



An FRVA Chapter

Villages RoVers

In The News

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National Director

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Ron Klock
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Deb Rynn
Secretary

MEETINGS

SIG

Wed Oct. 8th, 9:00 am

RoVers Round Table SIG

Thur Oct. 9th, 5:45 pm

Monthly Meeting

Thur Oct. 16th, 5:45 pm

October Meeting Schedule

SIG

TBA

RoVers Round Table SIG

Sumter Sheriff Fraud
& Scams Seminar

Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker

Diane Holstene, Allegiance

New Members Corner

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

RV Tip of the Month

Do you know the 7 C's of camping? Care, caution, courtesy, cleanliness, cooperation, conservation and common sense. Care is a reminder to be considerate of others.

A Letter From Our President

Greetings RoVers,

October is here and many of our members are returning from their summer adventures. I'd like to encourage you to join our Special Interest Groups (SIGs)—held on the second Wednesday and second Thursday of each month. We have a lot of great topics coming up, so please make plans to attend.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 112th International Convention held in Perry, Georgia at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. This event draws more than 1,500 FRVA members. In the past, the RoVers have volunteered with activity carts and security and we plan to do so again!

- Sign up early – Volunteer spots fill quickly.
- Call FRVA Today or register on-line. RoVers sign up for 30-amp electric.
- Perks of volunteering – Group entry, premier parking, and early arrival access.
- This is a Great Event and we want all off our members to come.
- Meet Kevin & Patrice McCabe from “RV There Yet” on the Discovery Channel!
- Nightly Entertainment, Vendors, Seminars, and More....
- Make New Friends!

Visit the website to register by [CLICKING HERE](#) and let us know if you have questions.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the FRVA Southeast Area Rally held in Lakeland, Florida February 3–8, 2026

- Go to the RoVers website under Events.
- Nightly Entertainment, Vendors, Seminars, and Daily Activities.
- Make New Friends!
- Print the form and mail it in to register.

Visit the website to register by [CLICKING HERE](#) and let us know if you have questions.

December Rally, Suwannee Musical Park: This rally is currently full, but cancellations may occur so add your name to the waiting list if you're interested.

Cajun Rally ([Click here](#) **REGISTRATION IS OPEN**) April 16 to April 21, 2026.

December Thursday SIG, *Baking Spirits Bright, Cookie Exchange & Craft Social* Members must [SIGN UP](#) in advance so we'll have enough cookies for everyone!

Member Stories. We'd love to hear about your summer travels! If you'd like to share highlights from your adventures, please reach out we enjoy featuring our members' stories with the group.

Stay Safe & Stay Healthy,

Bernie Harchar
President

REMINDER

Renew your RoVers membership by October 31st. All renewals are done online making the process quick and easy. Just click the link below.

MEMBERSHIP

Upcoming Events

Rallies

Suwannee Musical Park
December 2-6, 2025

SEA Rally February 3-7, 2026

FRVA National Convention
March 18-2, 2026

Social Events

December Roundtable SIG
Cookie Exchange & Craft Social





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A Call To Action...

Dear RoVers Members,

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I'm reaching out with an important request. Our club thrives because of dedicated members who step up to keep us moving forward, and right now we need your help.

We are actively seeking a volunteer to serve as Secretary. At a high level, the Secretary's role is to:

- Taking notes and maintaining records for membership and board meetings.
- Keep FRVA apprised of membership and board member updates.
- Partnering with our Treasurer, Ron Klock, to support the **2026 membership renewal process**. (Much of the work has been automated on our website, making the process more streamlined than ever.)
- Serving as a **Board Member**, contributing to decisions that guide the future of our club. The Secretary helps ensure transparency, accountability, and proper governance — an important fiduciary duty to all members.

This is an opportunity to step into a vital role with manageable tasks, but significant impact.

It's also worth noting that our club is member-driven. We depend on volunteers like you to keep the organization strong and operational. Without fresh hands, too much falls on just a few. *For example, Deb Rynn has been serving double duty contributing countless hours working with Ron Klock on the website while also single-handedly launching our brand-new newsletter. We owe it to her, and to each other, to share the workload fairly.*

With our new season about to begin, it is urgent that we fill this position so our club remains vibrant and successful.

