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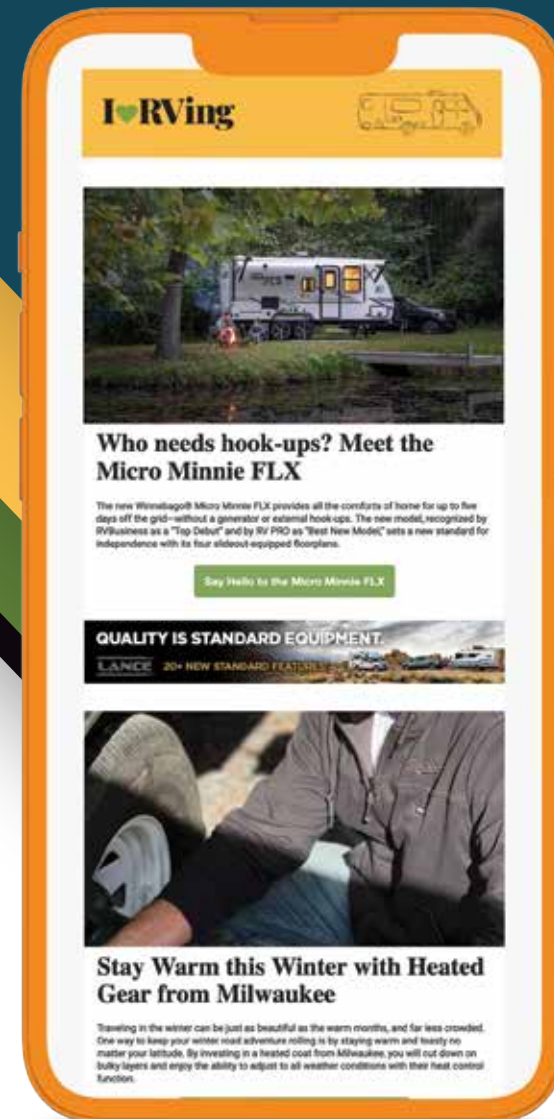
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A driving passion to be the best—for you.

This issue in your hands is a big deal. It represents two years of blood, sweat, and tears that's been poured into one consuming passion: making the world's best RV magazine for you. I'm pretty proud of what our team has done—and I'm even more excited about the future. (The upcoming All-American Summer issue is going to blow you away.) Here are a few facts about our last eight issues of magic-making that I think you'll find interesting.

About 25 people contribute to each issue in some way. Each is exceptional at what they do—and it shows. (Most of them are listed just to the left on this page!)

I Heart RVing is the largest independent RV magazine in the country, with over a quarter of a million people receiving it. We also have a massive Facebook presence, with over 318,000 followers. Our most popular post ever reached over 2 million people. And we recently started a YouTube channel!

We spend a lot of time getting the cover just right. We typically start with four options, and it's always a tough choice. But every person on the team has a voice in the final decision. (My favorite cover is this issue's. It brings me joy every time I see it.)

Geographically, our team mostly works out of Nashville, Tennessee, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Southern Pines, North Carolina; but we also have team members across the globe, including Barcelona. Our first employee was our director of sales, Kim Whitaker. She's the absolute best.



“My favorite cover is this issue's. It brings me joy every time I see it.”

You can't outwork Kim. (And believe me, we've tried.)

My favorite story we've ever printed was last issue's ice fishing story, “Park It on the Ice.” A close second would be this issue's feature on overlanding: “Out Where Worlds Collide” on Page 58. (Pay no attention to the fact that I wrote them both.)

You may not know that you can find us in Barnes & Noble and Books-a-Million, but we're currently on the shelf—with more coming soon! When we started this magazine, I knew we had the right team. But I've been blown away with the quality they have produced and things we've accomplished. I truly believe that this is the best RV magazine in the history of RV magazines. And I hope you do, too.

Thanks for being with us on this journey, now two years strong.

Love ya, mean it.

Marc.

Marc Acton
Publisher

Campground Finder

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A BRIEF LOOK AT THE RV NEWS AND COMMUNITY



IN THE NEWS

Blockchain Tech Flips Ownership of RV World

EVERY NOW AND THEN, a new concept arises that can change the whole landscape. According to PR Newswire, that might be happening right now. This April, Travis John—a tech-savvy real-estate consultant and RVer—launches CampersDAO: the first ever blockchain-based membership for the camping community. This decentralized autonomous organization (DAO) will allow camper members to govern a network of real-world RV parks.

In other words: Campgrounds could be run by us, with a whole community of members deciding the best RV parks to buy and how to manage them. Which would be

RV-world-changing. (More on that kind of thing on Page 58.)

John says his goal is to reimagine the campground membership system, giving power and value back to RVers. He says, “The beauty of our decentralized, community-governed model is that it puts our members in control of buying and operating top-rated RV parks based on what matters most to them.”

Sure, CampersDAO members will also receive perks, from discounts on gear all the way to compensation for their participation. But the bigger appeal—by far—is being a part of the change you want to see in the RV world.



See more about the membership works at CampersDAO.com

NEW CAMPERS CHASE THE NATURE CURE

► According to KOA, last year 11 percent of all campers were ... wait for it ... **newbies**. (That's a whopping 1.5 million new households hitting the road and pitching their tents.) Six in 10 campers believe camping improves their mental health, and 54 percent view camping as less stressful than other forms of travel.

11%

OF 2022 CAMPERS WERE NEWBIES

6/10

CAMPERS SAY CAMPING IMPROVES MENTAL HEALTH

RV Rental Giant Shares Travel Trends

• RVshare, the RV community's largest online rental marketplace, is using their extensive insight into travelers' preferences and plans to launch a quarterly guide. Called “The Road Ahead,” the guide will inform newbies and veterans alike on top travel trends, hot destinations, upcoming events, recommended rentals, and campgrounds. Highlights from the first edition—available for free online—include Spring break sites and campground recs.

Thinking of renting your RV? See Page 75.



Marketers Bait Crowds with Airstreams

• Those marketers ... always looking for ways to grab our attention. Now, one NYC-based agency, Daylight Studio, has a new trick: renting their vintage Airstream RVs for product launches, pop-up shops, and special events. The agency's fleet of Airstreams become anything clients can imagine: beauty parlors, green rooms, photo-shoot spots, and so on. A Daylight Studio rep says the reason is simple: “The iconic RV Airstreams will draw crowds from everywhere.”

See what's drawing the crowds at RVairstream.com.



Florida Adding RV Sites by the Thousands

• The Sunshine State has big plans for RVers: 3,596 plans to be exact. According to the Florida Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds, at least eight new resorts are set to be opened by 2024, and many existing resorts plan to expand. The 3,000 plus new sites will be peppered from the Panhandle to the mainland and all the way down to the Keys. The effort makes Florida the national leader in RV park expansions. (Let the snowbirds rejoice!)

Ditch the winter coastline and head inland this Spring. See Page 40.

RV Sales Returning to Cruise Control

• Those record RV sales from the pandemic years are finally leveling out. RVIA has projected that 2023 RV wholesales will resemble the 2019 prepandemic numbers. Even so, the industry remains optimistic. Speaking with Forbes, Huw Bower, president of Winnebago, explains that, “people who bought anything available during COVID will start now to shop for the right vehicle for them.” Attendance at 2023 shows has been strong, according to Blue Compass RV retail chain. So for now, the RV industry remains on cruise control.

Learn more at Forbes.com.

\$400K Helps Kids with Cancer Go Camping

• Campers Inn RV (we love them) raised over \$400,000 at the dealership's recent 2022 Glitter & Gold Gala. The donations will support Care Camps, a national nonprofit providing kids with cancer the opportunity to experience camping. Campers Inn RV originally launched a giving partnership with Care Camps in 2021 through an employee donation and match campaign, and has since grown into larger events like the 2022 gala.

Learn more at RVIA.org.

Survey Reveals Nationwide Campground Needs

• According to the Campground Owner and Manager Survey conducted by Woodall's Campground Magazine, one third of parks say that funds for improvements are the top resource they need for 2023. Park owners also expressed a need for emergency preparedness resources and text-messaging services for guests. Additionally, with glamping on the rise, owners want to balance investments in unique accommodations.

Explore some weird and wonderful accommodations from Harvest Hosts on Page 50.

Spread the News

Help keep us posted on what's coming down the pike. Share the news stories you're excited about with the entire I Heart community at editorial@IHeartRVing.com.

Spring Breakout

A PLAYLIST TO TAKE ON THE RUN WITH THOSE WINDOWS DOWN.



Bruce Springsteen, “Born to Run”

No, we didn't just pick the Boss for his springy last name. The pace and passion of his road lyrics are palpable—rides through mansions of glory, highways jammed with broken heroes. We know that love is real.



Taylor Swift, “Shake It Off”

Oh, Tay Tay has so much to say, say: “But I keep cruisin’ / Can't stop, won't stop movin’ / It's like I got this music in my mind / Sayin’ it's gonna be alright.” Try and not sing along. I dare you.



Shania Twain, “(If You're Not in It for Love) I'm Outta Here!”

Like a savvy camper, Shania knows exactly what she wants and isn't afraid to walk—or drive—away from the unworthy. Let's make it clear: We're in it (our RV) for love.



The Temptations, “Papa Was a Rolling Stone”

Papa, the Temptations tell us, was not very well behaved. (Shania might have had a few words for him.) But making home wherever he laid his hat, we get that.



Willie Nelson, “On the Road Again”

Some music makes us feel instantly home. (Especially while we're driving our road abode.) Credit Willie Nelson with fitting into that category. It's why we're the best of friends.

FIND MORE FRESH BEATS



Let the whole playlist loose on Spotify. Click the ❤️ on our Spring Breakout playlist to go mobile with The Who and more.





One Red-Hot Handle

TALKING WITH THE CAMPERS WE LOVE AND FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

→ Nate Kennedy, “Ask Nate” from the I Heart RVing YouTube channel, doesn’t just video-review sweet RV gear. He also rubs shoulders and shares meals with some of the biggest names in overlanding. (More about that on Page 58.) One of them is the legendary Bill Burke—competitor for the 1991 Camel Trophy, driver of commercials, limit-tester for Toyota, and 4x4 trainer of countless pros and amateurs alike. So, we did a little “Ask Nate” ourselves to get the scoop on Bill. But then Nate did one better: He interviewed him.

Nate says, “I had lunch, and created this video, with Bill Burke because, first off, I love that guy and his cooking, and I want to give our readers a great story about how RV living can be a part of a life, but also help create and define a life.” And what a story it is.

Watch Nate’s exclusive interview with Bill Burke.



What overlanding looks like

Me, following my camera, in a Land Rover. Hammock camping on the Lake Superior Circle Tour, stringing a hammock from a Rover to a tree in the mountains and beaches of Puerto Rico. It’s been me taking pics of [my former business partner] Ricardo filling differential fluid

under a truck on hot pavement at a parts store outside of Mexican Hat. Mostly? Getting to places where you meet great people living interesting, fascinating lives, and doing whatever it takes to cook great food along the way.

On being trained by Bill Burke

Recovery, navigation, wilderness medicine, off-roading, and situational awareness—Bill’s an expert that doesn’t make you feel like you don’t know things at his level. He gives his knowledge like you’re someone who’s worth it, whether you’re a beginner or a military-trained pro. Bill puts on SPF 1-Billion and faces the sun so you, as the student, can have the sun at your back. But he’ll let you know if you’re doing something wrong, because that counts—and he makes sure you know it counts.

What Bill has been doing with Warner Vans and Storyteller

Bill’s been working with Warner Vans and Storyteller Overland on multiple-day trips near Warner’s HQ in Utah. They’re helping van owners understand how to safely and confidently be self-sufficient while overlanding in their cool new rigs. Through private experiences, and events like the Rocky Mountain Adventure Rally (RockyMountainAdventureRally.com), Bill gives owners of these beautiful vans a serious look into what it takes to discover and explore terrain they might not have even known was available.

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WHY WE HEART IT
The expo is a visual feast of all-terrain teardrops, tent campers, and new paths being forged with trucks, trailers, and off-road toys.



