

# SSA 2025 FALL

**CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW** 





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## WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS



## 50 Years of Achievement



There have been a lot of tracks to our year-long Golden Anniversary celebration. The nostalgia that goes along with five decades of "togetherness" and "the collective good" deservingly has focused on the memorable events and the individuals involved.

Education, socialization and fun aside, as you read this, perhaps consider just the business that has

been achieved under the umbrella of the Self Storage Association since 1975. Think about the acquisitions completed, companies merged, brands changed, the supplies and services put into reality, and jobs landed.

The story of the Self Storage Association unfolded much in the same way that the industry itself did, with lots of questions. If you talked to the most successful visionaries from the era, even they will admit they did not initially recognize the true potential of this real estate sector. There were more questions than answers, which is what founder Buzz Victor has always pointed to as his incentive to establish the Self-Service Storage Association, as it was known at first.

The Colorado-based small businessman discovered that others joining the industry had the same questions, beginning with: Who else is actually in this industry? Apologies for dating everyone who can remember, but the challenges to simply network, at all, were unique before email, texting, social media, high-speed internet or even faxing.

What is faxing, many of you are asking? It is the electronic transmission of documents, typically over telephone lines, from one location to another. This definition comes to us courtesy of ChatGPT, which probably few who already knew what faxing was, would understand today.

We always like to say that it takes "people associating" to have an association, which is the essence of what the SSA has meant over the past 50 years. This is where professionals have gathered to learn from each other, to achieve their business goals. Certainly, those goals have all been different for everyone involved, but that's okay, because an organization that represents the entire industry should, and has, had a broad scope.

All of us can be guilty of seeing things largely through the narrow frames of our own agendas, but looked at from 30,000 feet, the scale of what's been achieved through the SSA has been remarkably enormous.

TIM DIETZ • SSA President & CEO

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#### **EXHIBIT HOURS**

Wednesday, September 3 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, September 4 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

#### **EXHIBIT HALL ACCESSIBILITY "AFTER HOURS"**

If you need extra time to talk with a vendor when the Exhibit Hall is closed, simply make an appointment to meet them at the entrance to the Hall at a specified time. The vendor has access and will escort you to their booth. When you have completed your business, the vendor will escort you out of the Hall. This procedure ensures Hall security is not compromised for booths that are unattended but does allow for you to spend additional time with our vendors. No one under the age of 16 allowed in the trade show hall during exhibit hours or under the age of 18 during move-in and move-out.

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#### **FAMILY BUSINESS MASTER CLASS**

Five Star Storage

## **50 ON THE 50 CELEBRATION** RECEIVER

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Extra Space Storage Marcus & Millichap Storage Commander

#### **WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

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Paramount Metal Systems, LLC Storable

Supply Side USA

The SBOA (Storage Business Owners Alliance)

#### **FLOOR CLING**

RIPCO Self-Storage Roll-Up Door, Inc. Steel and Metal Systems, Inc.

#### **50 ON THE 50 CELEBRATION KICKER**

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Kiwi II Construction
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Roll-Up Door, Inc.
Self Storage Manager, Inc.

Solid Steel Structures Inc. Steel and Metal Systems, Inc. Storage Asset Management

#### **LOC MEETING**

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#### LOC RECEPTION

Self Storage Manager, Inc.

#### SSA 101

Absolute Storage Management Kiwi II Construction

#### YLG

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#### **NOTEPADS**

JustStorage

#### **ESCALATOR LANDING CLING**

Cubby

Reliable Commercial Construction Trac-Rite Door

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## CROSS AISLE SIGNS W/ FLOOR STICKERS

Roll-Up Door, Inc. Steel and Metal Systems, Inc.

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Badges must be worn at all SSA events!

They are coded to help you identify our attendees.

Plain/Clear Badges	. Full and Additional Registrants
Purple Bar	. One-Day Only Registrants (Wednesday)
Black Bar	. One-Day Only Registrants (Thursday)
Black Bar	. LOC Only
Red Bar	. Exhibitors
Blue Bar	. Wednesday Trade Show Only Registrants
Yellow Bar	. Thursday Trade Show Only Registrants
Green Bar	. Managers or Family Business Master Class

Foundation Fundraiser Only

#### DON'T LOSE YOUR BADGE!

A \$50 badge replacement fee will be charged for any lost badges.

#### YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT

We rely on your comments and suggestions to help us tailor our programs to meet your needs. Conference Evaluation Surveys will be emailed to all registrants shortly after the conference. We encourage you to take a few minutes to give us your feedback. Submit your survey in a timely manner, and you'll be entered in SSA's drawing for a FREE REGISTRATION to a future SSA Conference and Trade Show!

## SESSION RECORDINGS & CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

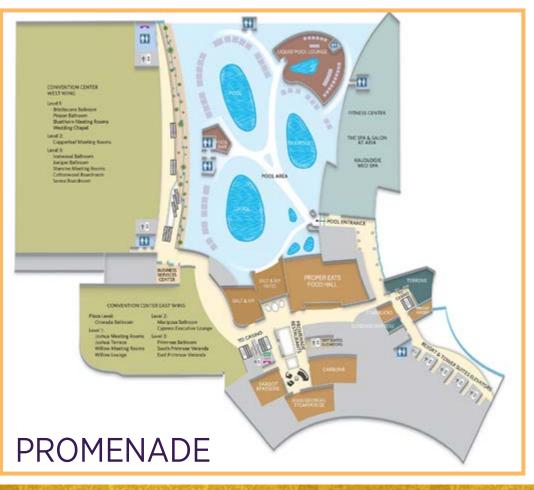
Speakers were encouraged to provide handouts to enhance their presentations. If provided, these are included in the conference Proceedings Manual, and are provided to conference registrants (Full, Additional, and One-Day Only categories) electronically, after the conference.

Electronic downloads of approved recorded sessions will be provided free of charge to SSA Members in the Full or Additional Registrant Category. For all others, the downloads will be available for purchase on our website, a few weeks after the conference.

## ARIA RESORT & CASINO MAP

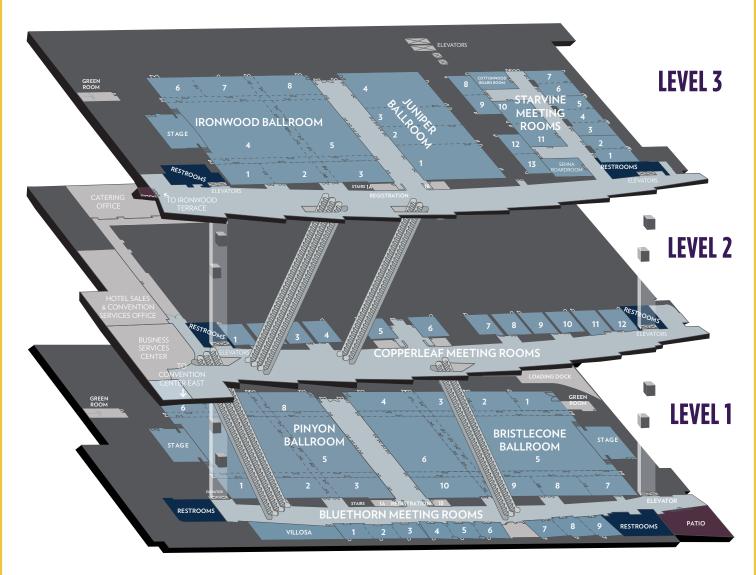


Arrows represent path from guest elevators to shuttle bus pick-up and drop-off for "50 on the 50 Celebration".





