues this year; excess water will just run into the ocean.



We remember the talent show from last time, especially the winning past president in drag

year. The entertainment lineup is exceptional, and you will enjoy the dueling violins along with bluegrass followed by rock and roll beach music.

Everyone is in for a real treat at the Alabama Theater on Friday afternoon. The shows we have attended were fantastic and the Christmas show is always the top show of the year.

We were excited to see that Kevin and Patrice McCabe will be there from “RV There Yet?” I know they are excited to participate at GEAR and will be presenting their “RV Essentials” seminar. They are a great partner with Family RV Association, and we look forward to working with them for a long time.

Family RV Association is moving forward and that is the right direction. FRVA vice president Bob Weithofer will be at the rally and will present a seminar on benefits, answer your questions, and update you on where FRVA is now and where we are going.

Support our vendors, and don’t forget to take time out to enjoy the beautiful beach and surrounding area. We look forward to seeing everyone in March at our 112th International Convention & RV Expo in Perry, Georgia, “Changes in Latitudes -- RV Beach Party.”

Paul G. Mitchell, F165576
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Family RV Association Friends,

Pat and I welcome you to the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR). The Eastern Area is my home area since we live in Tennessee. We were members of the Tiffin Travelers and Eastern Gourmands chapters and volunteered for several years in various capacities. We always look forward to participating in the rally activities, meeting new friends, and renewing old friendships.



Eastern Area President Gary Lyons and his spouse, Barbara, with the help of a dedicated Board, rally staff, and volunteers, have planned an exciting and fun-filled event for you here at the Ocean Lakes Family Campground.

This is an exciting time for **Family RV Association**. The organization is going through a revitalization as the Management Committee and your Executive Board reduce costs and improve services. Please attend my seminar on the State of FRVA and Benefits to learn more. If you can't make the seminar, I'm available to answer your questions anytime. Stop me; I'd love to talk.

Once again, welcome to GEAR! We hope you enjoy every moment of your time here and help us share all that Family RV Association has to offer.

Bob Weithofer, F253844
FRVA National Vice President

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Welcome to Coast into GEAR from the Eastern Area President Gary Lyons

Barbara and I would like to welcome you to the 2025 edition of the Greater Eastern Area Rally (GEAR). We have some first-time attendees and a few guests who are not yet members of the Family RV Association (FRVA). We are delighted that you have accepted the invitation to join us at GEAR. We extend a special welcome to each of you.

Our team of volunteers has put together an outstanding Area Rally featuring informational and skill based sessions that will appeal to a broad range of attendees. And don't forget to visit the vendors and dealers for a chance to win a great prize.



One of our premier sessions is the RV Basics Training program. For the first time in its history this program is being offered to the general public as part of the GEAR25 program at Ocean Lakes Family Campground. This is a two-day class offered on Monday and Tuesday, November 3rd and 4th just before the first day of the rally on Wednesday.

Along with the many great seminar presenters at GEAR we have some special guests I would like to highlight: Kevin and Patrice McCabe, hosts of the RV There Yet? program on the Discovery Channel, are not only among our attendees but presenters as well. Having recently participated in one of Kevin and Patrice's presentations I can tell you it is something like trying to get a sip of water from a 3-inch fire hose! As experts in getting your message across in today's world they will share with us some valuable insights and techniques for reaching today's changing demographics.

We have evening entertainment scheduled for each evening of the rally. For special entertainment don't forget the Alabama Theater's matinee on Friday. It is known as the South's Grandest Christmas Show with world class talent and high energy entertainment. We still have a few tickets left.

GEAR would not be possible without the leadership of Dave Fowler and Chris Holtzman, and the dedicated team of volunteers from across the Eastern Area. Thank you!

Remember this: the greatest benefit to being a part of FRVA is the people, from all walks of life, all forms of RVs, enjoying life and sharing the RV lifestyle.

Safe Travels!

Gary Lyons F473121,
FRVA Eastern Area President



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Welcome, FRVA members, to the highly anticipated *“Coast into GEAR” rally at the beautiful Ocean Lakes Family Campground! We’re thrilled to have you join us in Myrtle Beach.*

Whether you’re a first-timer or a seasoned rally-goer, you’re in for a treat. Take some time to explore all that the Grand Strand has to offer — from sandy strolls and seaside sunrises to world-class shopping and local eats.



Be sure to stop by and show your support for our wonderful vendors — many have traveled just to be part of this special gathering, and they have great products, services and ideas to share.

