



An FRVA Chapter

# Villages RoVers In The News

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**No monthly meetings,  
Summer break**

SIG  
RoVers Round Table SIG  
Monthly Meeting

**See you in  
September!**

**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**  
Trust your instinct, it just may save your life and prevent a catastrophe. Safe travels!

***A Letter From Our President***

Greetings RoVers,

We had a good year and ending with the Happy Trails dinner was fantastic. Thanks to our hospitality committee we enjoyed a wonderful dinner and games.

Many of you will be traveling for the summer, be sure to follow your check lists and make sure you have all of the necessary documents you need. For those traveling check your roadside assistance contract, a vial of life in your refrigerator for emergency medical information, a “To Go Bag”, insurance documents and anything else you may need in case of an emergency. In other words, be prepared.

If you are going to be around, join us for our monthly “On The Fly” outings. Information is on the web site.

If you have not joined yet, look into RV Overnights. It’s a stay for free program and the cost is only \$29.99 per year for as long as you are an FRVA member. More information is available on the FRVA web site and the Villages RoVers web site.

*See you in September and Safe Travels!*

Stay Safe & Stay Healthy,

*Bernie Harchar*  
*President*

*The Dash* by Linda Ellis

I read of man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.  
He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.  
For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and no only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.  
So think about this long and hard; are there things you’d like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.  
To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we’ve never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.  
So when your eulogy is being read, with your life’s actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

**Upcoming Events**

Suwannee Musical Park Rally  
December 2-6












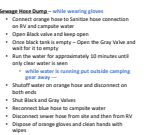


**Discover Florida OTFs**  
Anastasia State Park  
June 23-27

**Reminder:**  
No meetings June, July, August

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

## May SIG Recap

May’s Wednesday SIG meeting covered a lot of great tips and reminders. As we get ready for summer travels take a moment a review your checklist.

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| <div>  <p>Checklists for Motorhomes &amp; Travel Trailers<br/>14 May 2025</p> </div>  |   |  |  |
| <div> <h3>Pre-Departure Checklist (Interior)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Pump Off</li> <li>• Water Heater Off</li> <li>• Furnace off, portable heater stowed</li> <li>• TV Antenna / Satellite dish down</li> <li>• Furniture secured</li> <li>• Loose items from countertop, cabinets and bathroom stowed / secured</li> </ul>  </div>   |   | <div> <h3>Pre-Departure Checklist (Interior)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refrigerator off / on interior items secured door latched</li> <li>• Stove top secured</li> <li>• Toilet seat down</li> <li>• Bathroom / bedroom doors secure</li> <li>• Windows and Vents Closed</li> <li>• All interior lights turned off</li> </ul>  </div>   |  |
| <div> <h3>Pre-Departure Checklist (Exterior)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engine Fluids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil</li> <li>• Brake</li> <li>• Engine coolant</li> <li>• Transmission fluid</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Engine Compartment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaks underneath</li> <li>• Hoses, fittings, belts</li> <li>• Check for leaves, nests or other debris lodged in compartment</li> <li>• Batteries</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  </div>   | <div> <h3>Pre-Departure Checklist (Exterior)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windshield clean, check for cracks or rock chips</li> <li>• Windshield Wipers</li> <li>• Mirrors adjusted and tight</li> <li>• External lights working and clean –brake, turn, signals, clearance markers, hazards etc.</li> </ul>  </div>  | <div> <h3>Pre-Departure Checklist (Exterior)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper pressure cold</li> <li>• Sidewall weather checking</li> <li>• Tread</li> <li>• Valve stem / extensions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Towed Vehicle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper hitch connection</li> <li>• Braking mechanism</li> <li>• Lights</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  </div>  | <div> <h3>Pre-Departure Checklist (Exterior)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towed Vehicles recommended procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency brake off</li> <li>• Key in proper position</li> <li>• Shifter in neutral</li> <li>• P-Keys</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jacks Retracted</li> <li>• Slides Retracted – check for debris</li> <li>• Awnings retracted and latched</li> <li>• Compartments latched / locked</li> <li>• Propane off</li> <li>• Operation of step</li> </ul>  </div>  |
| <div> <h3>Personal Information Checklist</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Information</li> <li>• Emergency Contact Information</li> <li>• Driver's License</li> <li>• Current Proof of Insurance</li> <li>• Trip routing information</li> <li>• Pets (Current vaccines)</li> </ul> </div>   | <div> <h3>At the Campsite Checklist</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Always wear seatbelts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local knowledge, obstacles and consider slide-out and awning.</li> <li>• Pick a level spot within 20 feet of hook-ups</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Remove sewage equipment hoses from slide door compartment</b></li> <li>• <b>Level the RV (Every RV is different)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engage emergency brake</b></li> <li>• Turn engine off</li> <li>• Activate auto leveling system or set manually as appropriate</li> <li>• Place chocks against rear wheels</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  </div>  | <div> <h3>At the Campsite Checklist (Check-in)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open Slide Out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start on engine with steps pulled in and RV door closed</li> <li>• Extend the slide out</li> <li>• Shut engine off</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Electric hookup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open breaker at site power box</li> <li>• Attach surge protector</li> <li>• Attach RV power cable to box and RV</li> <li>• Turn the breaker on</li> <li>• Turn on air conditioning in the RV</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  </div>  | <div> <h3>At the Campsite Checklist (Check-in)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Water hookup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefly run water to clear the system and then shut off</li> <li>• Connect pressure regulator to campsite water source</li> <li>• Connect water filter pressure regulator</li> <li>• Connect blue hose to water filter</li> <li>• <b>Switch water input setting to City on the RV</b></li> <li>• Turn water on</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  </div>   |
| <div> <h3>At the Campsite Checklist (Check-in)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sewer hookup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure black and gray valve handles are fully closed</li> <li>• Use gloves and connect sewer hose to RV</li> <li>• Open sewer support and lay hose on top of it</li> <li>• Connect sewer hose to dump hole at the site</li> <li>• Keep gray and black dump valves closed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cable TV hookup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect cable to RV and site</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Campsite Setup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome/house mat</li> <li>• Open Awning</li> <li>• Patio mat, chairs, table</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  </div> | <div> <h3>At the Campsite Checklist (Leaving)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sewage Hose Dump</b> – with wearing gloves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect sewage hose to service hose connection on RV and complete water</li> <li>• Open black valve and keep open</li> <li>• Close black tank is empty – Open the Gray Valve and wait for it to empty</li> <li>• Run the water for approximately 20 minutes until only clear water is seen</li> <li>• Turn off the water and disconnect the pump pump away</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Disconnect water and sewer hoses and disconnect on both ends</b></li> <li>• <b>Shut Black and Gray Valves</b></li> <li>• <b>Reconnect blue hose to complete water</b></li> <li>• <b>Disconnect sewer hose from the box and from the RV</b></li> <li>• <b>Dispose of sewage gloves and clean hands with soap</b></li> </ul>  </div> | <div> <h3>At the Campsite Checklist (Leaving)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Water Disconnect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add a few gallons of water to black and gray tanks</li> <li>• Add disinfectant chemicals to sink and toilet</li> <li>• Turn off water at site</li> <li>• <b>Switch setting to Dry on RV</b></li> <li>• Disconnect blue water hose and filter</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Close Slide Out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure emergency brake is engaged</li> <li>• Start on engine with steps pulled in and RV door closed</li> <li>• Retract the slide out</li> <li>• Shut engine off</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  </div> | <div> <h3>At the Campsite Checklist (Leaving)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Retract leveling system</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return chocks</li> <li>• Activate auto leveling system Retract mode</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Electric Disconnect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Very Important – shut off air conditioning on RV</b></li> <li>• Open breaker at site power box</li> <li>• Disconnect surge protector and power cable</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cable TV Disconnect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disconnect cable at RV and site</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Take Trash</b></li> </ul>  </div> |

