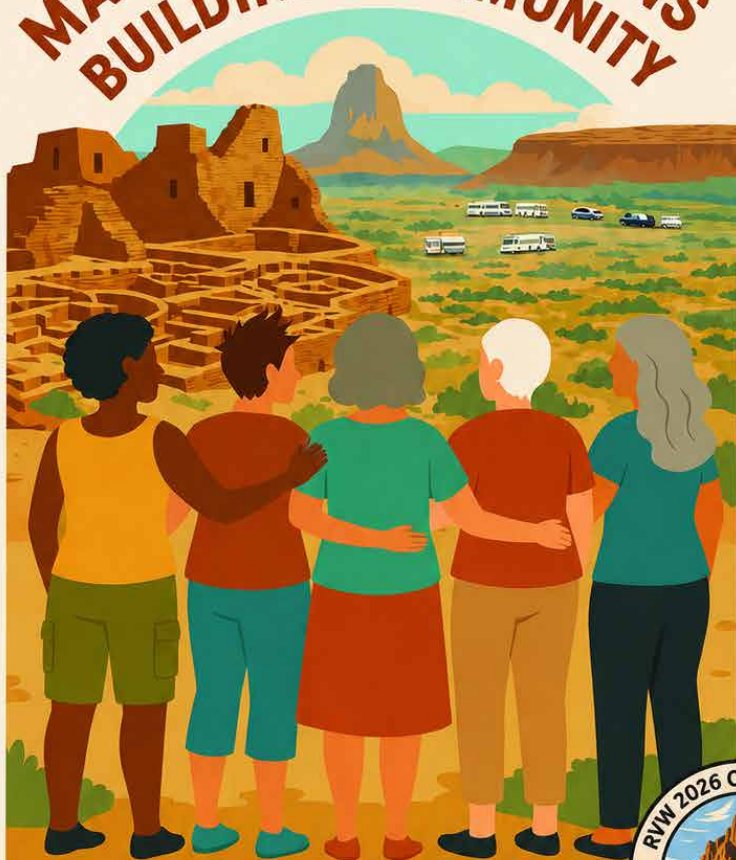


RVING WOMEN'S 28TH CONVENTION

PROGRAM BOOK



MAKING CONNECTIONS BUILDING COMMUNITY



RVING WOMEN

2026



Farmington, New Mexico
September 20-26, 2026

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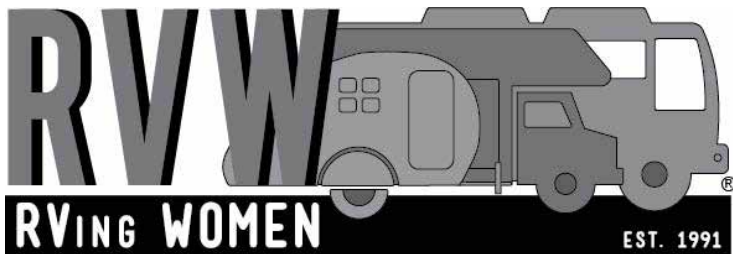
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RVing Women Convention



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About Us

RVing Women is a support network organized in 1991 by and for women who are interested in RVing. We are dedicated to sharing knowledge and building friendships that cross international boundaries and include women with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints. The only requirement for membership is that you are a woman 18 years of age or older who is interested in RVing. Owning an RV is not a prerequisite.

Our members include women who have traveled with their spouses for years, then find themselves alone and still wanting to travel; single women; married women whose husbands have no interest in RVing; and women who travel alone or in the company of other women. Our interests are diverse, but we do share the common cultural experience of being female.

Members of our all-volunteer Board of Directors also serve as liaisons to our chapters and to several national committees. Volunteers support and enhance this member-driven 501(c)(7) nonprofit organization. Our headquarters office is located in Mesa, Arizona at 1237 S. Val Vista Dr. STE 121.

You will have opportunities this week to meet the RVW Board of Directors. Let them know what both they and you can do to help RVW fulfill its mission to provide to all women a supportive network and the opportunity to enjoy the RVing lifestyle in a safe and knowledgeable manner. Also let our Board of Directors know if you are interested in serving on a national committee or the Board of Directors.

Mission Statement

To provide women RVers with a supportive network and the opportunity to enjoy the RVing lifestyle in a safe and knowledgeable manner regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or financial status.

Vision:

A premier organization for women interested in the RVing lifestyle.

We Value:

- ☐ Diversity of our members
- ☐ Integrity and respect
- ☐ Abilities, skills, and resources of each member
- ☐ Time and efforts of those who provide leadership and support
- ☐ Network provided by our chapter structure
- ☐ Educational opportunities to promote safe RVing

Goals for 2026:

1. LISTEN to members
2. Develop ways in which we can involve more members in national committees to provide a leadership track to get more members interested in running for the board
3. Continue to grow communications between membership and leadership
4. Maintain a balanced budget

RVing Women (RVW) is a nonprofit 501(c)(7) corporation organized and operated exclusively for social, recreational and educational purposes. The Board of Directors of RVing Women is guided by our Mission and Vision in defining our goals.

Adopted: 01/14/2022 • Revised: 01/09/2025

2026 RVW Board of Directors



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• **President**
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Three-Year Term:
2026–2029
Home State: Ohio

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Your input is always welcome. If you have questions, you can submit them via email to the board president or any other board member. You can also email questions to the RVW office. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arizona time. You may call the office at 480-671-6226 or email rvwoffice@rvingwomen.org.

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We can't do this without your help!

Convention Program Coordination

Board of Directors Liaison – Linda Elliott and Tracy Hahn

Convention Coordinator – Deborah Delzell

Convention Vendor Coordinator – Amy Minicilli

Team Leads

Marketing and Social Media – Kelly Curtin

Convention Theme – Rocky Mountain Chapter Board

Logo – Sheree Stewart and Yvonne Johnson

Food – Leslie Dunn

Table Decorations – Patsy Archer

Seminars – Beverly Hadley

Tours – Marie Mullarkey and Sue Shaw

First-Timers Event – Linda Brown and SoCALjourners Chapter

Fundraising – Jane Bird and Leslie Dunn (Glow Ride)

Parking and Registration – Karen Borowski

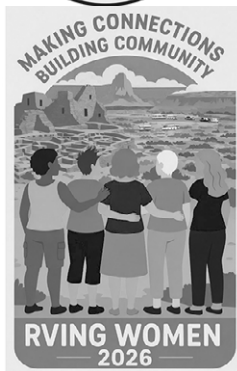
Program Booklet – Yvonne Johnson

Shuttle Carts – Teresa Johnson

Help Desk – Root Choyce

Games – Pam Pickle

About our Convention Logos



As the Rocky Mountain Board talked about the Farmington Convention, we discussed making it an event that would attract previous convention participants as well as first-timers. Except for Deborah, our board members had not attended a convention. One board member admitted she wasn't sure she was interested in attending one. This led to a conversation about the connections Deborah and

Deb had made through the conventions they had attended. We also talked about RVW as an organization and the idea that we are connected by more than our love of RVing—and that creating a sense of community will help our organization live on. Making Connections, Building Community—the theme was born.

Sheree took the theme and sketched our initial logo idea. Yvonne and Deborah contributed with the help of AI tools. We came up with both our logo—a tribute to the Farmington area—and the T-shirt back showing women connecting in the Southwest.

We hope these images will inspire you to make connections and build community this week and as you move forward!!

Deborah Delzell • Convention Coordinator

Welcome to Convention 2026



Kate Carpenter

Welcome!

On behalf of the RVW Board of Directors and the entire convention team, we are delighted to welcome you to New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment, as we celebrate the 35th year of RVing Women and our 28th convention gathering.

New Mexico is a truly special place to come together. With its wide-open skies, breathtaking desert landscapes, mountain views, brilliant sunsets, and rich blend of Native American, Hispanic, and Western heritage, it offers beauty, history, and culture at every turn.

We could not imagine a more memorable setting for this year's convention.

This gathering is all about connections — celebrating the joy of RVing while spending time with women from across the United States and Canada who share the same sense of adventure, independence, and community.

If this is your first RVW Convention, welcome! We are so glad you are here, and you are in for a wonderful experience. Be sure to join us Tuesday afternoon for the special First-Timers' Event, sponsored by the SoCAL-jourmers Chapter. It is created especially to help you feel at home, meet new friends, and learn more about the week ahead.

Throughout the convention, you will find a full schedule of seminars, vendor presentations, evening entertainment, and social activities. Each event offers opportunities to learn something new, reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy the spirit of RVW. Please use your program book and SIGNAL as your guides throughout the week, and stop by the Help Desk anytime you have questions or need the latest updates.

As you look through the Convention Program, we hope you will take advantage of the many activities, seminars, and social opportunities planned for your enjoyment and enrichment.

A huge thank-you goes to our Convention Coordinator, Deborah Dellzell, and her wife, Deb Zediker, for their outstanding work in organizing this event. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the Oregon Chapter for sponsoring the ice cream social, and to the Rocky Mountain, Free-Wheelers, and Southeast Wanderers Chapters for sponsoring breakfasts.

An event of this size and spirit would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our convention committees, team leaders, volunteers, and seminar presenters. Thank you for generously sharing your time, talents, knowledge, and energy to make this gathering possible.

We are so glad you have joined us. Enjoy the convention, the friendships, the adventures, and your time in beautiful New Mexico!

*Kate Carpenter, President
RVW Board of Directors*

Convention Coordinator Welcome



Deborah Delzell

Welcome to a part of the US that is near and dear to my heart. I grew up coming to southwestern Colorado to spend time on our family property. And, Deb and I now spend part of our summer in SW Colorado. While I've never spent much time in Farmington, I love all of the many things this area has to offer.

I appreciate the help that I've received from our various team leads and the offers by many of you to volunteer this week! The board has supported our efforts to try out some new things.

Thanks to all of you for making the journey. I hope you have a fantastic time meeting old friends, finding new friends and helping to build the RVW community that is dear to all of us!

Deborah Delzell
Convention Coordinator

Convention Donors

Thank you to our fundraising contributors, both corporate and personal. And a big thank you to our many chapter and member contributors for prize contributions and silent auction items.

Goodie Bags: Rocky Mountain Chapter

First-Timers Event: SoCALjourners Chapter

Light Breakfasts: FreeWheelers, Rocky Mountain and Southeast Wanderers

Ice Cream Social: Oregon Chapter

Entertainment: Made possible through the generous legacy of past members Alta Jones and Jeri Pries

Convention Sponsors

GOLD

- SkyMed International (*see ad back cover*)

SILVER

- Performance Trailer Braking (*see banner ad on website*)
 - All Points RV Solutions, LLC (*see ad page 48*)
 - LaMesa RV (*see ad page 42 and tour RVs they are showing*)

Convention Vendors

Visit our vendors in Room D. Vendors are open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

All Points RV Solutions • Silver Sponsor (See ad on page 48)

• Nomads by nature and entrepreneurs in spirit, we started All Points RV Solutions from our home base in Fort Worth, Texas. We help RVers better understand their rigs. Our RV Pocket Tech mobile app puts troubleshooting, maintenance, education, documentation and component information at your fingertips. We also offer MicroAir EasyStart products, with on-site sales and installation as an authorized distributor.