Don’t forget to visit the RV dealerships showcasing the latest models. Whether you’re looking to upgrade or just dream a little, you’re bound to find something that sparks inspiration.

And for those attending, get ready to be dazzled by the *“Grandest Christmas Show of the South”* at the Alabama Theater. It’s an unforgettable experience that blends holiday magic with dazzling talent.

Each day is packed with insightful seminars designed to inform and inspire, offer something for every interest.

As the sun sets, the real magic begins! Join us nightly for outstanding entertainment. Begin with the Frustrated Maestros Talent Show. Then be wowed by the electrifying energy of Carson Peters and Iron Mountain, the spellbinding sounds of the Synergy Twins, and the high octane fun of “too MUCH SyLviA”.

Here’s to a week of friendship, discovery and adventure. Make the most of this incredible gathering to connect, learn and celebrate in the spirit of adventure.

Welcome to “Coast into GEAR”

Dave and Jan Fowler, Rally Masters

EASTERN AREA RALLIES

1987	Williamsburg, VA, hosted by Penn Coachmen
1988	Myrtle Beach, SC, hosted by Dixie Traveliers
1990	Myrtle Beach, SC, hosted by Capitol
1993	Myrtle Beach, SC, hosted by Carolina Cruisers
1995	Nashville, TN, hosted by Eastern Area Volunteers
1996	Centre Hall, PA, hosted by Penn Coachmen and Eastern Area Volunteers
1997	Lewisburg, WV, hosted by Mountaineer and Eastern Area Volunteers
1998	Greenville, SC, hosted by Carolina Cruisers and Eastern Area Volunteers
1999	Fayetteville, NC , hosted by Carolina Cardinals and Eastern Area Volunteers
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2001	Fayetteville, NC, hosted by Eastern Area Volunteers
2002	Asheville, NC, hosted by Eastern Area Volunteers
2003	Asheville, NC, hosted by Eastern Area Volunteers
2004	Harrington, DE, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2005	Harrington, DE, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2006	No area rally held because International FMCA Convention held in Charlotte, NC
2007	Memphis, TN, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2008	Richmond, VA, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2009	Richmond, VA, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2010	Winston-Salem, NC, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2011	Winston-Salem, NC, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2012	York, PA, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2013	York, PA, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2014	Fletcher, NC, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2015	Fletcher, NC, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2016	Lewisburg, WV, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2017	Lewisburg, WV, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2018	York, PA, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2022	Lewisburg, WV, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2023	Lewisburg, WV, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association
2024	Fletcher, NC, hosted by Eastern Area Motorhome Association

FRVA National Officials



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**The Eastern Area RV Association
and All the Eastern Area FRVA Chapters
Welcome You to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina,
for the 2025 Eastern Area Rally
“Coast Into GEAR”**

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Bay Travelers

Capitol

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Carolina Drifters

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GARY LYONS
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The Eastern Area is composed of Delaware, DC, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

From the Outer Banks across the Great Smoky and Allegheny Mountains to the Mississippi, and from the Amish lands to the Low Country and everything else in between, we are the Great Eastern Area!

Discover our unique flavors of food: sounds of country, bluegrass and beach music; walk through history during colonial times; zip through the skies in amusement parks and balloon rides, splash down the mountain rivers of white water and at the beaches. Whatever excitement you are in quest for; join our many chapters and area rally for fun, fellowship, and become part of our family!



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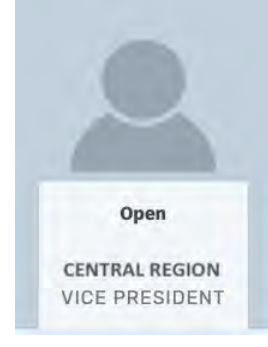
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WE NEED TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Without each and everyone of you, **GEAR** could not happen. More than 25% of our attendees are volunteers; they have given their time, labor, and knowledge to plan and execute this event. There are so many who work on **GEAR** from one year to the next. **ALL** of you united in your efforts, are the reason for this rally coming together and being a success.

ALL OF YOU DESERVE OUR SINCERE THANKS!!



2025 GEAR Officers and Committee Chairs

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Ice Cream Social
Info/Registration
Seminar Monitors
Parking/Greeters
FRVA Store
Venue Setup
Dog Parade
Coffee and More
Ladies Luncheon
Games and Youth
Vendors

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VWHRC is the chosen charity for GEAR 25. They provide resources for Veterans and shelter and assistance for Homeless Veterans.

