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Anything worth doing is worth doing right.

– Hunter S. Thompson



Here’s a fun fact you wouldn’t expect to read in an RV magazine: Sleep deprivation is used as an actual torture technique. Here’s another fact: As I write this, I haven’t slept more than four hours in a row in the last two weeks. That’s when my wife gave birth to a beautiful, bouncing boy, who is almost certainly not trying to torture us.

Also in the last two weeks, the I Heart team has been putting the finishing touches on this (spectacular) magazine. This has been an interesting phase of life. Here’s something this crazy phase has been reminding me of: Sometimes witnessing miracles takes work. In fact, I’ve been reminded of that every day of the last two weeks by a tiny, squirming, squeaking native.

But you already know the value of work and how it unlocks the beautiful things in life, because you experience it each time you toss the chocks in the back and take off down the highway. Prepping meals, planning fuel stops, switching out propane tanks for the hundredth time—all work. And why do we do it? Because RVers know that if you never go somewhere new, you’ll always be the same. And witnessing miracles (that perfect sunset, that unbeatable open-air energy in the Badlands, that surreal Moab desert view, see Page 44) requires effort.

That’s the universal truth that fuels RVing: Growth only comes from change; change only comes from movement; and movement takes work.

“RVers know that if you never go somewhere new, you’ll always be the same. And witnessing miracles ... requires effort.”

One of the reasons millions of Americans are picking up the RV lifestyle is that, like sleepless nights with new family additions, your labor to get out on the open road leads to personal improvement, and often leads to witnessing miracles.

This magazine has taken a lot of labor. We’re a small team, and it’s been a herculean effort from a lot of talented folks to get it out the door and into your mailbox or inbox. It’s truly a labor of love—one that both moves and challenges us.

You might also know that it takes two to create a labor of love. In this case, our other (some might say better) half is you.

Thanks for being here, friends. We love you.

Marc.

Marc Acton
Publisher

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE RV NEWS AND COMMUNITY



IN THE NEWS

The CyberLandr Tantalizes Tesla's 2022

IMAGINE A SCIENCE-FICTION camper that expands and retracts an entire living space—fitting in the bed of a pickup truck.

Complete with sliding doors, solar panels, and multiple internal configurations—all but hidden when in car mode. That's the vision behind

Tesla's Cybertruck. And while the vehicle itself has been delayed

(the challenge of manufacturing a steel-exoskeleton), HYPEBEAST reports that the compact

camper for the truck bed has already been designed by Stream It, a software and artificial intelligence company.

This is the **CYBERLANDR**. The design by Stream It enables the camper to transform into a living room, office, kitchen, and bedroom. And yes, there's a spa-inspired bathroom. So even though it looks like everyone is going to have to wait till 2022 to see the big Cybertruck reveal, the CyberLandr is priming our proverbial pump.

Take the CyberLandr walkthrough here.



MORE RV PARKING SPOTS NATIONWIDE

► According to the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds, there will be 53,000 new sites opening in 2021. Over 40 percent of existing parks and campgrounds expect to expand or open a new park this year. There's never been more parking spots for your RV.

53,000

NEW RV SITES OPENING IN 2021

40%

OF EXISTING PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS EXPANDING

Make Room on the Road

• The RV Industry Association reports a record-breaking amount of new RVs being manufactured and shipped. In the second quarter of 2021, over 150,000 new RVs were shipped—breaking the previous record set in this year's first quarter. RVIA President and CEO Craig Kirby notes, "Even with other types of travel returning, the demand for RVs continues to climb as people want to get outdoors and experience the joy of an active outdoor lifestyle alongside friends and family." So expect to see more newbies on the road.

Visit RVIA.org/Reports-Trends to go deeper into the numbers.

Worthy Employment

• According to the US census, there are over 45,000 RV dealer employees throughout the United States. Which we heart—because more and more folks are hitting the road (see above). The state that houses the largest number of RV dealer employees? California with 4,479. On the East Coast, while Florida has fewer employees (3,323), they do the most business: a whopping \$2.6 million.



COVID Research Units, Deploy!

• Elderly residents in long-term care facilities were the most vulnerable population during the COVID-19 pandemic. So, the pharmaceutical company Lilly had a radical idea to reach these elderly patients: Take the clinical trials on the road. Partnering with Coachman RV, they brought the idea of mobile research units to life in just 30 days. Now, they have 20 RVs ready to help research how to best fight this ever-evolving virus.

Visit Lilly.com to learn more.

A Delicious Partnership



• Harvest Hosts gives members access to wineries, breweries, and farms where they can camp overnight. And now, their bounty has just increased by adding Boondockers Welcome to their family. The two networks are now working together to give members access to over 5,000 unique camping sites on a single platform. Both programs will retain separate memberships but are exploring bundled rates for the future.

See Page 28 to see how you can host an unforgettable Thanksgiving.

New RV Parks Opening

• For RVers itching to see the deep blue sea of the West Coast, there's a new RV park in San Diego. Sun Outdoors RV Resort is an ideal ocean getaway, with almost 200 RV sites, 49 cottages, a bar, a gym, and a pool with a view of the bay. (And probably a dock on the bay.)

Learn more at SunRVResorts.com.

Kings Island Camp Cedar has opened right next to the amusement park in Mason, Ohio. Camp Cedar's 52 acres currently has over 70 cottages, 164 RV sites, two pools, and a casual sit-down restaurant—for that oh-so-necessary recharge after a big day with the kids.

Plan your trip at VisitCampCedar.com.

The Baddest Tunes for Outlaw Livin'

BECAUSE THE ROAD CAN BE HARD, THE LISTENIN' SHOULD BE EASY.

Whether you're running from the law, your ex down in Texas, or the aching boredom of the work week, our latest playlist has all the baddest tunes for your weekend escape.



The Highwaymen, "Highwayman"

Can you have an outlaw playlist without Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings, and Willie Nelson? No. The answer is no. "The Highwayman" is the pinnacle of outlaw tracks, beautifully performed by some of music's most famous men.



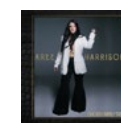
The Highwomen, "Highwomen"

Brandi Carlile flipped the classic on its head to give listeners a haunting rendition of "Highwayman" from a female point of view. Performed by Natalie Hemby, Yola, Maren Morris, Brandi Carlile, and Amanda Shires, it's a ride worthy of Thelma and Louise.



Erin Enderlin, "The Queen of Marina Del Ray"

Erin Enderlin shows why she's earned fame as a top writer in Nashville. With soul-seared crooning about hard times, whiskey, and cocaine, she takes you down and out in old Los Angeles. Which makes "The Queen of Marina Del Ray" a ragged favorite.



Kree Harrison, "Stone Cold"

A newcomer on the scene, Kree Harrison thrills with her 2020 "Stone Cold." Harrison is reminiscent of early Lee Ann Womack with hints of outlaw queens, Jessi Colter and Leona Williams. Her entire album, "Chosen Family Tree," is worth a listen.

OPEN THE ENTIRE BANK ON SPOTIFY

Because an outlaw just always wants more. (And Merle Haggard's in the vault.) Follow us on Spotify and click the ♥ on our A-Side playlist to listen as you travel.



KZ RV's Golden Anniversary Offer

Hitting 50 years is a big deal, and KZ is celebrating its golden anniversary with an equally big offer for its customers: All flagship 2022 KZ-RV Sportsmen travel trailers and fifth wheels will come with a 50th anniversary package—standard! Exclusively for 2022, the 50th Anniversary Editions boast modern farmhouse interiors, climate packages, off-grid options, and other elite features, including a 50th anniversary graphics package.

Join the celebration and get KZ's golden offer. Visit KZ-RV.com or call (888) 829-6320.

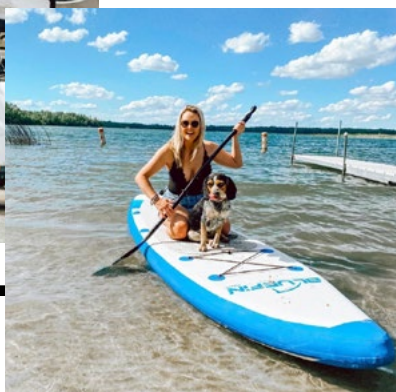
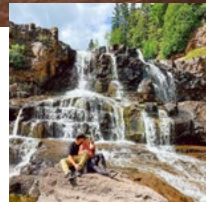
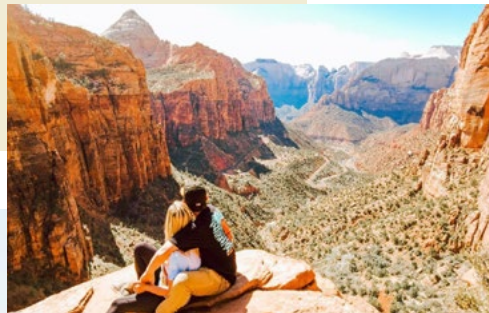
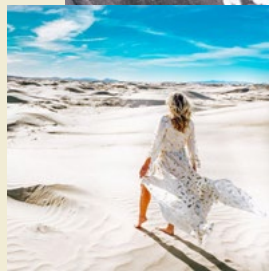


One Red-Hot Handle

TALKING WITH THE RVERS WE LOVE AND FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

→ We've seen the best that RV life has to offer. That much is certain after following Jodie and Kory, aka @jokotravels, on Instagram. And we love it. (Even when we're a bit green with envy.) Hot off their handle, this photogenic tandem, and their equally camera-friendly beagle, give us a glimpse behind Instagram's proverbial curtain.

Here are some of @jokotravels' favorite moments—and their future plans for life on the road.



Favorite place you've taken your RV

@jokotravels We went back and forth on this one. It's hard to pick just one! But we agreed that Moab, Utah would absolutely be our favorite. The scenery, the hikes, even skydiving—it was all incredible and a trip we will always remember.

Favorite time to celebrate on the road

@jokotravels Unfortunately, we haven't gotten to celebrate many holidays in the RV. Yet. Since we travel for work, we always come home for the holidays to be with family. But a fun celebration we've had was my twenty-ninth birthday! We were in Kanab, Utah and went to Zion, Coral Sand Dunes and Peek-a-Boo Slot Canyon!

Most embarrassing RV moment

@jokotravels Getting stuck in the sand at Lone Rock Beach. It was already such a stressful travel day, and we were warned not to go too far down and chanced it anyway. Even with all these signs, we went for it and—surprise!—we were stuck. Kory dug us out with one of those yellow leveling blocks, while everyone on the beach watched this very embarrassing moment! We eventually got ourselves unstuck and ended up having the best time at Lone Rock Beach!

Next destination

@jokotravels We aren't sure! With Kory's job as a radiographer on the pipeline, we never know where we will end up. If we were to choose our next location/vacation, it would absolutely be the northern West Coast. We've had Oregon at the top of our list for years! ❤️

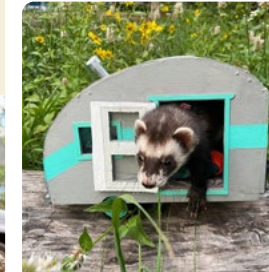


▲ @OURMIXEDJOURNEY

WHY WE LOVE IT: Talk about committing to the nomad life! Rocio and Gabe named their Class B Vinny. They have a dog named Journey. And they travel coast to coast. One thousand points!

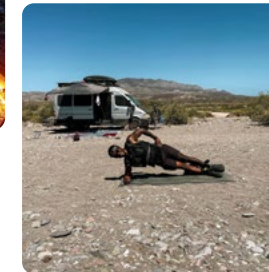
▼ @SCOTTANDTAYY

WHY WE LOVE IT: Relationship goal: Basically be like Scott and Tay. From Utah to New England, they're always having fun.



▲ @HIKINGFERRET

WHY WE LOVE IT: His name is Jesse James. And—outlaw that he is—he has over 11K followers. Try and ferret that out.



▲ @ADVENTUREALLENS

WHY WE LOVE IT: Did someone say #vanlife? Hard not to be impressed with a couple that works out together on the road. Like us ... you know ... one day.

Scrolling the Virtual Campground



▲ @KARLEEANDWESTON

WHY WE LOVE IT: Umm ... because their RV renovations are so beautiful, you can't even tell it's a home on wheels. Seriously, could you tell? Could you?



Photos courtesy of their authors

KEEP UP THE CHATTER

We see that you guys are loving the first issue! (We don't blame you.) Keep that feedback coming, but for now, check what readers had to say about the premier issue:

Tim S., North Carolina

I received your magazine in the 📧 today and read it front to back. You really did a nice job on it. I like the sample trips like Nashville, and the Grand Tetons as well as "Pushing Through the Peach State." 👍👍

TS

Ron B., Pennsylvania

Loved the issue you sent. 👍

RB

Joe M., Georgia

What a wonderful surprise 📧 in the mailbox today when we received our first edition of the magazine!

JM

Nancy V., South Carolina

Love it. 🥰

NV

Kym M. (from Facebook)

We got ours. I love the way the cover feels. It's kinda soft like velvet!

KM

James P., Florida

I Heart RVing is an entirely new type of magazine. 🏆

JP

Follow I Heart on Social

For more outdoorsy content, make sure to follow up at @IHeartRVing on Facebook and @IHeartRVing over on Instagram. We'd heart to see you there!





