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Please enjoy this edition of the RVDA of Alberta's Monthly E-Newsletter. If you have any information that you would like the Association to share with its members, please email [Carrie Nelson](mailto:Carrie.Nelson@rvda-alberta.org).

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Industry Events:

RV Learning Weekend – Ol' MacDonalds Resort:



The 6th Annual RV Learning Weekend is quickly approaching us! Once again it will be held at [Ol' MacDonalds Resort](#) on May 25th-27th. If you or someone you know would like to attend RV Learning Weekend; please visit the [RVDA of Alberta website](#) for registration or further information. **Registration ends on May 18th!** If you have any questions regarding the event or if you'd like to become a sponsor, please call the office at (780) 455-8562/1-888-858-8787.

A special "Thank You" to all the sponsors for this year's event: [Alberta Prairie Railway](#), [Allan Dale Trailers & RV](#), [Arrkann Trailer & RV Centre](#), [ATB Financial](#), [Blue Ox](#), [Bucars RV Centre](#), [CanaDream Inc.](#), [Carefree RV Ltd.](#), [Coach Works R.V. & Marine Ltd.](#), [Dalton Timmis Insurance](#), [Dometic Corporation](#), [First Canadian Group of Companies](#), [Fraserway RV](#), [Go RV Leduc](#), [Grove RV and Leisure Inc.](#), [Guarantee RV Centre Inc.](#), [High River Autoplex & RV](#), [iA - SAL](#), [Mike & Dave RV Inc.](#), [Mountain View Camping Ltd.](#), [Ol' MacDonalds Resort](#), [RV Care Network Ltd.](#), [RV City](#), [Scotiabank Western Dealer Finance Centre](#), [TD Auto Finance](#), [Trailblazer RV Centre Ltd.](#), [Traveland RV Supercentre](#), [Western RV Country Ltd. - Airdrie & Leduc](#), [Woody's RV World](#).



Canadian RVing & Camping Week – Dealer & Campground Participation:



On May 22nd-27th, select campgrounds and dealerships across Canada will help raise funds for Make-A-Wish Canada and offer special discounts in support of Canadian RVing & Camping Week. If you are a dealership or campground and would like to participate, please click on the link to register your company or business <https://gorving.ca/canada-rv-camping-week/>.

RVDA of Alberta Annual General Meeting:

RVDA of Alberta Annual General Meeting will be in Las Vegas, NV on November 5th. A day of golf will be at the [Royal Links Golf Club](#) on November 4th for all that would like to participate. All members will receive 2 nights FREE accommodation for attending the RVDA of Alberta AGM. Registration will open in June so SAVE THE DATES!

RVDA RV Dealers Convention/EXPO:

Click on the photo for registration and information



RV Dealers International Convention/EXPO will be in Las Vegas from November 5th-9th and you can [book your hotel stay here](#). Keynote speaker, Jason Dorsey will be "**Crossing the Generational Divide**" during open general session.

Education & Training:

24th Skills Canada National Competition – Volunteers Needed:



[RVDA of Canada](#), [RVDA of Alberta](#) and [SAIT](#) will be attending the [24th Skills Canada National Competition](#) as a try-a-trade exhibitor on June 4th & 5th at the [Edmonton EXPO Centre](#). If you or anyone can come to volunteer for the event please contact our office at (780) 455-8562 or 1-888-858-8787. Skills Canada National Competition is the only national, multi-trade and technology competition for students and apprentices. More than 500 people from all regions of Canada come to participate in over 40 skilled trade and technology competitions. This provides hands-on work experience related to trade and technology careers. This event is open to the public on competition days only with 550 competitors and 50 try-a-trade and technology activities.

SAIT Apprenticeship Training Schedule:



The Sait 2018-2019 Recreation Vehicle Service Technician Apprentice Training Schedule will be available soon. Stay tuned for the registration link.

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.

NTP Stag Canada Bursary:

Click on the photo to apply now!



Have you been asked that question recently?

Don't be intimidated by words such as, "application," "essay," "600 words," and "eligibility." You are a technician that has working knowledge in 14+ trades! You should be uber proud of the knowledge you possess and consider yourself a strong contender for this bursary!