## ARIA CONFERENCE MAP



## LEVEL 3

MASTER CLASSES SSAF FUNDRAISER SSA CAFÉ YLG SSA 101 EDUCATIONAL &
GENERAL SESSIONS
LOC
ROUNDTABLES
WOMEN'S COUNCIL

### LEVEL 2

REGISTRATION

### LEVEL 1

TRADE SHOW



## DAILY PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

## SEPTEMBER 2

7:00A-5:00P 2nd Floor Hallway ATTENDEE & EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

7:00a-5:00p Ironwood Foyer MEMBERSHIP • PRODUCTS & SERVICES BOOTH STATE AFFILIATES • SSA FOUNDATION

7:00A-5:00P

Juniper 1

#### SSA CAFÉ

Badge required.

A&E CONSTRUCTION CO. • CHATEAU PRODUCTS • HRIC MD, INC. • PRORIZE LLC • PUBLIC STORAGE

8:00a-5:00p

PINYON & BRISTLECONE

**EXHIBITOR MOVE-IN** 

11:00a-12:00p Starvine 1-2

**SSA 101: MAXIMIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE** 

ABSOLUTE STORAGE MANAGEMENT KIWI II CONSTRUCTION

2:00p-5:00p

Juniper 2

**FAMILY BUSINESS MASTER CLASS** Ontional event. Separate fee required.

JOLENE BROWN

FIVE STAR STORAGE

2:00p-5:00p

Starvine 10-11

**SELF STORAGE MANAGERS MASTER CLASS** 

Optional event. Separate fee required. DAVID COOPER • STORAGE KING

SUE HAVILAND . HAVII AND STORAGE SERVICES

SARAH BETH JOHNSON-DEFAZIO

STACIE MAXWELL

ON THE MOVE/SECURELEASE

CAROL MIXON . SKILCHECK SERVICES JIM MOONEY • FREEDOM STORAGE MANAGEMENT

THE SBOA (STORAGE BUSINESS OWNERS ALLIANCE) US LED. LTD.

5:30p-7:00p

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SSA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Featuring Pro Football Legends \$250 Donation required for entry.

7:00p-8:30p

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**CANADIAN SSA RECEPTION** 

#### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

7:00A-5:00P

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8:00a-10:00a Pinvon & Bristlecone

**EXHIBITOR MOVE-IN** 

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

8:15a-9:00a

#### **EDUCATION SESSIONS**

STATE OF THE SELF STORAGE MARKET Starvine 1–2

**FUTURE-PROOFING SELF STORAGE:** SMARTER TECH FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS Starvine 3-4

MODERN RENTAL AGREEMENT CLAUSES YOU MAY BE MISSING Starvine 6-7

KPIS. ROI. AND NOI: THE NUMBERS THAT MATTER FOR SELF STORAGE OPERATORS Starvine 10-11

9:00a-9:15a

**BREAK** 

9:15a-10:00a

Ironwood

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

THE LATEST 2025 **SELF STORAGE DEMAND STUDY** 

WEYEN BURNAM . STORAGEMART CHELSEA GLASS • C+R RESEARCH GEORGE LEON · DESIGNETTO CONSULTING ALYSSA QUILL . STORAGE ASSET MANAGEMENT

10:00a-10:15a

**BREAK** 

10:15a-11:30a

Ironwood

#### FEATURED SPEAKERS SESSION

SELF STORAGE EXECUTIVE ALL STARS TIM DIETZ • SSA, PRESIDENT & CEO

CRIS BURNAM • STORAGEMART

**BILL HORIN** • WILLIAM WARREN/STOROLIEST

JOE MARGOLIS • EXTRA SPACE CHRIS MARR . CUBESMART

JOE RUSSELL . PUBLIC STORAGE JOE SHOEN • U-HAUL

11:30A-4:00P

Pinyon & Bristlecone

**TRADE SHOW** 

12:00p-3:00p

Juniper 3-4

#### LARGE OPERATORS COUNCIL MEETING For SSA Members who own 10 or more facilities

and are dues-paying members of the LOC.

RON HAVNER • PUBLIC STORAGE MIKE BURNAM . STORAGEMART DEAN JERNIGAN

STORAGEUSA, CUBESMART AND JERNIGAN CAPITAL

DAVE ROGERS • LIFESTORAGE KEN WOOLLEY • EXTRA SPACE

**FEATURED SPEAKER** 

KEVIN O'LEARY

ADVERANK • VERITEC SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED

3:00p-4:00p

Juniper 3-4

#### LARGE OPERATORS COUNCIL RECEPTION

For SSA Members who own 10 or more facilities and are dues-paying members of the LOC.

SPONSORED BY: SELF STORAGE MANAGER, INC.

4:00p-5:30p

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YOUNG LEADERS GROUP (YLG) SESSION

Requires membership in the YLG. Membership is free for 2025. FEATURED SPEAKER

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KIWI II CONSTRUCTION . NODAFI

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5:45p-9:30p

#### SHUTTLES TO/FROM **ARIA AND ALLEGIANT STADIUM**

Departing from the TOUR BUS LOBBY beginning at 5:45 pm, with the last shuttle departing at 7 pm. Return shuttles to Aria Casino & Resort will begin at 8 pm, the last shuttle departs Allegiant Stadium at 9:30 pm.

#### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

6:00p-9:00p

**Allegiant Stadium** 

#### **"50 ON THE 50** CELEBRATION

Must be 21 (with valid ID) to attend "50 on the 50 Celebration". Conference badge required. Clear bag policy enforced. No exceptions.

QUARTERBACK: STORABLE

RECEIVERS: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE MARCUS & MILLICHAP • STORAGE COMMANDER

CICKERS: AI LEAN • KIWI II CONSTRUCTION OPENTECH ALLIANCE • PARAMOUNT METAL SYSTEMS. LLC ROLL-UP DOOR, INC. • SELF STORAGE MANAGER SOLID STEEL STRUCTURES INC. STEEL AND METAL SYSTEMS. INC. STORAGE ASSET MANAGEMENT

Join us to celebrate



#### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4

8:00A-3:30P

2nd Floor Hallway

ATTENDEE & EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

8:00a-5:00p

Ironwood Foyer

MEMBERSHIP • PRODUCTS & SERVICES BOOTH STATE AFFILIATES • SSA FOUNDATION

8:30A-5:00P

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SSA CAFÉ RECOVER AND REGENERATE BREAKFAST

Badge required.

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8:30A-9:45A

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**CANADIAN SSA SESSION** 

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Starvine 10

SSA WOMEN'S COUNCIL **PANEL SESSION & BREAKFAST** 

SSA'S WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

ANNE BALLARD

FOY COOLEY • ACCESS SELF STORAGE

JOANNE GEILER . SOCAL SELESTORAGE CAROL SHIPLEY

CORNERSTONE STORAGE GROUP DEBBIE SUTHERLAND SPACE CENTER STORAGE

NODAFI • PARAMOUNT METAL SYSTEMS, LLC STORABLE • SUPPLY SIDE USA THE SBOA (STORAGE BUSINESS OWNERS ALLIANCE)

10:30a-11:30a

Juniper 1

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS** 

11:30A-3:00P Pinyon & Bristlecone TRADE SHOW

3:00p-10:00p

Pinyon & Bristlecone **EXHIBITOR MOVE-OUT** 

3:15p-4:15p

Ironwood SSA FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS JIM DAVIES

TALONVEST CAPITAL (IN MEMORIAM)

PHYLLIS MCARTHUR MORNINGSTAR PROPERTIES

**FOUNDATION FORUM SPEAKER** THRIVING IN THE AGE OF AI

RICH KARLGAARD

#### **THURSDAY** SEPTEMBER 4

4:15p-4:30p

**BREAK** 

4:30p-5:15p

#### **EDUCATION SESSIONS**

STATE OF PLAY: MARKET CONDITIONS. OPERATIONAL WINS, AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIES Starvine 1-2

SECRETS OF THE TOP 10%: WHAT HIGH-PERFORMING MANAGERS DO DIFFERENTLY Starvine 3-4

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SELF STORAGE: TRENDS IN CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, AND INDUSTRY SHIFTS Starvine 6-7

> MASTERING YOUR SALES FUNNEL: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS Starvine 10-11

#### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5

7:00A-10:00A

Ironwood

Ironwood Fover

SSA CAFÉ

Badge required.