Scrolling the Virtual Campground

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WHY WE HEART IT
Navigating an RV into the heart of nature preserves to capture wildlife on camera is an absolute dream. And @my_rv_wildlife is living it!



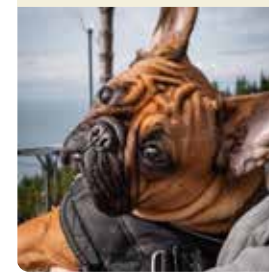
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WHY WE HEART IT
Chuck and Yvonne’s Newmar New Aire is an absolute object of envy. But how they use it is even better. From weird sightings to Alaska and colonial forts on Lake Champlain, they’re seeing it all.



@CONQUESTOVERLAND

WHY WE HEART IT
Michael Guagliardo is an up-and-coming YouTube phenom, chronicling the overland life. But no one can steal the spotlight from Stanley, his French bulldog.



Most Played TikTok

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This made us laugh! (But, seriously, see Page 30 if you’ve gotta do it.)

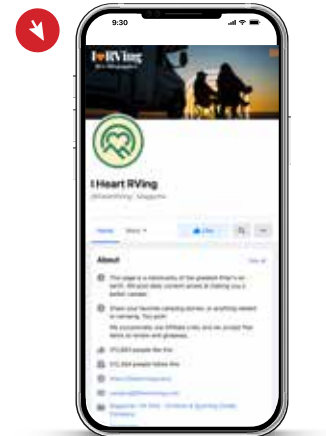


“All jokes aside, I’ll dump the tanks but I won’t be happy about it 😊 #blacktank #rvhumor #rvcouples”



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RV QUIZ

Take a Wild Guess

How much do you know about America's weird and wonderful wildlife?

No. 1

American crocodiles are ...

- A. Actually alligators.
- B. An urban legend.
- C. Found in South Florida.
- D. Only in South America.

Answer: C. While American crocodiles are not as common in the U.S. as their alligator cousins (they're less resistant to cold), South Florida and the keys are at the northern edge of its range, which also dips through Cuba, Mexico, and South America.

No. 2

Which wildflower brightens the Antelope Valley each Spring?

- A. California poppy, Dorothy.
- B. Rhododendron.
- C. Wild geranium.
- D. Dandelions!

Answer: A. So glad you didn't say dandelions. From mid-March to May, the orange blooms of California poppy unfold across the Antelope Valley. But Antelope Valley is just one of many wildflower hotspots in California. Sniff out three more on Page 47.

No. 3

The largest fish in North America is ...

- A. The alligator gar.
- B. The white sturgeon.
- C. The paddlefish.
- D. A catfish, somehow always a catfish.

Answer: B. White sturgeon get stupid big. How big is stupid big, you ask? Up to 20 feet long and weighing over 1,500 pounds. So, you may need a bigger RV.

No. 4

Which of the following animals are native to the Americas ...

- A. Boar.
- B. Mustangs.
- C. Alpacas.
- D. Pythons.

Answer: C. You can thank Hernando de Soto and his band of gold-crazed marauders for adding feral pigs and horses to the North American landscape. Pythons are more recent imports (from pet owners). But alpacas? They're all-(South)-American, baby! See them up close at a Harvest Hosts favorite on Page 50.

No. 5

You can still see large free-ranging herds of American bison.

- A. True.
- B. False.

Answer: A. Few herds are more American than the bison. (And few activities are more American than ranging free.) The largest population is found at Yellowstone National Park—well within RV range.

No. 6

What attracts birdwatchers to Magee Marsh, Ohio in May?

- A. Predatory birds, like eagles and falcons.
- B. Over 150 species of songbirds.
- C. The Biggest Week in American Birding Festival.
- D. All of the above.

Answer: D. The Biggest Week in American Birdwatching has it all. Flocks of international experts. Songbirds by the thousands. A wonderful variety of warblers (at least 56). If you pull up from May 5-14, make no mistake: You're gonna see birds. Lots of 'em.

No. 7

Which exotic cat are you more likely to spot in Texas?

- A. Jaguarundi.
- B. Ocelot.

Answer: B. Jaguarundi sightings in the U.S. are almost controversial now (though lots of folks claim to see them), but ocelots are certainly still in the wild (about 100). You can improve your sighting odds at the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, Texas where a new ocelot exhibit opens this spring!



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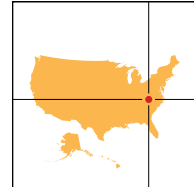


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38° 4' 12" N
81° 5' 46" W



**A Serene
Moment at
Sandstone
Falls.**

The wonder of Sandstone Falls is not its great height (the water only drops 15 to 25 feet). What awes the eye is the span: 1,500 feet across. Hiking the boardwalk and Island Loop Trail is a stunning nature show that only takes about 20 minutes to complete.

**Nearest
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37° 45' 33" N
80° 54' 19" W



**On a Mountain
Named Beauty.**

The sharp V-shaped contour of the New River Gorge is never more evident—and arresting—than when viewed from above. From the cliffs and boulders of Beauty Mountain, you can survey it all. But be advised: The nearby Kenney Creek Rail Trail is currently closed.

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38° 2' 41" N
81° 1' 27" W



Make Spring a splash as you plunge into the heart of whitewater country.

One of the most distinctive things about the nation's newest 73,000-acre park is that all the campsites are primitive. (Although there are full hookups outside the park itself) The park roads can be narrow too. As you drive, you'll experience considerable drops and rises in elevation—one of the things that makes the park a hotspot for whitewater rafting. In the Spring, snow runoff and seasonal rains fill the New River to the brim—so that it overflows with opportunities for adrenaline seekers. The waters also spawn an explosion of wildflowers, from violets to trout lilies. Ten species of bat live here, as well as white-tailed deer, peregrine falcons, and the weirdly wonderful hellbenders—large salamanders that haunt streambeds. So, lots for the kids to discover once you've put it in park.

ENJOYING A HIGH POINT

Brad and Cary took the guided tour into the steel catwalk that runs beneath the bridge. We loved this pic from Instagram at @hobb-nobb.wanderings. Note that they're strapped in. (Safety first!)

“Today we did the BRIDGE WALK across the New River Gorge, WV!! 3,100 ft. long walking underneath the road on the inspection walkway).”

— Brad and Cary



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Road Abode

IMPROVING LIFE ON THE GO



INSIDE: The spring cleaning tips behind a little potty talk. Page 30

The Rabbit Comes Out of the Hat

IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR, but we never lose our sense of wonder at the Florida RV SuperShow. What will be new? What will we find? What will we see that blows our mind? Well, this year was no different. Turn the page, and we'll show you all of the impressive new models, floorplans, features, and toys that turned our heads in Tampa.

Best in SuperShow

OUR FAVORITE RIGS, TECH, TRAILERS, AND TOYS AT THIS YEAR'S FLORIDA RV SUPERSHOW.

SOMETHING HOT HAPPENS on the Florida State Fairgrounds each year. While thousands of snowbirds hug the shorelines and thousands more keep their RVs parked in place, a fleet of RV manufacturers and brands steal into the Sunshine State—all with the sultry smile of a magician about to take the rabbit out of his hat. So, this past January, we shot down with countless other campers to get our first look at what the RV industry just couldn't wait to reveal.

While there, we saw some hotly anticipated new models make an appearance—like the Lance Enduro, Brinkley RV Z 3100, and inTech O-V-R. (We wrote about all three over the last two issues, and they wowed us at the show.) But the shock of seeing new models, features, and toys *that we didn't expect* is what really blew us away. (And we suspect it will blow you away too.) So, without further ado, here's our *Best in SuperShow*.



◀◀ An Electrifying New Winnebago

Shocking is the obvious go-to word here, and we're not gonna shy away from it. Delivering on the promise of #eVanLife movement, the Winnebago eRV2 is bold. Bold in appearance. Bold in its ability to deliver zero-emission power. Bold in its robust connection to present-day technology. And the features that make it happen are even more astounding, from the Ford E-Transit™ electric chassis and Winnebago Connect system to the human-centric design with sustainable materials.

Discover the mindblowing tech that charges the eRV2 at [Winnebago.com/all-electric](https://www.winnebago.com/all-electric).



◀◀ Jayco Volare Takes Flight

Jayco is one of the big boys in the RV world, but the Jay Feather Volare is clear evidence that Jayco isn't settling anytime soon. The Volare's distinctive geometry—let's call it a rounded rhombus—instantly grabs the eye. The lightweight travel trailer has Jayco's new Rock Solid stabilizer jacks and is fully integrated with the voice-activated JAYCOMMAND Smart RV System.

Find your own way to fly at [Jayco.com](https://www.jayco.com).

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◀◀ Fleetwood Pioneers Class A Floorplan



Let's put this into perspective: Having a dedicated bunkroom in the cabin for the kids is something that we've seen before—on fifth wheels. But the Fleetwood Fortis 36Y is the first time we've ever seen it done on a Class A. They call it the Kid Kave ... but we're thinking about calling it the Sanity Saver. Whatever you call it, it's awesome—especially the fact that Fleetwood tucked a washer under the bunk.

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Magne Shade Extends to Awnings

We love a wow moment. Magne Shade continues to lead the field in making RV life cooler (shielding you from 70 percent of the sun's UV rays)—but this time with their Magne Screen Awning Drop. As always, powerful magnets make setup easy. But the real magic is that if your awning automatically retracts, the Magne Screen simply separates. That's one cool patio setup.

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And Here Comes Europe

Wingamm is approaching the American market like a space capsule breaking the atmosphere. The OASI 540's sleek design is evocative. And the interior is absolutely luxurious.



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Margaritaville Makes a Splash

One of our favorite standouts at the Florida SuperShow was Margaritaville Hotels and Resorts. Why? Maybe because RVs get you hyped for travel. Or maybe it was the Jimmy Buffet afterglow. Certainly not least of all, it was hearing about their deluxe, brand-new Camp Margaritaville RV Resort & Lodge in Pigeon Forge Tennessee.



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Radio Check! Do You Read Me?



TAKE WALKIE-TALKIE FUN ON THE ROAD AND INTO THE CAMPSITE.

By Sue Mosebar

IN MOST CASES, WE HAVE GOOD REASONS for shoving a device into our child's hands. Like buying some time. Or just getting a moment of peace. (No judgment—we've all been there.) But we also feel that twinge of guilt as our kid's eyes become glued to the screen. It's like you can almost see their brain turn to mush. And that's not our style—especially on a road trip.

So let's recommend a better device. One from the Stone Age: the walkie-talkie.

Your kiddos will love the novelty of radio play (while you enjoy the nostalgia), but what's best about it is that it's only fun when it's interactive. Without knowing it, kids get practice communicating, listening, and taking turns as they share anything they see. And we're all about that, even if it annihilates our quiet time.

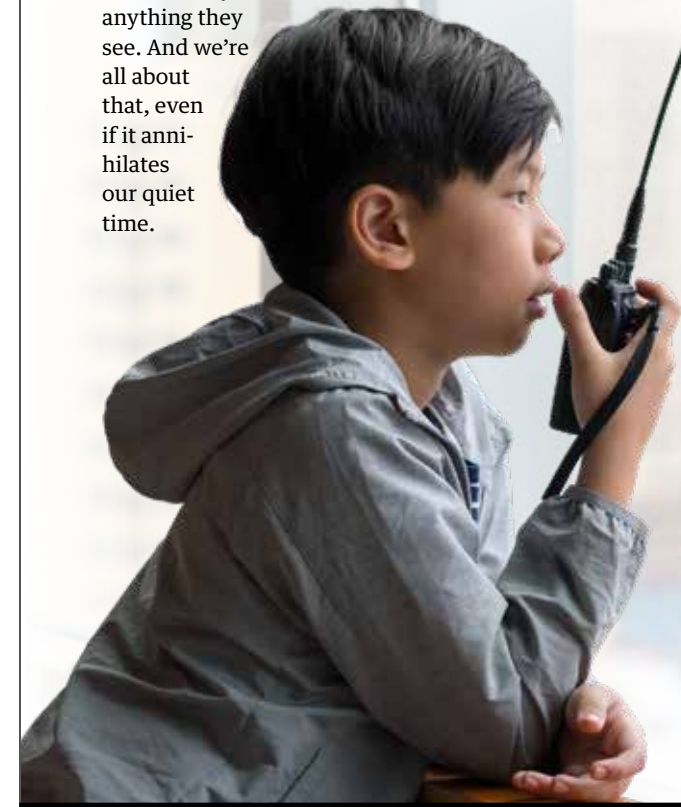


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LEARN AN OLD-SCHOOL SKILL

When you hand over this little black box with a tiny screen, it's best to start off with a short tutorial to explain things—like being on the same channel, where the volume is, and the push-to-talk button. But the real fun will start as they pick up radio lingo. Teaching them to say who they're calling, who they are, and when the message is over. As simple as, "Jacob, this is Noah, over."