If you are willing to step forward or would like to learn more about what the role entails, please reach out to me directly.

Your involvement will make a big difference to the RoVers and ensure our community continues to thrive.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to give back to a club we all enjoy.

Sincerely,

Jim Mattern

National Director, Villages RoVers

Chairman, Villages Rovers Nominating Committee

Club Merchandise

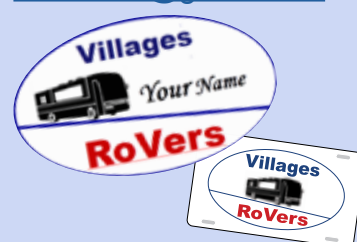
Let the team at [Custom Apparel & Gifts](#) help you order your custom RoVers merchandise today. Your options include a tumbler, zip-up or pullover hoodie, short sleeve polo shirt, windbreaker and a rain jacket. Clothing options can be personalized with your name.

Show your RoVer spirit today!



REMINDER

Don't forget to order your name tags and license plates. Click [HERE](#) to get the form or contact Charlie Walz at: cewalz13@gmail.com



Still don't have a RoVers flag? Make sure to pick one up at our monthly meeting.



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DECEMBER 2025

Suwannee Music Park

December 2 ~ 6

Pat Harchar
440-724-2275
Harchar@aol.com

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



*This event is **SOLD OUT**. If you
would like to be on the wait list
please contact Pat Harchar.*



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

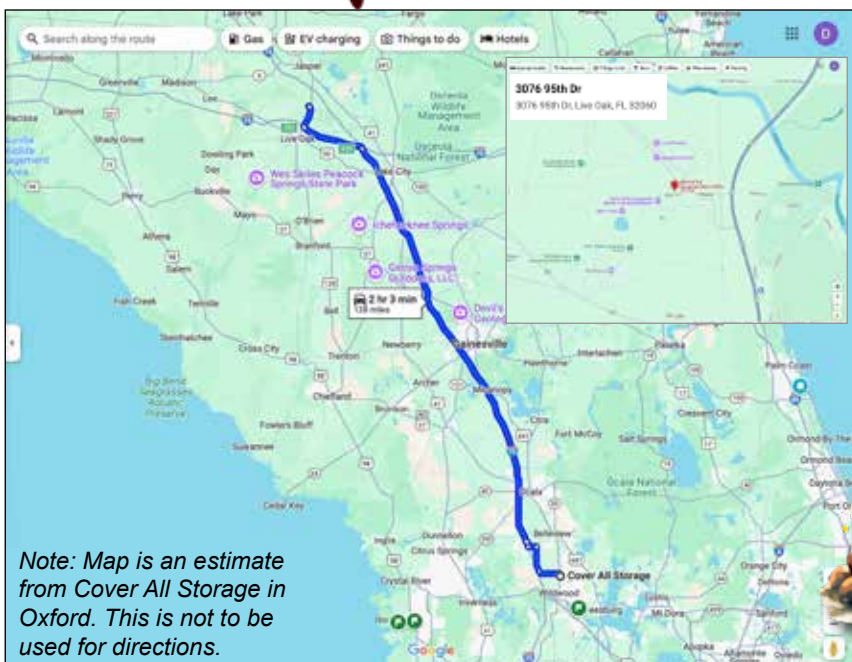
LIMITED to 20 Rigs in the Loop SOLD OUT



3076 95th Dr.
Live Oaks, FL 32060
800-224-5656

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



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used for directions.





Baking Spirits BRIGHT!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Cookie and Craft Social

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11

Everglades Recreation Center at 6:00 PM

What is a cookie exchange? Glad you asked. It is a social event where each guest brings a batch of their favorite holiday cookies or treats to swap with others, allowing everyone to leave with a wide variety of holiday goodies.

What is a craft social? Glad you asked. It is an opportunity to share your hobby and skills with your fellow RoVers. Each participant will have a table to display their goods and demonstrate their craft while their fellow RoVers mingle sharing good cheer. Those choosing to may even offer their creations for sale, what a perfect time to pick up a handmade holiday gift.