## Miss Something?

As the RoVers take the summer to enjoy our rigs, the monthly newsletter will continue to be published the first of each month keeping you informed of all our scheduled events, tips and fun articles. Miss an issue? Use the link below to download all issues available.



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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!**

JUNE



[Anastasia State Park](#)



JULY



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AUGUST



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State Park Events](#)

SEPTEMBER



[Topsail Hill Preserve State Park](#)

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](#)

Bernie & Pat Harchar  
[Harchar@aol.com](mailto:Harchar@aol.com)  
440-724-2275



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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3076 95th Dr.

Live Oaks, FL 32060

800-224-5656

CLICK HERE for

Suwannee Music Park Web Site

Click here For Rovers Web Site \$25.00

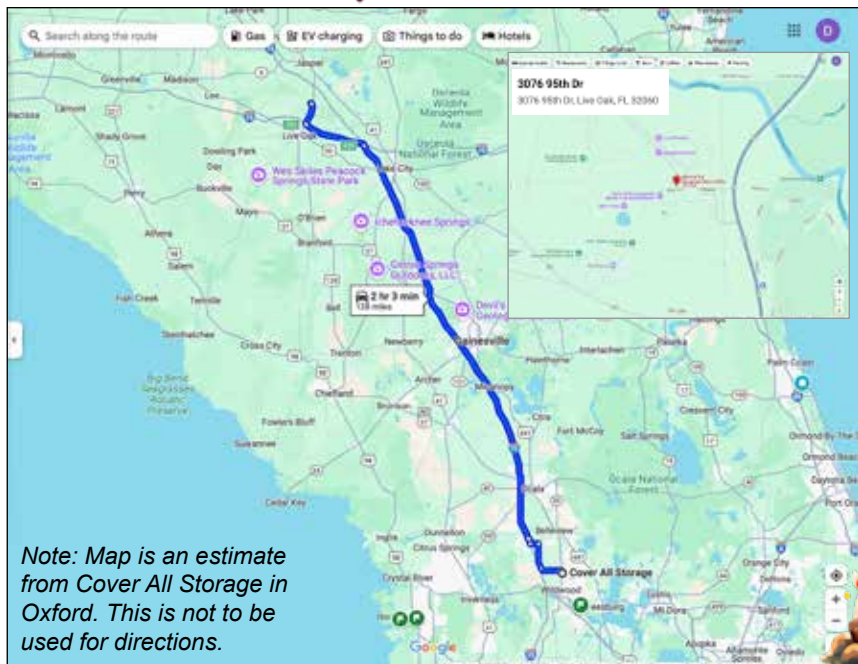
\$55.00/night for 50 AMP electric, water, sewer

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

**LIMITED** to 20 Rigs in the Loop

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



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





# That's a wrap!

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***A ROOTIN' – TOOTIN'  
 GOOD TIME WAS HAD  
 BY ALL!***



**Thank you RoVers  
 Social Committee  
 for another  
 fantastic event.**



**Happy Trails to  
 you until we  
 meet again!**