Other fun radio terms they can play with are: radio check (can you hear me?), read you lima charlie (hear you loud and clear), go ahead (I'm ready for your message), stand-by (wait while I get an answer), roger (got it!), say again (please repeat what you said), and copy (understand).

Let them play around with the lingo on the radio waves, but tell them that they're doing it best when what they're saying is clear, simple, and brief. (And appropriate for other people to hear.) If you're traveling in multiple vehicles, split the kids up and let them use radios to decide things like where to eat or get responses from other passengers. But the fun doesn't have to stop when you park.

... AND NEW WAYS TO PLAY

Traditional games take on a new twist with walkie-talkies. Take hide and seek, for example. Hiders can work together and create diversions to outfox the seeker (if they turn the volume down). Or you could even expand it into a larger game like capture the flag, complete with command and control.

Invariably, though, it's going to turn into a game of pretend. Which is wonderful, because walkie-talkies are used by forest rangers, secret agents, policemen, firefighters, airplane controllers, and the military. Your kids won't need any prompting to create a drama uniquely their own.

And, being a parent, handing your kids walkie-talkies has a wonderfully sneaky ulterior motive: safety. By simply calling yourself "Headquarters," you're due to receive lots of reports—be that nonsense chatter, weather changes, or accidents. Even as you give your kids the freedom to explore and engage the wide world around them. Which works out perfectly, because between radio calls, you just might get to enjoy that moment of peace. Copy?



Potty Talk

START FRESH THIS SPRING WITH A FULL SYSTEM
CLEANSE—FROM THE GERM SEAT TO THE STINK TANK.

Pam Kennedy and Laura Wallace

→ Spring's arrived (at last!), and everyone is ready to go roaring into the beautiful greenscape. But first, you'll wanna make sure you've hit refresh on your bathroom. After all, Spring is supposed to be a breath of fresh air.

So here's a little advice from our think tank on how to start the season with a royal flush.

Pam Shares SCUM-SCRUBBING SECRETS

Pam Kennedy, Gabe's Pride

We all want our bathrooms to be fresh, clean, and germ-free. (We know we're gonna spend some time in there.) Still, who wants to be bogged down by hours spent scrubbing soap scum or limescale? No one. So, start with superior cleaners and these stress-saving secrets.

APRIL SHOWERS

Glass shower doors are attractive, but they can be painful to clean. You need a safe-for-glass bathroom cleaner, able to remove soap scum and water spots without damaging the glass itself. A standard glass cleaner won't cut through the grime.

Squirt a little bit of regular bathroom cleaner onto a wet microfiber cloth. Use the cloth to wipe from the bottom up. Afterward, rinse with water from the top down and dry with a dry microfiber cloth. Continue with the walls, always starting at the

bottom and working up before moving onto the floor. (And don't forget the showerhead and faucet.)

RIGHT ON TRACK

Cleaning shower tracks is much easier with the proper tool: a shower track brush. But with a shower track brush, and a little bathroom cleaner, you should easily be able to wash the grime away from your track. If you have hard water or built-up mineral deposits in your bathroom, you'll need a cleaner with some grit, such as Gabe's Pride Cream Cleanser. With a soft cloth and minimal elbow grease, this cleanser is effective and gentle.

If you have real natural stone in your bathroom, be very careful with any bathroom cleaner. Most quality bathroom cleaners have acidic properties that may harm the natural stone. A quality cleaner will still be eco-friendly and biodegradable.

RESPECT THE THRONE

Again, having the right tool and cleaners for cleaning your RV's toilet can make all the difference. Many people make the mistake of using

bleach to clean their toilets. Don't. It may kill germs, but bleach is not a cleaner. It doesn't shine anything and can damage the seals.

Instead, use a soft swab with a good cleaner. A soft swab holds water, is hygienic, and is easier to get into tight areas. Using a bristle or silicone brush is not nearly as effective because it won't retain the cleaning chemical.

Remember to wash the exterior of the toilet and then rinse and dry it with a clean, dry microfiber cloth.

VANITY OF VANITIES

Cleaning your RV's sink couldn't be easier—all you need is an eco-friendly bathroom cleaner with a clean microfiber cloth. Wet the cloth, add a little cleaner, and wash the sink, counter, and faucet. Rinse with water and dry with a fresh microfiber cloth.

Mirrors are another part of your bathroom that is easy to clean. Spray and wipe using a clean, dry microfiber cloth and an ammonia- and vinegar-free window cleaner.

WIPE THE FLOOR

RV bathrooms tend to be small, so a microfiber cloth and a spray bottle of a multi-surface cleaner are what you need. Spray and wipe with a wet cloth and dry for a film-free, clean floor. You can use a mop if you prefer.

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Laura Says TWO DUMPS THEN FLUSH

Laura Wallace, Valterra

Let's get to the nitty-gritty and ... whatever else that rhymes with. Because (all doo respect, Pam), surfaces don't get to the bottom of the problem. If you want the cabin fresh this Spring, you gotta dump, flush, and treat your tanks—so your tanks will treat you right!

STEP NO. 1 DUMP THE BLACK TANK

Frankly, it's a dark place. This tank stores everything that is collected from your toilet. Need I say more? So get those sanitation gloves on when you connect the sewer hose to the waste valve fitting. (Really shouldn't require much convincing to do that.) Then connect the sewer fitting to the nearest dump station. Open your black water tank valve to dump. When it's empty, close the valve.



ROAD ABODE

STEP NO. 2 DUMP THE GRAY TANK

The gray tank stores everything collected from your sinks and shower. Unhook your sewer hose from the black waste valve and connect to the gray waste valve (unless you have a double assembly with one fitting). Then open the gray water tank valve until empty, this will give your sewer hose a soapy rinse. Close the gray valve.

STEP NO. 3 FLUSH THE BLACK TANK

To get a true fresh start, you're going to want to flush your tank from your toilet to the waste valve of your rig. If you don't have preinstalled flushing system, then this is what you'll need. For the toilet, you'll want to get a tank wand, and, for the waste valve, a tank flush adapter. Also, make sure to always use a gray

flushing hose. Something to consider is what type of plumbing you have on each end. Is the toilet plumbed in a straight line or is it off-center? Is your waste valve a straight shot to your tank?

If you have straight-line plumbing that goes directly down and out, use something (like the Master Blaster Tank Wand) that includes a convenient shut off valve and an effective spray nozzle for the toilet bowl; and, for the waste valve, an RV Hydroflush® that will break up plugged tanks, clean the tank, pipe, valve, and drain hose.

If your plumbing is off-center, you'll want to look for a tank wand that is flexible (like the Flexible Tank Wand) that has a flexible hose with a multijet nozzle for the toilet bowl. Then, for the waste valve, the Flush King will refill and flush the tank at any height or bend of plumbing. When complete, drain the black tank, close the valve, and disconnect the sewer hose.

STEP NO. 4 TREATMENT TIME

The best recipe for unwanted odors is a professional eco-friendly tank treatment (bacteria and enzyme based) such as Pure Power® or Odorlos. Never use homemade concoctions. If you accidentally mix the wrong chemicals into your waste system, it can be hazardous to you or your system. Most tank treatments require one to two gallons of water to two to four ounces of treatment. It is very important to shake the treatment well before use to get the enzymes active. We recommend four ounces at the beginning of the Spring traveling season.

LAST STEP SANITIZE EVERYTHING

The valves, the water spigot, and everything that was utilized during the dumping/flushing process. If you happen to be dumping at a dump station, take your time. You will not want to miss one step by rushing the flushing.



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A Little Shock-and-Raw

3 easy sides that add a fresh taste of Spring—all while staying in flavor with the meat-eaters. *by Marc Acton*



'TIS THE SEASON FOR FRESHNESS, and in meal prep, it doesn't get any fresher—or easier—than raw. But here's the best news: You don't have to be a leaf-eater to enjoy these unbelievably crisp recipes. All three are action-packed with texture and bursting with incredible flavors that add the perfect sprinkle of Spring to any spread.

So try this fresh approach to sides. Whether you slap them on tacos, balance out your burgers, or just nosh them in their natural splendor, that's up to you.

Crunchy Salad

Finally, a salad for people who don't like salad.* The Persian cucumbers are the workhorse here, but the bacon is the star that should win over even the most salad-hesitant among us. (We know you by name.) This easy mouth-pleaser only takes about five minutes of prep all-in if you use your morning's leftover bacon. It can also easily double as a perfect topping for tacos, a burger, another salad, or anything else that needs a finish of creamy, crunchy goodness.

**Very Important Note: This salad is also for people who like salad.*

➔ Don't bother skinning the cucumbers, as Persian cukes are extremely eatable, skins and all. Just chop up everything, making sure to get the pistachios nice and pulverized, and combine. Dicing the cucumbers makes this much more eatable than slicing, which is easier with Persian cucumbers than the larger American version.

Be sure to add a solid salt sprinkle to finish this veggie-heavy salad, or it will fall flat.

I Heart RVing Pro Tip:

If pistachios aren't your thing, consider a sprinkle of chili powder or a light drizzle of chili oil to kick up the ranch dressing. Substituting your favorite vinaigrette is an OK option too.

Ingredients

6 Persian cucumbers, finely diced

3 slices bacon, cooked and finely chopped

1 red pepper, finely chopped

½ cup, chili-roasted pistachios, extra-finely chopped (optional)

Your favorite ranch dressing

Salt and pepper to taste





Classic Caprese

OK, two salads in one In the Galley article is a lot... But this “salad” is 50 percent cheese, so take that into account before sending your hangry letters to the editor. (Although, you know we always love to hear from you at editorial@iheartrving.com.) The caprese salad is really more appetizer than salad, and it couldn't be more RV-friendly. It's easily made ahead of time (bonus!), takes zero cooking with almost no prep (double bonus!), and is undeniably delicious (1,000 points for everyone at the table!).

Ingredients

- 3 ripe heirloom tomatoes
- 12 oz. fresh mozzarella cheese, thick slices
- 1 bunch fresh basil leaves
- High-quality olive oil
- Balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

Drizzle oil and vinegar on top (roughly 3-to-1 parts of oil to vinegar), and give another finish of salt and pepper to taste.

I Heart RVing Pro Tip: Sneak a thinly sliced piece of salami in between each cheese/tomato combo for an extra tasty adventure (and to please your favorite anti-saladite).



Because the tomatoes and mozz are so unadulterated here, it's critical to get the best quality you can find.

Slice the tomatoes and cheese in roughly equal sizes. Salt and pepper the tomato slices, then place on a plate alternating tomato, cheese, and basil leaves.

Cinnamon Toast Overnight Oats

Not everybody is an oats person—I definitely wasn't one until I tried this overnight preparation. There's something irresistibly creamy about the consistency of these versus boiled oatmeal, and I've found my palate prefers breakfast oats cold. This recipe also takes the joy of the world's greatest cereal flavor and puts it into an extremely healthy package, as long



as you use whole oats, not instant. Whole grain oats, including steel cut, are not low-carb, but they are heavy in fiber and beta-glucan, which gives them one of the healthier nutrition profiles of any traditional breakfast item. They also could not be any easier to make and enjoy.