Things To Remember:

- ❄ We all love homemade treats but not everyone is a baker. That's okay. Bring your favorite holiday goodies packaged to share. We will have further instructions on how to package your treats once we have the final count for attendance.
- ❄ Because there are those with food allergies, please plan to display a 8.5x11 printout of your recipe listing all ingredients. It's a great opportunity to snap a photo of a new recipe too!
- ❄ You do not have to have a craft to participate in the cookie exchange.
- ❄ If you choose to sell your crafts, you are solely responsible for your transactions. Have fun!
- ❄ Once you RSVP, keep an eye on your email around November 15th for the final count and instructions so you will know how many treats to bring.
- ❄ *There is no cost to attend this event, however RSVP is a must.*

Please RSVP by clicking [HERE](#) to registering through Eventbrite by November 15th.

Contact: Deb Rynn 860-884-5739 or dgrynn04@yahoo.com with questions.

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Lakeland, Florida



“Let's Lasso Lakeland in 2026”

FEBRUARY 4-7, 2026

SUN 'n FUN Expo Campus

4175 Medulla Road • Lakeland, Florida 33811

Bill Dees, Host and Rally Co-Coordinator - Domingo Soto, Rally Co-Coordinator

RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

5 NIGHTS CAMPING (Feb 3-7)

Registration MUST be received by January 27, 2026

Limited on-site registration will be available

Family RV Association Southeast Area

Wednesday Evening Opening Ceremonies

Best Western Costume Contest

Chapter Fair with Trophy
for Best Fair Display/Block Parties
(Registration Required)

3 Mornings of Coffee and Donuts

Card Bingo - Book Swap - Crafts (\$)

Daily Door Prizes

Pet Parade with Western Costume Contest

Seminars - RV Displays - Commercial Exhibits

Florida Air Museum Tours (\$)

Romeo & Juliet Luncheon (\$) Reservations Required

Dilly Bar Social - Food Available on Site

3 Nights of Entertainment plus Hot Dog Bash

To download a registration
form click below.*

To register with the RoVers
visit our website by clicking here.

***Reminder:** All registrations are done by downloading the registration form and mailing completed form along with a check for payment to SEA headquarters in Polk City Florida. The SEA Rally can not be registered for online. Once you have registered with FRVA, make sure to register with the RoVers.



It's On The Calendar...



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GET READY FOR MARCH 2026!

The Family RV Association (FRVA) is gearing up for one of its biggest and most exciting events ever this coming **March 2026** - and if early numbers are any indication, it's going to be record-breaking! In just three short weeks of registration, more than **500 rigs have already signed up**, surpassing the size of last year's National Rally in Gillette, Wyoming.

BIG NEWS: OPEN TO EVERYONE

For the very first time, **you don't need to be an FRVA member** to attend. This is your chance to invite a friend, a neighbor from The Villages, or even family back home to join in the fun. Whether they're seasoned RVers or curious about upcoming RV lifestyle trends, this rally is designed to welcome newcomers and long-time enthusiasts alike. **When registering make sure to tell them you are with the Villages Rovers.**

SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL MEDIA & RV THERE YET? TV

This year FRVA is *leaning more into social media and digital outreach*. To help lead the way, FRVA is partnering with **Patrice & Kevin McCabe**, the hosts of *RV There Yet?*

- They've been **full-time RVers since 2004** and bring decades of travel and outdoor production experience.
- Through their company, **MPI Productions**, they not only host but also produce and edit their own shows.
- *RV There Yet? TV* takes viewers on road-trip adventures across the U.S., from state parks and hidden gems to food stops, cultural landmarks, and everything in between.
- You may have seen them on **Discovery Channel, streaming platforms, YouTube, and social media.**

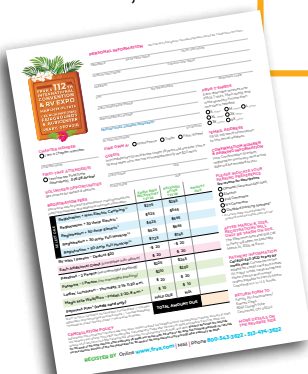
At the rally, Patrice & Kevin will be on hand to share stories, tips, and maybe even advice for anyone thinking about starting their own RV YouTube channel.