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7:004-10:004 **MEMBERSHIP • PRODUCTS & SERVICES BOOTH** 

STATE AFFILIATES • SSA FOUNDATION 8:00a-8:45a

**EDUCATION SESSIONS** TEN THINGS I LEARNED ABOUT SELF STORAGE BY RECOGNIZING AND CREATING VALUE

Starvine 1-2

TRAIN TO RETAIN: COACHING, DEVELOPING. AND GROWING TALENT IN SELF STORAGE Starvine 3-4

REMOTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO HELP BOOST CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND YOUR BOTTOM LINE

Starvine 6-7 SELF STORAGE NATIONAL OUTLOOK Starvine 10-11

8:45a-9:00a

**BREAK** 

9:00a-9:45a

**EDUCATION SESSIONS** MODERNIZING SELF STORAGE OPERATIONS: EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY, AI, AND AUTOMATION Starvine 1–2

REVITALIZE YOUR FACILITY WITH BUDGET-FRIENDLY RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS Starvine 3-4

RED FLAGS AND GREEN LIGHTS: REAL-WORLD LESSONS FROM 3 DECADES OF DUE DILIGENCE

Starvine 6–7 HOW INSURANCE COSTS ARE MAKING OR **BREAKING SELF STORAGE DEALS** 

Starvine 10-11

9:45A-10:00A

**BREAK** 

10:00a - 11:15a Ironwood **CLOSING LEGAL PANEL SESSION** 

FIVE DECADES OF SELF STORAGE

CARLOS KASLOW & SCOTT ZUCKER SSLN ATTORNEYS JOE DOHERTY & DANIEL BRYANT

SSA IN-HOUSE LAWYERS JEFF FOSTER

CUBESMART CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER AND SECRETARY

JEFFREY GREENBERGER PARTNER WITH THE LAW FIRM GREENBERGER & BREWER, LLP

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Come join your colleagues at Allegiant Stadium as we celebrate 50 years

## "50 ON THE 50 CELEBRATION" INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE

Not included for Foundation Fundraiser-only registrants.

MC AND COMEDIAN MARK ELLIS

**OPEN BAR AND FOOD STATIONS • CASHLESS VENUE** 

**GIVEAWAYS** • DJ • DRUMBOTS

**PUNT PASS KICK GAMES • LOCKER ROOM TOURS** 

**PHOTO BOOTHS • TAILGATE GAME ZONE** 

SPECIAL CONCERT EVENT WITH MULTI-PLATINUM MUSICIAN DARIUS RUCKER (8–9pm)



WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 3
6-9 PM
ALLEGIANT STADIUM

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## **MASTER CLASSES**

# FAMILY BUSINESS Master Class

Tuesday, September 2 2:00p-5:00p • Juniper 2

SEPARATE EEE REQUIRED



#### THE POSITIVES OF PASSING IT ON

PRESENTED BY: JOLENE BROWN

This upbeat, interactive workshop taps into lessons from successful legacy business leaders and managers. Attendees will learn how to honor their family while building and transitioning their business to the next generation.

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# SELF STORAGE MANAGERS Master Class

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Step into the next level of your self storage career with a three-hour training program led by six seasoned veterans. This immersive course is designed for both aspiring and current facility managers who want to sharpen their skills, increase operational efficiency, and drive profitability in a competitive market.

- Operations & Facility Management: site walk-throughs, curb appeal; security systems and protocols; access control and overlock procedures; preventive maintenance; and vendor management.
- Customer Service & Sales Skills: handling inquiries and facility tours; closing the rental (in-person and online); managing objections and upsells; building tenant relationships; and handling complaints professionally.
- Revenue Management: dynamic vs. fixed strategies; customer communication; discounts, promotions and concessions; analyzing occupancy vs. income; and competitor monitoring.
- Collections & Delinquency Control: payment policies and automation; late fee structures; communicating with past-due tenants; lien law compliance; and auction process basics.
- Marketing & Online Presence: local marketing tactics, managing online listings & reviews; digital advertising basics (Google, social platforms); website and online rentals; and community engagement & referrals.
- ❖ Risk Management & Tenant Protection: insurance requirements and offers; selling tenant protection plans; liability avoidance (site safety, lease clauses); emergency preparedness; and incident reporting and documentation.



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## SSA FOUNDATION olarship FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 • 5:30-7:00 PM ARIA RESORT & CASINO • JUNIPER 3 & 4

#### DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS SPECIAL EVENT!

Your ticket will help raise money to award scholarships to deserving employees of national SSA members and their families.

\$250 ENTRANCE FEE



**BILLY SIMS** • Lions

**ED "TOO TALL" JONES • Cowboys** 

**RICH GANNON •** Vikings, Chiefs, Raiders

**RANDALL CUNNINGHAM** • Eagles, Vikings

JAY SCHROEDER • Redskins, Raiders

#### **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Meet & Greet with the Players and Autograph Signings Social Media Photo Station • Sports Agility Challenge Quarterback Pass Game • Speed & Agility Ladder Fowling Game • Open Bar and Appetizer Stations







**MODIFICATIONS** 

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
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7:00A-6:00P	ATTENDEE & EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION	2nd Floor Hallway
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8:00a-5:00p	EXHIBITOR MOVE-IN	Pinyon & Bristlecone
11:00a-12:00p	SSA 101: MAXIMIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE  PRESENTED BY: SSA STAFF  This session will help make your first SSA meeting experience not only more enjoyable but more productive as we	Starvine 1–2

maneuver through all the conference program activities in a timely, efficient manner, so you can plan your personal agenda for maximum effectiveness. Then, you'll find out how to put your SSA membership to work for you! Learn about programs created specifically for managers and owner/operators, new publications, navigating the SSA website, and much more.

GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY: ABSOLUTE STORAGE MANAGEMENT • KIWI II CONSTRUCTION

2:00p-5:00p FAMILY BUSINESS MASTER CLASS (SEPARATE FEE REQUIRED) Juniper 2

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#### 2:00p-5:00p **SELF STORAGE MANAGERS MASTER CLASS** (SEPARATE FEE REQUIRED)

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## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (CONTINUED)

#### 5:30p-7:00p SSA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER FEATURING PRO FOOTBALL LEGENDS

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The SSA Foundation is holding this special fundraising event for its scholarship program and will feature five former pro football stars, food and beverages, games and so much more. The fundraiser requires a \$250 registration fee to attend. The football players making an appearance are Billy Sims (Lions), Ed "Too Tall" Jones (Cowboys), Rich Gannon (Vikings, Chiefs, Raiders), Randall Cunningham (Eagles, Vikings), and Jav Schroeder (Redskins, Raiders).

\$250 Donation required for entry.

7:00p-8:30p **CANADIAN SSA RECEPTION**  Starvine 12-13

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00A-5:00P SSA CAFÉ Juniper 1

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#### STATE OF THE SELF STORAGE MARKET

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Ironwood Foyer

SPEAKERS: STEVEN WEINSTOCK & JOHN CHANG • MARCUS & MILLICHAP

In this session, you'll get a review of general market conditions, how those conditions apply to the commercial real estate market and a special emphasis on self storage.

