



An FRVA Chapter

Villages RoVers In The News

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MEETINGS

- SIG**
Wed May 14th 9:00 am
- RoVers Round Table SIG**
Thur May 8th 5:45 pm
- Monthly Meeting**
Thur May 15th 5:45 pm

May Meeting Schedule

- SIG**
Check List & Trip Prep
- RoVers Round Table SIG**
Camping Etiquette
- Monthly Meeting 5:45 pm**

HAPPY TRAILS 2nd Annual Potluck Dinner

New Members Corner

New Members are always welcome. Know someone who may be thinking about getting into the RV life, invite them to attend our monthly members meeting to get to see how much fun we have!

RV Tip of the Month
Have you stocked up on spare parts before your summer trip? Remember, it's not if it will break but when.

A Letter From Our President

Greetings RoVers,

May is here and many of you will start some summertime travels around the country. The news from the members who attended the Cajun Rally and the Perry FRVA Convention had a great time. If you missed the FRVA Perry Convention you will be able to see what went on from a popular RV couple, Kevin and Patrice McCabe, who have a TV series "RV There Yet." Kevin and Patrice did a show at Perry that will air on Saturday May 10, 2025 at 8:30 am on the Discovery Channel. The McCabe's have owned and operate a TV production company for the past 20 years. I started to watch some of there programs which show how they can give you idea of places to visit around the country. Tell your friends to check it out.

At the Perry Rally FRVA signed an exclusive agreement with RV Overnights, a membership platform that connects RVers with small businesses for unique overnight stays. The hosts in the system do not charge a fee for overnight stays. Guests are simply asked to support the business by making a purchase while visiting.

To find fun places to stay, RV Overnights members can search over 14 host categories from Farms to Wineries to BBQ Joints. In addition, there are 27 search filters for amenities, hookups, additional nights, and more. The platform lists 70,000+ RV resources, helping users locate propane fills, dump stations, repair facilities, etc. Helpful map layers provide information about weather and boondocking lands. The list goes on! The company's convenient web site and mobile app make it easy to search, request, and stay at host locations.

The best part is FRVA members who sign up for the program, normally priced at \$49.99, receive an exclusive 40% discount, making it only \$29.99 annually and the annual renewal price is locked in for life.

Safe Travels to all of you this summer and keep checking the web site for update and possible summer OTFs.

Stay Safe & Stay Healthy,

Bernie Harchar
President

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Upcoming Events

- Happy Trails Potluck Dinner
May 15th, 5:45 PM
- Suwannee Musical Park Rally
December 2-6
- Discover Florida OTFs**
Santos State Park
May 29-June 1

Reminder:
No meetings June, July, August

The Board wishes you safe travels for all your summer adventures!

GET READY FOR A ROOTIN' – TOOTIN' GOOD TIME!

You saw it in the RoVers April Newsletter
 Saddle up – it's go time!



The Villages RoVers 2nd Annual Happy Trails Potluck Dinner

Everglades Recreation Center, Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 PM

Kick off the 2025 travel season with an evening of food, friendship, and fun!
 Mingle with fellow RV'ers, swap stories from last year's adventures,
 and hear about exciting trips on the horizon.

We're serving up some serious deliciousness!

Your Villages RoVers Chapter is bringing the BBQ, buns, baked beans, coleslaw, and soft drinks – and YOU and your neighbors will complete the feast with your signature potluck dishes. And don't worry about what to bring – we've got you covered! We'll send you an email in plenty of time letting you know whether we need a salad, starch, or desert from you. It's a meal you won't want to miss!

Best of all? It's absolutely FREE but you must sign up before May 3rd!

So hitch your wagon to a good time, **mark your calendar**
and click the link below to reserve your spot today. Yee Haw!

[Click Here To Register](#)

Brought to you with a big smile by your RoVers Social Committee



From Our April Meeting

Our guest speaker for April's Members Meeting was John MacCarthy from RecPro. John surprised all in attendance with a raffle for 3 gift cards (\$100, \$200 & \$300). Meet our winners! Congratulations Jason Cyr, Chuck Terpstra and Stacy Mattern. A big thank you to John MacCarthy for all the great service and generosity you bring to our club.





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Something exciting is happening...

Introducing the first of many changes happening to the RoVers website. Behind the scenes the RoVers IT team has been hard at work giving the website a fresh look. We are excited to announce the homepage is ready to launch. Here are few highlights.

You will now be able to see all the RoVers business meetings in one spot. Dates, day of the week, topics and speakers included so you will be able to mark your calanders.