The undeniable beauty of overnight oats is that the combinations are endless. Combine oats and milk at a 1-to-1 ratio, add a little flavor and whatever sweetener you prefer, and you can't go wrong.



For this version, add about 3/4 cup of cinnamon toast cereal to a hefty Ziploc bag and hit with something hard and flat until mostly pulverized. Dried cereal should equal roughly 1/4 cup of powder. If it's a little more, you probably won't regret it.

Combine all ingredients into a mason jar or other tightly sealed container and mix vigorously. Store overnight in the refrigerator. Serve by topping with a sprinkling of some un-pulverized cereal.

I Heart RVing Pro Tip:

Switch out the cereal for peanut butter and jelly, brown sugar and cinnamon, or even chocolate chips and blueberries for an almost foolproof breakfast dish with nearly endless potential flavors.

Ingredients

- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats (you can use steel cut, but they don't have the same creamy texture)
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tablespoon honey or other sweetener
- 1/4 cup (or more) cinnamon toast cereal, pulverized



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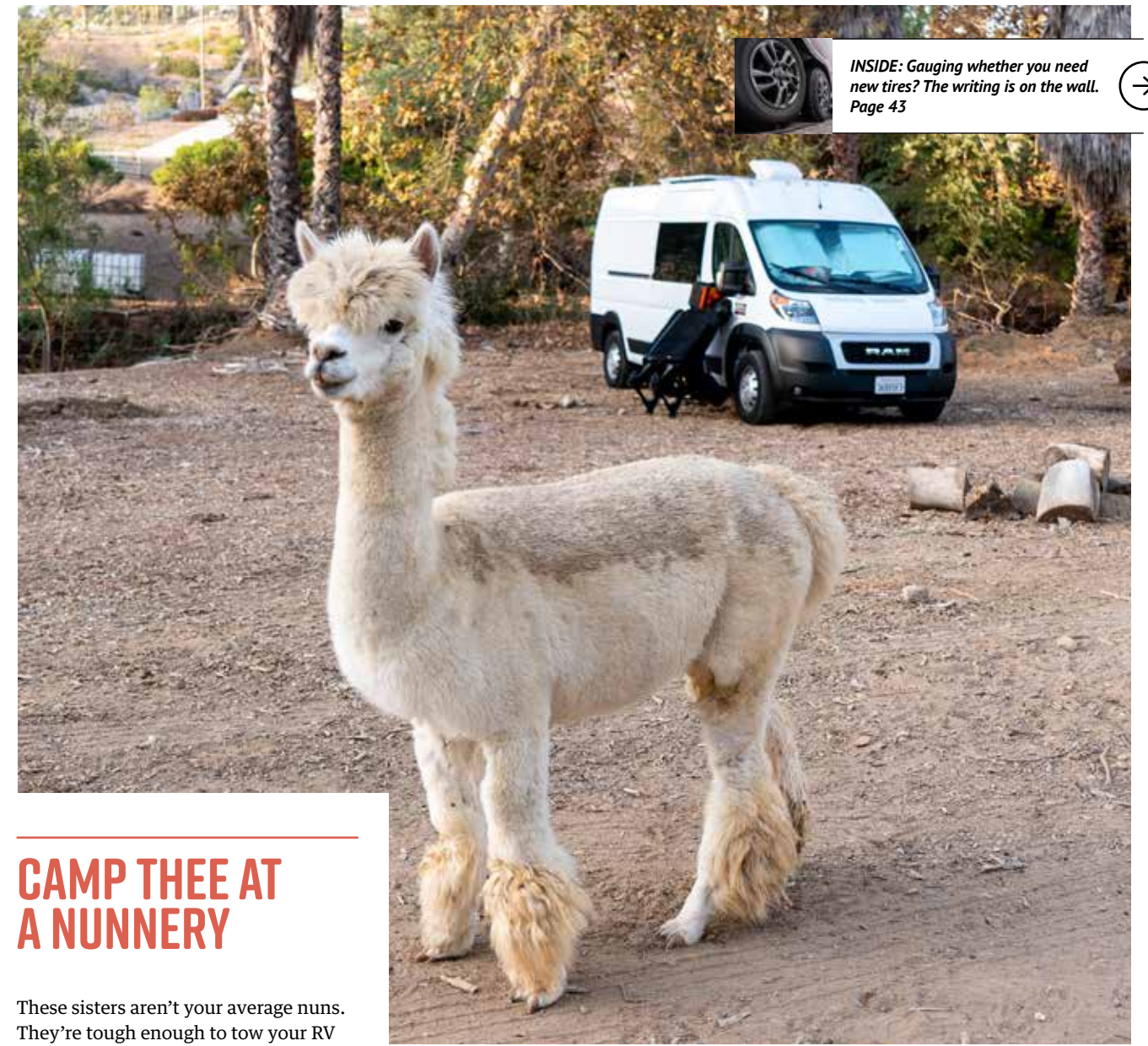
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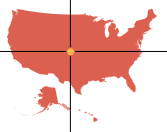


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CAMP THEE AT A NUNNERY

These sisters aren't your average nuns. They're tough enough to tow your RV out of the muck. And wise enough to know how to charm an alpaca. They're also the women behind one of Harvest Hosts' weirdest, wildest, and most wonderful stays. On Page 50, see why their guests rarely go away empty-handed—or empty-hearted.

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Rounding the Adirondacks

Say goodbye to the bustle of metropolitan life as you explore the majesty of the U.S.-Canadian border.

GREENER THAN GREEN, the mighty trees of the Adirondacks tower over Upstate New York. Like ancient pylons pointing to the sky, their reflections are mirrored in the cool lake waters that cut through them. In the face of their natural splendor, the skyscrapers of the Big Apple seem to vanish into smallness. Amid the awesome quiet upon the land, the City That Never Sleeps seems a distant and irrelevant memory. All of which are reasons why we love it so! And come Spring, it's the welcoming wilderness we flee to in our rigs and trailers, defiantly thumbing our noses at the noise of civilization we leave behind. (That never gets old.)

Driving the Line Between Lake and Mountain

Hurling southeast of Niagara Falls, the road merges into I-90 just north of Buffalo, taking you two hours in that direction before you hit Syracuse. Moving north onto I-81, the road puts the St. Lawrence River on your driver side and the great green mountains in full-view on the passenger side. A little over an hour, and you branch right onto NY-37 (if you don't want to cross into Canada) and sidle along the beautiful border till the road turns east again onto US-11 toward Lake Champlain. The lake islands on your left belong to Vermont, but bear south on I-87 and State Highway 9N towards Ticonderoga. (Although a detour

west towards Lake Placid is equally enticing.)

Indeed, with wilderness all around you the entire drive, there's always an opportunity to take a different turn and park somewhere new. You'll want to soak it all in before making that final decisive drive down towards Albany.

An Alternate Route Awaits

Naturally, we are always interested in alternate roads—especially if they're the scenic variety. So also consider heading east of Syracuse towards Utica, north of which you can take NY-28 and then NY-30 to enter the mountains on a three-hour shortcut to Lake Placid.



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Reading the Writing on the Wall

SPEED INDEXES, TIRE TYPES, AND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF RV TIRE SELECTION.

by Michael Pescitelli

Living life in the fast lane? Going 70 mph down the stretch? You may need to slow down, O road king of Babylon! The writing on your tire's sidewall will tell you that not all RV tires are rated for safe operation at highway speeds. And, if you own an RV, chances are high you will primarily be driving it on a highway. For example, if you have an ST (special trailer) tire that does not feature a

speed index rating, the top speed is presumed at 65 mph. Knowing your load and speed index rating (as well as the age and dependability of your tires) can not only improve your trip, but it can also save you from a serious tire failure.

So here's a guide to help read the writing on your tire wall—and find the right RV tire if your old one has been weighed, measured, and found wanting.



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WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THE SIDEWALL?

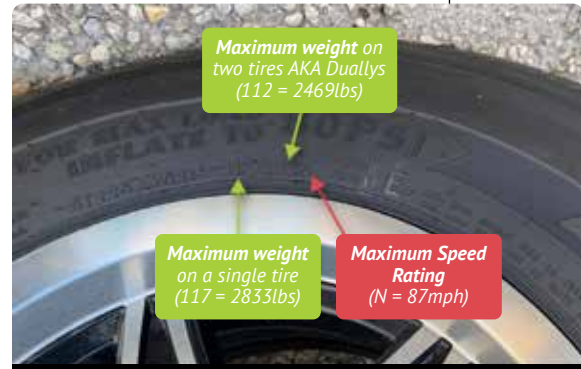
On a tire's sidewall, manufacturers state the maximum specifications that their tires can safely operate. But it's not always easy. Some specifications (like the speed index) may be omitted because they are not a federal requirement. The information found on tires is also constantly evolving. (Example: Manufacturers are slowly moving away

from load range and instead using load index.) To boot, the load range is provided by the manufacturer with different meanings. For example, one tire's load range E will not have the same maximum weight as a different tire. In contrast, load index is simply the load index number multiplied by four. Much more straightforward, right?

When determining the correct load index for your RV, take a look at its GVWR (gross vehicle weight rating), which is affixed to your RV. This weight can then be divided by the number of tires on your RV. If you have an RV that has a GVWR of 10,000 pounds with four tires, you'll want to make sure that the tire's load index is more than 2,500 pounds. (It also doesn't hurt to go a bit over.) For example, my travel trailer has a GVWR of 9,290 pounds, which

would equate to around 2,322 pounds a tire. However, this travel trailer was equipped with Goodyear Endurance tires rated at 2,833 pounds, which is about a 20 percent load. This provides a better peace of mind that the tires are able to handle the RV's load without issue. If you have dually tires on your RV (common with Class A and C motorhomes), you'll need to take into account that dually tires have a lower load index than single tires. This is due to excess weight that will be applied to a single dually tire if the inner or outer tire fails.

Most tire manufacturers will place a speed index rating on their tire's sidewall. Common speeds found on RV tires are from G (56 mph) to N (87 mph), the most common being L (75 mph). For your safety and those around, do not exceed the manufacturer's speed index rating. In addition, always obey local and state traffic safety laws, which may require you to drive slower than the posted speed limit if towing or traveling



in a motorhome. Personally, I prefer driving 55 to 60 mph and knowing that I will reach my destination safely. After all, it's all about the journey, right?

So how do you find and understand the load and speed index? This information is posted right after the sizing information on the sidewall of your tire. For example, an ST225/75R15 117/112N is an ST tire that has a width of 225 mm, with a sidewall height of 75 percent of the tire's width, that fits on a 15-inch rim, has a maximum weight rating of 2,833 pounds in a single tire configuration or 2,469 pounds when in a dually configuration (see picture on Page 44), and a speed rating of 87 mph. While the size rating is easily understandable, the load and speed indexes are not. As the name implies, you can find your tire's load and speed indexes on an index, of which many are accessible online.

WHICH TYPE OF TIRE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

While you can use LT (light truck) tires on a travel trailer or fifth-wheel, ST tires are recommended because they offer improved fuel economy with shallower grooves, improved stability due to stiffer sidewalls, and reduced swaying at highway speeds due to high rigidity. You will find that most ST tires have a simple tread pattern designed for low rolling resistance. This is because ST tires are not used for steering or acceleration, removing the need for increased traction that a more complex tread pattern provides.

For Class B and C motorhomes, you'll want to use LT tires. These tires are designed to provide ride comfort, as well as traction for maneuvering and acceleration. For Class A motorhomes, you will want to use commercial or RV-marked tires. Both LT and RV tires come in different tread patterns. More complex tread patterns provide additional traction for traveling in muddy, wet, or snowy conditions. However, complex tread patterns will lower your fuel economy.