There are ONLY 4 questions that you must answer! Even if you're not a person of many words, we just need 600!

1. What attracted you to work in the RV industry?
2. Describe a scenario where you were able to "think on your feet."
3. What do you enjoy the most and least of your job?
4. How do you think the RV service technician trade differs from other trades?

[RVDA of Canada](#) will award 11 bursaries valued at \$1000 each and 1 bursary at \$1500 to eligible RV technicians in all Canadian Provinces and Territories, who have enrolled in RV apprenticeship or related education programs.

The **eligible training period** for consideration of the 2017-2018 bursary is from **August 1st, 2017 to May 31st, 2018**. Bursaries will be awarded to students with serious interest and desire to succeed in the RV industry as demonstrated by successful program completion with higher than average grades. **Application deadline is June 1st, 2018!**

Association Information:

Stolen RV Report:

If you were a victim of a stolen RV, [RVDA of Canada](#) and [RVDA of Alberta](#) are required 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 2018 Stolen RV's List will be sent to our members (as they are reported) to use in their offices at their discretion monthly. 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 the form, so we have the correct information to notify the members and RVDA of Canada.

RVDA of Alberta Campground Grant Application & Criteria:

The RVDA of Alberta will award up to \$20,000 annually to one or multiple campgrounds whose membership is in good standing with the Association. Campgrounds are encouraged to apply for funding for any improvements planned or recently completed that will enhance the overall appearance or operation of their business. Attached is the [Campground Grant Application & Criteria](#) and the deadline is **May 11th, 2018**.



A business spring-cleaning checklist

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Canadian winters can take their toll, especially when it comes to your business property and vehicles. Now that spring is upon us, the changing season is a great time to take an in-depth look at every aspect of your business.

Protect your property

Keeping your land and buildings safe can greatly reduce your accidents, claims and losses.

- Do you have enough fire extinguishers and are they serviced annually? Are employees trained to use them?
- Are there any areas your sprinkler system doesn't protect?
- Does your alarm system fully protect your property? Is the system properly protected (motion sensors, phone line protection, or cell phone back up) from tampering?
- Have you installed lighting in areas that could be targeted by thieves?
- Do you sell any items that thieves typically target? If so, how are they protected?

Minimize your liability

The type, frequency and complexities of your work along with the people doing it impacts customer satisfaction, faulty work claims, and accidents.

- Do your safety and emergency procedures need updating?
- Are your stairs, carpets, elevators, escalators and walkways in good repair?
- Do you have sufficient outdoor lighting to prevent injury?
- Do you have a quality control process in place to – defects in design, manufacturing or marketing (e.g. improper labelling, inadequate instructions or lack of warning label)
- Is sensitive data of employees and customers properly secured (physical and electronic)?

Keep vehicles (and drivers) safe

Even if you have only one vehicle, looking after it and training employees on how to use it is extremely important.

- Do you have a written policy in place for authorized employees who drive company vehicles?
- Do you have a vehicle maintenance schedule?
- Have you reviewed all accidents or near misses? Does anything need changing?
- Increase employee safety Do you have a training program to ensure your employees

have the information they need to stay safe?

- Do you have the proper protective gear for employees? Is it in good condition?
- Has your industry changed or created any new training programs?
- Do you regularly perform quality control inspections to make sure your building and equipment are safe for employees?
- Does your business comply with all safety legislations?
- Are employee workstations ergonomically appropriate to avoid workplace injuries?

Update your insurance policy

- Have you reviewed your claims from last year? Do you need to make any changes to ensure these claims won't happen again?
- Have you looked over your policy to verify that you're properly insured and that you have the right coverage amounts?
- Have you reviewed your company vehicle(s) insurance policy to ensure you have the proper coverage and amounts?
- Has your industry or

company undergone changes in the last year that could affect your insurance?

- Do you need to add, remove or switch your policy's coverages?
- Do you have up-to-date records of your current inventory and any recent equipment purchases?

At the end of the day, spring-cleaning your business is all about risk prevention. It starts with asking yourself questions like the ones above to help you figure out how to better protect your business, then taking the time to implement the changes that can make your business safer – not just in the spring, but all year long.

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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