#### FUTURE-PROOFING SELF STORAGE: SMARTER TECH FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS

Starvine 3-4

SPEAKERS: KRISTI ADAMS & ROBERT CHITI • OPENTECH ALLIANCE

The next 50 years of self storage will be defined by how well we embrace the right technologies-today. This forward-looking session will explore the smart tech stack operators are using now to stay ahead of the curve, from Al-powered automation and remote access control to smart locks, sensors, mesh networks, and predictive analytics. Backed by 22 years of experience in self storage technology and global operator insights, we'll break down what's real, what's coming, and what matters most when planning for long-term success. Whether you're scaling, investing, or optimizing operations, this session offers a strategic look at tech choices that deliver staying power.

#### MODERN RENTAL AGREEMENT CLAUSES YOU MAY BE MISSING

Starvine 6-7

SPEAKER: JEFFREY GREENBERGER • GREENBERGER & BREWER LLP

As the industry evolves and law evolves, operators need to keep their rental agreement current. This includes keeping up with any statutorily required changes, and there are also clauses that have evolved, due to changes in the industry. For example, do you give yourself the right to purchase the personal property, if no one else bids? Have you addressed if an online auction buyer does not appear to pay? If you are using electronic or Bluetooth locks, these are new issues you should address in your rental agreement. Does your rental agreement contain necessary waivers to avoid a class action lawsuit? Ultimately, the best way to combat the new issues in our industry, is by addressing them in our rental agreements. Our presenter, Jeffrey Greenberger, will review the concepts of what needs to be included to make your rental agreement modern and up to date. (Note, not all suggested clauses may be permissible in all states).





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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 (CONTINUED)

8:15a-9:00a

**EDUCATION SESSIONS (CONTINUED)** 

KPIS, ROI, AND NOI: THE NUMBERS THAT MATTER FOR SELF STORAGE OPERATORS

Starvine 10-11

**SPEAKER: MAGEN SMITH • ATOMIC STORAGE GROUP** 

In the competitive world of self storage, success isn't just about occupancy rates — it's about understanding and mastering the key financial metrics that drive profitability. This session will dive deep into the critical numbers every self storage operator must track to thrive: Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that reveal operational health, Return on Investment (ROI) metrics that measure the true effectiveness of your capital, and Net Operating Income (NOI), the cornerstone of property valuation and financial strength. We'll break down which KPIs matter most (and which don't), how to accurately calculate ROI for expansion or upgrades, and why NOI should guide nearly every strategic decision you make. Whether you're a seasoned owner or growing your first portfolio, you'll walk away with a sharper eye for the numbers that move the needle — and a roadmap to maximizing the financial performance of your storage assets. Key Takeaways:

- ♦ Learn the essential KPIs for evaluating facility performance beyond occupancy.
- ♦ Understand how to calculate and apply ROI to projects, marketing, and acquisitions.
- ♦ Master the importance of NOI in property valuation, refinancing, and exit strategies.
- ♦ Discover actionable steps to track, report, and improve these metrics in your day-to-day operations.

9:00a-9:15a

**BREAK** 

9:15A-10:00A GENERAL SESSION

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#### THE LATEST 2025 SELF STORAGE DEMAND STUDY

PANELISTS: WEYEN BURNAM • STORAGEMART | CHELSEA GLASS • C+R RESEARCH

GEORGE LEON • DESIGNETTO CONSULTING | ALYSSA QUILL • STORAGE ASSET MANAGEMENT

Join our expert panel as we take a deep dive into the SSA's newly released *Self Storage Demand Study* and Data Web Portal. Find out where the industry stands today, how demand has evolved over time, and what to expect in the near future. And get a sneak-peek at the SSA's upcoming Data Web Portal designed especially for SSA members.

10:00a - 10:15a

**BREAK** 

10:15a-11:30a

**FEATURED SPEAKERS SESSION** 

Ironwood

#### SELF STORAGE EXECUTIVE ALL STARS

PANELISTS: TIM DIETZ • SSA, PRESIDENT & CEO MODERATOR

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As part of our Golden Anniversary celebration, we will take stock of where self storage finds itself in 2025 with a panel of chief executives from some of the industry's largest portfolios.

11:30A-4:00P

**TRADE SHOW** 

Pinyon & Bristlecone

12:00p-3:00p

#### LARGE OPERATORS COUNCIL MEETING

Juniper 3-4

For SSA Members who own 10 or more facilities and are dues-paying members of the LOC.

PANELISTS: RON HAVNER • PUBLIC STORAGE MODERATOR | MIKE BURNAM • STORAGEMART

**DEAN JERNIGAN** • STORAGEUSA, CUBESMART AND JERNIGAN CAPITAL **DAVE ROGERS** • LIFESTORAGE | **KEN WOOLLEY** • EXTRA SPACE

FEATURED SPEAKER: KEVIN O'LEARY

The SSA's 50th Anniversary celebration coincides with the return of the professional football season and the Large Operators Council (LOC) is joining in the fun starting with a luncheon (at 12:00pm) followed by a panel of some of industry's greatest of all time (GOATs) starting at 12:45pm. Public Storage Chairman and former CEO Ron Havner will moderate this session which will also include leading public company executives from the industry's "coming of age" years. Havner will be joined by Mike Burnam, CEO of StorageMart; Dean Jernigan, former CEO of StorageUSA, CubeSmart and Jernigan Capital; Dave Rogers, former CEO of LifeStorage; and Ken Woolley, Chairman and former CEO of Extra Space.

Following the GOATs session, you'll hear Kevin O'Leary, one of North America's most successful entrepreneurs and star of Shark Tank, speak on his business philosophy and how he achieved remarkable success.

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 (CONTINUED)

#### 3:00P-4:00P LARGE OPERATORS COUNCIL RECEPTION

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#### 4:00P-5:30P YOUNG LEADERS GROUP (YLG) SESSION

Juniper 2

Requires membership in the YLG. Membership is free for 2025.

**SPEAKER: CODEY GANDY** • ECHELON FRONT

Codey Gandy of Echelon Front will lead a high-impact session for rising leaders. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Echelon Front's Director of Experiential Training, Codey translates the principles from Extreme Ownership by Jocko Willink into practical tools you can use immediately — driving accountability, alignment, and better results across your teams.

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#### 5:45P-9:30P SHUTTLES TO/FROM ARIA AND ALLEGIANT STADIUM

Shuttles to the "50 on the 50 Celebration" will depart from the **TOUR BUS LOBBY** beginning at 5:45 pm, with the last shuttle departing at 7:00 pm.

Return shuttles to Aria Casino & Resort will begin at 8:00 pm, with the last shuttle departing Allegiant Stadium at 9:30 pm.

#### 6:00P-9:00P SSA'S "50 ON THE 50 CELEBRATION"

Allegiant Stadium

GRAMMY Award-winning musician Darius Rucker and his band will be performing at the SSA's "50 on the 50 Celebration". This private performance is exclusive to SSA attendees and included with your registration (excluding the Foundation Fundraiser Only registration). The Celebration will also include open bar and food stations, giveaways, photo booths, locker room tours, games and so much more.