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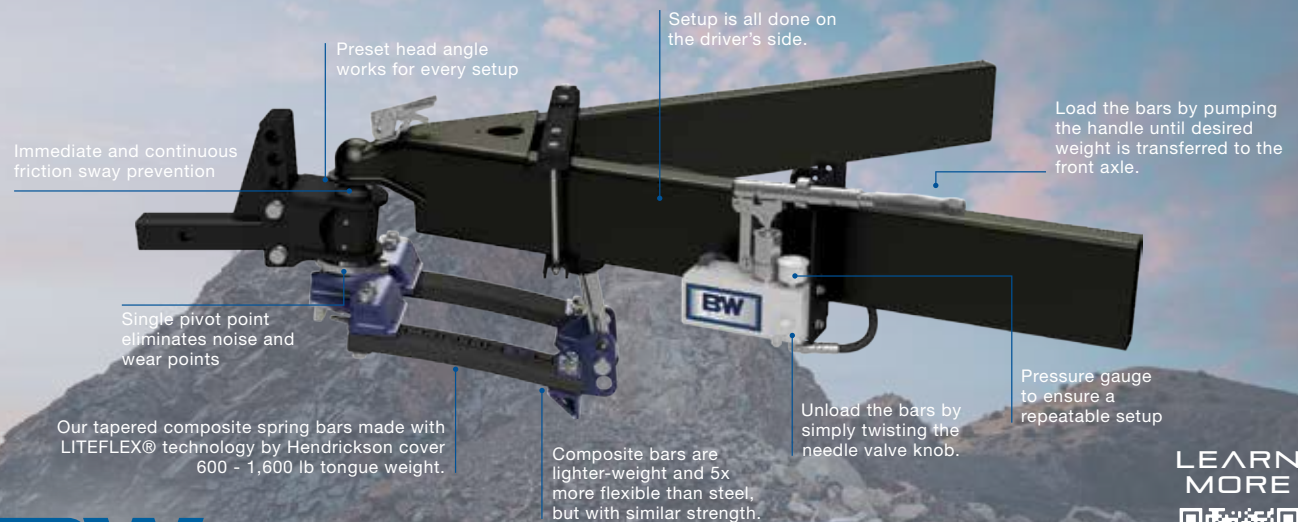
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If you plan on traveling in more harsh climates, such as Alaska, you will want to have the appropriate tires that can handle the roads you'll experience. Not doing so can increase your chances of getting into an accident or having a tire failure.



ically have a 5-year warranty, depending on manufacturer. When using a tire outside its warranty period, the tire manufacturer will not provide the coverage that it would provide if under warranty, like if a tire failure occurs.

The age of your tire can be found on its sidewall. For tires manufactured after 2000, the date code is represented as the last four digits at the end of the DOT number, pictured above. The first two digits represent the week the tire was manufactured and the last two represent the year. For example, the code 4020 represents the tire was manufactured the 40th week in the year 2020. If you would prefer an app to help you find out the date, you can add the four-digit code into several apps found online. TireMinder.com features a tire age calculator on its website under tools.

WHEN IS IT TIME TO REPLACE A TIRE?

When a tire reaches five years of age, you should consider replacing it, and any tire that is 10 years or more (including a spare tire) should be replaced. Tires typ-

WHICH BRAND IS BEST?

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the best brand and tire for your RV, it really comes down to personal preference. If you look through online forums, you will find thousands of people who are adamant that their tire is the best (or worst). As far as popularity goes, the common tire of choice in the towable market is the Goodyear Endurance, while in the motorized market the Michelin XRV is king. The best (and possibly worst) part about everything having a rating these days is that you're able to look online and find the exact tire that fits your needs, then look at the star rating to see how many people have had a positive experience. Keep in mind that even if you find a tire with a 5-star rating, it's still possible that you may run into issues. But if you choose a tire from a reputable brand, you know that on the unlikely chance an issue does occur, they'll back the product.

BEST BUYS

Last but not least is deals. RV tires are expensive and most of us belong to one or more clubs, such as FMCA, Good Sam, Escapees, etc. These clubs may offer specials on specific brands of RV tires, along with a slew of other benefits. If you do not belong to a club, it may be worth looking at the cost of membership for the savings alone. Some even come with gas savings benefits, so like traveling on a correctly inflated tire, you'll be saving money every mile. Just a bit of sage advice.



Weighing and Measuring Tire Pressure

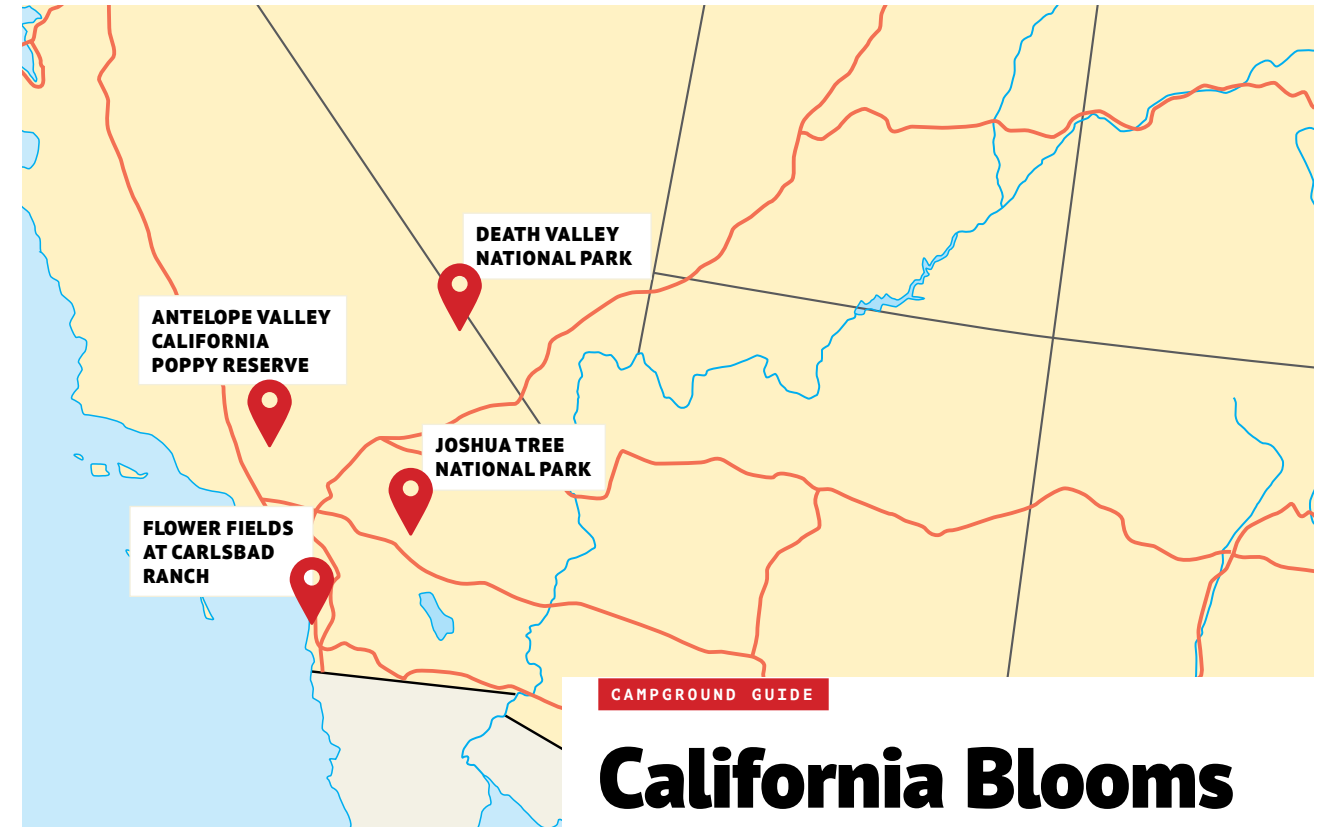
New and old tires, STs and LTs all need to maintain proper air pressure to perform. Here's some wise counsel: Employ a trustworthy TPMS device.

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CAMPGROUND GUIDE

California Blooms

Stop and smell the best of Southern California's wildflowers this Spring.

Shosone RV Park
22 CA-178
Shosone, CA 92384
(760) 852-4335

Road Trip: There's something wildly spectacular about seeing flowers in the desert. How many you see at **Death Valley National Park** depends—of course—on the rain each Winter, but from Shosone RV Park you're in prime position near Jubilee Pass, which is a wildflower hotspot. If by magic a super-bloom happens, hold on. Yellow desert gold, purple sand verberna, and their vibrant cousins will carpet the desert floor. *26-minute drive*

Daily Rate: \$50
Camp Sites: 25

WATER	■	STORE	■
SEWAGE	■	LAUNDRY	■
ELECTRIC	■	WI-FI	■
PROPANE	■	PET-CARE	■

Check-In/Out: 1 p.m./12 p.m.
ShosoneVillage.com

Antelope Valley RV Park
2551 Avenue G-8
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 206-0427

Road Trip: You don't have to be a great lover of The Wizard of Oz to imagine the overpowering sight of the **Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve** in Spring. (Unlike Page 50, you're not in Kansas anymore.) From mid-March to early May, poppies paint the valley in a dreamy red-orange-gold mosaic of warm color. Just be aware: Antelope Valley RV Park is closed the month of April for the California Poppy Festival. *19-minute drive*

Daily Rate: \$50-\$55
Camp Sites: 62

WATER	■	STORE	■
SEWAGE	■	LAUNDRY	■
ELECTRIC	■	WI-FI	■
PROPANE	■	PET-CARE	■

Check-In/Out: Anytime/12 p.m.
AVFair.com/rv-park

Joshua Tree Lake, RV and Campground
2601 Sunfair Road
Joshua Tree, CA 92252
(760) 366-1213

Road Trip: On the southbound route through Pinto Basin toward Cottonwood Springs in **Joshua Tree National Park**, you'll see some absolutely stunning desert flowers: white and gold desert stars with wild magenta blossoms from beaver-tail cacti. Then there are the weird Mojave yucca blooms and the vaguely alien Joshua tree blossoms. Frankly, you just won't see flowers like this anywhere else. *33-minute drive*

Daily Rate: \$55
Camp Sites: 44

WATER	■	STORE	■
SEWAGE	■	LAUNDRY	■
ELECTRIC	■	WI-FI	■
PROPANE	■	PET-CARE	■

Check-In/Out: 12 p.m./11 a.m.
JoshuaTreeLake.com

Riviera Mobile Home & RV Park
699 N Vulcan Avenue
Encinitas, CA 92024
(760) 753-3333

Road Trip: The Giant Tecolote Ranunculus flowers that cover the 55-acres of the **Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch** would be comical if they weren't so beautiful. (These flowers are big.) You'll have to buy tickets (\$18 for adults) and schedule your time and date (early March through early May) to see them—but don't hesitate. It's an event of a lifetime. So make the most of it and dress up! *14-minute drive*

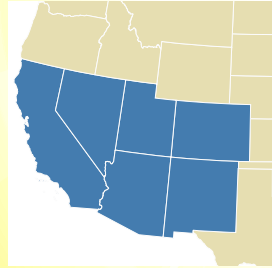
Daily Rate: \$72-78
Camp Sites: 20

WATER	■	STORE	■
SEWAGE	■	LAUNDRY	■
ELECTRIC	■	WI-FI	■
PROPANE	■	PET-CARE	■

Check-In/Out: 12 p.m./12 p.m.
RivieraMobilePark.com

Your Next Getaway Plan

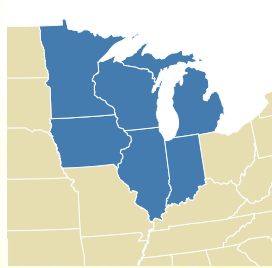
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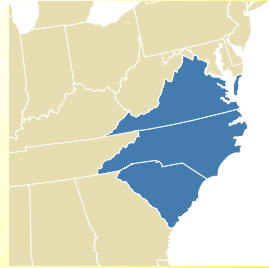
• Visiting the Grand Canyon for the first time with the kids? We recommend you limit the distractions and situate yourself in a campsite that allows you to just soak in the grandeur. The Trailer Village RV Park fits that bill exactly. As the only full hook-up RV park that's in the actual Grand Canyon itself, it frees you up to just focus on the fun.