**WE WANT TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE
BEAUTIFUL MYRTLE BEACH
AND GEAR 25.**

**SIT BACK, RELAX, MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
AND HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME!**

**DAVE FOWLER
EA SR. VP**

**JAN FOWLER
EA SECRETARY**

GEAR 25 INFORMATION GUIDE

Announcements - Announcements will be at Coffee and Donuts each morning and at evening events.

Coffee and Donuts - Coffee and Donuts will be served from 7:30A-8:45A Thursday, Nov. 6th through Saturday Nov. 8th in the Main Building.

Community Donations - There will be a 50/50 raffle supporting the Veterans Welcome Home & Resource Center. The final drawing will be Saturday, Nov. 8th.

Emergency Phone Numbers - The main office number is 843-238-5636 from 8A-8P. The Security Gate number is 843-828-4847 and is manned 24 hrs/day.

Garbage - Please place garbage at roadside yellow marker at 1P weekdays and 11A Sat/Sun.

Groceries - Sandy Mart is at the Campground Center.

Information - The Information/Registration desk will be just inside the front entrance of the Main Building.

Ladies Luncheon - The Ladies Luncheon will be held Saturday, Nov. 8th at 12P in the Main Building. This is sponsored by the Rolling Red Hatters Chapter. Pre-registration is required.

Laundromat - The laundromat is located in the Camptown Center and is open 24/7.

Lost and Found - Lost and Found will be at the Recreation Office.

Mail/Packages - Mail and packages will be managed at the Campground Main Office. The mailing address is 6001 S. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC 29575.

TV Channels - The cable channels for ABC - WPDE - Channel 6, CBS - WBTW - Channel 3, and NBC - WMBF - Channel 4. Channel listings can be found on page 42 of the Ocean Lakes booklet.

LOCAL SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Transportation

Lyft and Uber widely service the Myrtle Beach area with reasonable rates. Rental cars are not always readily available. Rental agencies suggest booking a week ahead.

Exhibitor On-Site RV Tech Support

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Food Services

- Sandy's Meet n Eat
- Sandy Harbor Café
- Coffee & Creamery
- Food Trucks (when available)

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Go straight out of Ocean Lakes on 544 West - 6.7 miles

Bear Right onto SC 31 North—go 16 miles bear right onto SC 22 E then, go 2.5 miles bearing left.

Bear Left onto US 17 North and go 1.7 miles to the stop light (5th Light)

Turn Left into the Alabama Theater parking lot.

You could also go US 17 North through Myrtle Beach but there are a lot of stop lights and heavy traffic.

Ice Cream Social

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RV Roofing Solutions

Blue Compass

Thursday 3-4P



Trivia

Come and enjoy the fun!!

Friday 1-3P

With

John Kitchen



Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, Nov. 9 at 12:00 Noon

Pre-registration is required.

Speaker Mary Canty

discussing saving abandoned
children



Coffee and Donuts

Sponsored by Fantasy Tours and
Kleen Tank

Served from 7:30A-8:45A

Thursday through Saturday

CRAFTS

THERE WILL BE CRAFT SIGN-UPS BEGINNING AT 9A ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5. THERE WILL BE CRAFTS ON SITE AND SEVERAL AT A NEARBY LOCATION. THE CRAFTS ARE LISTED ON THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE. PICTURES ARE ON THE EASTERN AREA WEBSITE.

On site crafts

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 9A

BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE OF MOTHER OF PEARL NUGGETS. COLORFUL GLASS PENDENT WITH SEA CHARMS. \$20.00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 10:15A

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – 9A

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – 10:15A

2026 HANDMADE CALENDAR WITH DIFFERENT DESIGNS \$5.00

CRAFTS

THESE CRAFTS WILL BE ON SATURDAY, NOV. 8, AT THE ELLIE BEACH RESORT, WHICH IS SEVEN MINUTES FROM THE CAMPGROUND. THE CRAFT SIGN-UPS WILL BEGIN AT 9A ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5. PICTURES WILL BE POSTED ON THE EASTERN AREA WEBSITE.