Jess Coffey

The Gang Boss Behind TV's Most Notorious RV

THEY SAY LEGENDS NEVER DIE. And when a frantic chemistry teacher stumbled out of an RV into the red New Mexico desert—brandishing that stainless steel pistol in his tighty-whities—a television legend was born. AMC's "Breaking Bad" universe has since expanded, with "Better Call Saul," a spin-off prequel series, set to enter its sixth and final season in 2022. But the gang boss overseeing the crime drama's RV stage is one and the same.

Industry expert Jess Coffey has done it all when it comes to creating the "Breaking Bad" world, from dressing sets to overseeing construction and landing in purchasing. He sat down with us to discuss his time on the show and, of course, Walter White's infamous mobile lab: the 1986 Fleetwood Bounder.

What was it like to create an entire world in limited space, like an RV?

JESS COFFEY We split the filming into exterior and interior shots, and used the actual Bounder model for filming any scenes on location or while Bryan Cranston (Walter White) and Aaron Paul (Jesse Pinkman) were driving. The RV was stripped in the back; it was completely empty beyond the curtain that separated the cab from what would be the living space. Bryan and Aaron did a really amazing job working in a confined space for the exterior scenes. They delivered every single time.

STEP INTO THE WORLD OF "BREAKING BAD"

► **Want to experience life in the Bounder for yourself? Visit Breaking Bad RV tours and go on a three-hour long adventure through New Mexico to visit the show's most famous filming locations—or catch the RV at an upcoming convention.**

Where did you shoot the interior scenes if the RV was stripped?

JC We recreated the interior of the RV on a sound stage where the actors would have more performance space, and we could be detailed. Our producers really pushed detail and accuracy—to the point that one of our crew got a call from the local police with a few questions on how accurate we had made the lab! It all worked out, but it was funny.

How did it feel when you had to crush the RV in season three at a junkyard?

JC Funny enough, I wasn't there that day for that scene. I was supervising a build on another scene but knowing that the Bounder was being crushed felt a little like losing a friend. We actually had two Bounders, because they weren't known for running really well. So, there's still one model housed on the Sony back lot.

"Breaking Bad" came to a close in 2013. What happened after that?

JC I've stayed with the Breaking Bad universe, and worked on Better Call Saul and El Camino in sets and props. A few years ago, a buddy of mine actually started the Breaking Bad tour, and we've since outfitted two more Fleetwood Bounders for tours through New Mexico and to make convention appearances. Our convention RV is so accurate to set that it's the one used in El Camino, not the original Bounder. ♥

Ride inside TV's baddest RV at BreakingBadRVTours.com.

RVs You've Scene On-Screen

Out in the far reaches of space and on the road with the Blue Brothers! See how well you know the most famous RVs from film and TV.

No. 1

What speed did the Space Balls achieve when chasing the Eagle 5 (the 1986 Winnebago Chieftain 33' turned spacecraft)?

- A. Light speed.
- B. Ridiculous speed.
- C. Ludicrous speed.
- D. Plaid.

Answer: D. Darth Helmet ordered a jump to ludicrous speed (almost extra space in your RV wasn't hard enough already! See what the gang boss from Breaking Bad has to say about creating scenes in an RV on Page 12.

No. 2

Which film did the EM-50 Urban Assault Vehicle, a militarized RV, make an appearance?

- A. "Full Metal Jacket."
- B. "Stripes."
- C. "Major Payne."
- D. "Saving Private Ryan."

Answer: B. All due respect to Tom Hanks, but Bill Murray would have rescued Matt Damon hell a lot faster in this 1976 GMC 26' Palm Beach motorhome. That's just military fact.

No. 3

"Breaking Bad's" mobile meth lab, a 1986 Fleetwood Bounder, finally meets its end when:

- A. Walt and Jesse drive it off a cliff, Thelma-and-Louise style.
- B. A rival cartel rigs it to explode on ignition.
- C. It gets compacted in a junkyard, appropriately.
- D. There was this banana on the road ...

Answer: C. What a way to go for "The Crystal Ship." As if finding extra space in your RV wasn't hard enough already! See what the gang boss from Breaking Bad has to say about creating scenes in an RV on Page 12.

No. 4

How many episodes did Dale Horvath's 1973 Winnebago Chieftain make it through in "The Walking Dead"?

- A. 6.
- B. 19.
- C. 34.
- D. 147 (and still going, baby!)

Answer: B. Nineteen episodes is all the head-start we need to get you watch this comedy (it has a lowly 45 percent audience score on Rotten Tomatoes), but Robin Williams ensures at least a few of them'll get you to Option D.

No. 5

What did Clark call Cousin Eddie's 1973 Ford Condor II in "Christmas Vacation?"

- A. A tenement on wheels.
- B. A rolling rust bucket.
- C. A sweet ride, buddy.
- D. A limping dinosaur.

Answer: A. We love Cousin Eddie's RV, but there are better tenements out there. Give Clark Griswold some relief: Check out our ideas for Thanksgiving on Page 28.

No. 6

The Blues Brothers refer to their RV as "the Winnebago," but it's actually ...

- A. An Airstream Argosy.
- B. A Fleetwood Southwind.
- C. A Dodge A100 Sportsman.
- D. A station wagon, bro.

Answer: B. Look, the name "Winnebago" is super musical. It was dark. And they were wearing sunglasses. Give them a break: They were on a mission from God.

No. 7

In "RV," Robin Williams takes his wacky family on the road. What was the movie's tagline?

- A. A man lost in search of America.
- B. One man's struggle to take it easy.
- C. A family escape ... in need of rescue.
- D. On a family vacation, no one can hear you scream.

Answer: D. Yes, actually, they can. You may scream too when you watch this comedy (it has a lowly 45 percent audience score on Rotten Tomatoes), but Robin Williams ensures at least a few of those screams are from laughter.

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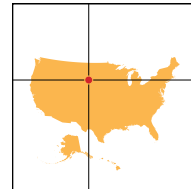
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Vista



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AN ANCIENT SEA SCORCHED BY SUN Taking its name from the Lakota, who called it Mako Sica (aka “land bad”), the Badlands National Park is a living and breathing fossil. To the credit of the Lakota, the terrain erodes underfoot. Even so, it manages to trap time and preserve it. From its pre-historic relics to its history beneath the waves, the Badlands holds wonders from every age—although no fossilized RVs have yet been discovered.



The Door Trail's Eroded Canyons.

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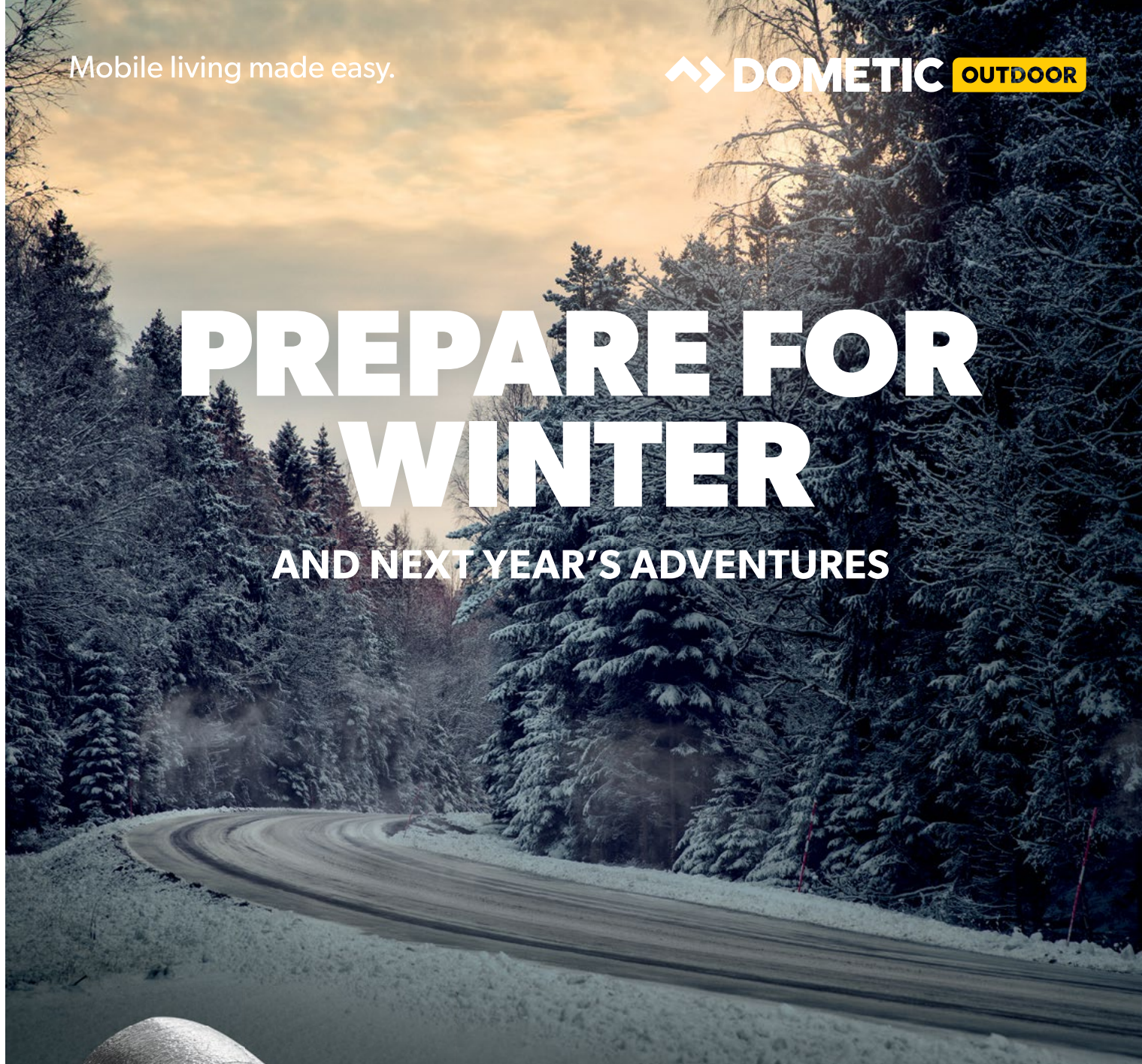


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Grab your lederhosen! See our five favorite beers for Oktoberfest on the go. Page 24

Road Abode

IMPROVING LIFE ON THE GO



The Walking Dead: American Movie Classics (AMC)/Circle of Confusion/Melihalla Motion Pictures/Darkwoods Productions/AMC Studios/Flat Box Productions

OUR FAVORITE RVs ON SCREEN Take a look at the most famous—and infamous—RVs in film. Whether shown on the silver screen or the small screen, we explore how the coolest RVs in cinema—from “Spaceballs” to “Breaking Bad”—reflect the best, baddest, and most absurd aspects of camper culture. See if your favorite made the list on Page 30.

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Brooklyn, New York
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- Celebrate the best of Oktoberfest with this smooth, malty lager. As their website says, Copper Legend is the perfect beer for creating legendary times with legendary people. Drink beer. Be legendary. We can get behind that message.



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Afton, Virginia
6.0% Alcohol by Volume

- Named after the Stammwürze law, which states that only beers with an original gravity of 13.5 plato can be served at the Munich Oktoberfest, this mixed malt with noble hops is sure to delight. It doesn't hurt that this brewery is nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains and its stunning naturescapes. Sit outside at one of their picnic tables to enjoy your brew and take in the stunning Virginia fall.



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Flippin' Time for Fall

Renovate your RV's entertainment system for more free space, fall sports, and cozier firesides. *by Torrey Swan*

HITTING THE ROAD is a hallmark of the weekend. And this time of year, those Saturdays and Sundays are prime time for the big game. Which means that whenever you park over the weekend, your RV's entertainment system should give you the option to return from that glorious scenic overlook and feel like you're stepping right into the stadium. The movie theater. Or an eight-hour, two-season, judgment-free, TV-show binge.

With an RV though, the trick is always a little bit what and a little bit how. That's why we got some expert tips from Renee Lois of Wisco Flip. Renee and her husband Brad collectively have over 25 years in interior design, landscape design, and construction. Based in Wisconsin—the home of both Badger fans and Cheeseheads—they know that a great entertainment center is important to complete any RV renovation.

Here, Renee shares about the renovation life and what you need to know to make your RV entertainment system as functional as it is fun—even on the run.

How many RVs have you renovated?

RENEE LOIS We are on our seventh renovation!



Because game day isn't every day, innovative solutions—like swapping in a mirror to hide the TV hookups—can give your RV living space an alternate look.

What unique challenges come with renovating an entertainment center in an RV?

RL Taking an area that looks pretty unassuming, and then opening up the space to find wires coming from everywhere and maybe even plumbing that was hidden can often change the design. Personally, I hate having a TV displayed, so we're always looking for ways to conceal the TV. We are currently working on installing a TV lift, which is exciting! Some of our future plans also include a movie projector.

What recommendations do you have for RVers looking to renovate their entertainment spaces?

RL Come up with a functional design that fits you and your family's needs. Sometimes it may not be as pretty as you'd like it, but as long as it's functional, you'll be sure to get plenty of use out of it. Sometimes entertainment spaces end up in a slide. Keep in mind the weight of what you're adding to the space based on what you may have taken out. We weigh everything we take out and weigh everything we put in to make sure the rig is balanced. One other thing to consider if you are mounting a TV is figuring out whether the weight of your TV will be able to be sustained on the wall.

