

CONVENTION FAQ's LODI CA 2007

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1. Convention Attendance – what can I expect?

Those who have attended a convention know of the excitement that occurs upon arrival at convention. There are friends to find you haven't seen for several months and friends you haven't even met yet; Board members you want to talk with, and the Volunteer Sign-Up Clipboards at the RVW Volunteer booth in the Vendor Hall (Zinfandel).

Do I have to be a member to attend? No, you do not have to be a member of RVW. You can register as a guest for Convention. But we hope you will then become a new member and join the First Timers.

FIRST TIMERS are special! That's what we call members who have not attended any of our previous conventions. There will be a special meeting for you at **11:30 on Wednesday** – Registration day – in Burgundy Hall. After you read your convention program and decide what seminars you want to attend, consider signing up to be a Volunteer at the RVW Booth as it a great way to meet other attendees.

And...there are the **BLOCK PARTIES** to arrange and attend in the Campground. When you get parked, leveled, plugged in and settled; go meet the neighbors around you, arrange a Block Party around your group of RV's. Bring out the drinks, snacks, chairs, games and enjoy meeting other Convention2K7 attendees. This is a small, intimate campground so you should have plenty of chairs out for friends new & old.

Parking: When you enter the Lodi Grape Festival grounds, the Parking Committee will direct you to the camping area. Follow the **FLAG CART** to your site. If you have any problems, see one of the parking volunteers. **No one is allowed to re-park her coach in a different site.** Our parking crew has a difficult job; please give them your total cooperation and consideration. Tow cars will be parked in the dry camping area nearby.

If you need to take your coach out for some reason; use extreme caution in pulling out and when you re-park. Moving your coach is not recommended unless necessary.

Since the Registration Booth will not be open until Wednesday October 10th, if you are coming in early for a tour or for the golf outing, one of the parking volunteers will park you and then point you in the direction of the **Tours, Tow Car Adventure** or **Golf Chair** to receive the appropriate tickets, golf or tow car information.

You will probably have many questions. Try to find time to read the Convention Program in your packet!! This is *Very Important*. Most of your questions will be answered in this booklet. All the seminars will be listed with the times, days, and instructors and a summary. Events will be listed along with the schedule of the evening events or entertainment. It is important to decide which seminars you wish to attend. You won't be able to attend them all. Mark the ones that are important to you.

Be sure to carry this Convention Program with you throughout the convention. It is an invaluable resource. It's easy to begin talking with other members during lunch and forget about that all-important seminar you want to attend that afternoon. There will be vendors selling their products in Zinfandel Hall – so be sure to check them out in your free time – they are here to serve you and to answer your questions about their products. And in Cabernet Hall there will be an RV show for you to see some of the latest models. Without their support, there would be no conventions!

Leave some free time in your schedule. This is the time you may volunteer if you wish to do so. One of the best ways for First Timers to get to know other members is to volunteer. Check the Volunteer Sign-Up Clipboards at the Volunteer Booth in the Vendor Hall (Zinfandel) regularly for vacancies or gaps in the schedule. Most convention-goers relax *after* convention – there is just so much to see and do during convention! Sign up now and enjoy a great week with over 400 women learning about the RV lifestyle – you'll have a great time.

2. How soon can I arrive?

Gates will open on Saturday 06 October. You will enter through the RV Entrance at the corner of East Lockeford Street & Calaveras Street (by a park). Convention officially starts on Wednesday, October 10th with Registration from 9 a.m. until noon. If you wish to attend the tours on Sunday or Monday or be there for the Golf outing or Tow Car Adventure you will want to arrive a day or two early. Be sure to add the appropriate camping fees to your Registration Form.

Some Committee Chairs and some volunteers and Board members will begin arriving on the Wednesday before. Since Volunteers are needed throughout convention, if you arrive early and wish to volunteer, we'll be glad to put you to work!

3. How do I find the Lodi Grape Festival ?

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P.O. BOX 848
LODI, CA 95241

Phone: 209.369.2771
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www.grapefestival.com



The Lodi Grape Festival is located at: 413 E. Lockeford Street in Lodi, California. We are situated between Highway 99 and Interstate 5, 40 miles south of Sacramento and 10 miles north of Stockton.

4. What is available around the Lodi Grape Festival grounds?

The City of Lodi is centrally located in northern California with easy access to U.S. western states. As the northern most city in San Joaquin County, Lodi bridges the areas of Northern and Central California- an ideal location for business and visitors touring this abundant wine grape growing region.

Where Is It?

The City of Lodi is located 90 miles east of San Francisco, 35 miles south of Sacramento, the State's capital, adjacent to Highways 99, 12, and 88 and easily accessible to Interstate I-5.

Is It Accessible?

Lodi, like all of San Joaquin County, has excellent transportation accessibility. It sits between two primary north-south highways, Hwy 99 and Interstate 5 that respectively connect major cities in Central California and provide access to major markets from Canada to Mexico. It is well connected for east-west transportation with Interstate 580 running to Oakland and the San Francisco Bay Area. Interstate 80 links Lodi to Reno, Nevada and points further east. Lodi's ground transportation includes 24 carriers and other local trucking firms serving the Lodi area.