MIDWEST

Camp Scholler
Oshkosh, WI
EAA.org

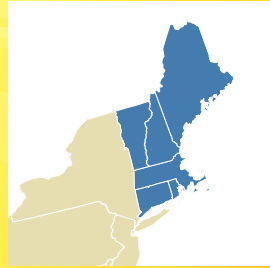
• Look up and see a sky full of P-51 Mustangs, MiGs, and the Red Bull Air Force at the annual air show at Oshkosh! To park at Camp Scholler (just below), someone will have to be an Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) member, but it's relatively cheap (\$48)—like the tickets themselves (\$34 for camping, \$84 for full hook-up).



SOUTH ATLANTIC

Anvil Campground
Williamsburg, VA
AnvilCampground.com

• Colonial Williamsburg is exactly what every historical vacation spot should be: fun and engaging—like a museum that comes to life. Like Williamsburg itself, Anvil Campground surpasses expectation. Which is probably why it won the National RV Park of the Year award. Twice. The facilities are modern. The Wi-Fi is too. And kids under 12 stay for free.



NEW ENGLAND

Pinewood Lodge Campground
Plymouth, MA
PinewoodLodge.com

Plymouth is America's hometown. (Or at least one of them.) Between it and Boston, there's a treasure chest of history. The Pinewood Lodge Campground puts you right between Boston and Cape Cod, with heavily shaded parking spots that are a lifesaver in the Summer. And you'll need a nice, cool, shady retreat after a day of exploring.

I HEART TIPS
The Trailer Village RV Park's prime position puts you near the South Rim Trail, whose paved path is perfect for tiny peoples (especially if you have one in a stroller).

I HEART TIPS
Bring an aircraft identification book (civil and military), so both you and any kids or grandkids you have with you can spot and identify planes as they appear.

I HEART TIPS
Every visitor of every age will enjoy seeing history come to life in Williamsburg. But when you need a change of pace, Busch Gardens theme park is just 15 minutes away.

I HEART TIPS
Bring your water toys! Kayaks, canoes, tackle boxes. After you've seen Plymouth Rock, you can paddle and fish as you like at the park's 50-acre freshwater lake.



5 THINGS A DURACUBE CAN DO THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE CAMPING

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Recharge Your Tools

Not every shed has power to it. Popping your DuraCUBE on the workbench to keep your batteries charged is an easy way to make

sure you always have the right tool for the job. Or, keep it in your work truck and keep your idling to a minimum when on the job site.

Recharge camera gear on shoots

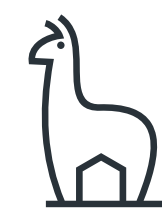
How many batteries do you usually take with you on a photo shoot? What if we told you that you can cut that number in half and still have power to spare? Bringing a DuraCUBE with you on photo shoots and drone shoots can help minimize the amount of battery packs you need to take with you on location.

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Nun's Labyrinth

Alpacas, labyrinths, and nuns in jeans. (They call them sisters.) Heartland Farm is one of Harvest Hosts most unique—and fulfilling—boondocking experiences.

By Mark Settle

LOOK AN ALPACA IN THE EYE, and you just might wonder: “How did I get here?” In the face of this South American animal with its feline temperament and camel-like looks, it’s impossible not to smile, laugh, and reach out to scratch its neck. (Always resisting, of course, the urge to pet the head—alpacas don’t like that.) Life on the road can sure be unusual. Wonderful. And humorous.

But then again, as the long-necked beasts lope around you, you could look at it another way. Perhaps, you’ve parked in a special place, where there’s a small glimmer of Genesis—something beautiful, innocent, and ancient. At Heartland Farm, you can approach the wild without fear—and watch the wild approach you (especially if you have some bindweed in hand). Sure, on one level, the alpacas and their poofy perms are almost as absurd as Doctor Doolittle and his two-headed llama. But on another level, something deeper is going on. Maybe, just maybe, what was lost long ago east of Eden is being found just west of Great Bend, Kansas.

How did you get here? Here, with the RV parked dead-center in a drive-thru state. Here, surrounded by wooly alpacas, devout Dominican sisters, and the abiding peace of the natural world. Well, that’s one big yarn. And, you have to confess, it all starts with Harvest Hosts.



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// A Warm and Woolly Welcome

As you travel to Heartland Farm, there are signs that you've made it into the country. The county road switching to gravel—but good gravel—is one of them. None of this is unexpected, of course. Harvest Hosts members may wander toward the alpaca farm full of curiosity, but you are always under good direction once you call and check-in with the host. (And that's good, because it's unlikely that you'd find the farm otherwise.) Driving about 20 minutes west from Great Bend on West Barton County Road (that turns into X Road once you hit the county line), you'll take a left at the Heartland Farm sign and turn south onto CR 390. Farmland flanks both the

driver and passenger sides of the RV as you drive. Sometimes wheat. Sometimes alfalfa or milo, depending on the season. But always serene. After a half-mile, Heartland Farm's long driveway appears on the right. Taking the turn rolls you over a little (often dried-up) creek and west again toward a complex of farm buildings bracketed by cedar windbreaks to the west and north. The appearance of an alpaca-painted mailbox and wooden Heartland Farm sign leave no room for doubt: You've made it.

Immediately on arrival, one of the Dominican Sisters of Peace will walk up to meet new RV guests. One of the hosts, Sister Jane, notes (with a little irony) that the meeting is often different than some guests imagine: "One of the visuals that people tend to have about sisters is that they're gonna look like some movie they saw." She pauses for effect, letting iconic movie scenes from "Sister Act" and "Vertigo" appear in memory. She abruptly clarifies, "You're gonna meet someone in jeans and a flannel shirt. ... not some kind of long dress."

Hence the importance of calling ahead. (Sister Jane might be out working fence on the property's 80 acres when you call.) But once you arrive, you're welcomed by a sister and guided to your spot. Around the farm's circular drive, the complex unfolds. The

first sight: two white houses separated by an open-air pavilion. Then flower and herb gardens appear. Arcing around the corner, you will pass more houses (all named after trees), some for guests and some for resident sisters. Then past the office and gift shop, the farm opens up before you—unveiling a century-old barn, alpacas pacing across their paddock, an octagonal art studio made from straw bales, and a grain silo that's been refurbished into a meditation space (complete with stained-glass windows). Smaller RVs pull around and park where they can look across the adjoining field.

So. Not your ordinary campground.

Teresa Johnson, who works at Heartland Farm but isn't a sister (in the Dominican sense), points out that that is one of the farm's virtues, "One of the really nice things for Harvest Hosts members and RVers is that we aren't a big RV facility. We have two RV spaces." No need to share space with a crowd. Teresa warmly reflects, "That just provides them with the opportunity to experience our little piece of heaven."

And, for the sisters who run the farm, that's the big idea.



// A Most Unique Host

The sisters at Heartland Farm aren't your ordinary nuns. In fact, "nuns" isn't even the right word. Sister Jane explains, "Accurately speaking, nuns are really the ones who stay in their monastery and pray and don't do anything outside of that venue. Whereas sisters run the hospitals and the schools." The Dominican Sisters have been doing just that for a long time. Like over 800 years, and more than 200 in the States. About 35 years ago, they bought the 80-acre lot of farmland with a specific mission in mind: to model what the planet needs for restoration, both the earth and the people who live on it.

In 2009, when eight different congregations merged to found Dominican Sisters of Peace, that mission didn't change. With rural America becoming

largely invisible, Sister Jane says it's as relevant as ever. "It's part of sharing what our mission really is. To be a place of connecting with the natural world, people connecting with themselves." Really, she says, it's an invitation, "It's about inviting people into a reflective time." And the sisters are open and welcoming to all guests. Which is important, because all kinds of guests show up to see the alpacas.

Teresa laughs when asked about the alpacas and the mission. "They're not just here to be cute," she clarifies. "They're here to serve specific purposes ... and to be really cute!" Teresa and Sister Jane explain that alpacas actually help keep simple skills alive.

They're fairly easy on the land (unlike large grazing animals) and relatively easy to manage. Their warm, soft, non-allergenic fleece gets sheared once every year like sheep. It gets sent to the fleece mill and then comes back, where it's spun into yarn. (Yes, the sisters offer classes.)

The alpacas also provide a wonderful source of fertilizer. "Alpacas are very nice about sharing," quips



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Sister Jane. Volunteers and guests can even help gather the compost for the gardens if they want to get their hands dirty with farm work.

Mostly though, folks love taking pictures of them—and with them. Professionals show up to get alpacas in the golden light. Amateurs try to lure them into proximity. Sister Jane laughs, “I liken them personality-wise to cats, who will take you or leave you depending on their personality and mood.” She assures guests, “If you are patient and stand there, they will come to you.” (Especially if you want to feed them some bindweed.) A lot of people ask, “Will they spit on me?” The answer is no, although they will spit at each other.

Whether a Harvest Hosts member is visiting for the alpacas, the rural experience, or outright curiosity, they never leave disappointed. Teresa says that the partnership with Harvest Hosts, like the farm itself, has been symbiotic. “Word of mouth via the Harvest Hosts website is really important for us. I don’t know if we’ve ever gotten a bad comment.” When asked to describe their guests, Sister Jane decisively says, “Nice people,” prompting Teresa to exclaim, “They are!”

“Usually if you probe a little,” Sister Jane adds, “I think many of the RVers at Harvest Hosts are looking for different experiences, and they’re willing to go off the interstate to find them.”

Both Teresa and Sister Jane understand the draw of the farm as a novelty. (It is after all an alpaca farm run by sisters.) But what the experience offers does seem to be tailor-made for RVers. For example, Harvest Hosts members are supposed to buy something on location. At Heartland Farm, there are alpaca goods and yarn, jellies and jams, soaps and creams, all made by the sisters.

Sister Jane gets it. “I noticed about RVs that most don’t have much room to just collect stuff. And so they appreciate things like a jar of jelly that they’re going to use tomorrow or the eggs from the chickens.” Others want clothing made from the local alpacas, because it’s a personal connection with the farm and will help keep them warm on the road.

Indeed, for every guest who visits Heartland Farm, that unique connection is something unforgettable, far beyond yarn and jam. It’s tightly knit to the soul.



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// Just Follow the Path

Last year, CEO Joel Holland mentioned Heartland Farm as part of his Harvest Hosts origin story. Before he helped turn the membership into a 21st century operation, he visited as many sites as he could. Deep down, he knew people were looking for unique experiences. Then he arrived at this alpaca farm run by sisters—one of whom gave guests massages. (Sadly for guests and her fellow sisters, she has since retired from the massage table.) But that was a unique experience. And a path opened for Harvest Hosts.

Although the farm is out in the flatlands of Kansas, there are several paths that connect here. Just a half hour to the southwest lies Fort Larned, a hub around which Indian wars raged in the late 1800s. Within an hour to the east lie two significant wetlands, Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, a stopping place for migratory waterfowl. Sister Jane says, “You wouldn’t expect to find pelicans in the middle of Kansas, but you can find hundreds of them, as well as sandhill cranes and whooping cranes.” Birders flock on along the same path. The town of Great Bend, a half hour to the east, is 12,000 strong, but Teresa boasts it has a great steakhouse (Tellers 1872), a high-end brewhouse (Dry Lake Brewing), and a great Mexican scene (she recommends Delgado’s Mexican Food Restaurant, although Sister Jane prefers El Dos De Oros down in Larned).

But great as these day trips are, the farm itself always stands apart as the most memorable experience. Because it’s the place where room is made for the soul to stretch its wings. Where mind, body, and spirit can revive.

In the stain-glass silo, you can light a fire. And if someone comes that sings or plays, it sounds like a cathedral. You can walk along three miles



3 MORE WEIRD AND WONDERFUL STAYS

Make the most of the Midwest this Spring at these Harvest Hosts locations.