RoVers Meetings Calendar		
All meetings are held at the Everglades Recreation Center		
<div>JANUARY 2025 January 4, Monday Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 PM January 8, Wednesday SIG Meeting 9:00 AM Topic: RV & Camping Schedule January 9, Thursday SIG Meeting 9:45 PM Topic: TBA January 16, Thursday Monthly Business Meeting 5:45 PM Guest Speaker: Tony Kram, TNC RV Inspections</div>	<div>FEBRUARY 2025 February 4, Monday Board of Directors Meeting 9:30 AM February 12, Wednesday SIG Meeting 9:00 AM Topic: TBA February 13, Thursday SIG Meeting 9:45 PM Topic: TBA February 26, Thursday Monthly Business Meeting 5:45 PM Guest Speaker: April Buehler, Lower 48 Storage Jan Whitman, Loxley RV Road & Helen Cox, Valley RV Travel</div>	<div>MARCH 2025 March 19, Monday Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 PM (Cancelled) March 12, Wednesday SIG Meeting Cancelled March 13, Thursday Evening SIG Cancelled March 26, Thursday Monthly Business Meeting 5:45 PM Guest Speaker: Jan Whitman, Loxley RV</div>
<div>APRIL 2025 April 5, Wednesday SIG Meeting 9:00 AM Topic: RVing Accessories April 10, Thursday Creative Round Table SIG 5:45 PM Topic: Getting Started April 16, Monday Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 PM April 17, Thursday Monthly Business Meeting 5:45 PM Guest Speaker: Lisa Evans, Service Manager Loxley RV</div>	<div>MAY 2025 May 6, Thursday Creative Round Table SIG 5:45 PM Topic: RV & Camping Schedule May 12, Monday Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 PM May 14, Wednesday SIG Meeting 9:00 AM Topic: TBA May 15, Thursday Monthly Business Meeting 5:45 PM Happy Trails Pet Lark Dinner</div>	<div>JUNE 2025 No Meetings Happy Summer & Safe Travels!</div>
<div>JULY 2025 No Meetings Happy Summer & Safe Travels!</div>	<div>AUGUST 2025 No Meetings Happy Summer & Safe Travels!</div>	<div>SEPTEMBER 2025 September 8, Monday Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 PM September 10, Wednesday SIG Meeting 9:00 AM Topic: TBA September 11, Thursday Creative Round Table SIG 5:45 PM Topic: Making Your RV a Home September 18, Thursday Monthly Business Meeting 5:45 PM Guest Speaker: TBA</div>
<div>OCTOBER 2025 October 6, Wednesday SIG Meeting 9:00 AM Topic: TBA October 9, Thursday Creative Round Table SIG 5:45 PM Topic: Stargazing October 11, Monday Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 PM October 16, Thursday Monthly Business Meeting 5:45 PM Guest Speaker: TBA</div>	<div>NOVEMBER 2025 November 18, Monday Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 PM November 12, Wednesday SIG Meeting 9:00 AM Topic: TBA November 13, Thursday Creative Round Table SIG 5:45 PM Topic: RV & Camping Schedule November 26, Thursday Monthly Business Meeting 5:45 PM Guest Speaker: TBA</div>	<div>DECEMBER 2025 December 8, Monday Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 PM December 10, Wednesday SIG Meeting 9:00 AM Topic: TBA December 11, Thursday Creative Round Table SIG 5:45 PM Topic: Cruise Senior December 18, Thursday Monthly Business Meeting 5:45 PM Guest Speaker: TBA</div>

Rallies 2025	
Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground Live Oaks, Florida December 2-6, 2025	
Discovering Florida 2025 OTFs	
Paynes Prairie State Preserve Micanopy, Florida April 27-30, 2025	
Santos Trailhead State Park Ocala, Florida May 28-June 1, 2025	Anastasia State Park St. Augustine, Florida June 23-27, 2025
Florida Caverns State Park Marianna, Florida July 14-18, 2025	W.P. Franklin Campground US Army Corp of Engineers Alva, Florida August 15-18, 2025
Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Santa Rosa Beach, Florida September 25-29, 2025	World Equestrian Center Octoberfest At WEC Ocala, Florida October 10-12, 2025

As rallies and OTFs are added to the schedule you will be able to see them right on the home page.

So make sure to check in this summer and see all the exciting things to come.

It's time to get excited!

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Discovering Florida 2025

Join us on these **RoVers "ON THE FLY"** camping trips as we discover many State Parks and Corps Of Engineers offering a variety of things to see and do, including: fishing, birding, hiking, canoeing, biking, and even hunting. You can tour a cave, see wild horses and even buffalo, yes, buffalo. **So come along as we explore Florida!**

MAY



[Santos State Park](#)



JUNE



[Anastasia State Park](#)

JULY



[Florida Caverns State Park](#)

AUGUST



[W.P. Franklin Campground](#)

SEPTEMBER



[Topsail Hill Preserve State Park](#)

[Click Here For Our Exciting State Park Events](#)

May 29-June 1 June 23-27

July 14-18 August 15-18

September 25-29

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OCTOBER 2025

DISCOVERING FLORIDA 2025

Come Celebrate Oktoberfest at



WORLD
EQUESTRIAN CENTER®

On October 10 ~ 12

World Equestrian Center – Ocala
Campground General Store
8105 NW 21th. Street, Ocala, FL 34482

RV campsite reservation please contact
The WEC General Store at 352-414-7871

The festivities will kick off on October 11th with an exciting lineup of activities and entertainment. Break out your lederhosen and dirndls and get ready to indulge in a variety of traditional German food. They will be serving up all your favorites, including pretzels with beer cheese, bratwurst, schnitzel, spaetzle, dampfnudel, and more. The best part? All food is included in the ticket price, so you can indulge!

