

About

Dale Lee Sumner

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While innately analytical since his formative years, Dale received his first formal analysis training in the U.S. Navy as a Maintenance and Material Management (3M) Data Analyst in the Aviation Branch. He later went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Systems Analysis (aka Operations Research) from Miami University of Ohio.

After a successful career of twenty-four years (7 years Enlisted and 17 years Commissioned), he retired from the Navy as a Commander (O-5) in the Supply Corps (the U.S. Navy's Business Managers). He later served as a Senior Member, Logistics Staff for the Sperry Corporation, and, afterwards, as a Logistics Management Supervisor (GM-14) for the Defense Information Systems Agency.

Following an early retirement in 2002, Dale became an RVIA/RVDA Certified RV Service Technician, supplemented quickly by achievement of Master Certification. Also in 2002, he and his wife became full-time RVers. They soon started their own mobile RV repair business (Mobile RV Medic, Inc.) – conducting a repair business October thru March in central Florida and as vendors and lecturers on the national RV rally circuit the remainder of the year. The business flourished and the full-timing continued well over 10 years.

After achieving his RV repair business goals, Dale continued to service the RVing industry by writing educational books for RVers. The ***Understanding Your RV*** series of books now number five, with two more anticipated. He also continues to give informational seminars about RVs – concentrating on RVing venues in central Florida (between and around Tampa and Orlando).

Dale is the innovator of the RV On-Hand Stock Analysis Service (ROSAS). His involvement with RVs (using, maintaining, and enjoying since he was 13), as well as repairing RVs, combined with his experience working for two significant RV Parts Distributors (one regional and one national), lead him to develop the ROSAS as a next logical step for the whole RV repair industry. His goal is to provide a viable and effective process for systematically analyzing and identifying the "most often called-for" repair/replacement parts for RV appliances and equipment.