Off Site crafts

9A-11A DOOR MAT - DESIGN YOUR OWN DOOR MAT. \$35

SHADOWBOX – NUMEROUS DESIGNS TO CHOOSE FROM. \$30

11:30A-1:30P TILA BEAD BRACELET – DIFFERENT COLORS AVAILABLE. \$25

CHRISTMAS SPIDER – DIFFERENT COLORS TO CHOOSE FROM. GOOGLE THE MEANING OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIDER. \$25

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Prior to the 2026 FRVA Convention in Perry, Georgia, the FRVA Amateur Radio Chapter will be offering a one-day course to obtain the entry-level amateur radio license, followed by the FCC exam the next morning. The training session will occur on **Monday, March 16, 2026**, with the exam given the following morning. Early arrivals at the Perry fairgrounds are permitted, so plan to arrive on Sunday, March 15. Information and registration forms are available on the ARC website: <http://www.frvaarc.com> or email the chapter at we4rv@fmcaarc.com. Getting your ham radio license has never been easier and now is a great time to start your ham radio journey.



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Campers Inn	Mobile RV Tech and Dealership
Carolina Adventure	RV Service and Mobile Repair
Fantasy Tours	FRVA Guided RV Caravans and Rallies
FRVA Store	FRVA Logo Caps, Shirts, etc
Jordan Enterprises	Aqua Hot Service and Repair
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RV Roofing Solutions	Inspections, Install and Products
SkyMed	Emergency Medical Evacuation and RV Return
Tressel	Foldable Electric Bikes
Yankee Tours	RV Tours, Rallies and Information

RV Dealer Visits

The 5 local RV dealers have provided door prizes and other considerations for GEAR.

We will provide one (1) card listing the 5 RV dealers to each RV registered. The card will be punched when you visit the dealer.

Once all 5 RV dealers have been visited and the card punched. The card will be placed in a bin and become eligible for a substantial door prize with a value of \$100 or more by random drawing.

The 5 dealers are:

Blue Compass: Turn right out of Ocean Lakes go 1.1 miles on left

Campers Inn: Turn right out of Ocean Lakes go 0.5 miles on right

Carolina RV: Turn right out of Ocean Lakes go 1.5 miles on left

Camping World: Go straight out of Ocean Lakes go 1.3 miles on left

Ocean Lakes RV Sales: On the property behind the Ocean Lakes Registration Building

**Please visit these dealers as they help make
GEAR happen!**

GEAR's Got Talent

Hosted by The Frustrated Maestros—Directed by Sue Siegler and Ron Hazelett
MC's Richard Taylor & Dwellion Howard

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Center Stage, Wednesday, November 5th at 7:15 PM

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INSTRUMENTALS



BIG BAND



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Thursday, November 6 at 7:00pm
Main Stage at Ocean Lakes Activity Center
30th GEAR Opening Ceremony



Carson Peters and Iron Mountain, signed to Billy Blue Records, has quickly become one of the most energetic and hottest traditional bluegrass bands in the business. They have made numerous trips to the Grand Ole Opry, multiple international appearances, and have had countless songs on the bluegrass and bluegrass gospel charts.

Friday, November 7 at 7:00pm

The Main Stage at the Activities Center

The Synergy Twins



These electrifying violinists transform every stage they step onto into an unforgettable experience, bursting with jaw-dropping talent and contagious energy that's anything but ordinary.

Growing up side by side, Stephen and Jeff turned brotherly rivalry into a lifelong musical duel — epic “who-can-play-it-better” showdowns that forged the explosive chemistry you see on stage today. It's a connection that audiences don't just watch — they *feel* it.

From headlining luxury cruise lines across the globe and lighting up national television to rocking massive music festivals, celebrity galas, and exclusive private events, their performances leave crowds buzzing long after the final bow.

Saturday, November 8 at 7:00pm

Main Stage Ocean Lakes Activities Building

30th GEAR closing ceremony

too MUCH SyLvIA



Steve Long, the primary lead vocalist, also plays guitar. In 2020 & 2023 he won the prestigious Male Vocalist of the Year w/the Carolina Beach Music Association.

Eddy Howie covers the bass guitar duties and because of his natural high singing abilities, he's able to sing the songs from the Jersey Boys to Journey! In November of 2025 Eddy will be inducted into The Carolina Beach Music Hall of Fame.

Don Leonard on drums works the solid groove with Eddy, while he flashes a smile, providing a great feel that keeps the audience moving.

Rick Lee is the keyboardist who steps out front occasionally to get the crowd involved and sing a few R&R songs. Individually, he has been honored with 6

Songwriter and 5 Producer of the Year Awards from the Carolina Beach Music Association where he is a member of the Hall of Fame.

Their vocal blend and harmonies are really a major part of the 2MS sound. Combine all the above, with their tight, tasteful musical arrangements and it's a presentation that is appealing to dancers and listeners at a comfortable sound level for everyone.