**THERE IS A SEPARATE TICKET
PURCHASE FOR THE FESTIVITIES!!**

[World Equestrian Center](#)

This is an “On The Fly” and it is your responsibility to make reservations. Please sign up on the web site to let us know you are coming.

[Click Here To Register With The RoVers](#)

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The full-service RV Park has access to a 24-hour laundromat with showers and fuel station, all within minutes from the equestrian action. The adjacent General Store carries all your travel essentials and serves hot Starbucks coffee.

Here's what you can expect:

Whether you're a seasoned Oktoberfest enthusiast or just looking for a fun family outing, WEC Oktoberfest has something for everyone. Enjoy a full day of festivities, including:

- Authentic German Fare: Indulge in a delicious spread of traditional dishes like schnitzel, sausages, potato salad, and apple strudel (all included in your ticket price!).
- Live Polka Music: Dance the afternoon away to lively tunes from the Swinging Bavarians.

- Commemorative Beer Steins: Purchase a souvenir stein to fill with your favorite German beers (beer sampling for those 21+).
- Pretzel Making Demonstrations: Learn the art of pretzel making and watch skilled artisans create these delicious treats.
- Yard Games: Challenge your friends and family to classic yard games for some friendly competition.
- Interactive Activities: Get involved in fun, interactive experiences throughout the day.
- Themed costumes are encouraged!

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DECEMBER 2025

Suwannee Music Park

December 2 ~ 6

Come experience 1 1/2 miles
of Christmas Lights & Music

Contact Pat Harchar

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CLICK HERE for

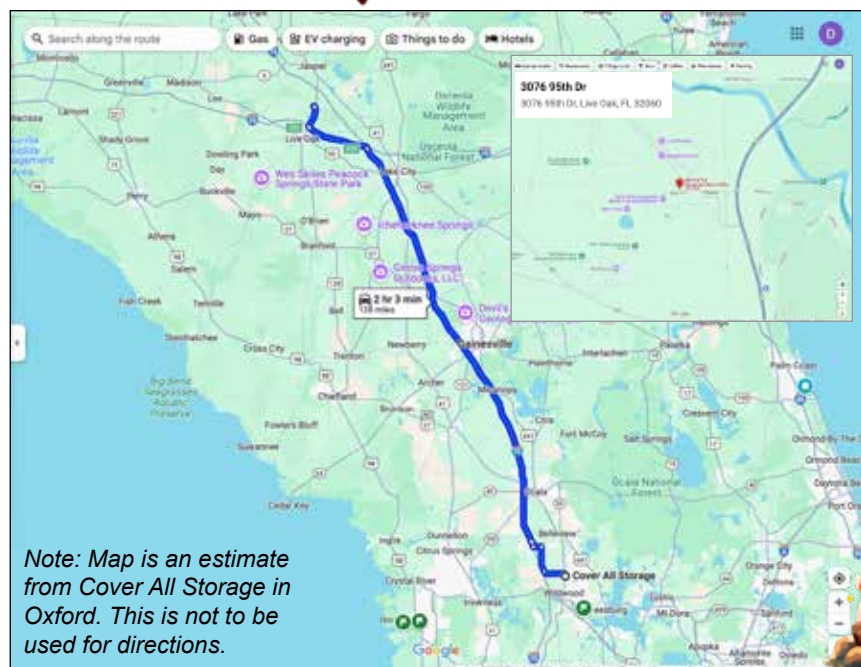
Suwannee Music Park Web Site

Click here For Rovers Web Site \$25.00

\$55.00/night for 50 AMP electric, water, sewer

\$45.00/night for 30 AMP electric, water, sewer

LIMITED to 20 Rigs in the Loop



Note: Map is an estimate
from Cover All Storage in
Oxford. This is not to be
used for directions.

Open fire with a fire pit ring permitted
Animals must have proof of rabies shot

Golf Cart Rental or Trolley
available for Holiday Lights Tour



That’s a wrap!

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Ayeee! from Cajun/Creole Country. It was here that 15 of our Rovers rallied in New Iberia, Louisiana, to celebrate the unique food, music and culture of southern Louisiana. For five days and nights, we were happily immersed into the heart of Cajun/Cerole culture. Interesting tours, highlighting the Martin According Factory and Crawfish harvesting were available. In addition, there was time for self-exploration. The local Cajun/Creole cuisine was featured each night and Sunday morning. We devoured bowls of Etouffee, Gumbo with potato salad, Jambalaya, fresh Beignets, Bloody Mary’s, and a Crawfish Boil (5 lbs. each). Yum! Cajun/Zydeco music entertained us each night. We were treated to performances by four world-renowned, Grammy nominated or Grammy award winning artists. We hope you will join us again next year for this amazing Cajun Rally experience. Les Rovers laissez les bon temps rouler! C’est Tout!

