



***COAST INTO GEAR
2025
SCHEDULE***

BLUE COMPASS OUTDOOR EXHIBITS

Location

Sites: 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2093 and 2094

Ocean Lakes made Blue Compass take down their outdoor exhibit signs. Please take a few minutes to visit their outdoor exhibit. They brought over motorized units.

NOTE: During the rally the program will be updated nightly around 9:30PM as needed. Check the date at the top of the document for date of posted revision. Technical support for viewing of the document on electronic devices is provided by Toni Calzone at antonia.calzone@verizon.net.

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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) FRVA Booth – 9:00:AM – 12:00PM		
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		

Thank You for Attending GEAR
Next GEAR WV State Fairgrounds 2027

ALL RVS MUST BE OFF THE GROUNDS SUNDAY BY 12:00 PM
UNLESS ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH THE CAMPGROUND

Safe Travels!

See you all at FRVA's 112th International Convention
March 18-21, 2026, Perry, GA

Seminars and Events Information

A Dozen DO-Nots

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.

EAMA 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 RVer 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

Online Road Trip Fun – Geocaching | Digital Map Journaling | Social Media

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.