EASTERN AREA OF FRVA

COAST INTO GEAR 2025 SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Nov. 3, 2025			
8:00 AM - 5:00PM	VOLUNTEER PARKING		
8:00 AM - 4:30PM	RV Basics		
10:00AM - 11:00AM	Goodie Bag stuffing		
1:00PM - 5:00PM	INFORMATION & REGISTRATION OPEN		
5:00PM	GEAR RALLY COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS MEETING (Location – TBA)		
1:00PM - 5:00PM	DROP OFF: Locator Cards All at Information/Registration table	PICK UP: Goodie Bags	SIGN-UP FOR: <u>No Monday Sign-Ups</u>

TUESDAY, Nov. 4, 2025			
8:00AM - 5:00PM	FAMILY MEMBER PARKING		
8:00AM - 5:00PM	INFORMATION & REGISTRATION OPEN		
8:00AM - 5:00PM	DROP OFF: Locator Cards Raffle for charity All at Information/Registration table	PICK UP: Goodie Bags Theater Tickets	SIGN-UP FOR: Bean Bag Baseball / Games / Chapter Fair
8:00AM - 4:30PM	RV Basics		
9:00AM - 11:00AM	Activity Cart Volunteer Driver's Meeting and Required Training Location: Activity Cart holding area		
5:00PM - 9:00PM	Frustrated Maestros rehearsal		

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025			
7:30AM	GEAR COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING		
8:00AM - 5:00PM	FAMILY PARKING		
8:00AM – 5:00PM	INFORMATION & REGISTRATION OPEN		
8:00AM – 5:00PM	DROP OFF: Locator Cards	PICK UP: Goodie Bags Theater Tickets	SIGN-UP FOR: Bean Bag Baseball / Games / Chapter Fair Raffle for Charity Craft Fair
All at Information/Registration table			
8:00AM - 10:00AM	Frustrated Maestros - rehearsal		
9:00AM - 11:00AM	Craft Registration		
9:00AM - 10:00 AM	Chapter Fair setup (Sue Cipa & Phyllis Britz chairs))		
10:00AM - 12:00PM	Chapter Fair- chapters set up their tables Auditorium		Main
10:00AM - 12:00PM	Bingo		
1:00PM - 3:00PM	FRVA update FRVA Benefits Auditorium	Bob Weithofer	Main
3:00PM - 3:45PM	First Timers' Seminar Auditorium	Gary Lyons	Main
4:00PM - 5:30 PM	Chapter Fair		Main Auditorium
6:00PM - 7:00PM	Chapter Gatherings		
7:15PM - 8:30PM	EAMA has Talent with THE FRUSTRATED MAESTROS Auditorium		Main

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025

7:30AM - 8:45AM	Coffee and Donuts with the FRUSTRATED MAESTROS Main Auditorium			
8:00AM - 4:00PM	INFORMATION & REGISTRATION OPEN			
8:00AM - 4:00PM	DROP OFF: LOCATOR CARDS		PICK UP: GOODIE BAG Raffle for Charity Theater tickets	Signup for: Craft Fair
9:00AM - 4:30PM	SEMINARS AND CRAFTS			
8:00AM - 10:00AM	Vendor set up			
10:00AM - 4:00PM	VENDORS OPEN (Main Auditorium)			
Time	Auditorium	Seminar Room 1	Seminar Room 2	Stage area
			8:00 AM to 8:45 AM Nondenominational Devotions Richard Taddeo	
9:00AM - 10:00AM	CRAFT Craft Necklace	How to Maintain Your Tanks Jack Pate	RV Weight and Tire Safety (RVSEF) Bill Forbes	Secretary's Round Table Gaye Young
10:15AM - 11:15AM	CRAFT Oyster Shell	A Dozen Do-Nots Gary Cipa	Alaska Guided RV Tours for FRVA Members Fantasy Tours	National Director Round table
11:30AM - 12:30PM		RV Roof Essentials Jennifer and Jack Schillaci	Travel Apps Bob Bucklew	Treasurer's Round Table Berkley Alexander
1:00PM - 3:00PM	Bean Bag Baseball (Location outside – TBA)			
12:45PM	SKY MED- Taylor Paloscio seminar 1			
3:00PM - 4:00PM	Ice Cream Social			
4:00PM	Pet Parade			
1:30PM - 2:30PM		Ladies only Chit-Chat Jennifer and Jack Schillaci	RV There Yet? Online Road Trip Fun – Geocaching Digital Map Journaling Social Media Patrice & Kevin McCabe	
2:45PM - 3:45PM		Make Your RV Journey Memorable, Don't Leave It Blank John Chiang	Canada's Eastern Atlantic Provinces FRVA Tour Fantasy Tours	Let's Recruit and Grow Our Family Phyllis Britz
4:00PM - 5:00PM		Meters and Test Equipment Brad Brown	Michigan and Ontario Canadian Maritime (Yankee RV Tours) Ron Coe	
5:15PM - 6:45PM	Chapter gathering time			
7:00PM	INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS & SPOUSES, EAMA OFFICERS & SPOUSES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Main Auditorium)			
7:30PM	ENTERTAINMENT Carson Peters and the Iron Mountain Band -Main Auditorium			