Betty Grant • 817-266-1680

Email • justbetty1@gmail.com Website • allpointsrvsolutions.com

An RVer's Friend (See ad on page 17)

Experienced full-time RVers Kassandra and Ed share educational insights into better RV techniques and accessories to help you enjoy your RV experience—with fewer missteps! Learn about safely increasing water pressure and flow, getting more from dash cams, the benefits of softer water for you and your rig, and easy, economical solutions for black and gray tanks. Plus, they'll share as many RV tips and tricks as time permits!

Kassandra and Ed Dennis • 408-603-0600/0699

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Badges 'R' Us • Silver Sponsor

We are proud to be the provider of convention T-shirts for the Farmington 2026 Convention. We also offer RVW name badges, chapter flags, banners, and lots more!

Susan Cox • 480-540-9352

Email • Susan@badgesrus.net Website • badgesrus.net

Briter Products, Inc. • (See ad on page 37)

• With more than 20 years of experience, Avanti Lalwani enjoys developing power solutions for RVers. From trickle charging to running your air conditioner, Avanti and the Briter Products team configure solar and lithium battery systems of all shapes and sizes, with a focus on safety and reliability. She applies advances in solar and lithium technology to benefit the RVing lifestyle.

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Kleen Tank of DFW

• We have been RVing as a family since 2009. After military and educational careers, we decided to get on the road and see the country. While researching information on maintenance for our own RV, we learned all about tank cleaning and decided to share the knowledge by cleaning tanks and educating RVers.

James and Amy Drescher • 469-978-4295

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Thank
you
Vendors!

- *Check the convention program seminar schedule to see seminars offered by vendors. (Pages 24 to 29)*
- *Learn more about vendor seminar topics. (Pages 32 to 46)*

Convention Vendors

LaMesa RV • Silver Sponsor *(See ad on page 42)*

For more than 50 years, La Mesa RV has helped travelers get on the road. We offer new and pre-owned motorhomes and camper vans for a variety of travel styles and lifestyles. Whether you are purchasing your first RV or upgrading your current rig, our knowledgeable team can help with RV sales, financing, trade-ins, parts and service. They have also brought RVs for you to walk through.

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Performance Trailer Braking • Silver Sponsor

We provide braking and suspension solutions for trailers, specializing in disc brake conversions. Products include Dexter Kodiak and DeeMaxx disc brakes, Roadmaster slipper spring systems, MORryde CRE3000 and AllTrek 4000 suspension products, Heavy Duty Shackle Kits, lug nuts and hub savers. Where permitted, we also provide on-site bearing repacks, suspension greasing and suspension inspections.

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Redlands RV

We provide comprehensive RV service at our Southern California service center for everything from travel trailers to Class A motorhomes. Our experienced team services the many systems and components that keep your RV performing at its best. Our expertise includes Toyo Tires, Koni Shocks, Roadmaster Anti-Sway Bars, Blue Ox tow car setups, Dometic and Norcold air conditioning and refrigerators, Magnum Inverters, Lifeline AGM and lithium batteries, and much more.

Keith and Karen Shoemaker • 909-528-7949

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Website • redlandstruckservice.com

SkyMed, International • Gold Sponsor *(See ad on back cover)*

What happens if a medical emergency occurs hundreds or thousands of miles from home? Insurance may cover your medical care, but how will you get home—and who will coordinate everything in between? Enjoy a complimentary meal and learn about SkyMed, an Emergency Medical Transportation Membership offering 18 services to protect you at home and while traveling. You can't plan your next emergency, but you can plan how you'll get home.

Elizabeth Niki Palmer • 813-525-1431

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Wash Wax All

•Stephen has been educating hundreds of RVers over the years and is now in his 18th year promoting and marketing the Wash Wax ALL product line. He demonstrates the waterless cleaning system and patented articulating mop, which allows RV owners to wash and wax their rigs safely from the ground—no ladder!

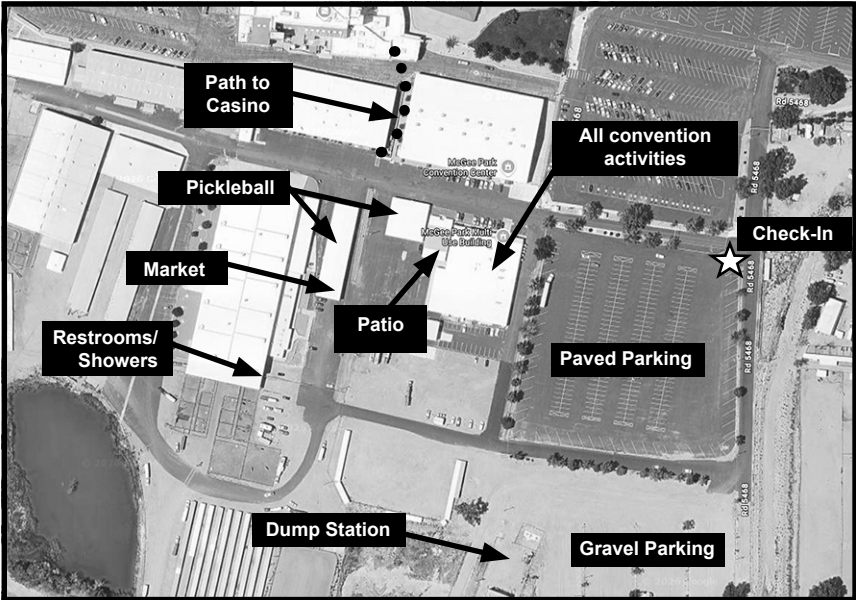
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Thank
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Vendors!

• Please visit the vendor booths in Room D and thank them for their support of RVing Women.

Maps of McGee Park



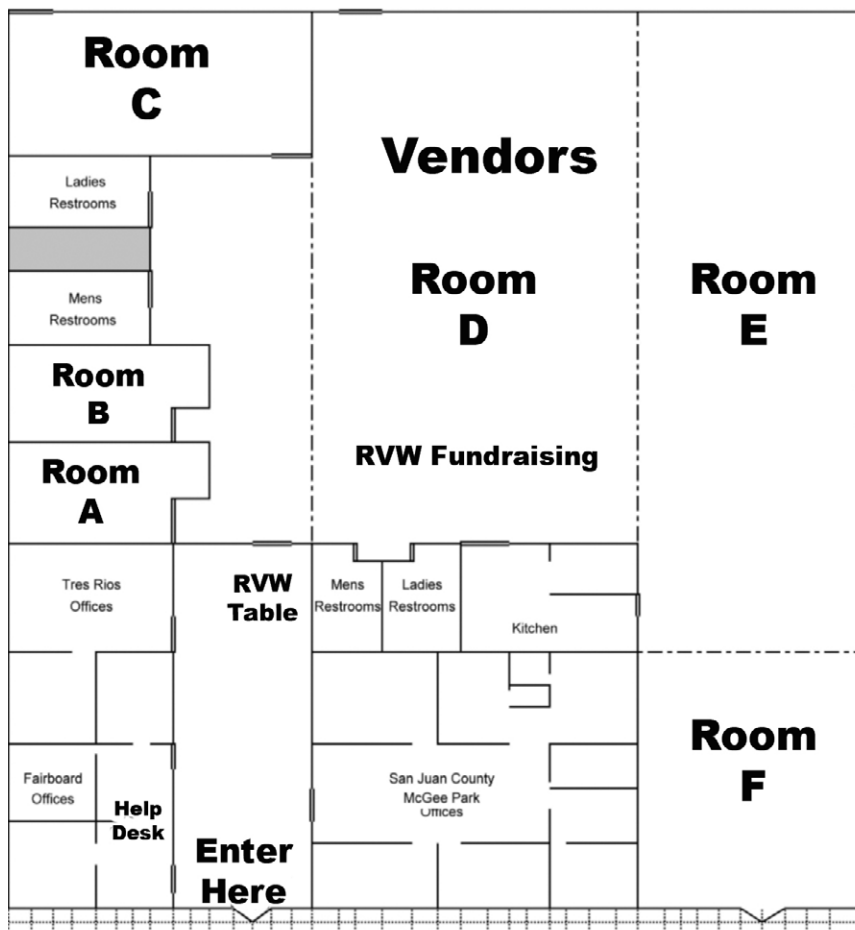
Here's where it all happens!

- Convention activities take place in the **Multi Use Building**.
- Refer to the maps on these pages to locate specific rooms.
- Tours will meet in front of the Multi Use Building. Arrive 30 minutes before departure time.

Farmington, New Mexico Area



Maps of McGee Park



Convention Photos

After each convention, we share photos on the RVW website, in RVW Magazine and on social media.

Please email photos or videos to RVW Magazine Editor Yvonne Johnson at rvweditor@rvingwomen.org or rvwmagazine@gmail.com by October 1. You may also text photos to 480-390-5835. With all submissions, include your name, chapter, what the photo or video shows and a little information about the event.

RVW reserves the right to use photos taken at convention as well as submitted photos and videos in RVW Magazine, on its website and social media, and in promotional materials.

Please also share convention photos and videos on your own and RVW's social media accounts. Use #RVW, #RVingWomen or #RVWconvention.

Handy tip: Find quick links to ALL RVW social media sites at linktr.ee/RVingWomen.

NEW

Convention Communication

We are using  **Signal**

For the first time ever we will be using **Signal** as a communication tool to help convention participants connect and build community.

During the convention, you will use **Signal** to ask for a shuttle, find people interested in playing pickleball or other games, and we will communicate schedule changes and other reminders and announcements.

While we highly recommend downloading the app, it is not required. If you are interested, but need help, contact the Help Desk at convention and we'll get you set up. We will also email announcements, post them at the Help Desk and provide verbal updates at breakfast and other all-group events for those not using **Signal**.

•Here are the steps to get Signal:

1. Go to the *Google Play Store* or the *Apple App Store*.
2. Search for the **Signal App**. The **Signal** app is free, so if you're asked to pay, you've ended up with the wrong app. You can also visit signal.org/install on your phone to download the app.
3. Install the app.
4. Create an account.
5. Type in the link for each of these groups:

• **RVW 2026 Convention: Chat** — Use this group to make connections. Introduce yourself and share information about your trip to Farmington. When you are at the convention, you can ask questions and connect with attendees who may have similar interests. Type in this link: (tinyurl.com/2026ConventionChat)

or use this QR Code:



• **RVW 2026 Convention: Happenings** — We will use this group to communicate updates, changes, and other activities at the convention. You won't be able to make comments in this group. You'll use the group above to ask questions. Type in this link: (tinyurl.com/2026ConventionHappenings).

There is a bit more information on **Signal** and a link to a tutorial in this Google Docs document. Type in this link: (tinyurl.com/2026ConventionSignalHelp).

See you on  **Signal!**

Information and Services

NAME BADGES—All convention attendees, vendors and day registrants are required to wear a convention name badge at all times. This will act as your identification and entrance pass to the convention facility and to all events and activities. The Help Desk, seminar assistants and others will be checking for identification badges. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR NAME BADGE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RETURN TO YOUR RV AND PUT IT ON BEFORE YOU CAN ENTER. **No exceptions.**

PARKING and REGISTRATION — You will get checked in and register when you arrive at the park. We will have volunteers helping with parking according to the schedule below. If you arrive outside of the windows below, park in a designated lot (either paved or gravel per the McGee Park Map). You can then check-in at the staging area Saturday through Monday or at the Help Desk beginning Tuesday.