Any must-haves for an RV entertainment system upgrade? Which products do you prefer to use in your RV renovations?

RL As mentioned before, we're installing a TV lift to an entertainment center built-in which also includes a fireplace. We love the:

- Touchstone Valueline 30003 Motorized TV Lifts
- Boss MRCP9685A Digital Multimedia Receivers
- PuraFlame Western Electric Fireplace Insert with Fire Crackling Sound

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What is one thing you wish you knew before you started renovating RVs?

RL How much work goes into each renovation. Obviously, it hasn't stopped us from doing them, but they are a lot of work; and if you're a renovator flipping RVs fast and furiously, you're probably missing something (or many things).♥

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RENEE & BRAD

Renee and Brad have backgrounds in interior design, landscape design, and construction—collectively 25 years of experience. They live on 10 acres of beautiful farmland in Burlington, Wisconsin with their two daughters and beloved dog. They also have a son who is currently serving in the US Army.

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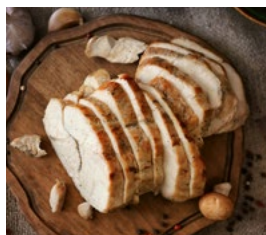
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A Tiny Thanksgiving

WE SACRIFICE A LOT FOR OUR RV HABITS. Space for an extra shoe rack? Who needs it. An extra 10 inches of TV screen space? Won't even miss them. But sacrificing the quality of our Turkey Day dinner? Not. Gonna. Happen. Instead, max out your holiday spirit with these RV-friendly tips to keep your culinary experience intact.

2 DISHES YOUR LOVED ONES WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR

The Star of the Show: Brined Turkey Breast



Sure, you could give the fryer a shot, but that's too much work unless you're feeding the whole park. Instead, with just a few hours of brining, you can present to your loved ones a golden delight that's huge on flavor and just right for your tiny kitchen.

Ingredients

- 1 bone-in turkey breast
- ½ cup salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tbl spoon whole peppercorns
- Splash of apple juice
- 1 bay leaf (optional)

• Add all ingredients to a gallon-size freezer bag and shake (it's OK if salt and sugar don't dissolve). Brine for four to eight hours. Pat dry. Roast at 375°F for approximately 20 minutes per pound, or grill over high, indirect heat for about 35-45 minutes—in both cases until reaching 160°F. Use a meat thermometer to avoid overcooking.

A Slow Cooker Side: Candied Carrots



Your meat's not taking up your slow cooker space, and carrots work great slow and low. Plus, a 4-hour cook time and almost no prep makes this the perfect fire-and-forget side dish that dishes out a healthy dollop of cheer.

Ingredients

- 1 bag of baby carrots
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 3 tbl spoons maple syrup
- Big pinch of salt + pepper
- Healthy squeeze of lemon juice

• Mix all ingredients in the slow cooker and stir. Cook on high for about four hours, stirring half-way through. Finish with a holiday flourish by topping with a healthy dose of mini marshmallows and broiling, or have the kids kick in some hand-toasted marshmallows for the topping.

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ditional pop-up campers, otherwise known as folding camping trailers."

The other thing to note is that most properties don't have electricity, water, or sewer hookups. So ... it's kind of like Wallydocking, except less Wally and more wine.

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Get the Kids on the Gravy Train

8 great ways to keep your kids entertained, whether you're on the road or mashing the potatoes. *by Torrey Swan*

YOUR BAGS ARE PACKED. The RV is prepped. You can almost smell the turkey. All good reasons to think you're ready to hit the road for the holidays.

But slow your Thanksgiving roll. Have you planned for the most unpredictable variable in your travel plans? You know: your kids. We recommend you double-check that packing list to make sure you can keep your tiny pilgrims occupied on the road and over the holiday.

Check out our cornucopia of ideas to keep the kids busy—and the adults sane. Trust us, you'll be thankful.

Prep some printables.

• When the internet isn't busy being the worst, it can actually be the best. Before you head out, visit a few sites like ArtsyFartsyMama.com and LivingWellMom.com, and print some puzzles, coloring pages, and other activities that your kids will love.

Transform a pinecone.

• Is there anything more versatile on the forest floor than the trusty pinecone? Not if you're trying to make turkey from scratch. Encourage your kids to use their imagination with a combination of natural items that they find and supplies that made the trip with you.

Store your supplies.



• Keep all of those printables and supplies organized with some easy-to-open storage boxes from Amazon. Totally worth the money to avoid markers rolling under your feet from Texas to Michigan.

Decorate with nature.

• Once you arrive at the campsite or grandma's house, give those kids a job—table decor! No need for a fancy centerpiece when you have everything you need right outside the RV. Just make sure they're pulling from nature and not ... you know ... someone's garden.



Stuff the volume.

• If you're a tablet or device family, invest in headphones for your backseat passengers. Even the most patient of RV parents can only handle the sounds of Minecraft for so long. Stuffing the volume from the outset will make a quieter—more sanity-filled—ride.

Leaf an impression.



• Making leaf prints with (washable!) paint is a great way to get your kids outside and using their creative side. The prints can be used for name tags, cards, or just serve to kill some time.

Start a scavenger hunt.

• Send your kids on a wild goose chase of your making. The beauty of this activity (and being an adult in general) is that you make the rules. The scavenger hunt can be as long or as short as you want it to be. Need time to brine the turkey? Looks like we suddenly have an urgent need for acorns, kids!

Get the kids involved in cooking.

• After the crafting and centerpiece making, don't be afraid to get those kids in the kitchen. Research has shown that kids who help prepare a meal are more likely to try new foods that they helped prepare. So pull up a stool and don't worry about the mess. The holidays are about family after all! ❤️

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MOST RVERS HAVE THIS IN COMMON:

We don't give two black water splashes what other people think about us. We also typically have this in common: We can't turn away when we see ourselves portrayed on the big (or little) screen. If you're like me, there's an immediate intrigue when you see yourself represented in TV or film. It starts with an instant cringe—there's going to be another poop scene, is my first thought. *It's almost inescapable.* Our hobby is so often reduced in pop culture to its lowest common denominator.

At times, we see an apparent desire to poke holes in the portrayal of our tribe. Often those portrayals are insincere at best and pandering at worst. "That's not what it's really like" is always at the ready as we watch.

But underneath it all is a desire to be seen. To be represented. Sure, the typical RVer has a countercultural mindset, but it's still hard to fight off the desire to feel known. To be acknowledged, if not appreciated. Many Americans know this feeling, and their desire is equally valid. So, as much as my first instinct is to shoot holes in the portrayals of our tribe, and despite the satisfaction I get in pointing out inconsistencies, I truly want to see it gotten right.

Here are 11 motion pictures big, small, and in between, that got it some degree of right or, in the case of several, horribly, horribly wrong, along with the takeaway message from each about RVs and those who love them. ▶



RVING THROUGH CINEMATIC HISTORY

What 11 famous RVs from television and film get right—and wrong—about life on the road.

by Marc Acton

Photo from Alamy; What's Buzzin' Cousin?; Columbia Pictures; The Long, Long Trailer; Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM); The Blues Brothers; Universal Pictures



FIRST COUSIN

"What's Buzzin', Cousin?" 1943

▶ The first RV in film appears to have been in 1943, in the musical comedy, "What's Buzzin', Cousin?" A copy of the film is impossible to find, so there's no way to know if it also has the first of many inevitable black water scenes. According to IMDB.com, the plot includes running out of gas in a ghost town, a gold rush discovery, gangsters, a double cross, and love songs. It's a grab bag of plot points that clearly connected with a slice of Americana that for many of us has not gone away.

MESSAGE: RVs are here to stay, and it's always a good idea to have great drivin' music.

BIG, BLUE COOL

"The Blues Brothers" 1980

▶ Love or hate its grown-up jokes and maybe-drug-fueled Saturday Night Live humor, "The Blues Brothers" still maintains its cool factor. What's groundbreaking about the sophomore movie's RV is that the vehicle wasn't the butt of the jokes. Instead, it was a personality cue for Jake and Elwood's nemeses, a country music getup that crossed the country in their RV. It also featured a notable, fully pre-Thelma and Louise cliff scene (shot in Moab, Page 44)—only on a much smaller, and much wetter, scale.

MESSAGE: RVs make a great story element, both encapsulating and amplifying ridiculous humor.



LUCILLE BALL DESI ARNAZ



THE LONG, LONG COMEDY TROPES

"The Long, Long Trailer" 1954

▶ Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball were as mainstream as it got in 1954—even more mainstream than the travel trailer they decided to take on their cinematic honeymoon. "The Long, Long Trailer" movie set a long, long precedent for RV hijinks, introducing an entire movie's worth of comedy tropes. There is the slanted-RV-cooking challenge, the backing-into-a-parking-spot gag, and driving-directions-are-hard hilarity. It's worth the viewing for RV-loving classic movie buffs, but the plot will feel oddly familiar even during its groundbreaking introduction of RVs to America at large.

MESSAGE: RVs are the perfect setting for physical comedy and classic hijinks.

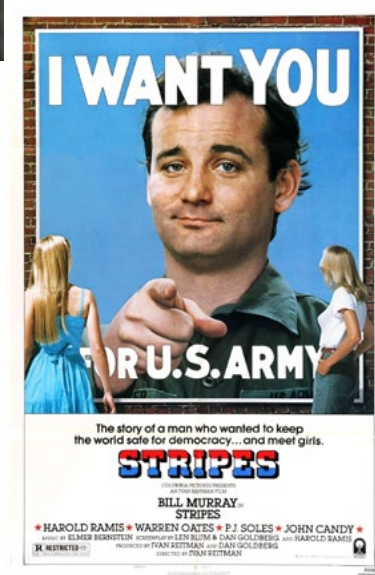




TEN HUT
"Stripes" 1981

► With an \$85 million box office haul, "Stripes" was undeniably big-time. The RV here makes another cameo, versus a star turn, but the EM-50 Urban Assault Vehicle, based on the 1976 GMC Motorhome Palm Beach, contributed some major plot points. The GMC Motorhome is still the only RV ever produced by a major car and truck manufacturer, and "Stripes" was similarly entrenched in popular culture. By its release in 1981, the RV was universally accepted as a story plot point, delivering an inherently ridiculous comic foil in a variety of contexts, but never one so explosive.

MESSAGE: RVs are a comedic force to be reckoned with.



OUT OF THIS WORLD
"Spaceballs" 1987

► Honorable mention to the far-out-est, spiciest Winnebago that has ever reached ludicrous speed (and beyond—see our RV quiz on Page 13).

MESSAGE: Eagle 5 was a symbol of countercultural coolness that was out of this world.

MERRY RVNESS TO YOU
"Christmas Vacation" 1989

► "Shitter was full" is, begging my mom's pardon, one of the great lines in movie history. It's poetic, with what writers call "economy of words," not wasting a syllable with any unnecessary verbosity. Its humor doesn't rely on its moderate vulgarity, but it does capitalize on it, just like how it uses its RV. Cousin Eddy is the most heinous of overstayed and oversharing house guests, surrounded by National Lampoon's comic absurdity, and bookended by its underlying and honest Christmas heart. Containing maybe the most well-known RV movie reference of all time, "Christmas Vacation" asks you to simultaneously forgive its rough edges and celebrate its underlying humanity. And it uses its RV for maximum humor. It's a prop but a critical one.

MESSAGE: RVs aren't an excuse to be a bad person. And always empty your tanks in approved dumping facilities.



THE WHOLE SHEBANG
"RV" 2006

► "Mom, this idiot parked this ugly RV outside of our house," says early-2000s pop star Jojo. Finally, in the year of 2006, the RV took the spotlight again. Utilizing essentially the grandchildren of the jokes birthed back in "What's Buzzin', Cousin?," RV devolves into some seriously cliché gags. The kooky RV park neighbors, funny custom horn sounds, brakes-went-out-where-are-we-headed hilarity—and boy does black water ever play a leading role here. "RV" is a crappy (pun intended) portrayal of RV life, which delves more into stereotype than personality type. Still, it's worth celebrating as the first motion picture that put the entire RV life out there as one worth exploring.

MESSAGE: Kooky neighbors are inescapable, and RVs are an endless source of hilarity if you try hard enough.

THE WILD ONE
"Into the Wild" 2007

► RVers feel the truth of this quote in their bones: "I read somewhere of how important it is in life to not necessarily to be strong, but to feel strong. To measure yourself at least once. To find yourself at least once in the most ancient of human conditions, facing the blind, deaf stone along with nothing to help you but your hands and your own head." That must be 50 percent or more of what drives RVers to find the next perfect parking spot—the desire to be on the edge of what's possible: personally, geographically, and contextually. "Into the Wild" isn't an RV movie, but thousands of people from around the world have trekked to Fairbanks City Transit System Bus 142, which might be the most famous skoolie of all time, affectionately known as the Magic Bus.

MESSAGE: Leaving the rat race is rewarding. (Shawna Matsunaga would agree, Page 59.) And boondocking unprepared can be perilous.