- **Stratoca Salt Mines, Kansas**
Go 650 feet below the surface of the earth into the heart of an underground salt mine. It takes just 90 seconds to descend, but there are over 150 miles of tunnels.
- **Golden Spike Tower, Nebraska**
It’s like the train capital of the world. (Kind of.) From the top of the tower, you can watch 17 receiving and 16 departure tracks handling 14,000 rail cars every 24 hours.
- **Pioneer Auto Show, South Dakota**
Let’s be clear: You don’t have to be an autophile to love this place. (Although it certainly won’t hurt!) Over 275 classic cars and 60 antique tractors will captivate any guest.

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of nature trails. See the plains and the creatures that dwell there, from bobcats and deer to opossums and armadillos. Concerning night, Sister Jane offers two words, “Killer stars.”

Then there’s the grass-grown labyrinth that is mown into the middle of the prairie, just inviting a first step. Sister Jane explains, “It’s a continuous pattern. It’s kind of modeled after the very famous one at Chartres Cathedral in France. Labyrinths are just a meditation trail. Unlike a maze—which is supposed to confuse you and lead you to dead ends and so on—a labyrinth is a continuous trail, so you really do get to the destination. Lots of turns, and it’s not a direct path. But you get there.” It takes 15 minutes to walk in and 15 minutes to walk out. “And,” Sister Jane adds, “however long you’d like to stay in the middle. You’re just surrounded by fields and open sky. It’s a kinetic exercise. You’re walking. ... Your body kind of doesn’t have to think about where you’re going, so it opens up awareness to what’s going on inside yourself. Just follow the path.”



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// The Earth and the People in It

"I became a sister in 1963," recounts Sister Jane. "It's a call that doesn't just come once but gets renewed throughout life." Over the years, she has worked in schools, done retreats, taught art, mastered beekeeping and alpaca farming.

Taking care of the land resonates with Sister Jane, "This kind of ministry of caring for the earth and the people in it—and the whole big picture of what's connected—is something that I think is a worthy thing to use our energies and resources for." Teresa quickly darts in, "I like to say that Sister Jane is a jack of all trades and a master of all of them." Sister Jane chuckles and quietly murmurs, "But I hate plumbing."

She considers, "I think that whole hands-on engagement, rather than keeping the world at arm's length or on a screen, is something that makes me

happy. And I think for the people who come here and unplug, it's something they crave."

When asked about whether they had any funny stories, Sister Jane says wryly, "There was the guy who didn't follow directions." The story goes that a gentleman and his son were on a road trip together with a small RV (a conversion van). It had been raining on the not-so-improved roads when he called for directions. Sister Jane remembers, "So I said turn left out of the driveway. Well ... he turned right. And so he took this first road—and Google Maps will tell you that it's a road, but," she cautions, "when there's grass growing in the middle of it, you know it's not a road. And so, he got about halfway through this mile, and there's water running across the 'road.'"

Sister Jane pauses then says, "So, he goes for it."

You can imagine the result—the father and son duo were caught midstream amid the mucky river-bottom soil. Stuck

right in the middle. So they called Sister Jane. And, like the Good Shepherd, she went to seek and save the lost.

"So, get in the truck. Grabbed the logging chains. Find him. Get around to the front. Put the chain on the front of the thing and tow it out to the corner. And his son—he's maybe 13 or something—he's barefoot, and there were all these little things swimming by." Later, in gratitude, the wife stopped by to buy a gift, offer a donation, and thank the sister for coming to the rescue.

It's a special place where Dominican Sisters of Peace are your RV recovery team. But that's Heartland Farm. Any Harvest Hosts member who has paused to park here overnight in the drive-thru state could tell you that it is indeed a place of unforgettable experiences. A place of quiet beauty and weirdly wonderful encounters. A place where the earth and its creatures beg to be touched and cared for. A place where something lost is always being found. ❤️

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CAMPING, ADVENTURE, AND THE RV EXPERIENCE



BEYOND DEFINITION

What's the difference between camping and overlanding? Or RVing and off-roading? Those are questions the outdoor community is debating. But be warned: To ask is to open Pandora's box. And on the next page, we pop the lid—talking with a man who drove a limo across Africa, an Australian manufacturer breaking out the Outback, and a 4-wheel-driving professional recognized across the globe. See what they say and the rugged RVs living between the lines.

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OUT WHERE

WORLDS COLLIDE

OVERLANDING, RVS, AND THE JOY OF DEFYING DEFINITION.

by Marc Acton

We seldom see stars at their shiniest. We are too tightly tied to the grid, which gives—light, power, water, food. And takes away—our night skies, our self-reliance, and our freedom to roam. The grid is entirely indifferent to us, neither benevolent nor unkind—but still a stern ruler. For some of us, though, there's a world where nights grow darker, and stars glow their brightest. Streets are dustier, if they exist at all. And the world is less tainted. Unspoiled, even.

This is the world of overlanding. But it is also the world of RVs. The dividing line between them—once distinct—has since blurred in the chaos of colliding outdoor worlds and converging communities. But despite all collisions and commonalities, are the two sets of enthusiasts truly the same? Or do they vary in what they do and why they do it?

We went looking for an answer. But we found many.

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THE GREAT OVERLANDING DEBATE

For even its most ardent admirers and adherents, it's tough to pin down exactly what overlanding is. Is it just car camping with a truck? Can you be an overlander on a 4-wheeler? Do you have to even have wheels? It's fair to ask: Where does RVing stop and overlanding begin?

The question became increasingly complicated as a flood of newcomers headed outdoors in the wake of the COVID years. The mainstream crowd veered toward RVing and camping, but a more extreme fringe went toward expeditions, off-roading, and adventurism. Overlanders have always been a part of that fringe. But when an overlander gets in an RV, which world do they belong to? In RV circles, many campers are proud to be self-proclaimed overlanders. But what has not been settled is how to define overlanding. Or even whether we should define it.

The search for a rigid definition is problematic. There's certainly no consensus in sight. Even experienced overlanders dance around the finer points of the term. Nate Kennedy, one of I Heart RVing's own (see Page 10), is a man who's lived on the precarious line between the two worlds. He's been overlanding since before it was cool. He got his hands on his first manual transmission Land Rover Discovery I in 2004. In 2005, he joined the Minnesota Land Rover Club. In 2006, his descent into full-blown obsession was cemented with a 1,300-mile trip from Duluth to Duluth around Lake Superior.

"I was hooked," he confesses. Eventually, he turned overlanding into a profession, moving to Puerto Rico to help run a luxury camping tour business.

But even Nate treads carefully into this topic.

"Technically RVing is overlanding," he says after a pause, "Because as an RVer, you have to be self-sufficient to some degree. You're planning on going out there, and not going to a hotel, not stopping for fast food. One of the big things with overlanding is that the journey itself is what you're out there for." He continues,

"The important distinction of overlanding is an emphasis on journey versus the destination."

Nate even contrasts the term with an expedition, "You're on an expedition to complete a project. It's something where you have a quest. You're going out to measure soil levels or photograph a species. Overlanding, you're going to be doing the same stuff, but the goal is the journey, not the destination."

o-ver-land-ing, ('ō-vər- lan-dīŋ) n.

1. crossing land in a vehicle for the journey itself.

Even so, Nate admits that there are complications with almost every definition. Some folks say there's an internationality to it. Which makes sense, because overlanding originated in the Outback. But if border crossing is a criterion (as some claim), the landlocked originators in Australia are out of luck.

No matter where you turn, few answers sound the same. Even among the experts.



WHERE THE EXPERTS ARGUE

Few would contest that Christian Pelletier is an overlander. The French-Canadian adventurer has driven a limousine across West Africa. He's ferried his Land Cruiser across a river, its wheels resting on some precipitously placed planks on top of three canoes roped together. He's been the first tourist in places that haven't seen one in a while. He's an overlanding OG, who today is the technical brains behind ExpeditionPortal.com and a partner-contributor to the *Overland Journal*, one of the most important industry print publications. So if there's an expert on the topic, he's it.

When asked what overlanding is, Pelletier laughs and steers us in a different direction. "That's a question that everyone struggles with these days. To me, originally, overlanding involved some dangerous crossing. There should be some element of unknown. Some element that you're discovering. Not just driving a 4x4, but discovering a new culture, a new language. Something that's not part of your typical environment. If you just hook up a trailer and go camping in your backyard, that wouldn't qualify. But if you drive the trailer across Baja, and learn a bit of Spanish, and discover a new region that you don't know, and you come back transformed, or with some new perspective, that would qualify as overlanding. It has to have some kind of cultural element."

o-ver-land-ing, ('ō-vər- lan-dīŋ) n.

2. vehicle travel as catalyst for personal exploration—on multiple levels, cultural as well as geographical.

So to get the overlanding experience, you have to get out of your comfort zone. Must you also get off of the well-paved path?

"People who want to dress up their trucks to go to the Rubicon Trail, that's proper off-roading," says Pelletier. "That's something that's demanding on the vehicle." But he clarifies: Real overlanders rarely put their vehicles in truly demanding situations. When you're overlanding, he says, "Your vehicle is your house. So you don't really want to destroy it, or break axles, or flood the inside. Because you have to sleep in it for the next six months."

According to Pelletier, not only do you not need to be off-road, the vehicle you're traveling in is almost immaterial. "This guy [I spoke with recently] has been driving a Chevy Bolt across the United States, and now he's down in Colombia [South America] with this electric vehicle. He's been plugging it into hotels at night, and gas stations, and to me that qualifies as overlanding. Because it's a hell of an adventure. So you don't have to have a 1965 Land Rover to do [overlanding]. The vehicle is, at least to me, not that important. It's the overall adventure."



o-ver-land-ing, ('ō-vər- lan-dīŋ) n.

3. adventure travel by vehicle; possible without leaving pavement, impossible without leaving one's comfort zone.

Nate Kennedy led overlanding tours. And Christian Pelletier blazed across international boundaries. But Bill Burke is a unique kind of expert. He originally learned to drive military vehicles in the Army as a recovery specialist. Today, as the owner of Bill Burke's 4-Wheeling America out of Grand Junction, Colorado, he's a professional 4-wheel-drive educator. He's taught newbies, hobbyists, enthusiasts, and even government professionals that he isn't allowed to talk much about.

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Burke says that in his opinion overlanding requires you to accomplish something. “In the 1950s, Barbara Toy took a Land Rover and drove around the world in it. That’s overlanding. She was like the ground version of Amelia Earhart.”

o•ver•land•ing, (’ō-vər-lan-dīŋ) n.
4. challenge of covering a set distance over a specified time in a vehicle.

On a patch of sand in the Anza Borrego desert outside of San Diego, Bill says, “I’m looking here outside my window, and there’s a nice couple with their daughter. They have a Tacoma pickup truck, and they’re pulling a little teardrop trailer—one of those that has a kitchen in the back and a clean bed in the front. And it’s got Washington State plates. I truly believe that they think they’re overlanding. They have [fancy tires] on the trucks, and they’ve got a Hi-Lift jack and all the right stuff. But they’re sitting out there in their lawn chairs, and I guarantee you they’re having the time of their lives exploring the Southern California desert from Washington State. To them, that’s overlanding. But some others might call it car camping. And that’s what it is.

“To me, a two- to three-week trip is overlanding,” Burke continues. “And you don’t have to go across the world to get that kind of authentic overlanding. I’ve guided trips in the U.S. that have been six or seven days. Fifteen extra gallons of gas, that kind of stuff.”

WHERE THE RV WORLD COLLIDES

Fueled by the promise of the thrilling lifestyle found in *Overland Journal* and inspired by stories of adventurers like Pelletier and Burke, there’s been an explosion of interest in overlanding. The impact is huge, “[Marketing] also changed how people perceived themselves,” says Burke, referencing the way the *Overland Journal* helped shape public interest. Suddenly, overlanding swung into the orbit of a much larger world with a much larger market: the world of RVs. And the impact has been significant on RV features and design. It’s even opened doors for an Australian trailer company to enter the U.S. market.