Volunteers will be available for parking and check in during these hours:

Saturday, September 19 – Noon to 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 20 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, September 21 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If arriving Tuesday, September 22 or later, check-in at the Help Desk inside the Multi Use Building beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Be sure to check in and register so you can obtain your bag with individual registration materials, name badge, banquet meal ticket and general information.

RVW Booth – the RVW booth will be in the hallway across from the Help Desk. It will be active starting on Wednesday, September 23 through Friday, September 25.

HELP DESK – The Help/Volunteer Desk will be located just inside the main door of the Multi Use Building. It will be open:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 22 through Friday, September 25

9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 26

The Help Desk is your source for convention information and services available in the area. It is also the place to sign-up for convention volunteer opportunities, a great way to meet other members. Your contribution as a volunteer will be greatly appreciated.

DAY PASSES – Visitors may purchase day passes for \$45 each (maximum of two). Each day pass is good for a one-day admission to non-fee seminars and vendor exhibits. Day passes do NOT include admission to evening activities.

VENUE – All activities will be held in or around the Multi Use Building (See map p. 9).

TOURS – Tour participants will meet in front of the Multi Use Building 30 minutes prior to the departure time for the tour.

VENDORS – Vendors will be in Room D of the Multi Use Building.

CONVENTION FUNDRAISING – Auction items, 50/50 ticket sales, and canister draws will be in Room D.

EVENING ACTIVITIES will be in Room E unless noted on the schedule.

SEMINARS and CLASSES will be in Rooms A, B, C, E, F or outside (see schedule)

SCHEDULE CHANGES – Any changes to the convention schedule will be published on Signal and posted at the Help Desk.

SHUTTLE SERVICE – Shuttles from the camping areas to the Multi Use Building will be available on a limited basis for classes and tours on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. They will begin a full schedule on Tuesday afternoon for the First-Timers Event and Opening Ceremonies. Wednesday to Saturday they will be in service from 8 a.m. until evening programs end.

Information and Services

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – Discretely consumed beverages are allowed at your campsite. ***You may NOT bring alcohol to any gathering held in the Multi Use Building.***

FIRST AID – There is NO first aid available on site. If you have an emergency, please call 911 and be sure to give them your location/site number.

EMERGENCY HELP – Nearby medical and veterinary facilities include:

URGENT CARE:

- *San Juan Health Partners Urgent Care* – 4820 E Main St, Farmington, NM 87402. [sanjuanregional.com] Open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (including holidays). Phone: 505-609-6495. (8.5 miles from McGee Park).
- *Four Corners Urgent Care (AFC Urgent Care)* – 2930 E Main St, Farmington, NM 87402. [uc4corners.com] Open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Phone: 505-326-6000. (6.4 miles from McGee Park).

HOSPITALS:

- *San Juan Regional Medical Center* – 801 W Maple St, Farmington, NM 87401. [sanjuanregional.com] Open daily - 24 Hours. Phone: 505-609-2000. (8.5 miles from McGee Park).

VETERINARY CARE:

- *San Juan Veterinary Hospital* – 167 S Browning Pkwy, Farmington, NM 87401. [sanjuanvet.com] Open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to noon, closed Sunday. Phone: 505-326-2205. (5.4 miles from McGee Park).

FOOD CONCESSIONS—In addition to planned convention meals (Wednesday and Saturday evenings, light breakfasts Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), **there will be one or two food trucks onsite Tuesday through Saturday.** Also, Sky Med will provide a lunch for those attending their session Wednesday (preregister for it). There are numerous restaurants in the Farmington area. SunRay Park & Casino is within walking distance and has a Sportz Arena Restaurant.

CARDS AND GAMES—To help promote our theme ‘Making Connections’, we will have on-going indoor and outdoor games starting on Tuesday and extending throughout the convention. You will see slots on the schedule for games – cornhole, cards, board games, bunco, or any game that you want to share. Bring it and we will learn together! We will have a sign-up sheet where you can take a session and host a game, or indicate an interest in a specific game.

DOOR PRIZES—Vendors may provide door prizes at their booths or in their seminars. Be sure to visit them and sign-up where available.

LOST AND FOUND—Lost items will be at the Help Desk and posted on Signal.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES—There are no laundry facilities at our venue, but there are many laundromats in Farmington. The closest one is:

- *Laundratopia*, 1800 E Murray Dr, Farmington, NM 87401 • Phone: 505-327-3293 (6 miles from McGee Park). Open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

MAIL/SHIPPING—All mail or packages should be addressed to you, c/o RVing Women, 41 Road 5568, Farmington, NM 87401 and can be picked up at the Help Desk. If you plan to have items shipped, please TEXT Deborah Delzell, convention coordinator (720-284-1844), so she can notify the McGee Park staff.

Information and Services

VISUAL MESSAGE BOARD—A message board will be placed at the Help Desk. You may leave messages for other attendees there. Any changes in schedule or notices to members regarding convention activities will also be posted there.

MOBILE RV SERVICES—May be available during convention. Check at Help Desk and watch for Signal announcements.

PETS – Pets on a leash are welcome at the park, but **NOT** in any building or at any outside seminars. Owners are expected and required to clean up after their pets, and excessive noise is not allowed. Pets cannot be left outside unattended. They cannot be tethered outside the RV or caged outside the RV unless the owner is present.

PET CARE – Trans-FUR-mations [transformations505.us/] has agreed to provide pet care at your rig. They charge \$25 for a full day (over 5 hours) and \$15 for a half day (up to 5 hours). This is for one pet; additional pets are \$15 for the full day and \$10 for the half day.

You must make your own arrangements for your pet(s) by completing the form [transformations505.us/Contact] or call 505-787-2013 or 505-278-8130, and ask to speak to the owner, Paige. Say you are with the RVing Women group and your pet will be at McGee Park.

PRIVATE VENDING — Items may not be sold at your coach or elsewhere on site. The only exception is for those who are participating in the Convention Market.

QUIET HOURS—Please be courteous and maintain quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

RESTROOMS/SHOWERS – Restrooms are in the Multi Use Building. Showers and bathroom facilities are in the building directly behind the Multi Use Building. Showers are open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. The restrooms have a code so are available 24 hours a day.

SMOKING – Smoking is not allowed in any of the buildings.

TANK CLEAN OUT SERVICE – Serranos, Inc (serranosinc.com/) will provide clean-out services. Call them at 505-632-9494 before 9:00 a.m. on the day that you want to ‘dump’. This will help Georgia Serrano with scheduling the service. She will need the following information: Name, Site Number at McGee Park, Phone number and number of dump outlets (e.g. my rig has two: one for grey and black, the other for just grey). They charge \$100 per RV.

VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEERING – Volunteers are the heart and soul of RVW. When you arrive, please check your schedule and sign up at the Help Desk to volunteer. There are many opportunities available and many areas that will need your help.

WI-FI – Wi-Fi is available. **Network:** McGee Park **Password:** FairParkWiFi459!

WEATHER APPS – Be sure to add Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico to your locations while you are at convention.

12-Step Recovery Meetings

Tuesday through Saturday • Room A • 8:00 a.m. and Noon

12-Step Recovery Meetings will be held at 8:00 a.m. and at Noon in Room A in the Multi Use Building. For more information contact Merrily Robinson, 650-766-2332.

Pre-Convention Programs

Planned pre-convention activities include five tours, two maintenance classes, the Convention Market and the First-Timers Event. The tours and classes are all fee activities. If space is still available for the classes or market, you may register for them at the Help Desk on Tuesday morning before the classes start. Shuttles will be available to transport participants to these activities.

Tours

Sunday and Monday — Meet in front of the Multi Use Building

Please plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to the departure time. We will be taking attendance and coordinating passengers with drivers.

Sunday, September 20:

- Bisti Badlands — meet at 5:30 a.m., tour departs at 6:00 a.m.
You will be returning about 1:00 p.m.
- Wines of the San Juan Float Trip — meet at 11 a.m., depart at 11:30 a.m.
Bring your favorite beverages and enjoy provided snacks on the float. Complimentary charcuterie board and two glasses of wine when you get to the winery. Returns about 5:30 p.m.

Monday, September 21:

- Durango/Silverton Railroad — meet at 5:30 a.m., tour departs at 6:00 a.m.
Lunch on your own. Return about 6:30 p.m.
- Chaco Canyon Tour #1 — meet at 7 a.m., depart at 7:30 a.m.
Lunch and water will be provided. Returns about 5:30 p.m.
- Chaco Canyon Tour #2 — staging at 7:30 a.m., depart at 8 a.m.
Lunch and water will be provided. Returns about 6:00 p.m.
- Farmington Library tour — staging at 8:15 a.m., depart at 8:45 a.m.
Newly added! Sign up when you check in. See the library's award-winning architectural details based on local Native American tribes. Enjoy a special Southwest Collection as well as over 250 Hopi Kachina dolls.

Tuesday, September 22:

- Farmington Library tour — staging at 8:15 a.m., depart at 8:45 a.m.
A second chance to visit this award-winning library.

IMPORTANT • Please Read

All tour participants should have received an email for **EACH** tour they signed up for. **Please open each one and read them in their entirety.**

Emails include important times and information on what to bring, how to dress, etc.

If you did NOT get an email for a tour you signed up for, contact Convention Coordinator Deborah Delzell, at 720-284-1844 or rvwconventioncoordinator@gmail.com.

Maintenance Classes

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday — Multi Use Building Room C

Two maintenance classes will be held on Tuesday in Room C of the Multi Use Building. They are both taught by Betty and Troy Grant of All Points RV Solutions, who have been RVing since 2016 and like to help others enjoy the RV lifestyle through guidance and support.

The two sessions are:

- Tuesday Morning, September 22 • 9 a.m. to noon

Basic Maintenance Class

This session will cover A/C, heat pumps, water heaters and furnaces. Here's a sample of a blog article on their website: (rvpockettech.com/blog-tips-fromarvi/f/top-5-rv-furnace-failures-and-how-to-keep-yours-running-strong). Cost is \$28.

- Tuesday Afternoon, September 22 • 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

How to Stay Safe In Your Rig

This session will cover electrical, propane and other issues that should be considered to keep you safe. Cost is \$28.

RVW Convention Market

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday

On the patio behind the Multi Use Building (or inside if inclement weather)



Come support local vendors as well as some of our own RVW members who will have hand-crafted goods for sale.

It's Great Being Back at RVW!

After years of presenting fact-based, fast-paced, Educational Seminars and better RV accessories proven on my own rigs as a full-time RVer... I'm proud to serve RVW as a another Woman Owned Business... *Kassandra*



An RVer's Friend

Convention Overview

Event for Convention First-Timers Only

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday — Room C

Welcome RVW members attending a National Convention for the first time. All first-time convention attendees are invited to attend this reception to meet other first-timers as well as the RVW board and chapter leaders. You will learn about the convention activities, be able to ask questions and get a head start on connecting with convention participants. Appetizers will be served. ***First-Timers bright yellow name badge is required.***

Convention Kick-Off

6:30 p.m. Tuesday — Multi Use Building Room E — Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

The Convention Kick-off and all evening programs will be held in room E in the Multi Use Building.

The 28th National Convention will begin with the American and Canadian National Anthems led by B. Gail Hillyer, a member of the Oregon Chapter. Chapters will be recognized with a presentation of the chapter flags (see what streamers on flags mean below). We will also have a game to help attendees start making connections, and we hope to have a few other surprises.