THE BADDEST OF THEM ALL
"Breaking Bad" 2008

► You really want your antihero to have a great entrance. Walter White drove into the national zeitgeist in tighty-whities and a gas mask, careening his 1986 Fleetwood Bounder mobile meth lab through an Albuquerque desert with two bodies in the back. And RVs on TV would never be the same. The RV wasn't just a recurring backdrop

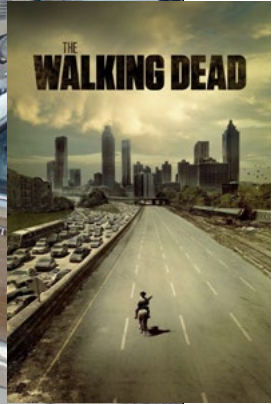
here. It was a strong supporting character in every sense of the word, delivering plot points, serving as both setting of and impetus for action through five seasons, and grounding the otherwise wild storyline in a strange hyperrealism (see Page 12). "Breaking Bad" was unlike anything that had come before it, and so was the depiction of the "Krystal Ship." The show took a dusty old



motorhome and turned it into a star vehicle. And in so doing gave countercultural RVers an antihero to (mostly, and begrudgingly) root for. When it met its untimely demise, the emotional pain was identical to killing off a favorite character and served as a foreshadowing of tragedy to come. All in all, this was the RV's all-time great role, deserving of our designation of it as the Baddest RV of All Time.

MESSAGE: There are some things about yourself that you absolutely can only learn in the back of a 1986 motorhome.

Stripes: Columbia Pictures; Spaceballs: Warner Bros./Hughes Entertainment/National Lampoon; Christmas Vacation: Warner Bros./Hughes Entertainment/National Lampoon; RV: Columbia Pictures/Relativity Media/Intermedia Films/MP/Red Wagon Entertainment/RV Camping Productions Ltd.; Into the Wild: Paramount Vantage/Art Linson Productions/River Road Entertainment; Breaking Bad: High Bridge Productions/Sony Pictures Television/American Movie Classics (AMC)

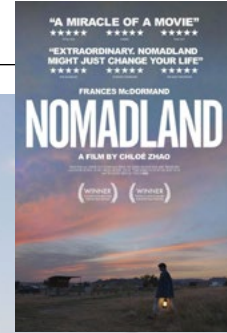


MOBILE SANCTUARY

“The Walking Dead” 2010

► You can’t miss the Winnebago W on the side of the 1973 D-27C Chieftain in the “Walking Dead.” While less of a starring role and more of an ongoing character than in “Breaking Bad,” the show got a whole lot of mileage out of its recreational vehicle. We wouldn’t recommend using its bathroom during a zombie attack, but generally speaking, we saw the Winnebago as place of sanctuary, and a mobile place of peace in the midst of perpetual brainy mayhem.

MESSAGE: If you’re going to go through an apocalypse, bring your Winnebago.



THE WANDERER

“Nomadland” 2020

► Like “Into the Wild” before it, “Nomadland” delivers an honest look at RVing in all its gritty glory. Sometimes exhilarating, sometimes a real

crappy way to get from here to there, RVing in this Academy-Award-Best-Picture-winning film is living its best life. In part, that’s because the film uses real, non-actor people to deliver some of its most memorable performances, including real-life wandwelling YouTube guru Bob Wells. Like any great

story, “Nomadland” is really about relationships, including between the protagonist, played by Frances McDormand, and her van. Like any great relationship, it’s sometimes strained, and each participant takes its toll on the other. But we ultimately find beauty in the places that the picture goes physically and emotionally. It took until 2020 for Hollywood to get the representation of RVers this right, but the payoff comes in the unflinchingly honest look at the lifestyle we all love, reflected back to us by this piece of art in all its tainted glory. In “Nomadland,” we aren’t just seen, we’re known.

And the bare truth that the film captures so well is that RVing is more than a hobby for anyone serious about it—in fact, it’s a way of life for many. It’s a calling, even, for some, requiring maximum sacrifice from its deepest devotees, but returning in kind a lifestyle that, even when not glamorous, is never boring. And that might be what the film gets most right.♥

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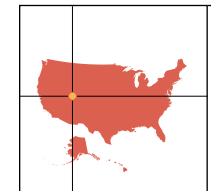


INSIDE: How to steer your RV through mountain roads like a master. Page 41



FINDING THE FACE OF MOAB, UTAH IN FILM

For decades, Moab's arresting landscape has been the stage for some of film's most otherworldly scenes—from John Wayne Westerns to desert planets in Star Trek. On Page 44, see how to make it the scene for your own adventure. (Without driving off a cliff, that is.)



▶ OK RV PARK	▶ MOAB, UT
▶ 38°31'24"N 109°29'21"W	▶ OKRVPARK.COM

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Dancing Across the Desert

Hollywood's bright lights give way to shooting stars over the Mojave. Here's our favorite route to dust-up the desert road to Vegas.

LIFE IS A HIGHWAY, and if you should ride it all night long (as we suggest), you might as well enjoy the view. Taking Interstate 10 from Southern California begins an uncanny meditative desert detour. (Also, for the record, you should call I-10 "The Ten" to sound like a local.) With the right turns, this drive will carry you through a barren, beautiful landscape that astounds and contrasts with its seductive opposite: the kaleidoscopic vision of Vegas—ablaze with all its man-made trappings. Good-bye, City of Angels; hello, Sin City. Here's how to best prime your drive to hit the highlights along the way.

Escaping the City of Angels

Los Angeles is known for its bright lights and shining stars, but one major downside to the City of Angels is its traffic. You'll be on "The Ten" for a good two hours on your way to Joshua Tree, and it's pretty much jam-packed from now to eternity. But you can best avoid that problematic bit of purgatory by avoiding the evening rush hour. As in, avoid it at all costs. It is the prime time for a jam and the biggest obstacle between you and the meditative spell of the desert. North Los Angeles County has commuters by the thousands, so time your departure to skip their company.

Interstate 10 gets remote quickly as you put Hollywood's bright lights in your rearview, so traveling this road during

the day is the safe way to go. That is unless you're into the empty desert of horror films. If that's the case, then head off with your bad self. The good guy usually makes it after all. (Don't tell that to your passengers.)

Don't Get Fooled by Desert Rain

Surprise: Summer is monsoon season, which means that even though 90-degree days are transitioning into cool fall nights, weather from LA to Las Vegas can vary drastically. Like more than you would think ... you know, for a desert. Make sure you're prepared by packing removable layers, and keep some waterproof footwear and a coat in that RV—even if it makes you feel like a doomsday prepper.

Sharing the Road with Semis

Interstate 10 was built as a truck route to connect LA to the rest of the country. It's 2,460 miles long and runs through eight states going coast to coast—Pacific to Atlantic—Cali to Florida. So be prepared to share the road with semi-trucks. Getting some steering stabilizers will definitely help deal with bow waves as they pass. (See Page 41)

A Little Taste of Time Travel

Peggy Sue's is an original 1950s diner and a can't-miss relic of the past. Situated right off Route 66 and Route 15, the diner serves as the half-way point from LA to Las Vegas. With menu items like the Tina Turner Tuna Sandwich, the Big Bopper BLT, and the Audrey Hepburn, who could resist stopping off to grab a bite?

Flying J, I-15 Exit 178
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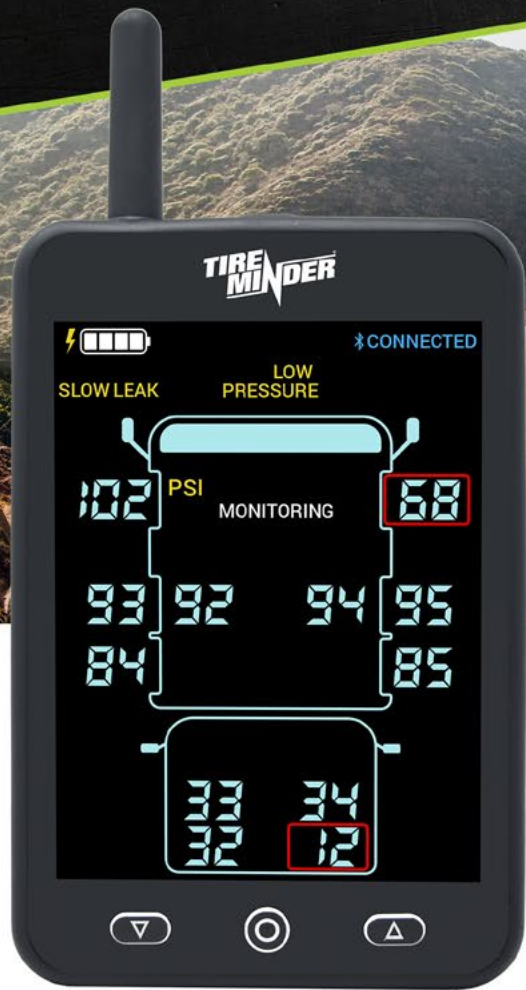
A Hike Through a Desert Oasis

Joshua Tree is just too cool to drive by, so take Exit 117 onto CA-62 W. The national park offers three-hour tours with local naturalists (very different than the Gilligan's Island variety). Hiking on the Lost Palms Oasis Trail, near the south entrance of the park, will give everyone of every age the chance to see some unforgettable unique desert fauna and flora.

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Make or Brake Advice for Mountain Roads

Towing with a motorhome on steep mountain grades can be tricky. Get coached up for the challenge.

by Chris Hemer

Mountain roads can lead you to some knockout vistas. But getting up, down, and around the mountain while towing can be a unique challenge for motorhomes. The claustrophobic turns, steep grades, and slimmer margins can make travel feel tight—and, on occasion, amp up your pucker factor. But before you head up—or down—the mountain, make sure your RV and your braking skills are equipped for the task.

BEEF UP YOUR BRAKING SYSTEM

Any time you are towing a vehicle behind a motorhome, you **MUST** have an auxiliary braking system. (Not only for safety reasons. It's the law in 49 U.S. states and every province in Canada.) A dinghy braking system helps take the burden of the motorhome's brake system, especially when going down steep grades. (Some

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exceed 18 percent.) Here, you have two options: either permanent or portable brake systems. Once installed, you simply plug the vehicle into the motorhome, and its brake system will activate proportionally to the motorhome's.

Roadmaster 8700 InvisiBrake Hidden Power Braking System

Dinghy Brake System, Permanent. \$980, amazon.com



Blue Ox BRK2019 Patriot 3 Brake System

Dinghy Brake System, Portable. \$1,435, amazon.com



At times your dinghy's brakes may remain applied if something goes wrong. Wireless monitors keep you informed of any braking activity in your towed vehicle. Which means you can stop and prevent your brakes from being fried—or your tires possibly shredded. Kits can include features that alert you to extended braking, break-away, low battery, and other alarms. On a mountain road, you want to know early.

TIME YOUR TACTICS FOR THE DESCENT

For diesel-powered motorhomes with an exhaust or engine brake, activate it BEFORE descending a hill, not after, when you realize the vehicle is picking up speed and have to constantly apply the brakes. For gas-powered motor-

homes, it's a good idea to downshift out of overdrive into fourth or third gear of the transmission to let the engine braking keep the speed down. If you need to apply the brakes, this should be done a few seconds at a time to allow the brakes to cool between each application. (Keeping your foot on the brake all the way down the grade can cause them to heat excessively, which can cause brake fade.) Brake for a few seconds, release for a few seconds, then reapply.

SMOOTH OUT SWAY AND STEERING

The idea of driving a coach in mountains can be nerve-racking, especially if you feel your coach leans or sways too much around corners. Roadmaster and Hellwig offer anti-sway bar kits that help with sway considerably and are designed for bolt-in installation with no welding required. Mountain driving can also

mean strong side winds, or bow waves from passing 18-wheelers. Steering stabilizers can help keep your steering on center—improving your stability and confidence, while reducing your fatigue.

Safe-T-Plus RV SteeStabilizer 41-230

Steering Stabilizer. \$475, amazon.com



Most of all, remember this: Don't let other drivers rush you outside your comfort zone. You can always get in the slow lane and turn on your flashers if you need to go below the speed limit. It's your motorhome and vehicle. And your safety should be the primary concern. No need to stress. Just think of it as more road time with an incredible view.♥

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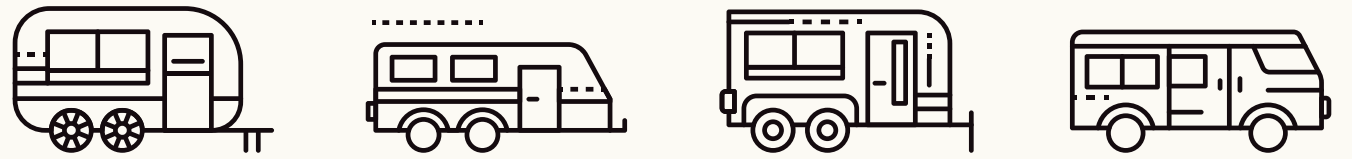
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MOAB, UTAH'S NATURAL AND CINEMATIC WONDERS TAKE CAMPERS TO THE SURREAL HEART OF A RUGGED LANDSCAPE.
by Mark Settle

➔ **YOU MIGHT MISTAKE MOAB FOR MARS.**

With a surface like a red planet, Moab's rust-colored cliffs ascend and drop with dramatic suddenness. Red earth. Blue sky. Standing before the empty, open landscape, there is a remoteness that feels like another planet—as if your eyes were the first to see this strange and distant land. A place untouched by known civilization and perhaps the home of a mystery about to be unraveled. Were a spaceship to cut a line of vapor across the sky, you wouldn't be surprised.