FRIDAY, November 7, 2025				
7:30AM - 8:45AM		COFFEE & DONUTS WITH THE FRUSTRATED MAESTROS (Main Auditorium)		
8:00AM - 4:00PM		INFORMATION & REGISTRATION OPEN		
8:00AM - 4:00PM		DROP OFF: LOCATOR CARDS Raffle for Charity PICK UP: GOODIE BAGS, Theater tickets		
9:00AM - 5:15PM		SEMINARS AND CRAFTS		
9:00AM - 4:00PM		VENDORS OPEN (Main Auditorium)		
Time	Auditorium	Seminar Room 1	Seminar Room 2	
8:00AM - 8:45AM			Nondenominational Devotions Richard Taddeo	
9:00AM - 10:00AM	CRAFT Craft Cards	Co-pilot, The Right Seat Steve Raye	N.E. Fall Foliage (Yankee RV Tours) Ron Coe	
10:15AM - 11:15PM	Craft Craft Calendar	Pet Safety & Tracking for RV Adventures Heather Baker	Lessons learned On The Road Peter Cregger	
11:30PM - 12:30PM		SKY MED Taylor Paloscio	Reasons RVers Should Have a Ham Radio License Skip Kazmarek	
Free Time to visit RV Dealers				
1:30PM - 4:00PM Christmas Show Off Site				
1:00PM RV There Yet? Patrice & Kevin McCabe Ocean Lakes Amphitheater Online Road Trip Fun – Geocaching Digital Map Journaling Social Media				
1:00PM – 3:00PM	Trivia			
5:00PM – 6:30PM CHAPTER GATHERING TIME				
7:00PM		ANNOUNCEMENTS; CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS, VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION Auditorium		
7:30 PM		ENTERTAINMENT - Synergy Twins		Auditorium

SATURDAY, November 8, 2025				
7:30 AM - 8:45 AM	COFFEE & DONUTS W/ FRUSTRATED MAESTROS			
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	PRESIDENTS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Jim Buelow and Sue Cipa			
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	**** "Off Site Crafts" see program****			
9:00 AM -12:00 PM	VENDORS OPEN (Main Auditorium)			
9:45 AM- 10:45 AM	EAMA MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Auditorium)			
Time	Auditorium	Seminar Room 1	Seminar Room 2	
7:30AM - 9:30AM		Presidents/Chapter leadership Roundtable Sue Cipa/Jim Buelow	8am-8:45AM Non-Denominational Devotions	
9:45AM - 10:45AM	EAMA Meeting, Election of Officers			
11:00AM - 11:45AM	HOLD-Ladies Luncheon setup	Line dancing Gaye Young		
11:45PM - 1:15PM	Ladies Luncheon			
12:15 PM - 1:30PM	Lunch and Learn TECHNICAL ROUND TABLE (Pack a Lunch) seminar 1			
2:15PM - 3:15PM	Craft Show	More Memories per Mile, Richard Steelman	Kickin' It on Route 66 Caravan Fantasy Tours	
3:30 PM - 4:30PM	Craft Show	Plug and Play Boondocking Richard Steelman	GEAR COMMITTEE CHAIRS WRAP-UP MEETING	
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	CHAPTER GATHERING TIME			
6:30PM	ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRIZES FOR WINNERS OF THE GAMES Closing Ceremonies			
7:30PM	ENTERTAINMENT- Too Much Sylvia (Auditorium)			
9:00PM-10:00PM	room setup			

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Seminars and Events Information

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Gary Cipa

A quick summary of often over-looked but ultra-important necessities of RV life. The goal is safety, preventative maintenance, keeping costs to a minimum and gentle reminders old and new.

Alaska Guided RV Tours for FRVA Members with Fantasy

RVing to Alaska on your own is no easy feat! Learn the benefits of traveling on an expertly guided tour. Highlights include boat and train excursions, fishing, glaciers, historical sites, wildlife and loads of fun with fellow FRVA members.