This event is a great way to ensure you know what to expect for the upcoming week.

General announcements and changes to the schedule will be made.

Note: Streamers on the flags indicate that chapter's level of cumulative donations to the RVW Open Road Program. Red = Copper - \$200 to \$999. White = Bronze - \$1,000 to \$2,999. Blue = Silver - \$3,000 to \$4,999. Yellow = Gold - \$5,000 to \$6,999. Green = Platinum - \$7,000 to \$9,999. Purple = Diamond - \$10,000+.

Cumulative chapter contributions through September 8, 2026 were:

Diamond: Cascadia, FreeWheelers, SoCALJourners

Platinum: Texas Ramblin' Roses

Gold: Florida, Mid-America, Ohio River Valley, Oregon

Silver: Arizona, Mid-Atlantic, Solo Travelers

Bronze: Great Lakers, Northeast Network, Rocky Mountain

Copper: Full Timers, Lyte Hearts, Southeast Wanderers

Meet the RVW Board

Throughout convention AND Noon to 1:15 p.m. Thursday — Room E

Board members will be visible throughout the entire convention. You may see them in their black T-shirts with "Board Member" on the back. The board is sincere about their commitment to hearing members' concerns, comments and suggestions. Feel free to stop by the RVW booth or ask a board member for some time. You also have an opportunity to meet the current board members one-on-one and ask questions/make suggestions at a noon gathering on Thursday. Bring your own lunch and visit with them.

Vendor Booths Open

9:00 a.m. Wednesday to Noon Saturday — Vendor area in Room D

Vendor booths will be open in Room D from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 23 through Friday, September 25. On Saturday, September 26, booths are open from 9 a.m. to noon. Please include time in your schedule to visit our vendors and learn about the services and products they are offering.

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising area in Multi Use Building — Room D

The fundraising area will be in Room D. Tickets for the 50/50 and canister drawings will be sold there and silent auction and canister draw items will be on display for bidding. Visit us and join in the *fun-raising*.

The Fundraising Area will be open Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will close briefly at 2:00 p.m. on Friday to draw tickets for the prize package drawings and record silent auction winners. It will reopen by 3:00 p.m. for winners to start picking up prizes. *All prizes must be claimed by noon on Saturday.*

If you have chapter baskets or items to donate to the canister draw or silent auction, please bring them to the fundraising area on Tuesday morning.

Silent Auction

Come on in and make your bid. Check often to see if you've been outbid and rebid as you want. The silent auction will close at 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

Canister Drawings

Purchase tickets and add them to the brown bags set up by the items on display. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or six for \$5. Keep the side labeled "Keep this Ticket" and put the other half in the canister (brown paper bag) for the item(s) you would like to win. The drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

50/50 Raffle

The name says it all. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or six for \$5. Keep the side labeled "Keep this Ticket" and put the other half in the 50/50 jar. The final drawing for half the proceeds will be held on Saturday night at the banquet.

Auctions

We have a few special items donated. Valuable donations such as quilts, an Olivia cruise, several timeshare stays, and more, will be auctioned off at the Saturday banquet. Members not attending convention will have the opportunity to bid on these items through an online portal.

Pet Photo Competition

Submit a picture of your pet in their best 'get up' or location. Pets not at convention are welcome to participate! Voting will take place during convention where attendees use special pet bucks (purchased at the fundraising table for 50 cents each) to cast votes for their favorite pet(s). Load photos here: <https://forms.gle/gmeqyoM1ixFFH2Gm7>.

Glow Ride

Support RVW by buying neon Glow Ride T-shirts, lights and decorations for Wednesday's Second National Glow Ride (see page 20) If you have questions or want to participate call, text or email Leslie Dunn (757-404-8405 or ldunnapc@yahoo.com).

Remember: RVing Women is a 501(c)7 organization, and NOT a 501(c)3 organization. Therefore, fundraising donations are NOT tax deductible.

Evenings will be filled with a variety of activities to keep you entertained and engaged, with plenty of opportunities to meet other RVW members.

Wednesday Glow Ride Decoration Party

2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. — Patio behind Multi Use Building

Bring your scooters and bikes or just come to help decorate carts! We will have glow sticks, lights and other fun items to make our Glow Ride a great kick-off to our convention. This is a fundraising event for convention, but also a great way to meet other convention attendees.

Wednesday Welcome Social and Dinner

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for social — Dinner at 6:00 p.m. — Room E

Attending an RVW convention gives you many wonderful opportunities to make new lifetime friendships and get reacquainted with friends you might not have seen for a while.

Come socialize with others starting at 5:00 p.m. We will serve queso, guacamole, salsa and chips, along with non-alcoholic beverages. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. We will have a variety of Mexican entrees, rice and beans.

As you enjoy your dinner, listen to Danielle Burbank, accompanied by her mother, share stories and insights on Navajo lifestyles. Ms. Burbank wrote a book, *DK Super Readers Level 4: Navajo Code Talkers*, which was inspired by her paternal grandfather and covers how the Navajo language created an unbreakable code during WWII.

Wednesday Night Glow Ride

After Welcome Dinner approximately 8 p.m.

Roll with the GLOW and trick out your ride. Even if you choose to just be a spectator you can bling your rig or camp chairs! Host a Glow Ride gathering at your rig and make it a community party. Show your Chapter Spirit by reserving and decorating a golf cart to ride in the parade with your friends.



The Glow Ride will start behind the Multi Use Building and wind through the campground, maybe more than once!

National Board of Directors Election

There is one position open on the RVW Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning January 2027. We have one candidate for this position, Kate Carpenter. She will be offered an opportunity to speak during the annual meeting. A ballot box will be placed at the RVW Booth for voting and will also be brought to the RVW Annual Membership Meeting. Ballots may also be submitted online and by mail. All voting will close November 1, 2026.

Thursday Ice Cream Social and More!

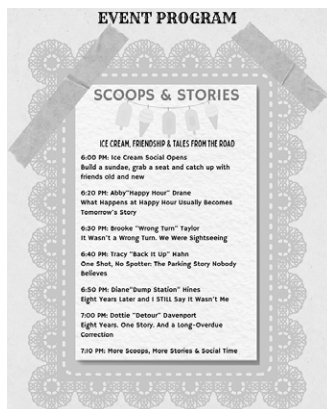
6:00 p.m. Thursday — Room E — Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

Build a sundae, grab a seat and catch up with friends old and new.

Several RVing Women are scheduled to share memorable stories about their travels.

Dottie “Detour” Davenport will finally reveal the truth about something that happened at the RVW Convention held eight years ago in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Sound intriguing? Most murder mysteries are!



Friday Night Music and Dancing • Zia Chicks

6:30 p.m. Friday — Room E — Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

If you're looking for a band that brings energy, talent, and genuine fun to every performance, the Zia Chicks deliver! Their harmonies are outstanding, their musicianship is top-notch, and they have a way of connecting with the audience that makes every show feel personal and memorable. Whether they're playing crowd favorites or showcasing their own New Mexico style, they create an atmosphere that's upbeat, welcoming, and impossible not to enjoy. Bring your dancing shoes or simply come to listen.

Pickleball Classes and Tournament



Courts will be set up all week
Tournament Friday all day
Starts at 9:30 a.m. — Pickleball Courts

Thank you to SkyMed, one of our vendors, for sponsoring pickleball at convention! We will have several pickleball courts set up all week. Nets will be provided; bring your own balls and paddles. Pickleball players are encouraged to gather and play every day during the convention. If you haven't played pickleball, we will have a class on Wednesday so you can learn the basics. A round-robin tournament will be held on Friday, September 25 with a possible playoff tournament on Saturday, September 26. If you're interested in playing in our first-ever pickleball tournament, sign up at the Help Desk before Thursday at noon. We will be playing a round-robin format, which means you will play against every other player signed up. If we have enough participation, we will divide groups based on ability (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced).

Service Project/Volunteer Opportunity

8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday — Riverside Nature Center

Located in Farmington's Animas Park, the Riverside Nature Center is perfect for wildlife viewing and outdoor lovers of all ages. Visitors can observe birds and animals from the Animas River Walk trails, the Nature Center's Wetlands Overlook, and the Nature Center's Indoor Viewing Room.

Donna Thatcher, retired Nature Center Educator, will give a short interpretive talk and Q&A Session about native plants, wildlife and gardening at the garden's ramada at 9:00 a.m. After the talk, Michael Vodopich from Parks Operations will be on-site to supervise and lead the service work (deadheading, weeding and general upkeep) in the Xeriscape Garden.

Meet in front of the Multi Use Building at 8:15 a.m. to coordinate drivers and riders.

RVW Annual Membership Meeting

1:30 p.m. Saturday — Room E

This is your opportunity to hear from the members of the RVW Board of Directors and learn about current RVW goals and objectives. You will also have an opportunity to share your suggestions and concerns with the board and other members. Please plan to attend.

The agenda will be posted at the RVW Booth and Help Desk prior to the meeting. The meeting will follow the order of business specified in *Robert's Rules of Order*. Members who wish to speak will hand the sergeant at arms a written request including name, chapter, position, and topic or question. When asked to step to the microphone, they must identify themselves and limit comments to specified minutes. See the *Annual Membership Meeting Standing Rules* on page 47 for details on speaking limits and protocols.

Remembrance Ceremony

3:15 p.m. Saturday (after annual meeting) — Room E

A Remembrance Ceremony to honor RVW members who have passed away will follow the RVW Annual Membership Meeting.

RVW Banquet, Live Auction, Closing Ceremony

6:00 p.m. Saturday — Room E — Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Live Auction starts at 7:30 p.m.

We will start out with a delicious dinner buffet serving prime rib, chicken cordon bleu or stuffed portobello mushrooms (based on your selection when you registered). The main dishes will be served with baked potatoes, vegetables, tossed green salad, a roll and dessert. Please wear your meal bands so servers will know which meal you chose for the evening.

During dinner we will have a recognition ceremony. After dinner, we will hold our live auction of big-ticket items. The retirement of the flags will mark the official end of the 2026 Convention.

Pre-Convention Schedule

Saturday, September 19

Noon –7:00 p.m.

RV Parking • Registration • McGee Park Entrance

Sunday, September 20

As needed

Limited shuttles for tours

6:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tour: Bisti Badlands

Meet in front of Multi Use Building to coordinate ride sharing. *Pre-registration and payment required.*

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

RV Parking • Registration • McGee Park Entrance

11:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Tour: Wines of the San Juan Float

Meet in front of Multi Use Building to board shuttle. *Pre-registration and payment required.*

Monday, September 21

As needed

Limited shuttles for tours

5:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Tour: Durango Silverton Railroad

Meet in front of Multi Use Building to coordinate ride sharing. *Pre-registration and payment required.*

7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Tour: Chaco Canyon Tour #1

Meet in front of Multi Use Building to coordinate ride sharing. *Pre-registration and payment required.*

7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Tour: Chaco Canyon Tour #2

Meet in front of Multi Use Building to coordinate ride sharing. *Pre-registration and payment required.*

8:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tour: Farmington Library Tour

Meet in front of Multi Use Building to coordinate ride sharing.

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

RV Parking • Registration • McGee Park Entrance

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 a.m. – All day

Shuttle carts available for transportation

8:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tour: Farmington Library Tour

Meet in front of Multi Use Building to coordinate ride sharing.