Yet somehow, strangely, you get the feeling you've been here before.

And you could be easily forgiven if, on striking the Colorado River, you feel as though you've suddenly been transported into the heart of Apache country. See there—where the water cuts through the canyons, the banks level, and the green foliage springs up from the sediment? That's where the wagons ford. A place of possible ambush. No, you didn't live in the Old West, and yet ... you've seen this place before. You've been here. Stared down the country from horseback. With dust in the air and the hot sun on your neck, your eyes squint. You remember pioneer trails and desperate cavalry battles, echoing gunfire through the canyons.

There is something to that feeling that's more than déjà vu. A truth: You've been to Moab many times before—in film. An actor in its own right, Moab has worn the masks of many worlds. But when you visit Moab, Utah, you not only see those worlds, you begin an adventure of your own.



Setting the Stage for Adventure

► **THERE ARE MORE THAN A FEW CAMPGROUNDS** in Moab, but RVers know—much like the settlers of old—that searching for the perfect site is an art. There is the practical matter of provision, and then there is the spirit of the place. Just off the beaten track of US Highway 191 is a campground that satisfies both requirements for the traveler: the OK RV Park.

South Spanish Valley Drive runs parallel to US-191, just over a quarter mile east of the highway as it approaches Moab. Moving south toward the entrance of the park, open farmland rolls in hayfields to the east with red cliffs on the rise in the distance behind them. On the right, the OK RV Park's entrance is marked by a gravel trail, the shade of trees, and a sign styled like a ranch gate—a texture of the traditional roots that the park still honors.

Rolling up the gravel trail toward the front office, you'll see a long Western building with an equally long porch with the campground name, OK RV, in bold white letters above. Inside the office, Kim runs the desk with a small general store nearby. A local of Moab, she makes sure guests receive a smooth check-in and a nice site. The park offers traditional motifs and a spacious environment, and also a first-class glamping experience for campers, many of whom are newbies enjoying their first RV vacation. The guests come from all over the country. And here, they have options: 64 full-hookup sites, rental RVs, four basic cabins, deluxe tent sites, coin laundry, free Wi-Fi, and even tipis. And, of course, pets are welcome.

Kim, no stranger to RV life herself, understands the appeal of the park's niceties. "We have a large site with mature trees, which provide better shade. I would say that compared to other parks we have lots of space in between sites, so it feels more roomy. We're off the main highway, so the park's very quiet and laid back. You don't have any road noise. No matter what's going on in Moab it always feels kind of quiet out here."

And then there are the tipis—a particularly novel delight for the kids but fit with modern conveniences for the entire family. Each tipi can house up to four guests, has at least one queen bed (with two extra camp pads for the floor), an outdoor space with a patio set, fire pit, gas grill, outdoor sink, and lawn chairs. (Not to mention access to a nice clean bath house that has several showers, toilets, and sinks.) The thoughtful bal-



Don't own your own rig yet? OK RV offers rentals complete with free WiFi, a grill, firepit, and more.



ance between Western tradition and modern comfort is a defining feature of OK RV Park, making it perfect for glampers and camping veterans alike. Most guests come for the national



Book your stay at OK RV Park: OKRVPark.com

park or to go off-roading (see Page 65), Kim says. When guests have questions about where to eat, Kim gives the sure advice of a lifelong local. With decisiveness, she shares, "The Dewey or the Trail-head." No question about it.

With the stage set and equally good direction, you're now ready to do what you came to do: Explore the many worlds of Moab.



An Other World Tour

► **DIRECTOR JOHN FORD'S FILMS** are a testimony to Moab's power for world creation. Taking the name "little Monument Valley" from the director, the evocative, ruddy landscape proved to be the perfect backdrop for several of Ford's films with John Wayne, with "Wagon Master" and "Rio Grande" being signatures among them. The canyons, cliffs, arches, and rock configurations give any filmmaker a tantalizing sense of place—which is why directors from every age of cinema come back. Ridley Scott certainly agrees. According to the Discover Moab website (DiscoverMoab.com), the celebrated

director once said that he had "seen more wonderful and varied scenery in a single day in Moab than

any other day [he had] scouted." Ringed by extraordinary geologic treasures and national parks like Canyonlands, Dead Horse Point, Arches, and the Colorado River, Moab is a marvel to behold on every side. And as arresting as it is in film, it is far more powerful in person.

Across the Colorado River and to the west of Moab lies Canyonlands National Park. Less traveled than Arches but four times as large, the desert park with its dusky mesas can be seen from the above in the movie "Con-Air."

Just northeast of Canyonlands is the Dead Horse Point State Park—famous for the "Mission Impossible II" intro scene where IMF point man Ethan Hunt is caught on holiday, hanging out on the red rocks. (Fortunately for you, rock climbing is not actually allowed here. Tom Cruise alone gets Tom Cruise privileges.) But even without self-destruct sun-



Left: Set among the red-rock cliffs of Moab, OK RV Park offers guests first-class glamping options in a traditional Western setting. Tipi rentals are a fun and unique example. Above: The sun sets behind an arch. Top Right: A traveler looks out over Dead Horse Point State Park where director Ridley Scott filmed his dramatic conclusion to "Thelma and Louise." Below: A view from Arches Scenic Drive.

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Blazing Your Own Trail

Crossing south back across the river toward Moab, an immediate left turn onto Utah Highway 128 puts the Colorado River on your left flank as you move east toward Professor Valley. Down in the river, Charlton Heston, dressed as John the Baptist, once cried out, “Repent! for the anger of the Lord is upon all nations,” in the 1965 epic “The Greatest Story Ever Told.” Nor is imagining the Colorado River as the Jordan so very hard. Driving through the river-cut wilderness, you can get an idea why the nation’s first postmaster gave Moab its Biblical name. Moving northwest with the river, UT-128 takes a route toward the

promised land for John Wayne aficionados: Red Cliffs Lodge and Professor Valley. Here, John Ford staged great John Wayne classics, including “Wagon Master” and “Rio Grande.” On horseback and clambering over the chalky hills, cinematic cavalry regiments and Apache warriors fought over an uncertain frontier, creating movie legends that we feel like we have lived. And while you don’t have to visit the Moab Museum of Film and Western Heritage at Red Cliffs Lodge to appreciate the history of the place, we highly recommend it.

“You can experience the surreal sensation of stepping through the open mouths of ancient stones that rise up from the earth.”

glasses, you can enjoy the unparalleled view—in safety. Especially if you drive better than Thelma and Louise in their eponymous film, whose conclusion was also shot at Dead Horse Point (not the Grand Canyon, as mentioned in the film). Take Utah Highway 313 East to return to US-191 S and reach the gateway of Arches National Park. It is a place of awe and wonder where over 2,000 natural sandstone arches create a geologic spectacle worthy of science fiction. Moving in parallel with the first scenes from Steven Spielberg’s “Indiana Jones and

the Last Crusade,” you may recognize the Arches Scenic Drive as its southern approach weaves through the park. For 18 miles, the drive uncovers a landscape of unimaginable strangeness and otherworldly beauty. But this is not a place for window-gazing alone. Outside the RV, with your feet on the rock, you can experience the surreal sensation of stepping through the open mouths of ancient stones that rise up from the earth. And then you press on, untouched by the weight above but somehow moved—a symptom of walking through a wonder.

► **THE FACES OF MOAB ARE LIMITLESS** and go far beyond the reaches of cinema. Moab’s secret is simple: It’s a place of true adventure. Which means that your RV door is wide open for a story of your own making. Here, every traveler can live on the edge of their own expanding frontier. The dust that cakes your jacket as you tear across the ATV trail is real; the weight of the horse between your heels is real; the cool waters of the Colorado beneath your paddleboard are real. And there are so many more things to do, so many more places to discover. From the local art to the veiled message of the petroglyphs, there is always another world on the horizon at Moab. Camping in the canyonlands, if you look up one night, your eyes will witness a galaxy of stars assembled for your view. More worlds assembling in the great corridor of Moab’s night sky. Little wonder J.J. Abrams thought of Moab when he imagined the planet Vulcan for “Star Trek.” Little wonder this place feels so familiar and so far. After all, you’ve been here before, even if you’ve only just arrived.♥

Over 2,000 arches can be found in Arches National Park, and fall is one of the best times to visit, with cooler daytime temperatures that range between 60 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. This distinctive geologic feature of Moab was created over time as sedimentary rock compressed, rose, and dissolved at the base. Further erosion ultimately created the arch-like structures of today, many of whom are over 100 feet high and weigh several thousand tons.



5 OTHER WAYS TO EXPLORE MOAB

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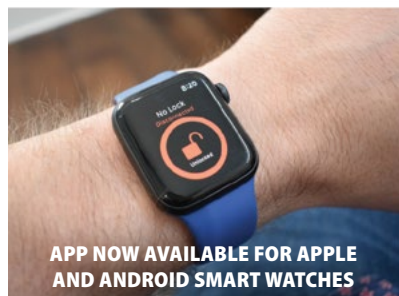
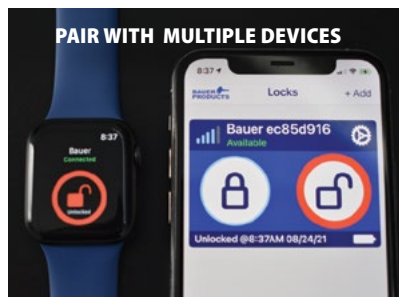
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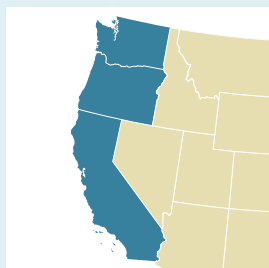
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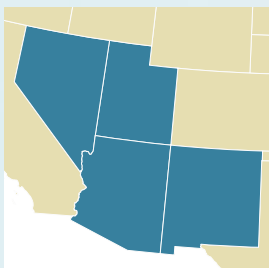
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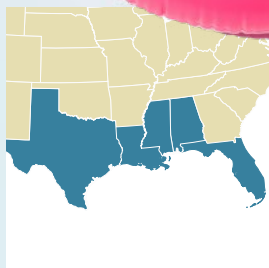
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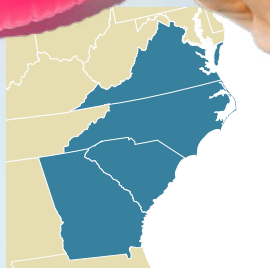
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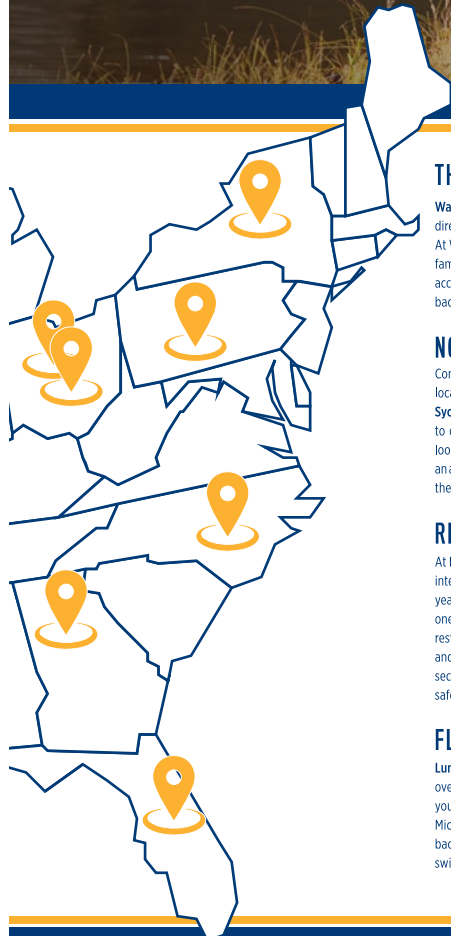
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Luna Sands is located about 30 minutes from beautiful Daytona Beach and a little over an hour from Orlando. The weather is beautiful all Winter and so close for all of your entertainment needs. Whether you enjoy NASCAR or Mickey Mouse you are right in the middle of things. Then head back to our beautiful resort; shoot a game of pool, go swimming or relax around the campfire.



LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE, ENJOY THE RIDE!

Located in the Salt Fork Lake Region, **Rocky Fork Ranch** is the perfect place for a family getaway. With over 850 pristine acres, this resort truly has something for everyone. Nestled in one of Ohio's most spectacular forests, Rocky Fork Ranch provides endless possibilities for the outdoor enthusiast. You don't even need to leave the ranch for an adventure-packed vacation as amenities include: indoor heated pool, outdoor pool, horseback riding & trails, golf driving range, mini golf, paint ball and so much more!



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MAKE GEORGIA YOUR NEXT STOP!

