



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](#) or call 780-455-8562.

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Industry Events:

RV Dealers International Convention/EXPO:

RV Dealers International Convention/EXPO was held in Las Vegas, NV on November 6th-10th. At this time, the RVDA of Canada board awarded plaques to George Goodrick and Darcy Turgeon to thank them for their time spent on the board.



George Goodrick and Sam Parks



Darcy Turgeon and Sam Parks

The RVDA of Canada board elected Jean-Francois Lussier of Horizon Lussier as the new Chairman. Other officers for the 2017-2018 year are:

- Vice Chairman: Herb Cowen, Pike Lake Golf Centre, Clifford, ON
- Treasurer: Gord Bragg, Hub City RV, Lantzville, BC
- Past Chairman: Sam Parks, Camp-Out RV, Stratford, ON

RVDA of Canada's Board of Directors starting January 2018 are:

- Dale Hopkins, RV City, Edmonton, AB
- Kyle Kehoe, Kehoe RV, Saskatoon, SK
- Jim Gorrie, GNR Camping World, Winnipeg, MB
- Bruno Tombari Jr., Bella Vista RV, Oro-Medonte, ON
- Josée Bédard, Roulotte Chaudière, Lévis, QC
- Bruce Marsh, Cape Breton Trailer Sales, Bras d'Or, NS
- Trevor Moase, Vacationer RV Sales and Service, Kelvin Grove, PE

For more information and updates please visit their website [RV Dealers International Convention/EXPO](#).

2017 Canadian Dealer of the Year:



Jason Bell of Chemo RV Sales and Service in 150 Mile House, BC was presented with the prestigious 2017 Canadian RV Dealer of the Year Award at the RVDA of Canada's Annual Meeting held at the RV Dealers Convention/Expo in Las Vegas, NV.

Jason Bell was clearly moved when announced as this year's recipient. He graciously accepted the award while surrounded by family, friends and colleagues. "Thank you. I am truly humbled, I am very blessed to have the opportunity to work in such a remarkable industry" said Bell, as Melanie Taylor, from RV Lifestyle Magazine, presented him with the Walter Paseska Memorial Canadian RV Dealer of the Year Award.

Along with our winner, the nominees for this year's Award were, Chris Chegus of Chegus RV Sales, Watson, SK, Kevin Cropper of Cropper Motors, Naicam, SK and Roland Goreski of Campkin's Camping Centre, Whitby, ON.

Congratulations to Jason and to all nominees, who have made outstanding contributions to the RV industry!

Calgary / Edmonton RV EXPO & Sale:

The 49th Calgary RV EXPO & Sale is on January 25th-28th and the 38th Edmonton RV EXPO & Sale is on February 8th-11th. If you are interested in showcasing your business at the RV shows and would like to purchase small booth space, please contact the office at (780) 455-8562.



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](#).

SAIT Air Brake Courses:

SAIT has started registration for the upcoming Air Brake Courses. Click here for the [Information Form](#) and contact SAIT directly at (403) 284-8471 or transportation.info@sait.ca.

Dometic School of Training Upcoming Alberta Workshop:

Dometic School of Training will be offering a workshop in Calgary on February 6th-7th, 2018. Attached is the [Schedule](#) and the [Registration Form](#). For more information on registration please contact Dometic Training School directly at (574) 294-2511 or by email at training.school@dometicusa.com.

NTP Stag Canada Bursary:

Click on the photo to apply now!



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.

A Driver's Guide to Cold Weather Conditions

We have all listened to weather reports and perhaps wondered exactly what was meant by what was said. If you drive for a living, or if you are on the road a lot, it is important to know what you may be encountering.

Because you can't usually choose the weather that you will be travelling in, knowing the conditions in advance can help you prepare and may provide the warning you need to avoid a dangerous situation. The following cold weather terms from Environment Canada should help you determine the meaning of the reported weather, when travelling in Canada.

Blizzard Warning – When winds of 40 km/hr or greater are expected to cause widespread reductions in visibility to 400 metres or less, due to blowing snow, or blowing snow in combination with falling snow, for at least 4 hours.

Blowing Snow Warning – When blowing snow, caused by winds of at least 30 km/hr, is expected to reduce visibility to 800 metres or less for at least 3 hours.

Freezing Drizzle Warning – When a period of freezing drizzle is expected for at least 8 hrs.

Freezing Rain Warning – When freezing rain is expected to pose a hazard to transportation or property; or

When freezing rain is expected for at least **2 hours** (Nationally except Maritimes);

When freezing rain is expected for at least **4 hours** (Maritime Provinces).

Flash Freeze Warning – When significant ice is expected to form on roads, sidewalks or other surfaces over much of a region because of the freezing of residual water from either melted snow, or falling/fallen rain due to a rapid drop in temperature.

Snowfall Warning – When 15 cm or more of snow falls within 12 hours or less (Eastern Canada and parts of BC).
When 10 cm or more of snow falls within 12 hours or less (Prairie Provinces, NWT, Nunavut and parts of BC).

Winter Storm Watch – When conditions are favourable for the development of severe and potentially dangerous winter weather, including:

A blizzard;

A major snowfall (25 cm or more within a 24-hour period); and

A significant snowfall (snowfall warning criteria amounts) combined with other winter weather hazard types such as: freezing rain, rainfall (over coastal BC only), strong winds, blowing snow and/or extreme wind chill.

Winter Storm Warning – When severe and potentially dangerous winter weather conditions are expected, including:

A major snowfall (25 cm or more within a 24-hour period); and

A significant snowfall (snowfall warning criteria amounts) combined with other cold weather precipitation types such as: freezing rain, strong winds, blowing snow and/or extreme wind chill.

Blizzard conditions may be part of an intense winter storm, in which case a blizzard warning is issued instead of a winter storm warning.

Weather Warning – A generic weather warning may be issued for extreme weather events for which there is no suitable warning type, because they rarely occur. For example: a major fog event.

A generic weather warning may also be issued for other weather events during situations where the environment is vulnerable due to pre-existing conditions and any further weather could result in a significant hazard. For example: 50 km/hr winds following an ice storm which could cause structural wind damage.

A generic weather warning may also be issued for situations where the event is not expected to reach warning criteria values, but there is a special reason for the warning. For example: the first event of the season, or an off-season event.

For more information on all weather terms and definitions please visit the Environment Canada website at <http://www.ec.gc.ca/meteo-weather/>

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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.

*Have a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year from the RVDA of Alberta!*



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