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Help/Volunteer Desk Open • Multi Use Building lobby

9:00 a.m.–Noon

Maintenance Class – Basic Maintenance • Room C

Will cover A/C, heat pumps, water heaters, furnaces
Pre-registration and payment required

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Maintenance Class – How to Stay Safe In Your Rig • Room C

Will cover electrical, propane and other safety issues.
Pre-registration and payment required

Convention Schedule / Tuesday, September 22

8:00 a.m. – All day	Shuttle carts available for transportation
4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	First-Timers Event – Room C <i>First-Timers bright yellow name badge required</i>
6:30 p.m. (doors open 6:00)	Convention Kick Off – Room E <i>Name badges REQUIRED</i>

Convention Schedule / Wednesday, September 23

7:00 a.m. – All day	Open Play Pickleball
8:00 a.m. – all day	Shuttle carts available for transportation
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	12-Step Recovery Meeting – Room A
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Yoga for RVers – Room C
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Light breakfast served, Meditation Session – Room E
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Help Desk/Volunteer Desk/Fundraising/RVW Booth/Vendor Areas all open - Multi Use Bldg.
9:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Seminars in Multi Use Building

Wednesday Seminars/Events at a Glance (see pages 32-36 for details)

	Room A	Room B	Room C
A.M.	8 a.m. • 12-Step Recovery		8 a.m. • Yoga for RVers <i>Kelly Curtin</i>
9:30	The Fun Truth About RV Service and Upgrades <i>Redlands RV Service • Keith Shoemaker</i>	Common RV Problems – Made Easy to Understand <i>An RVers Friend • Kassandra / Ed Dennis</i>	Tow Like a Pro – What's Really Under Your Trailer <i>Performance Trailer Braking • Ashley O'Neill</i>
10:45	Solar Power Essentials <i>Briter Products • Avanti Lalwani</i>	RV Holding Tank Maintenance <i>Kleen Tank of DFW • James and Amy Drescher</i>	A Medical Emergency Can Happen Anywhere. Are You Protected? <i>SkyMed–Niki Palmer</i> <i>(Lunch provided if you registered earlier)</i>
Noon	12-Step Recovery	Games	
1:30	From Snapshots to Stunning: Easy Travel Photo Tips <i>Yvonne Johnson</i>	Geocaching <i>Kathy Sheats</i>	Essential Tools and Resources <i>All Points RV Solutions • Betty Grant</i>
2:45	Let's Share! Tips, Tricks and Shortcuts <i>Cecile Galt</i>		Stop the Bleed <i>Michelle Pelkey</i>
P.M.	4:00 • Games	4:00 • Games	

Convention Schedule / Wednesday, September 23 (Continued)

Noon – 1:15 p.m.	12-Step Recovery (Room A); Games (Room B)
Noon – 2:30 p.m.	Solos Get Together (Room E)
2:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m.	Glow Ride Decoration Party – Outside patio Work together decorating your ride for later tonight!
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Welcome Social – Room E Socialize with others and enjoy queso, guacamole, salsa and chips, non-alcoholic beverages.
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Dinner with Speaker – Room E Enjoy a variety of Mexican entrees with rice and beans, and hear stories and insights on the Navajo lifestyle.
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Glow Ride Be in it or watch it! Route will start behind the Multi Use Building and wind through the campgrounds.

Wednesday Seminars/Events at a Glance (see pages 32-36 for details)

	Room E	Room F	Outside
A.M.	8:30 a.m. • Light Breakfast/Meditation		All Day • Open play Pickleball
9:30		[Craft] Scrappy Quilt <i>Sherrie Steber</i> [Sign up list - \$10]	Pickleball 101 Space is limited so sign up for class at Help Desk <i>Pam Pickle and Lin Earhardt</i>
10:45			
Noon			
1:30	Solos Get Together <i>Root Choyce</i>	Yes, Uke Can! Basic Ukulele Chords and Strumming <i>Rose Mullgrav and Donna Remsnyder</i>	Cooking With a Dutch Oven <i>Debra Takacs</i>
2:45	Full Timers Chapter Get Together <i>Kelly Curtin</i>	Sing Around the Campfire <i>B. Gail Hillyer</i>	Glow Ride Decoration Party <i>Leslie Dunn</i>
P.M.		5:00 Social 6:00 Dinner with guest speaker	
			8:00 Glow Ride Around the Park

Convention Schedule / Thursday, September 24

7:00 a.m. – All day	Open Play Pickleball
8:00 a.m. – all day	Shuttle carts available for transportation
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	12-Step Recovery Meeting – Room A
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Yoga for RVers – Room C
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Light breakfast served (courtesy of Sky Med) – Room E
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Help Desk/Volunteer Desk/Fundraising/RVW Booth/Vendor Areas all open - Multi Use Bldg.
9:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Seminars in Multi Use Building

Thursday Seminars/Events at a Glance (see pages 38-42 for details)

	Room A	Room B	Room C
A.M.	8 a.m. • 12-Step Recovery		8 a.m. • Yoga for RVers <i>Kelly Curtin</i>
9:30	Yes, Uke Can! Basic Ukulele Chords and Strumming <i>Rose Mullgrav and Donna Remsnyder</i>	Planning and Executing a Rolling Rally – Discussion and Tips <i>Kate Carpenter • RVW National President</i>	Essential Tools and Resources <i>All Points RV Solutions • Betty Grant</i>
10:45	Tow Like a Pro – What's Really Under Your Trailer <i>Performance Trailer Braking • Ashley O'Neill</i>		RV Holding Tank Maintenance <i>Kleen Tank of DFW • James and Amy Drescher</i>
Noon	12-Step Recovery		Games
1:30	Death and Taxes Are Inevitable (Why You Need Estate Planning) <i>Kris Anderson</i>	Do You Have Questions About 3+ Year Old LiFePO4 Batteries? <i>Briter Products • Avanti Lalwani</i>	Benefits of Polymer-Based Cleaning, Waxing, Protecting <i>Wash Wax All • Stephen Anderson</i>
2:45		Meet CAC (Chapter Advisory Council) <i>Jane Bird</i>	Common RV Problems – Made Easy to Understand <i>An RVers Friend • Cassandra and Ed Dennis</i>
P.M.	4:00 • Full Timers Chapter Annual Meeting		

Convention Schedule / Thursday, September 24 (Continued)

- Noon – 1:15 p.m.** 12-Step Recovery (Room A) Games (Room C) Meet the RVW National Board (Room E)
- 4:00 p.m.** **Full Timers Chapter Annual Meeting** – Room A
For chapter members and anyone interested in us!
- 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.** **Entertainment - Ice Cream Social** hosted by Oregon Chapter followed by Murder Mystery event – Room E

Thursday Seminars/Events at a Glance (see pages 38-42 for details)

	Room E	Room F	Outside
A.M.			All Day • Open play Pickleball
9:30	8:30 a.m. • Breakfast and Presentation from Sky Med	[Craft] Creating a Solar Lantern <i>Marie Mullarkey</i> [Sign up list - \$10]	Poetry for Everyone <i>Carole Bieshaar</i>
10:45	Planning a Regional Rally <i>Monica Carr, Jane Bird, Kris Anderson, Tracy Hahn</i>	[Craft] Kinusaiga <i>Amy Minicilli</i> [Sign up list - \$10]	
Noon	Meet RVW Board		
1:30	Cozy Camping SIG Get-Together <i>Kelly Curtin</i>	[Craft] Gourdgeously Gorgeous Gourds with Zentangle <i>Sherrie Steber</i> [Sign up list - \$10]	
2:45			
P.M.	6:00 • Ice Cream Social and Murder Mystery Event		

Convention Schedule / Friday, September 25

7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Open Play Pickleball
8:00 a.m. – all day	Shuttle carts available for transportation
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	12-Step Recovery Meeting – Room A
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Yoga for RVers – Room C
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Light breakfast served, Meditation Session – Room E
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Help Desk/Volunteer Desk/Fundraising/RVW Booth/Vendor Areas all open - Multi Use Bldg.
9:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Seminars in Multi Use Building

Friday Seminars/Events at a Glance (see pages 43-46 for details)

	Room A	Room B	Room C
A.M.	8 a.m. • 12-Step Recovery		8 a.m. • Yoga for RVers <i>Kelly Curtin</i>
9:30	Camp Safe <i>Tracy Hahn</i>	Regional Geology – Understanding What You See <i>Sheree Stewart</i>	Unlock the Power of Your iPhone Camera <i>Yvonne Johnson</i>
10:45	How to Care for Someone Who Is Having a Seizure <i>Kathryn McMudie</i>	Van Life: What a Year in a 20-Foot Camper Has Taught Me <i>Kelly Curtin</i>	
Noon	12-Step Recovery		
1:30	Using the RVW Website <i>Jan Miller</i>	10 Important Knots to Know <i>Root Choyce</i>	The Many Benefits of Joining Family RV Association (formerly FMCA) <i>Wayne Cernie</i>
2:45	Stay Safe Online <i>Kelly Curtin</i>		Group Puzzle Competition <i>Carla Thompson</i>
P.M.	4:00 • Solo Travelers Annual Meeting		

Convention Schedule / Friday, September 25 (Continued)

9:30 a.m. – All Day	Pickleball Tournament Sponsored by Sky Med (Outside)
Noon – 1:15 p.m.	12-Step Recovery (Room A)
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Fundraising booth closes to determine prize winners
4:00 p.m.	Solo Travelers Chapter Annual Meeting – Room A For chapter members and anyone interested in us!
6:30 p.m.	Entertainment - Zia Chicks • Come to just enjoy their music or hit the dance floor! – Room E

Friday Seminars/Events at a Glance (see pages 43-46 for details)

	Room E	Room F	Outside
A.M.	8:30 a.m. • Light Breakfast/Meditation		7:00 a.m. • Open play Pickleball
9:30	Book Club: <i>A Far-flung Life</i> Kate Carpenter • <i>RVW National President</i>	[Craft] Scrappy Quilt Sherrie Steber [Sign up list - \$10]	Pickleball Tournament <i>Goes all day until finished</i>
10:45			
Noon			
1:30	Sing-Along <i>B. Gail Hillyer, Rose Mullgrav, Donna Remsnyder</i>	[Craft] Diamond Dot Art Cecile Galt [Sign up list - \$10]	
2:45			
P.M.	6:30 • Zia Chicks Music and Dancing		

Convention Schedule / Saturday, September 26

7:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Open Play Pickleball
8:00 a.m. – all day	Shuttle carts available for transportation
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	12-Step Recovery Meeting – Room A
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Yoga for RVers – Room C
8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Riverside Nature Center interpretive walk and volunteer in Xeriscape Garden. Coordinated by Lynn Gay. Meet in front of Multi Use Building to coordinate drivers / riders.
9:00 a.m. – Noon	Help Desk/Volunteer Desk/Fundraising/RVW Booth/ Vendor Areas all open - Multi Use Building
9:00 a.m. – Noon	Pick up fundraising prizes won – Room D
9:30 a.m. – Noon	Events in Multi Use Building

Saturday Events at a Glance

	Room A	Room B	Room C
A.M.	8 a.m. • 12-Step Recovery		8 a.m. • Yoga for RVers <i>Kelly Curtin</i>
9:00	Games	Games	Games
10:45			
Noon	12-Step Recovery		
1:30	Attend the Annual Business Meeting and Memorial Service Then enjoy the Closing Banquet and auction!		
2:45			
P.M.			

DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE!

You can vote in the election for 2027 board members online, at the RVW booth, or at the Annual Meeting!

PLEASE FILL OUT INPUT FORMS

Don't forget to fill out the input/evaluation form distributed at EACH seminar. These are used to plan future conventions. Do you have an idea for a seminar at a future convention? Put the information on the evaluation form. Maybe you will even consider leading a session yourself at a future convention or regional rally!

Convention Schedule / Saturday, September 26 (Continued)

- 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.** **RVW Annual Membership Meeting** – Room E
Format will follow *Robert's Rules of Order* and *Standing Rules* on page 47.
- 3:15 p.m.** **Remembrance Ceremony (Follows Annual Meeting)** – Room E
Join us for a short recognition of members who have passed since the last convention.
- 6:00 p.m.** **RVW Closing Banquet, Live Auction, Recognition** – Room E
(Doors open 5:30) The Closing will include a live auction of big-ticket items, recognition and flag retiring.
Don't forget to bring your colored security whistle - that's your ticket for the banquet meal you specified!

Saturday Events at a Glance

	Room E	Room F	Outside
A.M.			7 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Open play Pickleball
9:30			8:15 a.m. • Meet in front of Multi Use Building • Riverside Nature Center Interpretive Walk • Volunteer in Xeriscape Garden <i>Lynn Gay</i>
10:45			
Noon			
1:30	RVW Annual Business Meeting <i>RVW Board</i>		
3:15	RVW Memorial Service <i>RVW Board</i>		
P.M.	6:00 • Closing Banquet • Live Auction and Recognition		

Convention Schedule / Sunday, September 27

Safe travels home!

Campground Checkout is 11 a.m. Sunday (September 27)
If you plan to stay Sunday night or beyond, let the McGee Park staff know and pay them directly. Nightly rate is \$35/night.

Wednesday

Wednesday Seminar Descriptions

Seminars are in rooms inside the Multi Use Building

The Fun Truth About RV Service and Upgrades

Keith Shoemaker • Redlands RV Service

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room A

Bring your RV service and upgrade questions for a lively discussion covering tires and how to extend their life, choosing the right batteries, Koni shocks, Roadmaster anti-sway equipment and Safe-T-Plus steering stabilizers. Keith will help you understand which services and upgrades may offer the best value for your rig.

Keith Shoemaker and his sister, Karen, own Redlands RV, a Southern California service center. Customers may stay free in the company's Grove RV park, just steps from the service center.

Common RV Problems – Made Easy to Understand

Kassandra and Ed Dennis • An RVers Friend

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room B

Explore practical ways to improve RV water pressure and flow, make dash cams more useful, and protect your rig and skin with softer water. Kassandra and Ed will also cover economical black- and gray-tank solutions and share as many additional tips and tricks as time allows.

Full-time RVers Kassandra and Ed test products in real-world conditions across the United States, Baja California and Europe. Ed brings 50 years of RVing experience, while Kassandra focuses on helping every RV dollar make sense. Their fact-filled PowerPoint seminars are humor laced, fast-paced and solution-oriented.

Tow Like a Pro —What's Really Under Your Trailer

Ashley O'Neill • Performance Trailer Braking

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room C

Repeats • Thursday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room A

Learn routine trailer maintenance, what to look for during your own inspections and which upgrades may be appropriate for your rig. Ashley will focus on safety and practical maintenance tips. Free inspections are available unless a repair requires tools.

Performance Trailer Braking offers brakes, slipper-spring systems, suspension products and replacement parts, along with services such as bearing repacks, suspension greasing and inspections.

RVW is proud to offer these convention seminars to our members. While our Board of Directors, contracted representatives and volunteers have made every effort to assure the quality of the programs and services offered, participation in this convention should not be construed as an endorsement of any specific product, service or point of view. Unless otherwise stated, RVing Women does not endorse, warrant or guarantee the products, advice or services offered.

Wednesday Seminar Descriptions

Scrappy Quilt

Sherrie Steber • RVW Member

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room F

Repeats • Friday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room F

Learn how to paper piece using fabric scraps or “crumbs.” We will be using adding machine tape to make strip sets. This process is a bit like improv FPP (Foundation Paper Piecing) or quilt-as-you-go technique. You get to choose your colors and pattern. Or you can complete a simple foundation paper piece block to make a potholder or the beginning of a quilt to the size of your choice.

Sherrie Steber has been quilting since 2015 and has developed a passion for it. She is self-taught and has learned through *YouTube* videos and classes, traveling to Nevada, Kansas, and Texas to learn from her favorite quilt heroes. Foundation Paper Piecing is her favorite technique that allows for effortless planning, accurate piecing, and precise points.

Class Fee: \$10 • Limited to 20 people • Sign up at Help Desk • Bring a sewing machine if you travel with one.

Pickleball 101

Pam Pickle and Lin Erhardt • RVW Members

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Outside

Learn the basics of pickleball, the fastest growing sport in the U.S., then get outside and play! Beginners are welcome – it won’t be too strenuous. We’ll start with basics, warm up, and get you in a game to experience the fun. Wear comfortable athletic shoes that are easy to move in. Please bring an open mind, your water and a willingness to have a good time.

Pam Pickle (yes, that’s her name!) is a retired middle school science teacher who loves pickleball, traveling, walking her dogs, sports, fishing, games and reading. She and her wife, Sherry, traveled through British Columbia, Yukon and Alaska in their 32-foot Winnebago in 2024.

Lin Erhardt had her own wallpaper installing business for 45 years and is active in community organizing and building. A member of the Rocky Mountain and Solo chapters, she has been playing for six years and loves the eye-hand coordination required, the mental challenge and the incredible fun!

Class is limited to 12 people • Sign up at Help Desk • We may add sessions.

Solar Power Essentials

Avanti Lalwani • Briter Products

Wednesday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room A

How does solar power work, and can it transform your travel plans? Learn how to tell whether your system is working, discuss problems clearly and sort through changing solar choices. Drawing on years of RV-specific experience, Avanti will explain options ranging from trickle charging to powering an air conditioner. New and experienced boondockers are welcome.

Avanti Lalwani has worked in the transportation industry for more than 20 years. At Briter Products in South Bend, Indiana, she helps develop safe, reliable solar and lithium-battery solutions for RVers.

Wednesday

Wednesday Seminar Descriptions

RV Holding Tank Maintenance

James and Amy Drescher • Kleen Tank of DFW
Wednesday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room B

Repeats • Thursday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room C

Learn how to maintain your RV's water heater and fresh-, gray- and black-water tanks, along with products and practices that can help keep these systems clean and working properly.

James and Amy Drescher have RVed as a family since 2009. After careers in the military and education, they turned their own tank-maintenance research into a business cleaning tanks and teaching other RVers.

A Medical Emergency Can Happen Anywhere – Are You Protected?

Niki Palmer • SkyMed

Wednesday – 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Room C

Repeats • Thursday – 8:45 a.m. to ~9:30 a.m. • Room E (Includes breakfast)

SkyMed is offering attendees lunch after the Wednesday session. Reservations are required by either signing up at their booth or filling out this form: (<https://tinyurl.com/RVW-SkyMed-lunch>).

Learn how emergency medical transportation works, where traditional insurance may fall short and how SkyMed handles air and ground transport, hospital transfers and transportation home to a facility of your choice.

Niki Palmer is a longtime SkyMed member, representative and licensed insurance agent. Her mother's medical emergency without coverage inspired her to help travelers prepare for the unexpected. A fellow RVer and breast cancer survivor, she brings professional and personal experience.

Solo Travelers Chapter Get Together

Root Choyce • Solo Travelers Chapter President

Wednesday – Noon to 2:30 p.m. • Room E

Chapter members are encouraged to attend. Solo travelers have many ways to stay safe and enjoy the road, whether they travel full time or take shorter trips. Meet other chapter members, learn about the Solo Travelers Chapter and exchange ideas and experiences. Feel free to bring your lunch.

From Snapshots to Stunning: EZ Photo Tips for Travelers

Yvonne Johnson • RVW Magazine Editor

Wednesday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room A

Want to come home with photos that truly capture your adventures? Learn simple, practical techniques for taking better pictures with any phone or camera. You'll get quick ideas for improving landscape and people shots, share ideas with other attendees and begin using the techniques right away.

Yvonne Johnson, *RVW Magazine* editor, is a former journalist and journalism and yearbook teacher with more than three decades of experience in photography and visual storytelling.

Wednesday Seminar Descriptions

Introduction to Geocaching

Kathy Sheats • RVW Member

Wednesday – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Room B

Discover geocaching, an outdoor activity that uses smartphone GPS technology to find hidden containers, landmarks and geologic features. Participants will have an opportunity to download the geocaching app, then head onto the fairgrounds in small groups to search for geocaches.

Kathy Sheats is a retired nurse educator and geocaching enthusiast with more than 1,400 finds.

Essential Tools and Resources

Betty Grant • All Points RV Solutions

Wednesday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room C

Repeats • Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room C

Which tools should every RVer carry? Betty will cover diagnostic, emergency and technology tools, plus the miscellaneous items you do not need until you really need them. You'll learn which common problems you may be able to tackle yourself, when you have reached your comfort limit and where to find qualified backup.

Betty Grant is co-owner of All Points RV Solutions and has eight years of full- and part-time RV experience. The company provides certified RV inspections, education and training and powers the *RV Pocket Tech* app. Betty also leads RVW's pre-convention maintenance class.

Yes, Uke Can! Basic Ukulele Chords and Strumming

Rose Mullgrav and Donna Remsnyder • RVW Members

Wednesday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room F

Repeats • Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room A

Designed for members who have an instrument but haven't the faintest idea how to play! We will learn the C, F, G7 and Am chords, finger placement, counting and basic strumming patterns. Bring a ukulele; this is a hands-on class. By the end of the second session, we will be playing simple songs together.

Rose Mullgrav, a former special education teacher and school administrator, returned to the ukulele after joining RVW. Her teaching experience helps her make the basics approachable for people who learn at different speeds.

Donna Remsnyder has played ukulele for 14 years at senior centers, memory-care communities, campfires and with ukulele bands. She believes learning music should be fun, not frustrating.

Cooking With a Dutch Oven

Debra Takacs • RVW Member

Wednesday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Outside, Patio behind Multi Use Building

Come learn the basics of outdoor cooking with a Dutch oven, including the equipment you need to get started.

Debra is a Texas outdoor enthusiast and member of the Dutch Oven Society of Texas. She loves cooking outside and sharing how to do it!

Wednesday

Wednesday Seminar Descriptions

Let's Share! Tips, Tricks and Shortcuts

Cecile Galt • RVW Member

Wednesday – 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Room A

Bring your favorite RVing tips, tricks and shortcuts for a lively exchange of ideas. Cecile will share lessons from more than 15 years of RVing, including two years full time, and invite participants to contribute the practical discoveries that have made life on the road easier.

Cecile Galt has traveled with her puppy in a 26-foot bumper-pull trailer, a 29-foot bumper-pull trailer and now a 41-foot fifth-wheel.

Learn How to *Stop the Bleed*

Michelle Pelkey • RVW National Board Secretary

Wednesday – 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Room C

In this American College of Surgeons *Stop the Bleed* course, learn three quick techniques that can help save a life: applying direct pressure, packing a wound and correctly using a tourniquet. Respond before professional help arrives.