5. I'm not bringing a motor home, where can I stay nearby?

Lodging	Address	Phone No.
<u>Best Western-Royal Host Inn</u>	710 S. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-369-8484
<u>Budget Inn</u>	917 S. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-369-1091
<u>Comfort Inn</u>	118 N. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-367-4848
<u>Del Rancho Motor Inn</u>	501 N. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-368-5348
<u>Economy Inn</u>	1100 S. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-368-3778
<u>El Rancho Motel</u>	603 N. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-368-0651
<u>Holiday Inn Express</u>	1140 S. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	800-432-7613
<u>Main Hotel</u>	4 S. Main St. Lodi, CA 95240	209-334-6059
<u>Motor Lodge</u>	1050 S. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-333-8844
<u>Rancho Grande Motel</u>	807 S. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-334-3303
<u>Traveler's Motel</u>	112 N. School St. Lodi, CA 95240	209-368-1518
<u>Viking Motel</u>	815 S. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-369-6229
<u>Wine and Roses Hotel</u>	2505 W. Turner Rd. Lodi, CA 95240	209-334-6988
<u>Wine Country Inn</u>	607 S. Cherokee Ln. Lodi, CA 95240	209-368-2707
Coming early in your RV:	Address	Phone No.
<u>KOA Campground</u>	2851 E. Eight Mile Rd Lodi, CA 95240	209-334-0309
<u>Lodi Lake Park</u>	1101 Turner Rd. Lodi, CA 95240	209-333-6742
<u>Mokelumne Beach Resort RV</u>	18450 N. Highway 99 Lodi, CA 95240	209-333-0340
<u>Flag City RV Resort</u>	6120 Banner St. Lodi, CA 95242	866-371-4855

6. What is planned for entertainment?

Wednesday: Judy Fjell Singer-Songwriter Judy Fjell is definitely "one-of-a-kind." Not only are her musical gifts considerable, but they are easily matched by her generosity and energy as a performer and social activist. In addition, there's no shortage of humor in her concerts or her workshops. Audiences may find themselves laughing about things they never knew were funny, or thinking about things in a new light, thanks to her stories and songs. Some of her lyrics and melodies quietly carry listeners to the wide open spaces of Montana. Others convey a strong message for compassion and justice - for the planet and for the human race. <http://www.judyfjell.com>



Friday: Connie Mart is working with the "**All Girl Band**" and getting music picked out and the practicing set up. She is actually a seasoned performer and even has her own cd's. It's amazing the talent we have in our rigs! If you are interested in joining the All-Girl band contact Connie at connieann3@comcast.net to get further details. All sorts of easy-listening and easy sing along music will be played. Jeri McLees, self-proclaimed sister of Ann Murray will "sing" with the band.

Gracie: RVW's answer to Ann Landers will present a self-help workshop. Ask Gracie ... she'll give you an answer for all your problems. Gracie will also display several new products just in time for convention.



Saturday: After tonight's sit-down family style banquet, the Closing Ceremonies will begin. This evening we are privileged to have as our Guest **Willie & Company**. Peggy Miller is the voice behind Willie; as well as Great great Granny Gardner and Willie's little cousin, Hannah. She is a ventriloquist with the unique ability to make the audience forget that it is she who is talking and singing. It won't take long to notice that Willie's ability to steal the show is a credit to Peggy's remarkable talent and technique.

Willie, a personality unto himself. He is the star! ~ If you don't believe it...ASK HIM! He loves the ladies, torments the men, charms the children and steals everyone's heart. He has tremendous wit, an appreciation for his audience, patriotism, humility and a strong dedication to his lifetime friend and mentor, Peggy Miller. He sings, tells stories, plays auctioneer and will leave you begging for more! She has earned the respect from many audiences and fellow professionals. You'll have to agree - she's extraordinary! We are so happy to have her and her family back with us once again. <http://www.willieandco.com>

7. What meals are provided?

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, we are working to have a concession stand to get you started before all the wonderful seminars you'll want to attend. Saturday evening, before the Closing Ceremonies, we'll enjoy a sit-down family style banquet together. And Sunday morning there will be a hitch-up breakfast to say goodbye to all our friends new & old.

8. When is the Tow Car and Golf Event?

Registration for the Tow Car Event will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday October 8th and run throughout the day until 4 p.m. in order to get everyone out on the Road. Cost for the event is a \$30 donation to RVW. Grab your co-pilot, shine up the Tow Car and get your directions for the ride of historical Lodi.

Golfers will meet on Monday a.m. also. and carpool to the Golf Course to begin their event at 10:00 a.m. See the Golf Chairs when you arrive for complete details and times.

9. What tours are offered before convention?

Come and join us as we investigate and explore the surrounding area, which is steeped in history and natural beauty. Much to do and see in this Gold country of old and San Francisco is close by to enjoy. Check the July/August RVW Magazine for Tour listings and registration.

10. Where will the RV Maintenance Classes begin held?

The two RV maintenance classes will cover topics appropriate for beginners and seasoned RVers. Everything from water, electrical, and sewer systems to chemicals, propane and winterizing and more will be offered. These two RV maintenance classes will begin Tuesday October 9th morning at 9:00 until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person for the Basic Maintenance and \$60 for the more Advanced Session. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required.