Fifty-five acres make up our beautiful **North Shore Resort** at Lake Oconee, GA. The campground was developed with a "railroad" theme and 23 railroad cars were brought in and used as offices, in recreational areas, as shops, and as overnight accommodations. Club cars, cabooses, and boxcars were used in the design scheme giving the resort a truly unique flavor for your next vacation stay. The railroad cars exist today and are just one of the amenities that makes us a premier Georgia Lake Country destination. Call today to ask about a campsite or cabin vacation stay. We have plenty of space for your next event or vacation. Come see what North Shore resort has to offer.

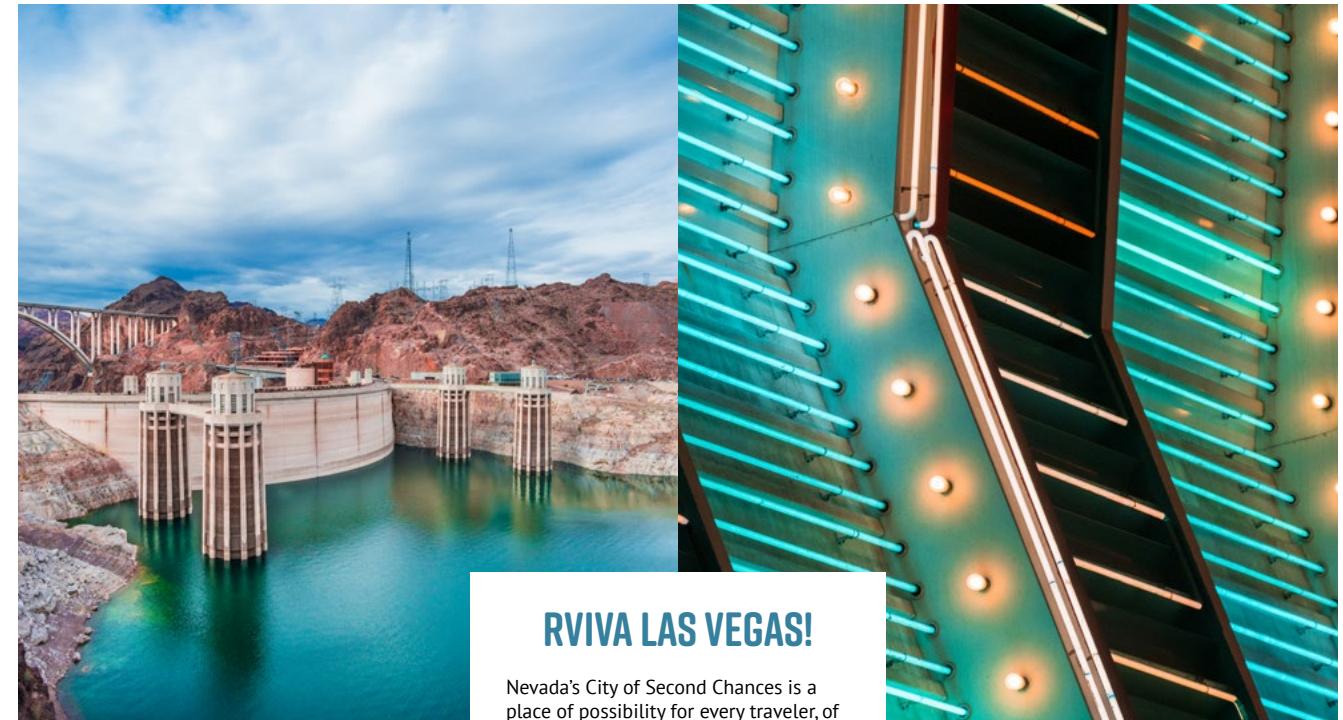


RVX

Take your toy hauler into the heart of Moab's ATV country. Page 65



CAMPING, ADVENTURE, AND THE RV EXPERIENCE



RVIVA LAS VEGAS!

Nevada's City of Second Chances is a place of possibility for every traveler, of every age. Whether you're looking for family fun or hitting the famous Strip, we'll show you where to stay, and how to enjoy the best of Vegas by day and its technicolor splendor by night. Page 60



Photos (clockwise from top-left): superjoseph/PS Media House/Irina Withnau/Kit Leong/Shutterstock.com

Championship-Level Tailgating

Make the right calls and find the best parking spots in college football this season. *by Mark Settle*

HUNGER FOR SPORTS has honed television into high definition, but a separate truth still stands: Seeing is one thing; beholding is another. College football in America is an experience far beyond instant replay, and tailgating immerses us in the culture of the sport. Where we can hear the roar of the crowd. See oceans of people in opposing colors. And taste the best food every fanbase has to offer.

Make no mistake: Tailgating is the perfect RV sport.

So whichever banner you display in whatever conference your team *currently* plays (looking at you, Oklahoma and Texas), your RV is the perfect vehicle to travel into the sacred grounds of college football's richest cultures.

This short guide will help you do just that for the rest of the regular season. We'll breakdown the game plan, then tour across the country to find the most roadworthy destinations on the fall schedule.

GET THE SCOUTING REPORT

► Take your tailgate one game at a time, like a real Nick Saban acolyte. Every game, every stadium, every university parking situation is just a bit different. (Sometimes wildly.) So you're gonna need to spend some time in the film room. (Or,

you know, maybe Google some stuff.) Doing your research will keep you from getting surprised when you show up, which could put you in poor field position. A prime RV spot has space to set up and spread out, while keeping you near enough to the stadium to enjoy the crowd noise.

Prepping your cooking playbook can be another fun wrinkle in your game

plan. Sure, you can always just stick with tried-and-true regulars like burgers, chicken, hot dogs, and chili. That's the Woody Hayes's three-yards-and-cloud-of-dust approach. Simple and effective. But, hey, you may just have more fun cooking up a local dish, like smoking a turkey leg among the Hokies in Blacksburg. And because you have a kitchen, you have options.



ENJOY THE HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

► Tailgating in your road abode means you're basically playing at home. Before, during, and after the game, your fellow fans and attendees are going to be searching for a place in the shade where they can eat, drink, sit, and watch TV. But not you. You're as safe as Pete Carroll in the Coliseum (which should keep your win average around 93 percent).

With your RV on-site at the game, you get all the game-day atmosphere. But you can still watch the game in HD just steps away from your kitchen or under the shade of your awning. Portable satellites like the DISH Outdoors Tailgater Pro (Page 75) make the lack of Wi-Fi a non-issue. So, expect to make some friends. Speaking of which ...

SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

► Hospitality and tailgating go hand-in-hand. Whether that's ribbing a rival over cornhole or sharing a cold one with your friend of five minutes, embrace the spirit of game day. The more inviting you are, the more fun you will have. True, it may cost you a few lagers from your Oktoberfest stash (Page 24), but that stat won't change the score. ♥

Let's Hit the Road

OCT. 7-9

NOTRE DAME @ VIRGINIA TECH

Blacksburg, VA
ESPN's Chris Fowler calls "Enter Sandman" the rockiest entrance in college football. Hold onto that smoked turkey leg—the earth may shake.

Tailgater Tip: Lots open at noon on Fridays before game days.

Also Consider: Oklahoma vs. Texas, Penn State at Iowa

OCT. 14-16

IOWA STATE @ KANSAS STATE

Manhattan, KS
Let the wrestling over the remains of the Big 12 begin! With Oklahoma and Texas leaving the conference, the Cyclones and Wildcats vie to be the new top dog.

Tailgater Tip: RVs must not exceed a maximum stall width of 11-feet, 6-inches and a maximum stall length of 55-feet.

Also Consider: Florida at LSU, UCLA at Washington

OCT. 21-23

OREGON @ UCLA

Pasadena, CA
Is it the Rose Bowl or the Chip Kelly Bowl? Current UCLA coach Chip Kelly looks to exact revenge on his former team. He was only three points shy last year.

Tailgater Tip: RV Parking must be purchased directly from the Rose Bowl Stadium.

Also Consider: Clemson at Pittsburgh, USC at Notre Dame

OCT. 28-30

GEORGIA vs. FLORIDA

Jacksonville, FL
Formerly called "The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party," that title has since been dropped (but not the party). The 50-50 SEC East crowd is one-of-a-kind.

Tailgater Tip: Don't miss out on RV City. It's like ... an entire district.

Also Consider: Iowa at Wisconsin, Clemson at Florida State

NOV. 4-6

LSU @ ALABAMA

Tuscaloosa, AL
The last two national champions. Nick Saban and Coach O. All the bragging rights in the vicious SEC West. Yeah, circle this one.

Tailgater Tip: Single game passes are available for purchase for \$100.

Also Consider: USC at Arizona State, Ohio State at Nebraska

NOV. 11-13

MICHIGAN @ PENN STATE

State College, PA
Remember the four-overtime finish in 2013. Yep, we do too. We're already praying for a White Out, so dress accordingly.

Tailgater Tip: Overnight RV parking in lots 19 and 20 can start as early as Thursday after 6:00 p.m.

Also Consider: Miami at Florida State, Arizona State at Washington

NOV. 18-20

SMU @ CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, OH
One of the best Group of Five matchups of the year, this is a chance for both teams to make a statement to the CFP Selection Committee.

Tailgater Tip: Season passes are \$72 per space.

Also Consider: Iowa State at Oklahoma, Stanford at California

NOV. 25-27

OHIO STATE @ MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor, MI
They call it "The Game." We call it, "A good test for your all-weather camper" (Page 76). It may be now or never for Harbaugh, but the rivalry is timeless.

Tailgater Tip: Parking at the Brown Lot begins at 7 a.m. on Saturdays. Permits must be purchased on site, on game day. So start early.

Also Consider: Alabama at Auburn, Oklahoma State at Oklahoma



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Hot Yoga Out West

SOME OF THE BEST PLACES TO PRACTICE YOGA ARE OUT WEST: in Sedona, Arizona, Mount Charleston near Las Vegas, and Glacier National Park in Montana. These incredible, sunbaked landscapes take you somewhere deep—and yoga is a great way to take your journey one step further. So, if you're living the nomad life out West, take advantage of your opportunity and explore a little yoga. Here are a few easy tips to try it out for the first time.

by Shawna Matsunaga



► Shawna's journey as a lifelong nomad began after relocating from Maui to Las Vegas. By age 30, she decided to shed her corporate life and make an Airstream trailer her home. She now travels across the country with her boyfriend, seeking new yoga spots, hiking, and rock-climbing adventures. Shawna guides live virtual yoga, meditation, and pranayama breathwork sessions.



EMBRACE MINDFULNESS

It's not always easy to find your place of mindfulness on the road. You need to fully unplug from electronics and social media to "Be Here Now," as Ram Dass says. This is when zero cell reception is—finally—your friend! To begin, stop somewhere remote and just sit. See what thoughts and feelings arise. We are so used to constant stimulation that when you unplug, the real stuff surfaces. That's when you will learn a lot about yourself. In this state, try to see and acknowledge the blessings in your life.



TRY SOME BEGINNER POSITIONS

Tadasana (aka Mountain Pose)

• Stand tall with your feet about hip-width apart, and arms by your side with energy in the fingers. Roll shoulders down and back. Ground down into your feet and connect with the Earth. The crown of your head should energetically pull up towards the sky as your feet root down creating this sense of strength and length in the body. If you feel your butt sticking out, tuck your tailbone slightly, and draw your belly button towards the spine for alignment.



Balāsana (aka Child's Pose)

• From a tabletop position on your hands and knees, bring the knees wide and let the toes touch. Your hips will lower down towards your feet and your arms should stretch forward. Rest your forehead on your mat and allow your exhales to relax your body deeper into the pose.

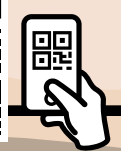


Savasana (aka Corpse Pose)

• Lie on your back and relax both mind and body. I know, I know... lying on your back may not seem very effective. Savasana is one of the simplest, yet most challenging postures in yoga. I always suggest allowing the legs and the arms to go where they please, as long as you're able to find stillness. Your mind may race, you may even get frustrated, and that's okay. The goal is to observe your thoughts and feelings, acknowledge them, and then send them on their way.



Follow Shawna on Instagram at @noblesavageyoga and watch her instructional yoga videos on YouTube.



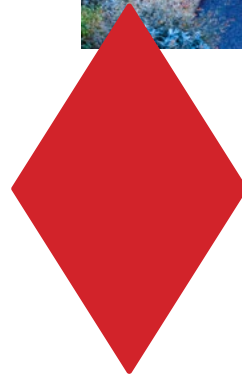


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HOW TO RV EACH OASIS BY DAY AND IMMERSE IN THE NEON DREAMSCAPE BY NIGHT.

by Jasmine Rochelle



THERE IS A PATCH OF ROAD that

runs through the desert of night. Compelled by nature's pulse for unmet desire, it races eastward down its darkened course. The road descends into the valley, descends into visions of a man-made paradise. Here, that highway once lit only by headlights spirals into illuminated splendor, where blank road finally bursts into ribbons of light.

Welcome to Las Vegas.

A city with many names, Las Vegas is the Neon Capital of the World. Sin City. The City of Second Chances. It's the notorious Capital for Gambling. And marriage, too. But trust us: Even racing northeast up Interstate 15, there are two ways to RV Vegas. Whether you're seeking to convene with nature or zipline through a light show, the city has something for every passenger of every age—no matter the size of your wolfpack.

