



A Recreational Vehicle Resource in Southwest Florida

BREAKING NEWS: This week we expanded to be Charlotte RV & Marine. Visit www.CharlotteMarine.com for information. We will do all aspects of boat repair including engine, hull, electrical, etc. We are very well connected with the insurance companies to handle claims for damage repairs.

Rving is extremely popular in Southwest Florida. Charlotte County and DeSoto County have the largest per capita population of RVs of any two counties in Florida. Charlotte County has the largest per capita population of motorhomes among the large counties in Florida. Many of our local residents have an RV to travel to sporting events, visit family and friends, or to have a place to stay while on a job assignment such as nursing, construction or engineering. And, of course, Southwest Florida is a popular destination for RVing snowbirds because of the abundance of nice RV resorts in the area.

Amos Slater, a resident of Punta Gorda, developed the Charlotte RV Center at the corner of US 41 and Kings Highway in Port Charlotte beginning spring 2004. Servicing RVs is a natural extension of his 36-years' experience in the motorcoach business in Detroit, Michigan. "Before I opened Charlotte RV, you had to go to Tampa to find a full-service RV facility comparable to ours," he says. "Now, the largest dedicated RV service facility in Florida is right here in Port Charlotte!"

Charlotte RV's service and repair business quickly expanded to include sales of pre-owned RVs of all types and price ranges. Typically, about 100 RVs are available to choose from, and Amos' goal is to offer a selection of nearly 200 units. Financing, trade-ins and extended warranty contracts are offered. Those looking to upsize or downsize, as well as those folks who are new to the RV lifestyle, have their choice of Class A, B and C motor homes, travel trailers, folding campers, fifth wheel trailers and expandable travel trailers.

Charlotte RV added the Chalet folding camper product line a year ago, and last month added another line of collapsible travel trailers.

"These RVs take just an extra gallon of gas to travel 100 miles," explains Amos. "Yet they offer full showers, bathroom, and kitchen facilities. Best of all, no canvas! These lightweight trailers are ideal for towing behind the family minivan or the smaller 6-cylinder SUVs and compact pickup trucks. A person doesn't have to own a huge pickup truck to tow a travel trailer anymore."

Those looking to sell their own RV can utilize Charlotte RV's consignment services, which include thousands of web links and access to print, radio and television advertisements, as well as display space on US 41.

There is also an extensive parts and accessories store, with hundreds of unique products on site and catalogs supplying thousands more. And Charlotte RV boasts a full service department, able to handle any major or minor repairs. There is even a full body department, with the latest technology in eco-friendly painting, in the controlled atmosphere of a 56-foot paint spray booth. Everything from minor collisions to full custom paint comes out looking fabulous. Insurance claims for water damage, wind damage, lightning strikes, collision and all other perils are handled quickly and professionally at Charlotte RV.

With a staff of 26 people, "There is not an aspect of RVs that is not handled here," says Amos.

Charlotte RV Service & Sales is located at 23180 Harper Avenue, near the intersection of Kings Highway and US 41. For additional information, please call (941) 883-5555, or visit both www.charlotterv.com or www.charlottervservice.com.