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8:30a-5:00p	RECOVER AND REGENERATE BREAKFAST • SSA CAFÉ Food and beverage service for registered attendees. Badge required.  GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY: A&E CONSTRUCTION CO. • CHATEAU PRODUCTS • HRIC MD, INC. • PRORIZE LLC	Juniper 1
8:30a-9:45a	CANADIAN SSA SESSION	Starvine 5
9:00a-10:30a	SSA WOMEN'S COUNCIL PANEL SESSION & BREAKFAST  SSA'S WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP  FEATURING: ANNE BALLARD   FOY COOLEY • ACCESS SELF STORAGE  JOANNE GEILER • SOCAL SELF STORAGE  CAROL SHIPLEY • CORNERSTONE STORAGE GROUP  DEBBIE SUTHERLAND • SPACE CENTER STORAGE  Start your morning off with a bite to eat and hearing from an extraordinary panel of female trailblazers — past is fame recipients. These industry leaders will share their insights on leadership, overcoming challenges, and the on their journey to the top.  GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY: NODAFI • PARAMOUNT METAL SYSTEMS, LLC • STORABLE • SUPPLY SIDE USA  THE SBOA (STORAGE BUSINESS OWNERS ALLIANCE)	
10:30a – 11:30a	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS	Juniper 1
	Just about every self storage topic you can think of will be addressed in small discussion groups led by knowled Tablehopping several times during the session offers you a chance to get as much information as possible on a have about 30 topics, so select the tables where the discussion will benefit you most! We will ring the bell at regyou to participate in different table discussions.	lgeable facilitators. variety of topics. We wil
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3:00p-10:00p	EXHIBITOR MOVE-OUT	Pinyon & Bristlecone
3:15p-4:15p	SSA FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS  This prestigious honor goes to individuals who have made outstanding contributions not only to SSA but also to the st whole. This year we honor Jim Davies, Talonvest Capital (in memoriam) and Phyllis McArthur, Morningstar Properties.  FOUNDATION FORUM SPEAKER THRIVING IN THE AGE OF AI PRESENTED BY: RICH KARLGAARD  Award-winning entrepreneur-turned-publisher, columnist, author, television commentator, private investor and Karlgaard has a unique vantage point on the trends driving the business and economic climates.	
4:15p-4:30p	BREAK	
4:30p-5:15p	EDUCATION SESSIONS  STATE OF PLAY: MARKET CONDITIONS, OPERATIONAL WINS, AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIE  PANEL: CHUCK GORDON • STORABLE MODERATOR   CHUCK JAMES • SPAREBOX SE  PETER SMYTH • WHITE LABEL STORAGE   SEAN VENEZIO • CUBIX SELF ST	ELF STORAGE

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Engage in a candid discussion with leading operators to assess the current state of the self storage market. This session blends a rigorous market overview with firsthand success stories and a critical analysis of technology strategies that are driving measurable outcomes.

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## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 (CONTINUED)

4:30p-5:15p

**EDUCATION SESSIONS (CONTINUED)** 

#### SECRETS OF THE TOP 10%: WHAT HIGH-PERFORMING MANAGERS DO DIFFERENTLY

Starvine 3-4

SPEAKERS: SARAH BETH JOHNSON-DEFAZIO & LOU BARNHOLDT

UNIVERSAL STORAGE GROUP

What sets the best self storage managers apart from the rest? It's not just experience or luck — it's a series of smart habits, customer service skills, and operational disciplines they practice consistently. In this fast-paced, insight-packed session, we'll dive into the real-world behaviors, routines, and mindsets that separate the top 10% of managers from everyone else. You'll leave with actionable tips you can immediately use to level up your site's performance, occupancy, and customer satisfaction. Key Takeaways:

- ♦ The small daily habits that build huge long-term success.
- → How top managers think differently about customer service.
- → Time management strategies they actually use not just theory.
- ♦ How they proactively avoid issues instead of reacting to problems.
- ♦ The way they approach sales (without feeling pushy).
- ♦ Leadership traits that help them build trust with owners, regional managers, and teams.
- ♦ How they stay motivated even on tough days.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SELF STORAGE: TRENDS IN CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, AND INDUSTRY SHIFTS

Starvine 6-7

SPEAKER: MICHAEL ERCEG • ARCO/MURRAY DESIGN BUILD

This session explores the latest design and construction trends shaping storage facilities, along with market forces such as interest rates, policy shifts, and consumer behavior. Attendees will gain insight into what's driving development decisions today and what to expect in the next wave of storage innovation.

#### MASTERING YOUR SALES FUNNEL: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

Starvine 10-11

**SPEAKER: GRACE TOTTY • ABSOLUTE STORAGE MANAGEMENT** 

Learn how to effectively evaluate and optimize your sales funnel to drive results. This program will cover:

- ♦ Crafting the right message for phone conversations to build trust and rapport.
- Proven techniques to encourage sales and close deals.
- ♦ Strategic discounting: when to offer and what works best.
- → Timing and methods for effective follow-ups to keep prospects engaged.
- ♦ Navigating communication channels to match customer preferences.
- ♦ Understanding legal requirements for opt-ins and maintaining compliance.

Empower your sales process with actionable strategies to boost conversion rates and build lasting customer relationships!

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00a-10:00a SSA CAFÉ Ironwood

Food and beverage service for registered attendees. Badge required.

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7:00a-10:00a MEMBERSHIP • STATE AFFILIATES • PRODUCTS & SERVICES BOOTH • SSA FOUNDATION Ironwood Foyer

8:00A – 8:45A EDUCATION SESSIONS

TEN THINGS I LEARNED ABOUT SELF STORAGE BY RECOGNIZING AND CREATING VALUE

Starvine 1-2

SPEAKER: JEFF HUMPHREY • INLAND DEVON SELF STORAGE

There are many data points to consider when valuing a self storage property to purchase. In this session we will look at how this information fluctuates, suggestions on where to obtain information, how to estimate, and share some of the most common challenges. The topics discussed in this session typically make or break a transaction. You won't want to miss this session from Jeff Humphrey, who's been an SSA Valuation & Acquisition Course instructor for the last 18 years.



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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 (CONTINUED)

8:00a-8:45a

#### **EDUCATION SESSIONS (CONTINUED)**

#### TRAIN TO RETAIN: COACHING, DEVELOPING, AND GROWING TALENT IN SELF STORAGE

Starvine 3-4

**SPEAKER: BELINDA JONES • STORAGE ASSET MANAGEMENT** 

In today's competitive self storage market, retaining great employees is more critical than ever. This session reveals how training can be the cornerstone of your retention and development strategy. Instead of treating onboarding as a one-time event, we'll explore how coaching, goal-setting, and structured development conversations can keep your team engaged and growing long after Day 1. Whether you're managing one facility or scaling across multiple sites, you'll leave with practical tools and coaching techniques that can be implemented immediately. Attendees will learn how to:

- → Identify how training impacts employee retention in the self storage industry.
- Structure ongoing development conversations beyond onboarding.
- → Implement goal-setting frameworks aligned with business KPIs.
- ♦ Empower managers as coaches to increase engagement.
- ♦ Apply blended learning to reinforce development on the job.

## REMOTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO HELP BOOST CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND YOUR BOTTOM LINE

Starvine 6-7

SPEAKER: ADAM WAGNER • ANYTIME STORAGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Remote facility management isn't a new concept by any means, but how can we improve our processes to achieve a higher net operating income (NOI) while boosting customer satisfaction and retention? We will discuss how to manage the day-to-day workload, including facility walk-throughs, managing tenant issues, showcasing units to prospective tenants and more.

#### SELF STORAGE NATIONAL OUTLOOK

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Starvine 1-2

SPEAKER: TYSON HUEBNER • YARDI MATRIX/YARDI SYSTEMS INC.

After years of record-breaking growth, the self storage market faced significant challenges in 2023 and 2024. Rising interest rates led to reduced demand, occupancy, rents and property values. Meanwhile, an influx of new supply added pressure, especially in the markets that saw the highest growth during the pandemic. Despite these challenges, self storage continues to attract strong investor interest, and Yardi Matrix data indicates that market fundamentals may be stabilizing, particularly at the local level.

Topics will include:

- Key national demand drivers, including economic factors, demographics and the housing market.
- A detailed analysis of self storage industry fundamentals, focusing on top U.S. markets.
- → Trends in advertised rental rates and the factors influencing them.
- ♦ Insights from best-in-class development data and their implications.
- ♦ A look at recent transactions and loan activity in the sector.