Take a journey with us by day—and by night—into the dazzling world of this diamond in the desert. No matter which course your RV takes, we'll give you the scoop on the best places to stay, visit, and experience in Nevada's most famous city.



Below: The Oasis Las Vegas' resort-style pool is classic Sin City, a hot spot for anyone who's cool, wants to be cool, or is comfortable just pretending.



McWilliams Campground is located in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, making it perfect for hiking and mountain biking.

Choose Your Oasis

What brings you to Vegas is a great indicator for where you should stay.

If you're looking to hit the neon-lit Strip and all the iconic hallmarks, you'll want to stay close to town at **THE OASIS LAS VEGAS**. Travelers looking for an equally beautiful, if less mainstream, campground should head into the wild beyond the city. Just under an hour from the heart of the Strip, **MCWILLIAMS CAMPGROUND** is situated 8,600 feet up the 12,000-foot mountain among towering ponderosa and white pine trees.

THE OASIS LAS VEGAS

OasisLasVegasRVResort.com

The Oasis is as close as you can get to parking your RV and setting up camp right on the Strip. Loaded with amenities, including a convenience store, restaurant, banquet hall (quick wedding, anyone?), fitness center, and stunning waterfalls and white-sand beaches featuring two lagoon-style pools, you'll be in the lap of mobile luxury.

MCWILLIAMS CAMPGROUND

Recreation.gov/Camping/Campgrounds/232168

McWilliams Campground stands high above the Las Vegas Valley, and it puts you in proximity to a second kind of paradise. Elevated in the high desert mountains, it's the perfect parking spot if you're looking to go off-grid, commune with nature, and leave the vanities of the Valley behind—at least for a few days. While the campground doesn't offer a full hookup, it's a great place to boondock, especially if you have solar chargers.



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- ▶ HOOVER DAM

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← The Historic Railroad Trail features a firm surface and an elevation change of only 11 feet. Perfect for bikes, strollers, and wheel chairs.



Adventure by Day

TAKE THE KIDS

Your little ones haven't quite mastered their poker face yet, and they're not ready for blackjack. But they will be ready for the **ALIANTE NATURE DISCOVERY PARK**. It is guaranteed fun for both kids and kids at heart. Aliante covers a 20-acre spread of land with a lake, waterfall, and dinosaur-themed kids area with a multistory playground unit. Up for some games? Explore the tennis, volleyball, and bocce courts, or head over to the horseshoe pits and picnic sites.

Kids love this stuff.



VEER OFF-ROAD

SUNBUGGY RENTALS is the BEST ATV adventure experience in Las Vegas, hands down. The SunBuggy fleet includes ATVs, Polaris RZRs, three-quarter scale desert racers, and dune buggies that seat one to four people. You can explore on your own, take a leisurely off-road tour with one of their experienced guides, or go off-road in a high-speed chase over desert dunes.

CONNECT WITH NATURE

Take a short drive to Lake Mead and check out the **HISTORIC RAILROAD TRAIL**. This easy, dog-friendly hike follows a former railroad grade and provides panoramic views of Lake Mead, weaving in and out of the old railroad tunnels. The distance round-trip is 7.5 miles, so take a light lunch and stop along the Boulder Basin area for a picnic. Parking is available at the Alan Bible Visitor Center.

HOP THE SHOPPES

THE GRAND CANAL SHOPPES inside The Venetian Resort are the perfect segue from nature's wilderness to the Las Vegas night life. This upscale shopping mall gives you the opportunity to peruse big brands like Louis Vuitton, Burberry, and Michael Kors in a classic Italian setting. Whether you're there to push-up your wardrobe or just to enjoy a gondola ride in the man-made river, it doesn't really matter.



Splendor by Night

HIT THE STRIP

To truly experience the raw magnetism and seductive grandeur of Vegas, you need to walk **LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD**—aka “the Strip”—at night. Ornate luxury hotels and casino resorts parade famous names you’ve seen in film: the Luxor, MGM Grand, Bellagio, Caesar’s Palace, and Mirage. Feel free to walk in and see the spectacle of nightlife in Vegas, even if you don’t feel like playing the odds at a table.

DINE LIKE KINGS

Stay on the west side of the Strip and head over to **THE COSMOPOLITAN**, with an array of classy restaurants, like Blue Ribbon, to

choose from. You’ll need a reservation if you’re eating after 8 p.m. on Friday or Saturday, but hey, this is high-class. You won’t regret it when you’re feeling extra Vegas as you drink a Mezcal Old Fashioned at the Ghost Donkey: Mezcal and Tequila Lounge.

HEAD DOWNTOWN

Once you’ve pushed past the Strip, you arrive at the center of downtown Las Vegas: **THE FREMONT STREET EXPERIENCE**. This technicolor quarter offers ziplining, live music, light shows, pub crawls, shopping, and exquisite dining options. Guests of all ages are welcome at Fremont

Street, though the nightlife is lively and individual establishments may have age restrictions.

GET SOME TICKETS

If you flash forward to the future, when you’re telling everyone about your trip, consider starting with this, “When we saw David Copperfield live in Vegas ...” There’s simply too much great entertainment in Vegas to not see a show—whether that’s magic, Cirque du Soleil, or live comedy. After that, the night is all yours. Just remember: If you wake up on your RV rooftop ... well, that’s on you. ♥



Night time in Vegas is ... something to behold. It's a spectacle, wrapped in a celebration, inside an extravaganza.



Hunting for your next adventure? Look nationwide. Read about the best RV trips for the fall season on Page 56.



Racing Through the Red Rocks of Moab

4 ways to go off-road and max out Moab, Utah’s world-class ATV trails. *by Beth Demmon*

Load up and go! Explore toy haulers like the Heartland Cyclone at HeartlandRVs.com.

HITTING A BUMP IN THE ROAD can actually be awesome—especially if you’re on an off-road adventure in Moab. Cutting through Utah’s stunning Red Rock landscape, Moab’s twisting trails are best explored on all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). And there are plenty of high-adrenaline options for every experience level.

So whether you’re seeking a new adventure—or have already loaded up your toy hauler to go Mad Max on the trail—let this guide be your jumping off point to one of the country’s best off-road destinations.

BEGINNERS

GO WITH THE GUIDE

New to off-roading? Nix the risk and max out the fun by snagging a guide to handle the boring—but super important!—details like choosing the route and carrying the first-aid supplies. Take your pick between riding in a 4WD Jeep, Hummer, or ATV/UTV, with prices starting around \$90 per adult from local companies like Moab Adventure Center.

ATV OWNERS

TEAR YOUR OWN PATH

Adventurers with their own ATVs have their pick of roads less traveled in Moab’s sprawling back-country. The intermediate level Chicken Corners Trail provides dazzling views without a ton of technical know-how, but the advanced Kane Creek Canyon ride will boost your adrenaline levels. Pro tip: Bring towing equipment and water!

FAMILIES

BRING OUT YOUR HELLIONS

If they can walk, they can ATV (although Utah law prohibits anyone under age 8 driving). Family-friendly tours are abundant and are an excellent option for aspiring explorers, as private ATV/UTV riding is prohibited in nearby Arches and Canyonlands. Not a fan of guided tours? The low-key Gemini Bridges ride guarantees hours of excitement for kiddos and adults alike.

GROUPS

FORM YOUR FAVORITE POSSE

Expect to spend a couple hundred bucks on an all-day rental from outfits like Moab Tour Company, plus the promise of some seriously epic Instagram pics. Hidden Canyon is a scenic (and relatively smooth) ride with absurdly gorgeous views that promise to thrill your inner daredevil as you and your squad race past each other. It’s the adventure out West your posse will never forget.

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HERE 2022



GET AN EXCLUSIVE FIRST LOOK at the lineup of motorized and towable RVs ready to launch in 2022. We'll take you on a tour of the new year and set your eyes on the future, where the biggest RV brands are pushing new frontiers in comfort, design, utility, and mobility. Safe to say, you're gonna love what's coming down the road.

Photos courtesy of Thor Motor Coach



LOOK, WE CAN'T WAIT till January to reveal 2022's new RV models. Then we'd have to wait another year to put them on our Christmas list. In all (and equal) seriousness, we really can't wait to show you the new RVs that are getting ready to hit the road—and possibly—your driveway. Check out what's in store for the year ahead.

Information provided for entertainment purposes only and not guaranteed accurate. For up to date specifications on all RV models, please contact each respective manufacturer directly prior to making any purchase decisions.



JAYCO SWIFT 20A

Why We Heart This:

For starters, we just said Jayco. And the Swift 20A redefines everything we expect in a luxury Class B: a 13.5 BTU A/C vs. 11 BTU standard; EZ-Drive vs. your standard Promaster suspension; Tecnoform cabinetry all the way throughout; and a 190W solar panel with dual controller.

See more at Jayco.com/rvs/class-b-motorhomes/2021-swift.



Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: RAM PROMASTER 3500	▶ EXT LENGTH: 20 FT 11 IN
▶ ENGINE: 3.6L V6 24 V VVT	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 9 FT 3 IN
▶ GVWR: 9,330 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 83 IN
▶ GCWR: 11,500 LBS	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 37/14.5/13 GAL
▶ MSRP: \$127,800	

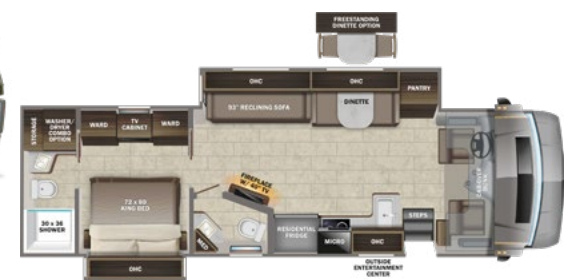


ENTEGRA ACCOLADE XL 37K

Why We Heart This:

There are four graphic packages, but the Blue Lightning is our favorite. Easily. The features of this all-electric, diesel-driven coach are just as hot, from the 40,000 BTU Aqua-Hot 250D hydronic water and heating system and Nuheat electric floor on the inside, to roof-mounted Girard awning on the outside.

See more at EntegraCoach.com/motorhomes/accoladexl.



Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: FREIGHTLINER S2RV	▶ EXT LENGTH: 39 FT 4 IN
▶ ENGINE: CUMMINS ISB 6.7L 360HP	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 13 FT 4 IN
▶ GVWR: 31,000 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 101 IN
▶ GCWR: 43,000 LBS	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 72/51-40/40-23 GAL
▶ MSRP: \$309,300	

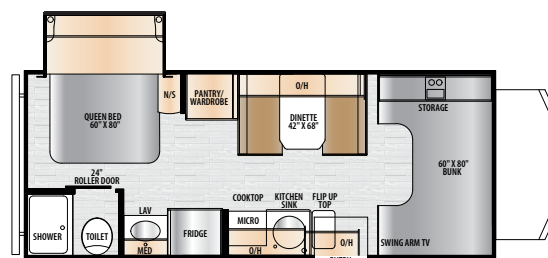


EAST TO WEST ENTRADA CLASS C 2200S

Why We Heart This:

The ENTRADA 2200S is East to West's bold entrance into the motorized RV division. It boasts 2-inch thick laminated sidewalls with composite backing, a Winegard Air 360+ omnidirectional antenna, backup and side view cameras, hardwood cabinetry, and an electric awning with LED lights. All standard. And we like that.

See more at EastToWestRV.com/class-c-motorhomes/entrada.



Specs:

▶ ENGINE: FORD	▶ EXT LENGTH: 23 FT 10 IN
▶ GVWR: 14,500 LBS	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 11 FT 3 IN
▶ GCWR: 22,000 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 101 IN
▶ WHEELBASE: 158 IN	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 35/32/27 GAL
▶ MSRP: \$88,900	

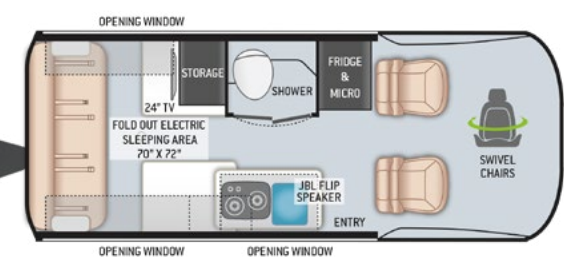
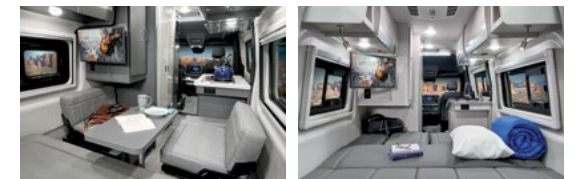


THOR MOTOR COACH SANCTUARY 19P

Why We Heart This:

The luxury of the aptly named Sanctuary starts right in the cockpit. You can drive more safely with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, which enable hands-free control of the oh-so-cool, tilt-and-telescoping-steering wheel. The multimedia dash also makes keeping your eye on the 3,500 lbs-trailer hitch a breeze.

See more at ThorMotorCoach.com/sanctuary.



Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: MB SPRINTER 2500 4X4	▶ EXT LENGTH: 19 FT 8 IN
▶ ENGINE: 3.0L V6 DIESEL	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 10 FT 6 IN
▶ GVWR: 9,050 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 93 IN
▶ GCWR: 13,930 LBS	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 19/20/4.75 GAL
▶ MSRP: \$148,680	

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FLEETWOOD RV FRONTIER 34GT

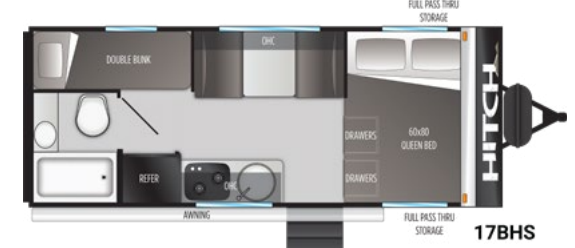
Why We Heart This:

With its full flat floor, the Frontier Class A Diesel motorhome immediately grabs your attention on entrance. But it doesn't stop there. Standard amenities include an electric fireplace, beautiful vinyl Tarkett flooring, a Whirlpool residential stainless-steel refrigerator, an induction cooktop, and a convection microwave.

Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: FREIGHTLINER XCR	▶ EXT LENGTH: 35 FT 4 IN
▶ ENGINE: CUMMINS 6.7L 340HP	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 12 FT 10 IN
▶ GVWR: 32,400 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 102 IN
▶ GCWR: 33,000 LBS	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 96/65/45 GAL
▶ MSRP: \$300,000	

See more at FleetwoodRV.com/models/frontier.



CRUISER RV HITCH 17BHS

Why We Heart This:

Because we're not done with the water just yet. The ultra-light Hitch comes with an exclusive two Kayak carrier. And with 5-inch tires and single-torsion axles, the Hitch is prepared to find that perfect kayak spot. Best of all, its standard 1200W inverter with 110W roof mounted solar panel means there's no need to plug in.

Specs:

▶ LENGTH: 21 FT 4 IN	▶ DRY WEIGHT: 3,342 LBS
▶ HEIGHT (W/AC): 10 FT 2 IN	▶ GVWR: 4,800 LBS
▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 46/30/30 GAL	▶ HITCH WEIGHT: 426 LBS
▶ MSRP: \$30,000	

See more at CruiserRV.com/travel-trailers/hitch.html.



AIRSTREAM INTERSTATE 24X

Why We Heart This:

If it's true that adventure favors the bold, then the Interstate 24X should put us in adventure's good graces. Don't let its sleek appearance fool you. Fit with six all-terrain tires, 4x4 capabilities, and a rugged body, the Interstate 24X is a touring coach that's ready to forge its own trail.

Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: MB SPRINTER 3500 EXT 4X4	▶ EXT LENGTH: 24 FT 6 IN
▶ ENGINE: MB 3.06L V6 TURBO DIESEL	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 9 FT 9 IN
▶ GVWR: 11,030 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 79 IN
▶ GCWR: 15,250 LBS	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 23/24/11 GAL
▶ MSRP: \$213,850	

See more at Airstream.com/touring-coaches/interstate-24x.



AIRSTREAM POTTERY BARN SPECIAL EDITION 28RB

Why We Heart This:

We don't know whose idea this was, but God bless them and their comfort-loving soul. The Pottery Barn Special Edition 28RB is truly a space to live in. The bathroom's exquisite design perfectly blends the sleek sheen of the Airstream with the warm touch of home. If this trailer had corners, every one would be comfortable.

Specs:

▶ LENGTH: 28 FT	▶ DRY WEIGHT: 6,600 LBS
▶ HEIGHT (W/AC): 9 FT 6 IN	▶ GVWR: 7,600 LBS
▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 37/34/34 GAL	▶ HITCH WEIGHT: 900 LBS
▶ MSRP: \$145,500	

See more at Airstream.com/travel-trailers/pottery-barn-special-edition.

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DUTCHMEN VOLTAGE 3845

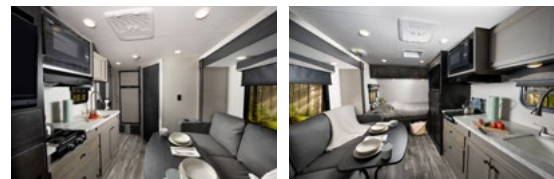
Why We Heart This:

What would officially make a toy hauler deluxe? Ask Dutchmen. The Voltage 3845's 14-foot garage with its Zero-G ramp door gets right to business, giving you plenty of space to load that ATV (see Page 65) or to open up the living area with an improv patio.

Specs:

▶ LENGTH: 42 FT	▶ DRY WEIGHT: 14,905 LBS
▶ HEIGHT (W/AC): 13 FT 4 IN	▶ HITCH WEIGHT: 3,231 LBS
▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 130/84/88 GAL	▶ MSRP: \$145,945

See more at Dutchmen.com/product/voltage.



STARCRAFT SUPER LITE MAXX 16 FBS

Why We Heart This:

We put space at a premium, and the Super Lite Maxx earns every part of its name. Within its tidy 20-foot frame, the 16 FBS squeezes all the essentials in—all without feeling squeezed. Sporting a jackknife sofa, a corner bathroom, and ever-so-clever storage spots, economy of space reaches its maxx.

Specs:

▶ LENGTH: 20 FT	▶ DRY WEIGHT: 3,830 LBS
▶ HEIGHT (W/AC): 10 FT 5 IN	▶ GVWR: 4,995 LBS
▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 61/30/30 GAL	▶ HITCH WEIGHT: 440 LBS
▶ MSRP: COMING SOON	

See more at StarcraftRV.com.

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Take on Winter

These weatherproofing tips are so hot right now.

by Sean Richard

→ THE DAYS WHERE A BREEZE IS WELCOME went out with the summer months. The earth is stretching away from the sun. Cold is the new hot. Chilly is so in. And for most RV owners, it's time to either fly South with the snowbirds (see Page 52) or winterize your RV for the season. But if you're a four-season camper sticking it out up North when the cold comes, you're gonna want to prepare your RV to retain every bit of heat. Breezy interiors are out, and heating efficiency is en vogue. Here's how to keep your RV season-appropriate.

SEAL IT UP

Winter has long, invasive fingers. So your first area of interest is inspecting any-and-all openings of your RV: doors, windows, sun and moon roofs, you get it. Sealing is the name of the game. Because your ability to produce the heat with your heater is only as good as your ability to retain it. And the more miles on your RV, the more likely it needs updated or revamped sealing around those many airflow points. Most window sealants, like Flex Seal and Mirror Mastic, will only put you back \$10 or so.

Also consider replacing your door and window stripping if there is a decent amount of cracks in the factory-issued strips. Otherwise, you could be losing heat and energy efficiency right when you need them most.

Walk through identifying and repairing bad seals.



MAKE IT TOASTY

Upgrading your heating system and water heater beyond what comes standard will boost your heat production. While this has a higher price tag, it's going to be a necessity if you're serious about living that four-season RV life. (Because you should actually be comfortable for all four seasons!) The Eccotemp is a great option that is lighter on the wallet (around \$200) compared to some fancier systems. For heating the space itself, the MaxxFan is a quality option for a roof-mounted fan. And if you're ambitious, you might even consider an electric fire (see Page 26).♥

Watch how to install your MaxxFan.



CHECK YOUR LAYERS

In addition to sealing all access points and openings (something you can see), revamping the insulation (something you can't see) is another cost-effective way to stay warm when the temperature takes a turn. Your RV could use the extra layer (like the one your mom always recommended) because RVs aren't heavily insulated for winter weather. For DIYers sticking it out in the cold weather, consider spray foam or even wool options, like Havelock Wool insulation.

See an Airstream get insulated with Havelock Wool.



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Firesides

FINAL TOASTS AND LAST ROASTS FOR THE ROAD



"I'm not homeless. I'm just houseless. Not the same thing, right?" - "Nomadland"

One Last Moment Together

IT'S NOT GOODBYE.
IT'S, "SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD."

→ 1 LAST LAUGH (The Daddest Joke Around)

Q: Why couldn't the frog find his RV?

A: Because he'd been toad.

1 FINAL INSPIRATION (Deep Thoughts)

"What's remembered, lives."

-Fern, "Nomadland"

"I am the one who knocks."

-Walter White, "Breaking Bad"

1 SIMPLE HACK (Checklist: Check)

There's nothing worse than getting 80 miles down the road headed to family Thanksgiving before you remember that you forgot the turkey (see Page 28). Using a checklist is the best way to make sure that all your necessities are taken care of, even in the heat of the leaving moment.

1 BIG TEASE

(A Hot and Sweaty One)

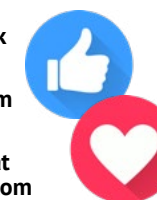
Next issue we're heading south to be a snowbird for the winter. We'll spend some time getting moist in the South Florida Everglades, where we'd recommend parking the RV and grabbing an airboat ride. We'll also check out a beachy, RV-friendly route from New Orleans to Orlando. Got a favorite spot along the Floribama coast? Tips for navigating US Route 98? Send them to editorial@IHeartRVing.com!

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1 CLOSING WORD

(Join Us In 2 Words)

RVing is best when shared. So is this magazine! If you have a friend who needs to see the new 2022 models (Page 67) or needs some tips on braking well in the mountains (Page 41), please enlighten them!

And for some of you, this magazine was a free preview of what we think is the best RV magazine in the world. If you loved it (we hope you did!), subscribe today. We'd love to have you join us for the journey.

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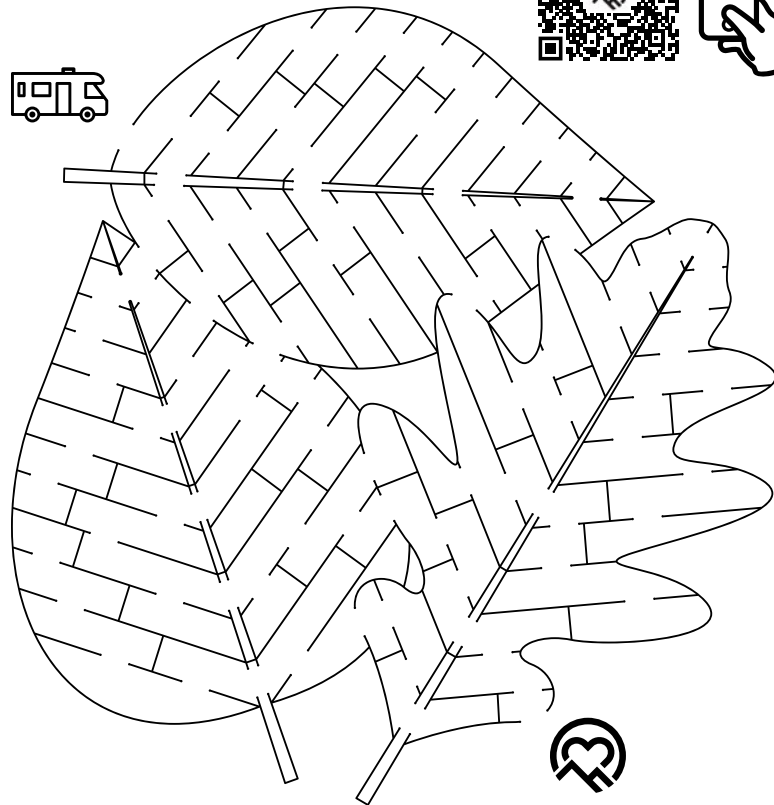
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- 5. Autumn
- 9. Roman IV
- 13. Model
- 14. Domain
- 15. Furious
- 16. Speck
- 17. Cry like a cat
- 18. Famed
- 19. Large gourd-like orange fruit
- 21. Southwest by South
- 23. Resort hotel
- 24. Wing
- 25. Motels
- 29. Jimmy
- 30. Scent
- 32. Positive vote
- 33. Sound of a sneeze
- 36. Fruit of the oak tree
- 37. _____ Lanka
- 38. Frog's cousin
- 39. Conquer
- 40. Tack
- 41. Lab animal
- 42. Relating to the ear
- 43. Play sweetly (music)
- 44. Frost
- 45. Noggin
- 46. Lurked
- 47. Brief expression
- 49. Old-fashioned Dads
- 50. Prompt
- 53. Be on fire
- 55. Old
- 57. Juice pressed from apples used for drinking or making vinegar
- 60. Goofs
- 62. German composer
- 63. Wood nymph
- 64. Tool consisting of a long handle and a row of tines
- 65. Island
- 66. Seethe
- 67. Opaque gem
- 68. Stags

DOWN

- 1. Cowboy leg wear
- 2. Respite
- 3. Perfume
- 4. Splendor
- 5. Parents and children
- 6. Stadium
- 7. MGM's Lion
- 8. Statutes
- 9. White covering of dew frozen into ice crystals
- 10. Grain
- 11. North American Indian
- 12. First color on the spectrum
- 15. Present from birth
- 20. Corn syrup brand
- 22. Spiral
- 26. Artist's need
- 27. Musical
- 28. Fishnet
- 29. Pea holder
- 30. Sea
- 31. Girl's toy
- 33. A vacation (2 words)
- 34. Instructor
- 35. Malicious person
- 36. Manner
- 39. Suspect
- 40. Pole
- 42. Funny
- 43. Record
- 46. Gretel's friend
- 48. Right angle to a ships length
- 49. Heavy coat
- 50. Terminate
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