Bean Bag Baseball

Barb Bice

Get together a team for bean bag baseball on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 1:00P.

Canadian Eastern Atlantic Provinces FRVA Tour with Fantasy

Discover the easiest and safest way to travel to Canada with our professionally guided caravans to the Maritime Provinces and Gaspé Peninsula.

Chapter Fair

Phyllis Britz and Sue Cipa

Come and find out about the best kept secret of FRVA – Chapter membership. Individual chapters will showcase their unique qualities. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what chapters you may be interested in joining.

Co-pilot, The Right Seat

Steve Raye

The right seat or co-pilot is an integral part of safe traveling and can make the trip safer. Steve Raye, fire department driving instructor and RVTI Master certified tech, will navigate you through safe co-piloting for a positive travel experience.

EEAM Meeting, Election of Officers

Gary Lyons EAMA President

Annual Meeting and election of officers.

First Timers Seminar

Gary Lyons EAMA President

This is a must for those who have never been to GEAR. You will learn how to maximize your time and have time for questions and answers. Be sure to bring your program with you.

FRVA Benefits**Bob Weithofer FRVA Vice President**

FRVA members receive a variety of benefits. This seminar will describe some of the benefits and discounts available to members.

FRVA Update**Bob Weithofer FRVA Vice President**

This seminar will describe some of the FRVA updates. Learn what is new.

How To Clean and Maintain Tanks**Jack Pate**

This seminar will give you information about how to clean and maintain your tanks.

Kickin' It on Route 66 Caravan with Fantasy Tours

This seminar will take you on a visual tour from Chicago to LA. on this historic highway.

Let's Recruit and Grow Our Family**Phyllis Britz EAMA Immediate Past President**

This seminar will give you suggestions about recruiting and retention of new FRVA members. Anyone can recruit and we need everyone to recruit.

Line Dancing**Gaye Young**

Line Dancing will be geared to beginners and dancing mainly to country music. No partner is needed, just shoes or boots.

Make Your RV Journey Memorable**John Chiang**

Recording videos on RV trips is a fantastic way to preserve memories, share your journey with others, relive your experiences and document the places you visit.

Meters and Test Equipment**Brad Brown**

This program will provide a brief introduction to the multi-meter and RV applications. It will include troubleshooting tasks and pinpoint specific issues and components that keep you rolling down the road. Other instruments will be displayed and presented. Please bring your multi-meter with you to this seminar.

NE Fall Foliage and other Yankee Tours**Ron Coe**

There will be discussion about the NE Fall Foliage guided tour by Yankee Tours. There will also be other tours discussed such as Michigan/Ontario and Canadian Maritimes

More Memories Per Mile**Rick Steelman**

Many RVers often lose sight of the fact that they chose this lifestyle not just to be RVers, but to be explorers, adventurers, and to collect lifetime memories. This seminar will focus on how to create lasting memories from your travels instead of just pictures and smiles.

National Directors Roundtable

Learn the responsibilities, obligations, and duties of the National Director to serve your chapter in this important role.

Online Chapter Photo Directory

Lynda Bucklew/Bruce Bingham

Your chapter/group should consider dropping the obsolete printed directory and use a real-time online app that enables your chapter members to communicate with each other.

Pet Safety & Tracking for RV Adventurers

Heather Baker

Learn about modern pet options including Air Tags, Android devices, and GPS collars and their differences. Campground pet etiquette and essential safety tips will be discussed with practical advice you can use right away.

Plug and Play Boondocking

Rick Steelman

Boondocking is more than just free camping. This seminar will show how to successfully navigate this adventure at a fraction of the usual cost, allowing you to run your air conditioning effortlessly, eliminate the need for a generator, and avoid the hassle of drilling holes for solar panels in your roof.

Presidents' Chapter leadership Roundtable Discussions

Sue Cipa/ Jim Buelow

Discussion of the workings of your chapter and see how others work. A great opportunity to share and exchange ideas.

Roadside Wake-up Calls: A Practical Playbook for RVers

Peter Cregger

Three mishaps occurred during a 25-state run that reshaped how we rolled. They were a brake issue, a zero-psi scale and an overheating engine. We will turn those gut checks in a take-home checklist to include various ways to travel safer and have plan B.

RV Roofing Essentials

Jennifer and Jack Schillaci

RV roofing solutions will be discussed along with some products. There will be a sign-up sheet for free roof inspections and booking for future installations.