Michelle Pelkey worked in medicine for 50 years as an EMT, paramedic and physician assistant. She remains licensed as a paramedic and physician assistant and has taught *Stop the Bleed* courses for four years.

Full Timers Chapter Get Together

Kelly Curtin • Full Timers Chapter President

Wednesday – 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Room E

Chapter members are encouraged to attend. Meet Full Timers Chapter members and exchange ideas about living in an RV full or nearly full time. Whether you already live on the road or are curious about the lifestyle, you can learn about the chapter and hear how others make full-time RVing work.

Sing Around the Campfire

B. Gail Hillyer • RVW Member

Wednesday – 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Room F

Sing and play mostly folk, bluegrass and country songs, with perhaps a little pop or jazz. All skill levels are welcome. Bring a stringed instrument, harmonica or kazoo and pick up ideas for encouraging others to sing around the campfire. Turn in song requests before class; contributions toward printing appreciated.

Musician and educator B. Gail Hillyer toured the United States and Canada with the Robert DeCormier Folksingers and performed at Carnegie Hall. She now leads summer campfire singing at Crater Lake RV Park in Oregon.

Glow Ride Decoration Party

Leslie Dunn • RVW Member

Wednesday – 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. • Outside

Bring your scooter or bike—or come help decorate carts—with glow sticks, lights and other bright additions for the convention's Glow Ride. The party is both a convention fundraiser and an easy way to meet other attendees while preparing for the ride.

ARE YOUR BATTERIES SAFE?

LEVEL 1 BATTERY TEST FORM

Please feel free to use this test page to evaluate your LiFePO4 batteries. A seminar showing you how to use the form will be a part of convention.

Test Name	Test Method	Failure Reading
1 Housing Color Consistency	Look for fading/changing of color in plastic housing	Any color change
2 Cracks in Housing	Use fingernail to see if any cracks are forming	Fingernail grabs
3 Deformations	Feel for bulging	Visual or tactile bulge
4 Post Looseness	Hand tug wires at posts	Visual change in position
5 Wire Metal Exposure	Look for metal exposure	Greater than fingernail
6 Corrosion-Free Wires & Posts	Look for any signs of rust or corrosion	Inconsistent surface
7 Inverter Settings	Check to manual, and review settings in hardware or via bluetooth	Incompatible with chemistry
8 Resting Voltage	With a voltmeter, compare resting voltage to specs. (Tolerance level is +/- .1V.)	Differential of 10%
9 Thermal Tests Battery Set 1	Using an IR thermometer, check temps at the top, posts, and sides of battery before charging/discharging.	Differential of 20°F+
10 Thermal Tests Battery Set 2	Using an IR thermometer, check temps at the top, posts, and sides of battery at lower-than-optimal amperage draw.	Differential of 20°F+
11 Thermal Tests Battery Set 3	Using an IR thermometer, check temps at the top, posts, and sides of battery at optimal amperage draw.	Differential of 20°F+
12 DCIR	Measure DCIR of batteries at posts, disconnected from wires. Tolerance of <__mΩ-10%.	Differential of 10°F+ from spec
13 Alternator Charge Tests	Reconnect wires, and with only the engine on, use a voltmeter to measure how the alternator charges the batteries	Not charging
14 Shore power	While only plugged into shorepower, use a voltmeter to measure how shore power recharges the batteries	Not charging
15 Generator	While only the generator is on, use a voltmeter to measure how shore power recharges the batteries.	Not charging

Please note which of your batteries weren't okay on any of the test numbers, and write down questions to ask us.

If this chart is helpful, please leave us a 5-star Google review!



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Thursday

Thursday Seminar Descriptions

A Medical Emergency Can Happen Anywhere – Are You Protected?

Niki Palmer • SkyMed

Thursday – 8:45 a.m. to about 9:30 a.m. • Room E (Includes breakfast)

Earlier Class • Wednesday – 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Room C

Stop by for bagels and pastries from SkyMed at 8:30 a.m. and then learn how emergency medical transportation works. Discover where traditional insurance may fall short and how SkyMed handles air and ground transport, hospital transfers and transportation home to a facility of your choice. See the complete seminar and presenter information under Wednesday's session on page 34.

Yes, Uke Can! Basic Ukulele Chords and Strumming

Rose Mullgrav and Donna Remsnyder • RVW Members

Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room A

Earlier Class • Wednesday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room F

Bring your ukulele and continue learning. See the complete seminar and presenter information under Wednesday's session on page 35.

Planning and Executing a Rolling Rally

Kate Carpenter • RVW National Board President

Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. • Room B

[Two hour class] Want to lead a rolling rally? Learn how to plan routes, find suitable parking, evaluate destinations and create a drop-in, drop-out caravan. Kate will review websites and apps that help keep a group moving toward the same destination while leaving room for flexibility and fun.

Kate Carpenter has organized six rolling or long-distance drop-in, drop-out rallies. An RVer for more than 15 years, she is a former chapter leader and current RVW National Board president.

Essential Tools and Resources

Betty Grant • All Points RV Solutions

Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room C

Earlier Class • Wednesday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room C

Learn which tools you should carry, what to fix and when to call for help. See full seminar and presenter info under Wednesday's session on page 35.

Creating a Solar Lantern

Marie Mullarkey • RVW Member

Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room F

Create a personalized solar lantern for camping or as a night-light at home. Materials include a mason jar, solar lid, fairy lights and assorted decorations such as pine cones, rocks, sand, feathers, wine corks and bling. You may bring your own items if they fit inside a standard-mouth quart mason jar.

Marie Mullarkey is the Arizona Chapter activities coordinator.

Class Fee: \$10 • Limited to 24 people • Sign up at Help Desk

Thursday Seminar Descriptions

Poetry for Everyone

Carole Bieshaar • RVW Member

Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Outside, Patio behind Multi Use Building

Poetry can make us more mindful of our surroundings by distilling moments into memorable language. Discuss what poetry is, experiment with writing activities and share your work if you choose. No previous poetry experience is required.

Carole Bieshaar taught language arts for 30 years at several levels, including poetry, creative writing and literary magazine classes. She is a lifelong writer of personal poetry.

Tow Like a Pro —What's Really Under Your Trailer

Ashley O'Neill • Performance Trailer Braking

Thursday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room A

Earlier Class • Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room C

Learn routine trailer maintenance, what to look for during your own inspections and which upgrades may suit your rig. See the complete seminar and presenter information under Wednesday's session on page 32.

RV Holding Tank Maintenance

James and Amy Drescher • Kleen Tank of DFW

Thursday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room C

Earlier Class • Wednesday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room B

Learn how to maintain your RV's water heater and fresh-, gray- and black-water tanks, along with products that help keep the systems clean. See complete seminar and presenter information under Wednesday's session on page 34.

Planning a Regional Rally

Monica Carr, Jane Bird, Kris Anderson, Tracy Hahn

Thursday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room E

With RVW moving to national conventions every other year, chapters are encouraged to organize regional rallies during the alternate years, either independently or with neighboring chapters. Learn how smaller regional events can reduce travel and cost while giving more women an opportunity to participate.

The presenters are planning a West Coast regional rally and will share their ideas and experiences. They also welcome questions, suggestions and feedback from attendees; planners from the first East Coast regional rally may join them.

Don't forget! (Another reminder!)

Don't forget to fill out the input/evaluation form distributed at EACH seminar. These are used to plan future conventions. Maybe you will even consider leading a session yourself at a future convention or regional rally!

Thursday Seminar Descriptions

Kinusaiga

Amy Minicilli • Convention Vendor Coordinator
Thursday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room F

Create a detailed picture by pressing fabric scraps into grooves on a board—no sewing required. This Japanese craft, developed in the 1980s, is often described as “quilting without thread” or “painting with fabric.” Learn the basic technique and begin making your own kinusaiga design.

Amy Minicilli has worked as a recreation director and activities assistant and serves as the Farmington Convention Vendor Coordinator.

Class Fee: \$10 • Limited to 15 people • Sign up at Help Desk

Meet RVW’s National Board of Directors

RVW National Board

Thursday – Noon to 1:15 p.m. • Room E

Bring your lunch and meet RVW’s National Board of Directors. Learn what serving at the national level involves, ask questions and share your ideas and concerns about the organization directly with board members. The RVW National Board really wants to hear your thoughts and concerns about maintaining RVW as a strong organization for 35 more years!

Death and Taxes are Inevitable (Why You Need Estate Planning)

Kris Anderson • Attorney and RVW National Board Member
Thursday – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Room A

[Two hour class] Learn the purpose of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, HIPAA releases and joint tenancy, along with the basics of probate, tax implications and special considerations for same-sex couples. Whether well-to-do or not and whether married or single, everyone needs this seminar to help you understand your options for protecting your property and making sure your wishes are followed during illness and at the end of life.

Kris Anderson, a former college professor, is a Washington attorney with nearly 30 years of experience in estate planning, trust and estate litigation, guardianships and probate administration.

Do You Have Questions About 3+ Year Old LiFePO4 Batteries?

Avanti Lalwani • Briter Products
Thursday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room B

If your LiFePO4 batteries are more than three years old, learn a systematic, safety-focused way to check their condition. Avanti will explain how capacity, internal resistance and monitoring change as batteries age—and how to judge whether your battery bank is ready for a dry-camping trip.

Avanti Lalwani has worked in the transportation industry for more than 20 years. At Briter Products in South Bend, Indiana, she develops solar and lithium-battery solutions for RVers.

Thursday Seminar Descriptions

Benefits of Polymer-Based Cleaning, Waxing, Protecting

Stephen Anderson • *Wash Wax All*

Thursday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room C

Learn about several polymer-based liquid products and what each is designed to do. Stephen will demonstrate how to clean and protect your rig safely from the ground—without using a ladder. Each attendee will receive a product sample.

Stephen Anderson has worked with Wash Wax ALL for 18 years and has taught hundreds of attendees at RV shows and events.

Cozy Camping SIG Get Together

Kelly Curtin • *RVW Member*

Thursday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room E

Learn about RVW's Cozy Camping SIG (special interest group) for women who enjoy campervans, small RVs, car camping, tent camping or cabins. The group welcomes all vehicle sizes, although some destinations have only smaller sites. Meet other cozy campers, share tips and discover options for enjoying the outdoors without owning a large RV—or any RV at all.

Gourdgeously Gorgeous Gourds with Zentangle

Sherrie Steber • *RVW Member*

Thursday – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Room F

[Two hour class] Learn Zentangle, a relaxing method of creating images from dots, lines, curves and orbs, then use the patterns to decorate a gourd. No drawing experience is needed, and there are no mistakes—only inspiration and opportunities. This two-hour class will introduce the process and help you begin your own “gourdgeously gorgeous” design.

Sherrie Steber learned Zentangle through online videos and later taught it to her seventh- and eighth-grade art students. She has collected hundreds of designs to share.

Class Fee: \$10 • Limited to 25 people • Sign up at Help Desk

Meet the Chapter Advisory Council (CAC)

Jane Bird • *RVW Member*

Thursday – 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Room B

Chapter leaders and members interested in national service can meet current Chapter Advisory Council members and learn how the council works. Representatives from RVW chapters help develop leaders, identify chapter needs, advocate solutions with the National Board and follow issues through to resolution.