This session will provide valuable insights into the current state of the self storage market and its future outlook.

8:45A-9:00A

#### **BREAK**

9:00a-9:45a

#### **EDUCATION SESSIONS**

MODERNIZING SELF STORAGE OPERATIONS: EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY, AI, AND AUTOMATION

PANEL: ANDREW CAPRANOS • 10 FEDERAL MODERATOR | BEAU AGNELLO • GO STORE IT

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The self storage industry is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by advancements in technology, artificial intelligence (AI), and automation. This panel will explore how these innovations are reshaping operational strategies, enhancing customer experiences, and driving efficiency across facilities. Our panel will discuss:

- Implementing Al-driven tools for customer service, such as chatbots and virtual assistants, to streamlining interactions and improving responsiveness.
- Adopting automated systems for facility management, including access control, security monitoring, and climate regulation, to reduce manual oversight and operational costs.
- Leveraging data analytics to inform decision-making, optimize pricing strategies, and predict maintenance needs.
- Real-world case studies showcasing successful integration of technology in self storage operations, highlighting challenges faced and lessons learned.

Attendees will gain insights into practical approaches for integrating modern technologies into their operations, regardless of facility size or scale. This session aims to equip self storage professionals with the knowledge to navigate the evolving technological landscape and remain competitive in a rapidly changing market.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 (CONTINUED)

9:00a-9:45a

**EDUCATION SESSIONS** (CONTINUED)

#### REVITALIZE YOUR FACILITY WITH BUDGET-FRIENDLY RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS

Starvine 3-4

Starvine 6-7

SPEAKERS: TRAVIS LAWHORNE & BLAKE ROBINSON . JANUS INTERNATIONAL GROUP, R3 DIVISION

Maintenance and renovations can be overwhelming to think about for self storage owner-operators. So, it may not surprise you that only 10% of organizations are estimated to do all their routine asset and equipment maintenance themselves. Whether you're in that group or part of roughly 90% who rely on third-party providers for at least some or all their work, there are effective strategies to revitalize your facility without overspending. Learn how to make it easier on yourself when tackling your self storage renovations, repairs and other regular maintenance. We'll also include creative ways to add unit sizes, when to replace aging doors and the tax and revenue benefits of renovations — including what to ask when adding portables.

#### RED FLAGS AND GREEN LIGHTS: REAL-WORLD LESSONS FROM 3 DECADES OF DUE DILIGENCE

SPEAKER: CINDY ASHBY • DYNAMIC SELF STORAGE SOLUTIONS

With 30 years of hands-on experience in self storage operations, consulting, and acquisitions, Cindy pulls back the curtain on what really makes — or breaks — a deal. This session goes beyond spreadsheets and cap rates to explore the operational, market, and human factors that drive long-term success or hidden headaches. From sketchy sellers and misleading marketing to golden opportunities hidden in plain sight, Cindy shares real-world scenarios, lessons learned the hard way, and the subtle signs she's learned to trust when evaluating a property. Attendees will walk away with a sharper eye for both red flags and green lights, practical tools to apply to their next deal, and a renewed confidence in their due diligence process. Key Takeaways:

- ♦ How to spot red flags that don't show up on a financial statement.
- ♦ The operational indicators that predict future performance.
- ♦ Questions every buyer should ask (but often forgets).
- Common traps in underwritten assumptions.
- → How to read between the lines in seller-provided data.
- ♦ Real examples of deals that looked great on paper-and why they weren't.
- Whether you're a seasoned investor, a first-time buyer, or an operator involved in acquisitions, this session will sharpen your instincts, save you from costly surprises, and maybe even make you laugh along the way.

#### HOW INSURANCE COSTS ARE MAKING OR BREAKING SELF STORAGE DEALS

Starvine 10-11

SPEAKER: SCOTT GREENWALD . GOODMAN-GABLE-GOULD/ADJUSTERS INTERNATIONAL

In today's volatile insurance market, self storage operators and investors are facing rising premiums, shrinking coverage, and unexpected exclusions that can make or break a deal-before or after closing. This presentation, led by an experienced public adjuster, will dive into the critical, yet often-overlooked, role that insurance plays in the profitability and sustainability of self storage investments. Attendees will gain insider knowledge on how insurance claims, underinsurance, and policy language can dramatically impact asset value, operational continuity, and deal viability. You'll also learn proven tactics to maximize insurance claim payouts and ensure you're getting every dollar your policy entitles you to. This session will equip you with the knowledge to identify red flags, ask the right questions, and structure deals that stand up to disaster.

9:45a-10:00a

**BREAK** 

10:00a-11:15a

#### **CLOSING LEGAL PANEL SESSION**

Ironwood

#### FIVE DECADES OF SELF STORAGE LEGAL STEWARDSHIP

PANELISTS: CARLOS KASLOW & SCOTT ZUCKER • SSLN ATTORNEYS

JOE DOHERTY & DANIEL BRYANT • SSA IN-HOUSE LAWYERS

**JEFF FOSTER** • CUBESMART CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER AND SECRETARY

JEFFREY GREENBERGER • PARTNER WITH THE LAW FIRM GREENBERGER & BREWER, LLP

Looking for answers to legal questions about your business? This session can help with that, and more. This session will showcase SSLN attorneys Carlos Kaslow and Scott Zucker, SSA in-house lawyers Joe Doherty and Daniel Bryant, CubeSmart Chief Legal Officer and Secretary Jeff Foster and Jeffrey Greenberger, a partner with the law firm Greenberger & Brewer, LLP. Here is your opportunity to get your legal questions answered by six of the industry's most experienced attorneys — all in one room.

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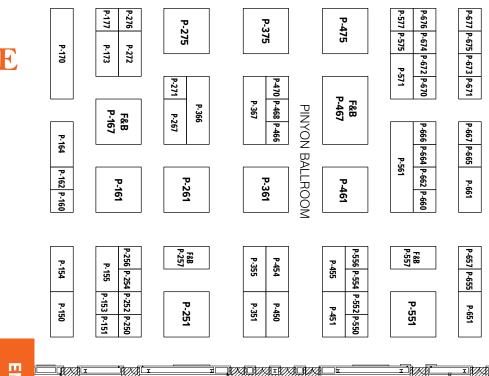
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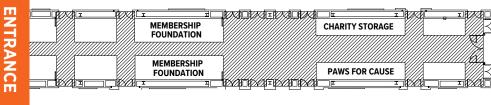
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We have 30 topics of interest to owners, operators and managers of self storage facilities. Select those where the discussion will benefit you most. We will ring the bell at 15-minute intervals to allow you time to 'table-hop' and participate in 3 different table discussions during this session.