RV There Yet

Patrice and Kevin McCabe

A discussion about the story of RV There Yet and product tips.

RV Weight and Tire Safety

Bill Forbes

RVSEF will provide the knowledge to ensure their RV is operated within weight and safety limitations of their unit. There will be an opportunity to sign up for wheel position weighing for your RV.

Secretaries Roundtable**Gaye Young Past National Secretary**

This seminar will discuss the responsibilities of Area and Chapter Secretaries. It will also provide an opportunity to share and exchange ideas.

Sky Med**Taylor Paloscio**

This seminar will give a brief and informative session on gaps in insurance when emergency medical transportation is needed.

Technical Roundtable**Gary Cipa**

What technical questions and quandaries are plaguing you? This forum discussion will get those questions answered or provide suggestions for finding definitive information. Our attendees will have opportunities to discuss their questions with other owners and some industry pros. This will be interactive, informative and open to all.

Travel Apps**Bob Bucklew**

Computers and smart phones have changed our lives. There are a growing number of ways to use this technology to manage your RV travel. We will explore several travel apps.

Treasurers Roundtable**Berkley Alexander EAMA Treasurer**

All area associations and chapters treasurers should attend an open discussion and review the treasurers' guidelines and responsibilities. It is a good opportunity to address questions.

Why Should RVers have a Ham Radio License**Edward A. (Skip) Kazmarek**

In times of emergency, or when other means of communication are overloaded, Amateur radio may be the only means of communication available. This seminar will discuss why RVers should have a ham radio license and how to get one. FRVA's Amateur Radio Chapter will sponsor license prep and exam sessions at the FRVA Convention in Perry in March 2026.

RV Travel Seminars

Attend these seminars and see how easy and carefree Guided RV tours can be.



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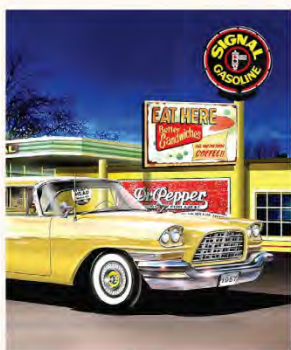
Thursday • 10:15 am • Seminar Room 2 Alaska Guided RV Tours for FRVA Members

RVing to Alaska on your own is no easy feat! Learn the benefits of “Going Guided” on an expertly organized tour with Fantasy RV Tours. From peace of mind knowing you’re traveling with professionals, to guaranteed campground reservations, to experiencing the best excursions – all without having to plan a thing! Highlights include Calgary Stampede and the Canadian Rocky Mountains, boat and train excursions, fishing, glaciers and of course, lots of wildlife viewing.



Thursday • 2:45 pm • Seminar Room 2 Canada’s Eastern Atlantic Provinces FRVA Tours

Discover the easiest and safest way to travel in Canada on our professionally guided caravan to the Maritime Provinces & Gaspé Peninsula. From peace of mind knowing you’re with experts when you are outside the US, to reserved campground reservations, to enjoying the best sights & activities – just show up and enjoy your vacation. No planning, no stress! Highlights include New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island & Québec provinces.



Saturday • 2:15 pm • Seminar Room 2 Kickin’ It on Route 66 Caravan

Get your Kicks on Route 66 at our seminar as we take you on a visual tour from Chicago to L.A. on this historic highway. Photo ops abound on the Mother Road through seven states with stops along the way to explore hidden gems. Our expert leaders will make sure you don’t miss a thing as you take in iconic sites such as the Famous Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Mickey Mantle’s boyhood home in Oklahoma, Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, TX, and of course the famous Santa Monica Pier. Classic sights will take you back in time as you ‘kick it’ on this Route 66 tour!

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Pelican members enjoy 3 rallies per year, with exciting activities like dinner cruises, theater events, dining out, games, wine tasting, line dancing, crafts, trolley tours, murder mysteries, golf, and live entertainment. Previous rallies were hosted in desirable locales such as Myrtle Beach, Savannah, the mountains of Upstate SC, and others.

Carolina Pelicans' members possess a vast knowledge of all things related to RVs, and the information is shared at rallies, or through personal communications.

When volunteers are needed, Pelicans are eager to step up, having participated in numerous capacities during GEAR; registration & information, parking & security, as well as raffle ticket sales to benefit charities. Several of our chapter members share their expertise by serving FRVA on committees.

If you are seeking a friendly chapter, in which you can create lasting memories, look no further than the Carolina Pelicans, you'll be happy you did, and you will be welcomed with open arms!



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