

CAN NON-FRVA MEMBERS ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES AT PERRY?

During the Zoom workshop last Thursday there were a couple of comments and questions about non-FRVA members attending Perry and participating in all activities. The underlying question was, "Is this okay?"

The answer to that question is a resounding yes!

I cannot pinpoint the exact point in time that FMCA began inviting all RVers to attend the FMCA Annual Conventions & Expos. What I can share is that this is not a new message.

The announcements for Tucson and Redmond in 2024, Perry and Gillette in 2025, and Perry in 2026 included the following statement:

FMCA conventions aren't just for members. The association invites all RV owners to join the festivities. And those who are considering the RV lifestyle or are just curious have an opportunity to take part as well.

A couple of our Zoom attendees referenced the current announcements and handouts for Perry 26. If you explore the current info on FRVA.com you can see the consistent messaging. In fact, the current first timers info for Perry 26 reads like this:

You'll have the opportunity to make lots of new friends at the event. But why not invite other RV-owning friends to register and join in the fun. By coming with others, you know, you'll be able to share the experience with friends with whom you are familiar and comfortable. Even if they're not FRVA members. All RVers are welcome!

What we may have overlooked in the past is that not only are events like Perry are open to all RVers is the potential effect on recruiting new members. Think about what attendance could be if we each invited at least one other family to attend along with us!

We can certainly invite friends and neighbors to register and attend. In fact, I suggest that inviting other RVers should be intentional.

I have invited two other families to attend GEAR, one of which is not an FRVA member. And so far, I have invited one other non-FRVA family to join us at Perry.

So, who do you know that you could invite to Perry in 2026?

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