Chapter representatives are encouraged to attend, and all interested members are welcome to bring questions and ideas.

Thursday

Thursday Seminar Descriptions

Common RV Problems – Made Easy to Understand

Kassandra and Ed Dennis • *An RVers Friend*
Thursday – 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Room C

Pick up practical solutions for cleaning, lubricating and protecting RV locks, jacks, slides, tow bars and bikes. Other topics include a five-minute lead-acid battery routine, alternatives to bleach for sanitizing fresh-water systems, water-filter choices, water-saving showerheads, keeping mice and bugs out, preventing hook-and-loop fastener failures in summer heat and useful boondocking tips.

Full-time RVers Kassandra and Ed test products in varied weather, traffic and camping conditions. Ed brings 50 years of RVing experience, while Kassandra focuses on making every RV dollar count.

Full Timers Chapter Annual Meeting

Kelly Curtin • *Full Timers Chapter President*
Thursday – 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Room A

Full Timers Chapter members are encouraged to attend so the chapter has a quorum for its annual meeting. Because members are rarely together in one place, convention is the time to discuss chapter business and elect officers. Those who spend most of the year in their rigs are welcome and may join the chapter at the meeting.

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Friday Seminar Descriptions

Camp Safe

Tracy Hahn • RVW National Board Member

Friday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room A

Learn practical ways to improve personal safety on the road and at your campsite. Tracy will cover situational awareness, possible safety tools and other security strategies campers can use in everyday situations.

Tracy Hahn has more than 32 years of law-enforcement experience and has taught personal safety courses for women throughout her career. A lifelong camper, she uses education and real-world experience to help keep other women safe. Her motto is “no woman left behind.”

Regional Geology — Understanding What You See

Sheree Stewart • RVW Member

Friday – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Room B

The Four Corners region contains some of the country’s most distinctive geological features. Learn how the local area developed over time and see photographs that will help you recognize and understand the landscapes around Farmington.

Sheree Stewart worked for 35 years as an environmental scientist and geologist and taught geology for Road Scholar for 28 years on rafting trips in Idaho, Washington, Utah and Oregon.

Unlock the Power of Your iPhone Camera

Yvonne Johnson • RVW Magazine Editor

Friday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room C

[Two hour class] Think your iPhone camera is just point-and-shoot? Explore settings, editing tools, shortcuts, hidden features and amazing tips that can help you take better photos with the camera you carry every day. Bring your iPhone to this interactive two-hour session and follow along. If you have an Apple Watch, bring it for a useful photography trick. Users of other camera phones may prefer Wednesday’s general photo session.

Yvonne Johnson has edited *RVW Magazine* since 2018. A former journalist and retired English, journalism and yearbook teacher, she has 31 years of classroom experience.

Book Club — *A Far-flung Life*

Kate Carpenter • RVW National President

Friday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. • Room E

Set in remote Western Australia in 1958, *A Far-flung Life* begins when Phil MacBride, patriarch of a family that has lived for generations on a million-acre sheep station, swerves to avoid a kangaroo. That moment begins to unravel lives. We will discuss M.L. Stedman’s novel about family, belonging, fate, compassion, resilience and forgiveness—and what hearts can endure for love.

Kate Carpenter is an avid RVer and former English and theatre arts instructor who keeps a large stack of books on her Kindle, audiobook list and nightstand.

Friday

Friday Seminar Descriptions

Scrappy Quilt

Sherrie Steber • RVW Member

Friday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room F

Earlier class • Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room F

Learn how to paper piece using fabric scraps or “crumbs.” We will be using adding machine tape to make strip sets. See the complete seminar and presenter information under Wednesday’s session on page 33.

Class Fee: \$10 • Limited to 20 people • Sign up at Help Desk • Bring a sewing machine if you travel with one.

How to Care for Someone Who is Having a Seizure

Kathryn McMudie • Performance Trailer Braking

Friday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room A

Learn what to do when someone experiences a grand mal/tonic-clonic seizure. Kathryn will explain what happens in the brain, introduce generalized and focal seizures, and teach safe, practical ways to respond. The goal is for participants to leave more confident about helping during a seizure.

Kathryn McMudie is a retired registered nurse who was diagnosed with epilepsy at age 16. Now 77, she combines clinical training with decades of personal experience.

Van Life: What a Year in a 20-Foot Camper Has Taught Me

Kelly Curtin • RVW Member

Friday – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. • Room B

What is it really like to travel solo full time in a 20-foot campervan with a dog? Kelly will share practical lessons from her first year on the road, including what surprised her, what worked and what she wishes she had known before starting.

Kelly Curtin is a retired software engineer, longtime volunteer, yoga practitioner and avid traveler. She lives in a 20-foot campervan with her dog, Happy, and serves on RVW’s PR and Marketing Committee, managing Instagram and Bluesky.

Using the RVW Website

Jan Miller • RVW Website Committee Chair

Friday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room A

Learn how to navigate the RVW website and find the information you need. Jan will demonstrate how to view and update your profile, find chapter information and events, join or renew membership, and use the Members Only menu to locate organizational and chapter resources.

Jan Miller is a longtime RVW member and Website Committee member who focuses on easier navigation and listening to members’ concerns so the site can continue to improve.

Friday Seminar Descriptions

Ten Important Knots to Know

Root Choyce • Solo Travelers Chapter President

Friday – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Room B

[Two hour class] Learn to tie 10 useful knots in this two-hour, hands-on session. Practice rope and illustrated handouts will be provided, giving you time to learn each knot and practice until you can repeat it on your own.

Root Choyce developed her knot skills aboard tall ships and small boats. She spent more than five years volunteering on the tall ship *Elissa*, worked 40 years as a professional stagehand and continues knotwork as a hobby.

Benefits of Joining Family RV Association (Formerly FMCA)

Wayne Cernie • FRVA Rocky Mountain Area President

Friday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room C

Learn how Family RV Association membership can support RV travelers through roadside assistance, Medical and Travel Assist, tire and insurance discounts, technical education, campground savings, Stoppin' Spots and opportunities to connect with other RVers.

Wayne Cernie is a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired businessman who has RVed for a decade. An FRVA member for 16 years, he serves as Rocky Mountain Area president and chairs the association's Membership Committee.

Sing-Along

B. Gail Hillyer, Rose Mullgrav, Donna Remsnyder • RVW members

Friday – 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Room E

[Two hour+ class] Bring an instrument—or simply your voice—and join B. Gail, Rose, Donna and other convention musicians for an informal two-hour sing-along. Share favorite songs, enjoy making music together and drop in whenever you can.

B. Gail Hillyer toured the United States and Canada with the Robert DeCormier Folksingers and performed at Carnegie Hall. Rose Mullgrav is a former special education teacher who enjoys helping beginners. Donna Remsnyder has played ukulele for 14 years in community groups and bands. WARNING: Side effects may include smiling, toe-tapping, and spontaneous sing-alongs.

Diamond Dot Art

Cecile Galt • RVW Member

Friday – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Room F

Try diamond dot art, a craft that combines elements of paint-by-numbers and cross-stitch. Using an applicator stylus, you'll place tiny faceted resin or acrylic "diamonds," called drills, onto a sticky, color-coded canvas to create a shimmering mosaic picture.

Cecile Galt discovered diamond art after years of adult coloring and enjoys its relaxing process—and not having to choose the colors. She has completed numerous large and small pieces.

Class Fee: \$10 • Limited to 44 people • Sign up at Help Desk

Friday

Friday Seminar Descriptions

Stay Safe Online

Kelly Curtin • *RVW Member*

Friday – 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Room A

Learn straightforward ways to protect yourself online. Kelly will cover safer social-media habits, securing personal accounts, why a password manager matters, what you can learn by periodically searching your own name online and other steps that reduce your exposure to scams and account theft.

Kelly Curtin is a retired software engineer, longtime volunteer and full-time campervan traveler. She serves on RVW's PR and Marketing Committee and manages the organization's Instagram and Bluesky accounts.

Group Puzzle Competition

Carla Thompson • *RVW Member*

Friday – 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Room C

No puzzling expertise is required for this friendly competition. Participants will be randomly assigned to teams of up to four, and each team will receive the same 350-piece puzzle. Ten teams will race to see who can finish first.

Prefer to watch? Spectators are welcome—who says puzzling is not a spectator sport?

Solo Travelers Chapter Annual Meeting

Root Choyce • *Solo Travelers Chapter President*

Friday – 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Room A

Solo Travelers Chapter members are encouraged to attend so the chapter has a quorum for its annual meeting. Because members are rarely together in one place, convention is the time to discuss chapter business and elect officers. Solo travelers who are not yet members are welcome and may join during the meeting.

Annual Membership Meeting Standing Rules

All attendees must wear name badges. Use of cell phones or pagers is prohibited.

Each Board member candidate shall be allowed five (5) minutes to speak to the membership regarding her qualifications and/or goals for the office sought.

1. A member asking the privilege of the floor shall hand the sergeant at arms a written request including name, chapter, position and topic or question. This request will be given to the secretary. Each topic will be addressed in order received.
2. No member may speak more than two (2) minutes on the same topic, and no topic will be debated longer than ten (10) minutes, without permission of the membership in attendance granted by a majority vote without debate.
3. A member wishing to speak on more than one topic must wait until all other members have had the opportunity to speak on their topic.
4. In addition to answering questions from the chair, a member may speak a second time on a topic after all those who wish to speak have had the opportunity. The two (2) minute time rule applies when speaking the second time.
5. No member may speak more than twice on the same topic except by unanimous consent of the body.
6. A motion offered from the floor shall be in writing, signed by the person making the motion and presented immediately to the RVW Secretary.
7. All reports and other materials for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be typed and, immediately on presentation, shall be presented to the RVW Secretary.
8. Any motion adopted by the membership by a majority vote of the attending members shall become effective immediately upon passage unless otherwise noted.
9. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* most recent edition shall be the parliamentary authority for this membership meeting in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of RVW.

A majority vote of the attending membership shall be necessary for the adoption of these rules. They may be suspended, rescinded or amended after their adoption by a majority vote.

Adopted by Board: 3-27-2012
Revised and adopted by the Membership: 7-8-2012
Revised by the Board: 8-31-2022
Revised by the Board: 8-2-2023

Thank You!

We appreciate all of the members who attended the 2026 RVing Women's 28th National Convention in Farmington, New Mexico. Thank you to the team leads, members of the committees, volunteers, seminar presenters, vendors, donors, the contributors from a variety of chapters, and our RVW leaders for making this a successful convention. Your presence contributed immensely to the event's success, and we truly appreciate your support.

Deborah Delzell • 2026 Farmington Convention Coordinator

The next RVW convention will be in 2028!

Based on input from members, RVW will now be hosting national conventions every other year.

On the off years, chapters are being encouraged—either individually or in conjunction with neighboring chapters—to organize regional rallies that will require less travel, be less expensive, and give the greatest number of women an opportunity to participate.

These rallies will be based on location, activities, and sisterhood. If you have ideas for a regional rally, contact RVW Board Member Tracy Hahn at thahn219@gmail.com.

Our next convention will be in 2028, most likely in our Eastern region. Do you know of a location that can host up to 200 rigs (yes... we want to grow our attendance), that might offer our group a good rate, AND has fun things to do around the area? If so, suggest a location to a board member while you are in Farmington, or email Tracy Hahn at thahn219@gmail.com.



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