



RVDA of Alberta Monthly E-Newsletter

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Please enjoy this edition of the RVDA of Alberta's Monthly E-Newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please reply to [Carrie Nelson](mailto:Carrie.Nelson@rvda-alberta.org) or call 780-455-8562.

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Upcoming Industry Events:

30th Annual RVDA of Alberta Member's Golf Tournament:

The 30th Annual RVDA of Alberta Member's golf tournament will be on August 9th at [Alberta Springs Golf Resort](http://AlbertaSpringsGolfResort.com) in Red Deer, AB. [Register](#) your team of four as soon as possible or if you have any questions regarding registration, please call the office at 1-888-858-8787.

RV Dealers International Convention/EXPO:



Registration for the RV Dealers International Convention/EXPO has begun! The event will be held in Las Vegas, NV on November 6th – 10th. Chris Helder will be the keynote speaker for the convention. For registration and more information please visit their website [RV Dealers International Convention/EXPO](#).

Education Training:

SAIT Apprenticeship Training Schedule:

For the SAIT 2017-2018 Recreation Vehicle Service Technician Apprentice Training Schedule please click on the links: [Apprenticeship and Industry Training Schedule](#) or www.sait.ca.

For employer and apprenticeship financial assistance programs [Click Here](#).

Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta - Fall Training Schedule:

The [Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta](#) has opened their doors for their training programs that they currently have at SAIT in Calgary to our members. Registration will start in the early fall so please keep an eye open for the registration emails. The following upcoming courses will be:

- a) Time Management (SAIT Main Campus) – October 17, 2017
- b) Conflict Negotiation (SAIT Main Campus) – October 18, 2017
- c) Mental Toughness (SAIT Main Campus) – November 14 & 15, 2017

Spader Training Schedule:

RVDA of Alberta is pleased to announce that in conjunction with [Spader Business Management](#) two training workshops in Alberta are scheduled this fall and winter for our Association members. RVDA of Alberta will provide a rebate of \$1000 to dealer members that attends and completes either of the below listed workshops.

[Service Writer Workshop](#) will be held in Calgary on November 14-16.

For further information and to [register](#).

[Parts & Accessories Management Workshop](#) will be held in Edmonton on December 5-7.

For further information or to [register](#).

2016-2017 NTP-Stag Canada RV Technician Bursary Recipients for Alberta:

RVDA of Alberta would like to congratulate the following Alberta recipients of the 2016-2017 NTP-Stag Canada RV Technician Bursaries. They are as follow:

Rick Anderson – Arrkann Trailer & RV Centre
Kyle Synnott – Canadian Leisure RV
Nolan Abramson – Prairie Sky RV
Daryl Plaza – Woody’s RV World

2017 Trouble Shooter Clinic:

Toronto Trouble Shooter Clinic will be held from December 11 to 15, 2017. There are three different schedules to choose from. All the schedules run from Monday to Friday. Schedule B is very popular at the moment. Review all the schedules and determine which schedules are most suitable for your technicians and [Register](#) before the clinic is full! There is a maximum of 15 students per class. If you have any questions, please contact [Anita Lien](#) at RVDA of Canada at 604-718-6306.

Association Information:

Stolen RV Report Information:

If you were a victim of a stolen RV, RVDA of Canada and RVDA of Alberta like to get this information out to the members as soon as possible in case the perpetrator(s) are trying to sell/trade the unit or have it serviced. A copy of the 2017 [Stolen RV’s List](#) is for our members to use in their offices at their discretion. If you have become a victim of theft and require a copy of the Stolen RV Report Form, please contact [Carrie Nelson](#) or (780) 455-8562/1-888-858-8787 as soon as possible. All members must fill out this form so we can have the correct information to notify the members.

Current Employment Opportunities within the RV Industry:

RVDA of Alberta has a page dedicated on its website for any current employment opportunities that our members may have within their business (es). Now that the camping season is approaching us, we are receiving phone calls and emails in regards to employment within the RV industry. Attached is a copy of the [Job Posting Form](#) that must be filled out completely for each job listing in order for the RVDA of Alberta to add this information on the website. Please feel free to login to the [RV Careers](#) website on their [Job Listings](#) page to post any job listings. Please email your completed form(s) to [Carrie Nelson](#) or if you have any questions please feel free to contact the office at (780) 455-8562/1-888-858-8787.

Open Lot Security

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The information provided is intended to be general in nature, and may not apply in your province. The advice of independent legal or other business advisors should be obtained in developing forms and procedures for your business. The recommendations are designed to reduce the risk of loss, but should not be construed as eliminating any risk or loss.

A properly designed storage lot should enhance security against theft, arson and vandalism by discouraging trespasser access. The level of protection is highly dependent on the attractiveness of the items on the lot.

The following solutions can be used alone or in combination depending on your particular situation:

Physical Barriers and Landscaping: Physical barriers are typically utilized to prevent vehicle access or removal of property from the open lot. Barriers can include concrete barriers and blocks. Landscaping features such as perimeter ditches or large rocks strategically placed can be worthwhile theft deterrents. Temporary barriers can be moved about as necessary and are generally used to block entrances or create a barrier along the side of an open lot.

Fencing: Fencing is typically used to prevent pedestrian and vehicle traffic from entering the lot. The methods used depend on the type of traffic being restricted. If the goal is to restrict vehicles but not pedestrians, a solid fence is not necessary. Steel posts joined with cable or chain may provide adequate protection. Chain link is the most common fencing material, but other options include iron, masonry, and wood. Chain link fences can be cut and therefore, additional security may be required. Installing additional horizontal steel pipes between the posts can reduce the possibility of items being removed through a cut fence. To prevent intruders from climbing over the fence, barb or razor wire should be installed on top of the fence. Fence gates should be constructed to the same or higher standards as the fence and be equipped with good quality professional series padlocks. If chain is used to lock the gate, it should be a minimum 3/8-inch grade 70 transport chain.

Lighting: Good lighting will discourage intruders. Installing perimeter lighting reduces dark areas and places for trespassers to hide. Lights should operate from dusk to dawn.

Storage Trailers: Trailers are often used for fire storage. To secure the trailer, a king pin lock should be used with further options being disabling the trailer and/or alarming the trailer.

Burglar Alarms: Additional security can be utilized by alarming the storage lot or trailer. The most effective burglar alarms will sound a local alarm as well as notify a monitoring company.

Common methods for alarming a fenced compound are:

1. Fence monitoring: alarm wires are strung through the fence – cutting the wires will trigger the alarm.
2. Photoelectric beam transmitters and receivers are placed inside the perimeter of the fence. The alarm is triggered when the beam is broken. If the lot is not fenced, individual items can be protected by the alarm using a closed loop system. An alarm cable is strung through each item to protect – removing the cable will trigger the alarm. Some high target theft items require a fenced compound and closed loop alarm system.

Video Cameras: Security cameras are an important component to crime prevention and should be used in combination with other deterrent measures. Large visible signs warning that the area is under surveillance should be installed. Some security companies utilize live monitoring of their cameras and can provide real time protection.

At Federated Insurance, we believe Loss Prevention is a critical component of your Risk Management Program. For more information, contact our Loss Prevention Department at 1-800-665-1934, or visit our website at www.federated.ca.

MISSION STATEMENT

RVDA of Alberta is a group of independent businesses that promotes the growth, quality and awareness of the RV Industry and RV Lifestyle. We provide leadership, education, training and support to our members and Industry partners to help them exceed consumer expectations.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to enhance current services, opportunities, quality, awareness and influence future growth within the RV Industry and Lifestyle.