#1 BUILDING VALUE: DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION INSIGHTS
FOR SELF STORAGE DEVELOPERS Join design-build self storage
experts for an in-depth discussion on design and construction
strategies that maximize ROI in self storage development. From
site selection and cost-efficient building systems to trends in
materials and technology, this session offers practical insights
to help you build smarter and stay ahead of today's dynamic
market. ARCO/Murray Design Build

#### **#2** DON'T LET ABANDONED FORMS HAUNT YOUR

**FUNNEL** Follow-Up Tactics That Fill Units Fast - Just like a self storage unit left half-empty, abandoned rental forms can leave valuable space in your sales pipeline. In this roundtable, we'll walk through the best practices to lock in those leads and fill your funnel with smart, automated, and manual follow-up strategies. Key Takeaways: How does someone end up on your site - Google Display Retargeting Ads • Social Media Retargeting • Abandonment Reasons • Automated Follow-Ups • Engaging Email Campaigns • Timing Your Follow-Ups. Don't miss out on this roundtable—your storage business will thank you! *Self Storage Manager, Inc. and Adverank* 

## #3 TECHNOLOGY TARGETS CRIME: MONEY IN YOUR POCKET AND HIGHER SECURITY WITH SMART LOCKS Self

storage sites have long been targets of criminals, but smart technology means you can switch up the game so you're no longer a soft target. We'll share the latest evidence on smart lock effectiveness versus traditional padlocks and how that added layer of protection puts money in your pocket with savings on commercial insurance. *Janus International* 

#4 DEAL OR NO DEAL? AVOID THE MOST COMMON DEAL PITFALLS WHEN SELLING YOUR FACILITY Now more than ever, selling your storage facility requires better strategy to make it to the closing table. A seasoned self storage broker shares his experiences to help owners understand the most common closing challenges when selling their facility. We'll cover: How and Why Seller Reporting can make or break the deal • The importance of "operational status quo" prior to closing • The impacts of tenant documentation on closing certainty • Addressing common buyer confidence issues and pricing discrepancies • Review best practices to avoid closing pitfalls. The Bledsoe Self-Storage Group of Marcus & Millichap

#5 GOOD, BETTER, BEST: WHAT SECURITY LEVEL IS RIGHT FOR YOUR SELF STORAGE FACILITY? Not all security is created equal, and neither are the risks. From basic safeguards to fully integrated smart systems, understanding what defines "good," "better," and "best" is key to protecting your facility, building tenant trust, and maximizing ROI. This session breaks down the levels of self storage security so you can align your investment with your operational goals and long-term success. PTI Security Systems

#6 LATEST TRENDS IN MARKET VALUATIONS: WHAT

OWNERS AND INVESTORS NEED TO KNOW This roundtable will
deliver a focused, data-driven discussion on how current macroeconomic conditions are reshaping self storage valuations across the
country. In a year defined by rising interest rates, tighter lending
standards, and changing investor sentiment, understanding what
drives value is more important than ever. Attendees will gain a
deeper perspective on how capital market shifts are affecting deal
flow, what underwriting assumptions are being recalibrated, and
how operators can position their assets for stronger valuations.
We'll explore the nuanced differences between regional markets
and highlight actionable strategies to maintain pricing power in an
increasingly cautious environment. SkyView Advisors

#7 GETTING STARTED RIGHT: KEY TECHNOLOGIES EVERY NEW SELF STORAGE OPERATOR NEEDS Starting strong is crucial for new self storage operators, and the right technology can make all the difference. In this roundtable, we'll explore the essential tools every new operator should have in their tech stack to streamline operations, improve customer experiences, and drive revenue growth. From management software to payment systems and marketing tools, we'll discuss how to build a technology foundation that supports efficiency and scalability from day one. Storable

#8 CLAIMS LESSONS LEARNED: OPERATIONAL INSIGHTS FROM REAL TENANT DISASTERS When disaster strikes, the aftermath reveals more than just property damage-it exposes vulnerabilities in processes, communication, and preparedness. In this roundtable, Xercor Insurance Services leads a collaborative discussion around real-world claims scenarios in the self storage industry. We'll walk through anonymized examples of tenant losses caused by fire, flood, theft, and more, highlighting what went right, what went wrong, and what could have been done differently. Attendees are encouraged to share their own experiences and lessons learned. Together, we'll identify operational blind spots, discuss the role of insurance in tenant satisfaction, and explore how proactive planning can mitigate future

risks. Xercor Insurance Services

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#9 CRM INTEGRATION: REIMAGINING SELF STORAGE FROM THE GROUND UP This roundtable will explore how CRM tools that fully integrate with your facility management software aren't just small tweaks to your business. They represent a complete transformation of your operations, allowing you to connect with tenants, manage leads and streamline operations from a single connected solution. From automated texting and call tracking to Al-powered chat assistants, you will learn how modern tools drive occupancy, improve service and save hours of manual labor every month. We hope you join us! *Yardi* 

**#10 BUILDING THE RIGHT TEAM FOR YOUR SELF STORAGE BUSINESS** Creating a successful self storage business hinges not only on a robust facility and excellent marketing strategies but also on assembling a dedicated and skilled team. The right team can significantly influence customer satisfaction, operational efficiency, and overall business growth. At this roundtable, we'll explore key considerations and strategies for building an effective team for a self storage operation. *Investa Capital* 

#11 REMOTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO HELP BOOST CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND YOUR BOTTOM LINE Remote facility management isn't a new concept by any means, but how can we improve our processes to achieve a higher net operating income (NOI) while boosting customer satisfaction and retention? We will discuss how to manage the day-to-day workload, including facility walk-throughs, managing tenant issues, showcasing units to prospective tenants and more. Anytime Storage Property Management

**#12 PROTECTING YOUR FACILITY AND TENANTS** In this roundtable session, we'll cover identifying the best time to get a timely quote for insurance, what information do you need when going to an agent and what to look for when searching for the product to protect your tenants. *On The Move Inc.* 

#13 NOI - NOT ONLY INCOME!! This discussion will focus on the other numbers and factors in increasing your NOI. With ECRI's cooling off many owners/operators are having to look at other things and ways to increase NOI. We will review a list of expense items that you can to look at to help achieve this. Self audits, scheduled maintenance, energy audits, budgets, marketing, etc. We will also discuss expense ratio and how it relates to overall income and what is a good range to be in. Sauls Commercial Real Estate

#### **#14** YOUR 5-STAR FACILITY: HOW TO GET MORE

**REVIEWS** These days, nobody buys anything without reading a review first. Storage is no exception. One of the very best ways to stand out in a crowded market is to get as many positive reviews as possible-but sometimes, that can feel like an uphill battle. In this roundtable, we'll talk about our favorite, well-tested strategies for getting more reviews and how to use those reviews to get more business. We'll cover: How to get more reviews • How to respond to negative reviews • What to do with positive reviews. *StoragePug* 

#15 BUILDING AND SCALING AN INSTITUTIONAL GRADE RV AND BOAT STORAGE PORTFOLIO n this roundtable, we'll discuss key data points and information on developing and building Class A boat and RV storage. We'll cover best practices for scaling a Class A boat and RV storage and scaling your brand in this fast-growing asset class. Toy Storage Nation & Cushman & Wakefield

#16 WHEN DISASTER STRIKES: HOW TO NAVIGATE
YOUR SELF STORAGE FACILITY THROUGH FIRES, FLOODS,
AND STORMS When the unexpected happens, are you prepared?
This roundtable explores the critical steps self storage facility
owners and managers must take before, during, and after a catastrophic event. From developing emergency plans to effectively
managing the aftermath of fire, flood, and severe weather, we
will share insights on minimizing damage, supporting tenants,
and efficiently restoring operations to safeguard your investment. National Storage Management Company

#17 FILL UNITS FASTER: SOCIAL, SMS & EMAIL STRATEGIES THAT DRIVE REVENUE Every message is an opportunity. This roundtable explores how to use social media, SMS, and email to spark conversations that lead to leases, renewals, and referrals. We'll share actionable ways to meet tenants where they are — online, on their phones, and in their inbox — and keep them engaged through timely, personalized communication. From quick wins you can launch right away to long-term strategies that keep your facility top-of-mind, you'll leave with proven ideas to fill units faster and strengthen tenant relationships. StorSuite

#18 AI READINESS GUIDE FOR SELF STORAGE
OPERATORS: UNLOCK THE POWER OF AI TO STREAMLINE
YOUR BUSINESS AI is no longer a futuristic concept; it's a
practical tool that self storage operators can use today to increase
efficiency, improve customer service, and boost revenue. This
session will help you assess your AI readiness, explore the most
impactful use cases, and create an actionable roadmap to integrate
AI into your operations. Learn how to implement AI solutions
strategically-without overwhelming your team or disrupting your
business. swipt

#19 THE SELF STORAGE ARMS RACE: ARE REITS
OUT-INNOVATING INDEPENDENTS INTO OBLIVION? A candid assessment of the technology and capital advantages leveraged by large REITs in the self storage space. Beyond economies of scale: How are REITs using integrated platforms, data analytics, and sophisticated marketing to capture & retain market share? Can independent operators truly compete, or is consolidation inevitable? Debating the pathways to survival and success for the independent owner. The Tech Mirage: Are "Accessible Platforms" a true equalizer for independents, or a costly distraction from deeper competitive disadvantages? "David vs. Goliath:" Real-world examples of independent operators successfully innovating and thriving against larger competitors. Tenant Inc.