WHY YOU SHOULDN'T MISS IT

This rally is shaping up to be more than just a gathering — it's a true celebration of the RV lifestyle:

- **Educational Sessions** – Learn how to get the most out of your FRVA benefits, including Grouper, which can help you secure supplemental insurance at no cost.
- **Vendor & Manufacturer Exhibits** – Meet with RV tech experts, manufacturers, and accessory vendors. More focus on tow-ables and the newest innovations in RV technology will be featured this year.
- **Fun & Fellowship** – Evening events, entertainment, and “RoVers” activities are always guaranteed to *keep the fun rolling* after dark.
- **Trip Planning & Inspiration** – Discover new destinations, travel hacks, and technology to make RV life easier.

To register with the RoVers visit our website by clicking here.



THE BOTTOM LINE

With record registrations, exciting new partnerships, and a fresh, inclusive approach, the **March 2026 FRVA Rally** is shaping up to be one of the best ever. Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and get ready for an unforgettable experience in the world of RVing!



Click the link above to visit FRVA's website where you will find all the details as well as the registration form.

SIGN UP EARLY!
Volunteer spots are filling fast...

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April 16 - 21, 2026

Isle of Iberia RV Resort,
New Iberia, LA

Host

Don & Sue Newman

dnewman418@aol.com

814-521-6144



Cost per couple (with RV) \$790

Cost for a single person (with RV) \$600


Cost per extra person (no RV) \$400

Extra night reservation before/after \$33 per night



**Good Old Cajun
Hospitality**

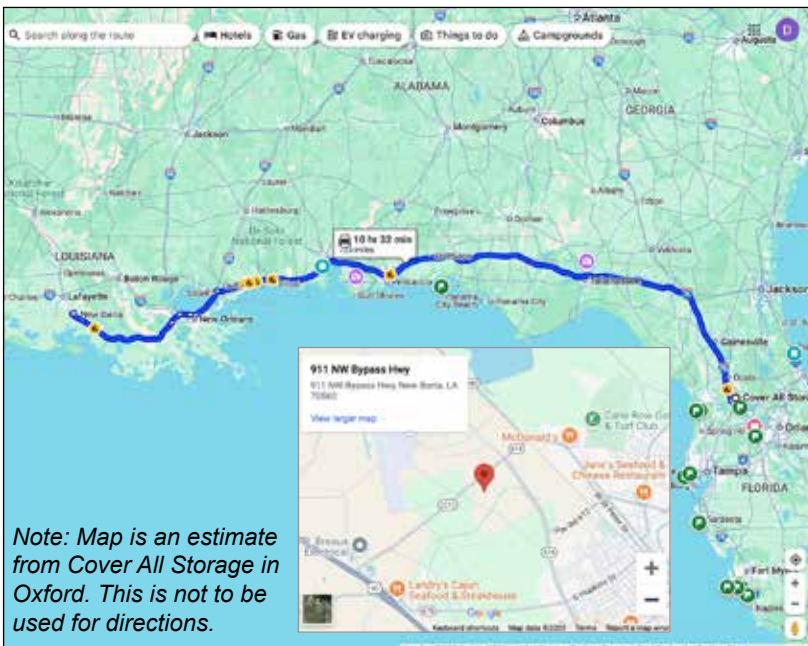
\$790
PER COUPLE
INCLUDES
EVERYTHING!
PARKING
ENTERTAINMENT
CAJUN FOOD
5 DAYS FUN



**Register
Online
Down
Payment
holds
spot**

www.CajunRvRally.com

**Isle of Iberia RV Resort - just south of Lafayette
Limited to 90 spots each session!**



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Registration Covers:

Reserved Site 5 Nights

Parking On Cement

50 Amp, Water & Sewer

Meals Each Night

Martin Accordion Factory Tour

Crawfish Farm to Table

Discounts At Local Attractions

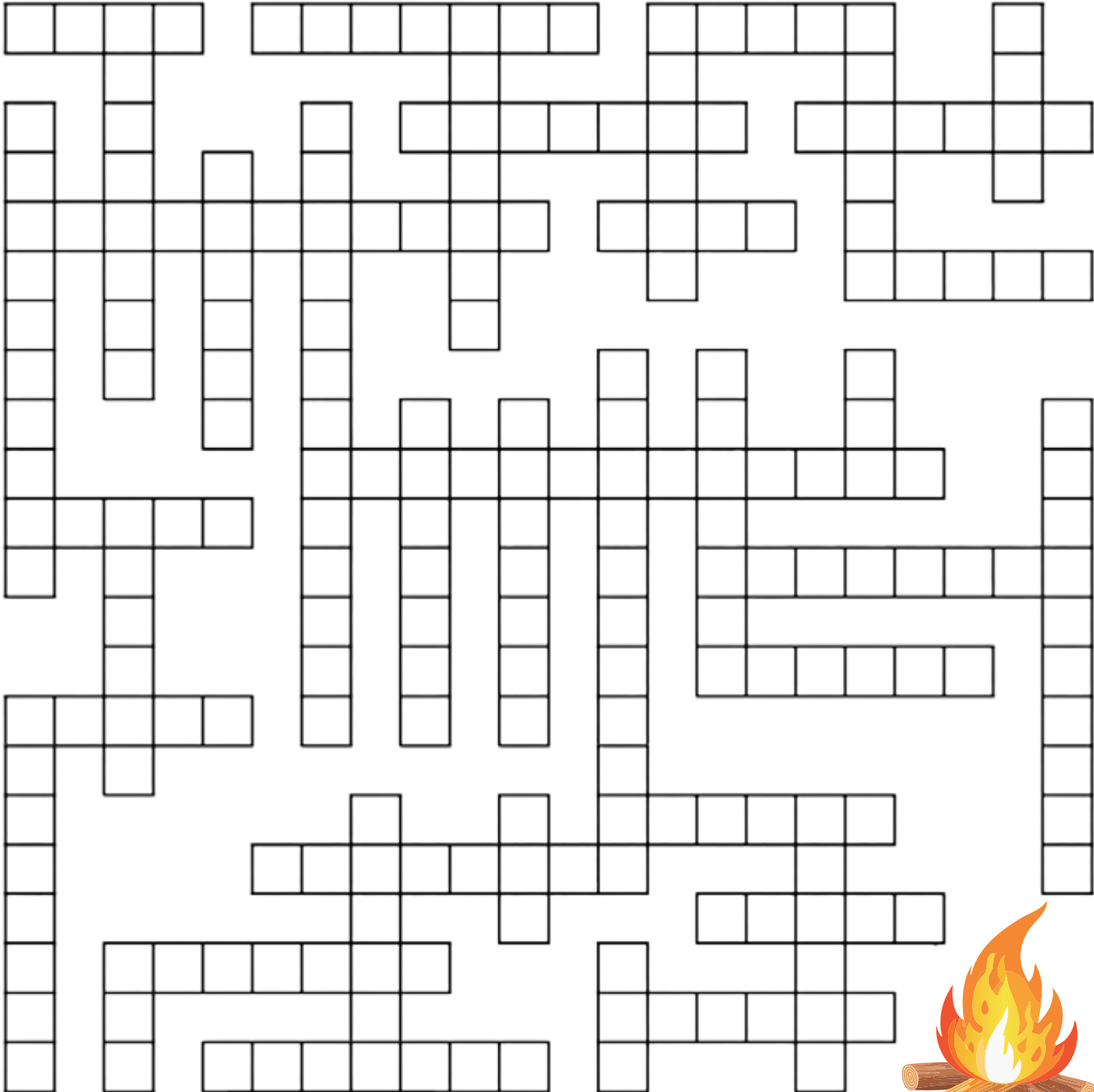
Local Live Entertainment

EVERY NIGHT!!!!

Click here for Cajun RV Rally

Get ready for this months brain teaser...
can you complete the crossword?

CAMPFIRE



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| 3 letters | 4 letters | 5 letters | 6 letters | 7 letters | 8 letters | 10 letters | 11 letters | | |
| ash | burn | flame | chairs | smores | blanket | matches | campfire | campground | marshmallow |
| axe | camp | night | embers | snacks | hotdogs | outside | firewood | sing alongs | pocket knife |
| log | heat | smoke | forest | summer | lantern | raccoon | kindling | | 13 letters |
| pit | | stars | guitar | teepee | lighter | stories | memories | | graham cracker |
| | | trees | nature | tinder | | | | | roasting stick |