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## #20 WHICH MSAS ARE HEATING UP-AND WHICH ARE COOLING DOWN? A DATA-DRIVEN LOOK AT STREET RATE

**TRENDS** Explore which U.S. MSAs saw the largest street rate increases over the past 12 months-and which ones lagged behind • Discuss the key drivers behind market-level performance, including housing activity, new development, and consumer demand • Unpack how REITs and private operators are responding to rate softness and price compression • Share methods for evaluating demand resilience and forecasting future growth using public and proprietary data • Equip attendees with actionable strategies to use rate trends in site selection, underwriting, and revenue management. *TractIQ* 

#21 **5 SIGNS YOUR TENANT IS ABOUT TO FLEE** What's happening before the move-out notice lands on your desk? Learn to spot the warning signs early. Benefits of attending: Identify behavioral red flags that precede tenant churn • Learn how communication timing impacts retention • Discover cost-effective tactics to increase tenant loyalty • Understand the role of reviews and digital reputation in move-out decisions • Compare peer strategies to stay ahead of customer attrition. *Storage Commander* 

#22 LOCAL LEADS, BIG IMPACT: HYPER-TARGETING WITH GOOGLE ADS Self storage is hyper-local, and your ads should be too. In this roundtable, we'll focus on how geo-targeting, location extensions, and radius bidding can drive walk-in and drive-by traffic. Discover how to zero in on customers searching in your exact area. When your ads match a nearby need, conversion rates increase. We'll cover: Geo-targeting down to zip codes or map radius • Using location and call extensions effectively • Mobile-first ads for on-the-go customers • Monitoring local search traffic • Competing with nearby facilities through better targeting.

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#23 **DEVELOPING A BOAT & RV FACILITY** With boat and RV ownership on the rise, it makes sense that storage for these vehicles is in higher demand, creating opportunity for the enterprising developer or property owner. In this roundtable session, you'll learn: The latest trends in boat/RV-storage development • How to choose the best site for your project • The process and timeline for boat/RV-storage construction • How to properly design the facility, including layout requirements • The amenities you might include to entice and appease customers. **Baja Construction Co., Inc.** 

#24 DOUBLE TAKE: TOP TWO REVENUE STREAMS OF RELOCATABLE UNITS Relocatable units are all-in-one storage kits, each containing a base, four hinging walls and a roof. They are easily moved via forklift, even when fully loaded. Join us at our roundtable, where we will discuss the leading applications of relocatable units. On-Site: Eliminate dead zones, maximize rentable space • Generate revenue using the land you already have • Place relocatables virtually anywhere, no foundation required • Flip fence lines, parking lots, easements/setbacks and more. Off-Site: Add portable units to expand your service area • Deliver relocatable units directly to your customer's location • Compatible with a wide range of delivery systems • Fully custom branding acts as a "moving billboard" for your business. \*\*Boxwell\*\*

#25 GETTING BACK TO BASICS: INCREASING LEADS
AND CONVERSIONS IN THIS ECONOMIC CLIMATE With the storage market and the overall economy changing we must adapt to the new reality and focus on basic, time tested strategies for lead development, sales, customer service and operations. We're bringing it back to the basics to help your storage business thrive in the current economic climate. We'll share practical tips for basic physical and digital curb appeal enhancements, innovative marketing approaches, and time-tested strategies for building strong customer relationships. Everbrite, Inc.

#26 RISE ABOVE THE REST: HOW TO BUILD AN EFFICIENT, MULTI-STORY FACILITY In this roundtable, we'll cover: Market rationale for building multi-story facilities • Site & feasibility Considerations • Design constraints • Design & construction • Development approaches, budget creation and cost management • Trends & innovation. MakoRabco

#27 PREPARING A BANKABLE DEAL PACKAGE In this session, we'll discuss: What is projections/based lending? • What should be in a pro forma? • Feasibility studies, market data, and cost estimates - when, where and how to procure them • Pitfalls to avoid when presenting to a lender. Live Oak Bank

#28 MANAGING DELINQUENT TENANTS Managing delinquent tenants is vital for revenue management. Owners need to consider both short & long-term interruptions in cash flow and their impact on payroll, capital improvements, and more. Financial hardship, economic conditions, and unforeseen expenses are all reasons why a tenant may no longer be able to pay their rent. Owners need a calculated approach to managing their delinquent tenants, and it begins with the rental agreement. In this roundtable session, we'll discuss actions for when delinquency occurs, technology that reduces delinquencies and other ways to successfully manage delinquicies the right way. StoragePRO Management, Inc.

#29 HOW TO EXPAND YOUR SELF STORAGE FACILITY WITH PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS Discover how self storage facility owners can cost-effectively increase capacity, generate new revenue streams, and serve a wider range of customers by incorporating portable storage containers into their operations. This session will explore site planning considerations, container placement strategies, zoning and permitting tips, and how to market portable storage as an added service. Whether you're out of traditional unit space or looking to offer mobile storage solutions, learn how this flexible expansion method can give your facility a competitive edge. Stellar Storage Containers

#30 HOW CAN AI AND 24/7 MONITORING ENHANCE
TENANT RETENTION? Tenant retention is essential for success in the self storage industry, yet many operators struggle to effectively address customer churn. This session will reveal how combining Al-driven analytics with 24/7 monitoring technologies can transform retention strategies. Attendees will learn how Al can predict tenant behaviors, preferences, and potential risks, while continuous monitoring ensures prompt responses to operational issues, from security breaches to maintenance needs. Vantiva Smart Spaces

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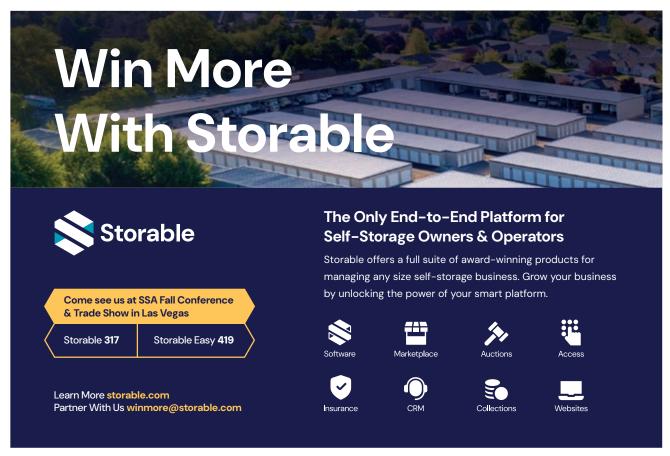




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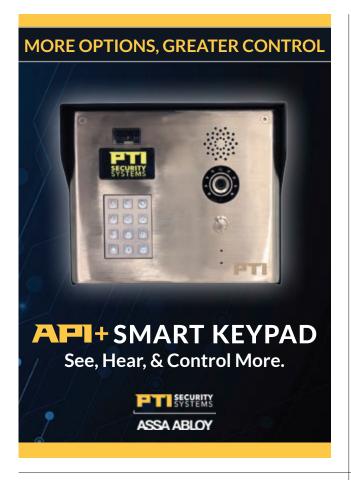
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