Daryn Hooper, at MDC USA, says the company’s Australian roots in the Outback make the important things simple. “The design concepts really are the biggest part of that,” he says, “It’s gotta be quality. Gotta be tough to stand the test of time.” There’s a focus too on simplifying things, even making them more manual, to enable owners to do their own repairs on the fly. “Everything needs to have that mechanical aspect to it. [But the trailers] still give you that luxury of home.” For MDC USA, stabilizer legs are manual. The trailers forgo an enclosed underbelly to provide easier access to the necessities underneath. Frames are made as one-piece steel chassis for durability. The fewer moving parts, the better. That way, anyone with mechanical knowledge can do a repair.

All of which brings things back full circle to Nate’s favorite topic: self-sufficiency.

o•ver•land•ing, (’ō-vər-lan-dīŋ) n.
5. road trip that pushes limits and tests self-sufficiency; involves sweat.

Nate Kennedy thinks true overlanding raises the stakes more than just regular camping. “It’s not like boondocking in an RV, where you’re going to a safe place,” he says. “The challenges of overlanding are [simpler, but also more profound, like] finding the right spot to camp, staying dry, and navigating the elements. If your whole camp kitchen is in the back of your truck, and in order to eat you’ve got to set up an awning, pull your table out, get your pots and pans where they need to be, and the ground is wet, it’s a game changer. But if you’re in a big RV, you can just go inside.” So, this is not a hobby for the weak of heart.

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DEFINING YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Back in 8th grade, a younger, less-traveled Nate wrote a journal entry talking about what he wanted to do with his life. “It says that I wanted to: 1) write; 2) take photos; 3) speak Spanish; and 4) drive a Land Rover.” In that light, overlanding defines a well-lived life, on his terms. It also does that for increasing numbers of RVers and overlanders around the globe like him. Not everyone is built with that pull—that adventure-shaped gear in their heart that only this peculiar journey can fill. Perhaps there’s an overlanding gene. But even if that’s the case, one thing is clear—overlanding, like genetics, is fundamentally individual.

Sure, you could borrow young Nate’s list and turn it into a mini manifesto of what overlanding is. Or you could attempt to mash all the definitions together. Something like: Overlanding is a personal journey that breaks the confines of your comfort zone, drives you into a cultural sphere unknown to you, and challenges your self-sufficiency in a moving landscape over time. (Whew! Now take a breath) But maybe, just maybe, overlanding—like RVing—is a world that’s grown too large for some pat definition.

o•ver•land•ing, (ō-vər- lan-dīŋ) n.

6. breaking the power grid’s mighty grip in order to experience growth in the wild—even if just for a season.

Whatever the case, it’s certainly an inhabited world. After all, very rarely do you hear great overlanding stories that describe lonesome nights. It’s a hobby,



and a lifestyle, best shared with others who value the common goal of breaking loose from the grid that binds life so tightly. The grid demands that we stay tethered within its reach, where a true night’s sky, untainted by obstructions or creeping light, is unreachable. Still, leaving the grid requires a departure. And it has a cost—giving up part of who you were in exchange for the adventurer you want to be. But no matter which RV you climb into, what that looks like and where you go is entirely up to you. ♥



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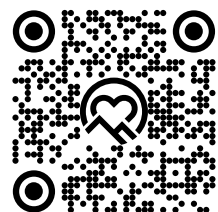
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TOP LEVEL

RV TECH AND TRADECRAFT



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Toy haulers—even the fifth-wheel, not-so-light-on-luxury versions like the

336M—belong in the wild. (We feel certain Bill Burke

and Nate Kennedy would agree with us here, but you can check Page 58.) And Grand Design's M-Class wouldn't have it any other way. The H-rated tires are heavy duty. The 7,000-pound axles with ABS brakes are heavy duty. And the MORryde® CRE3000 suspension system and anti-lock brake system are geared to tow your toys to their proper launch point. Once you're there, you can extend the awning and enjoy the rites of Spring, cooking in the outdoor kitchen while watching your outside LED TV. And when you're ready to break out of base,

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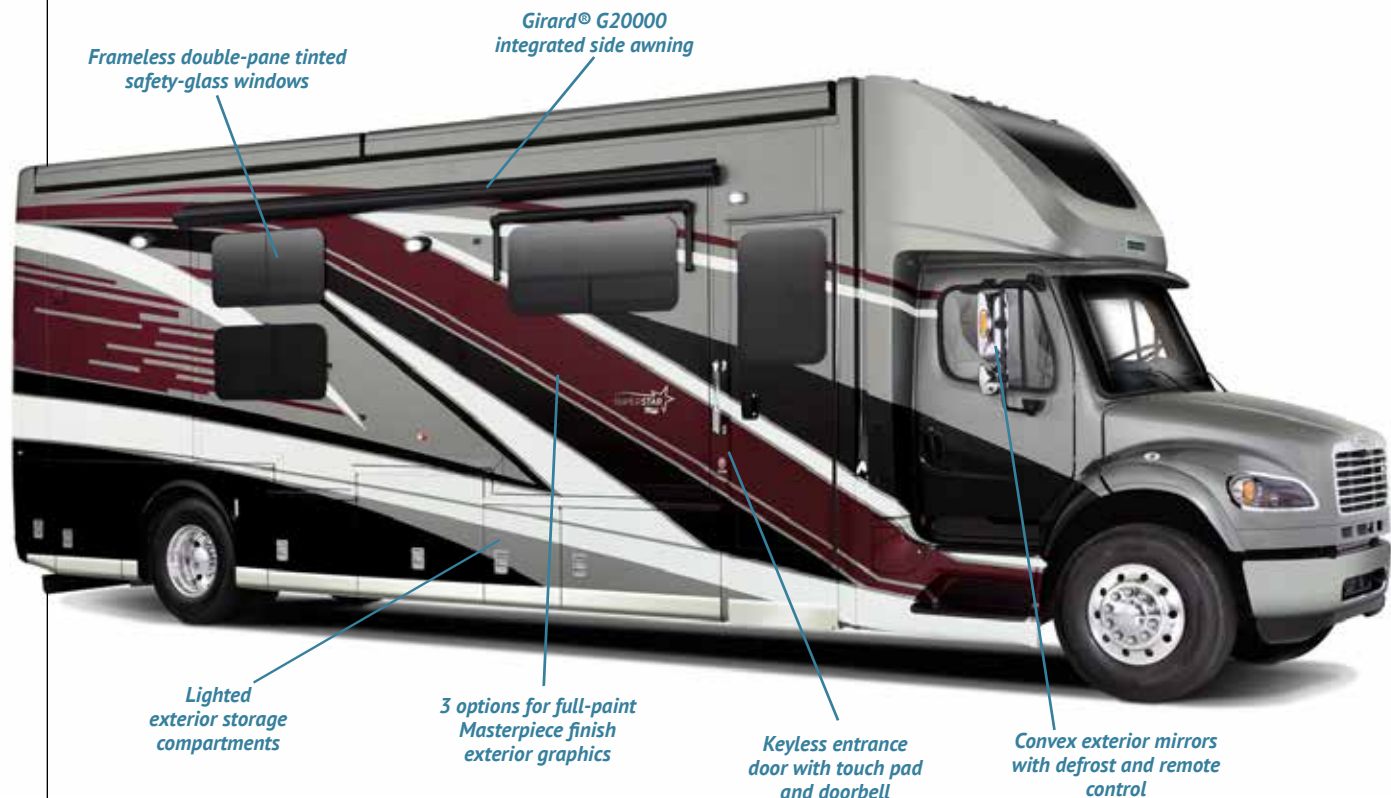


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Sleeping Under the Star

Night is always when the heavens shine. (Just ask Sister Jane on Page 50.) So too with the Super Star. The motor coach can sleep up to eight, but—as in all things—what sets it lightyears above other Class Cs is the quality. Not only are the bunks works of art; they are also equipped with lights, USB outlets, optional TV monitors, and (best of all) windows. The Williamsburg Furniture dinette also converts into a sleeper, again with a lovely window view. The 74-inch hide-a-bed sofa adds yet another additional sleeping space. But nothing tops the retracting queen bed, flanked by Greek patterns, clever drawers, and natural light. But when the sun goes down, that's when it truly shines.



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Rental Gymnastics

4 savvy tips to make renting your RV pay off.

By Sue Mosebar

Your RV is magnificent! Like a blazing chariot of freedom—when it's on the road. But if you're in a season of life where you can't use it as much, it can feel less awesome. There's the driveway space it takes up. And the expenses that come along with it, like registration, maintenance, and repairs. It sure would be nice if it could pay a little rent. You know, to help the team.

While making some extra dough with your RV puts it back in the awesome category, we have to admit: It can be a little daunting. But truth be told, it doesn't have to be. Follow these four tips, and you'll be back in the fun column.

PROTECT

START WITH INSURANCE

It can be a bit terrifying to rent out your home away from home. Will the renters care for it? What if something disastrous happens, like a wreck or a plumbing issue? Just stop. There's no need to let your imagination run wild. Get insurance and make sure it's fully insured for renters. (Most RV insurance plans are only for the owner.) Roamly, for example, offers RV insurance that covers both.

RELAX

LIST YOUR RV WITH A PRO

You might be wondering, "How will renters find me?" The answer is simple: Go where they go—to RV rental websites. You have loads of options to choose from, including Indie Campers, RVshare, Outdoorsy, or Campanda. All of which allow you to rent directly to customers with minimal hassle. But you're also not entirely on your own. Companies, like RVshare, also offer expert advice if you need it.

ATTRACT

FIND WAYS TO BE SHINY

Renters (like all mankind) are like fish. They want shiny. So post nice photos of the exterior (in good light from a high or low angle) and interior (focusing on its unique features). That's step one. Step two is don't slack off on your write-up. Make your rates easy to find and RV specs (like how many it sleeps) easy to read. Give it some personality then read back and ask, "Would I rent this?"

ENJOY

THE RENTAL SWITCHEROO

This might be our favorite part. While someone is out enjoying your rig (and paying you to enjoy it), why not take the opportunity to go on an adventure of your own in an RV you've always dreamed about? Down the line, this can help you figure out if you're ready to move up, downsize, or change configurations. But in the now, it's just a fun way to expand your horizons.

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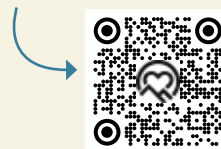
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Firesides

FINAL TOASTS AND LAST ROASTS FOR THE ROAD



Life goals

One Last Spritz of Freshness

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

1 LAST LAUGH
(The Daddest Joke Around)

What's the difference between a normal RV joke and an RV dad joke?

The punchline is apparent.

1 FINAL INSPIRATION
(Deep Thoughts)

"RV living is not one lifestyle but many. Much of your happiness and success in full timing depends on finding just the right niche for yourself!"

— Gordon Groene, Janet Groene, *Living Aboard Your RV*

Don't miss our deep dive into one particular RV niche—overlanding—Page 58.

1 SIMPLE TIP
(Be Kind as You Unwind)

Offer others your best campground etiquette. It's OK to feel like you can let your hair down once you've put the RV in park. But being thoughtful with your volume and polite to your neighbors is a great way to ensure everyone has a great experience.

1 BIG TEASE
(Get Ready to Go from Sea to Shining Sea)

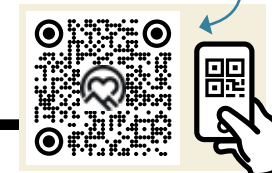
Next issue things really heat up, as we head out on the road for an All-American Summer. There will be fireworks. There will be sun. And it will be chock full of RV goodness as we continue to explore the RVing lifestyle together. Got a favorite Summer spot we should visit? Story you want to share? Send it to editorial@IHeartRVing.com!

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1 CLOSING WORD
(Volume 2 Is Two Words)

That's it for the second volume of I Heart RVing magazine. It's been eight beautiful issues of RV goodness, all with the goal of helping you learn, enjoy, and master this crazy hobby, or lifestyle, or weekend activity—whatever it is to you. Our goal has always been for this magazine to be the kind of thing you love spending time with, taking on road trips, and, most of all, benefitting from. If we've succeeded, consider using this QR code to share with your favorite road buddy in their life. Use this QR code to give them a gift they're sure to heart.



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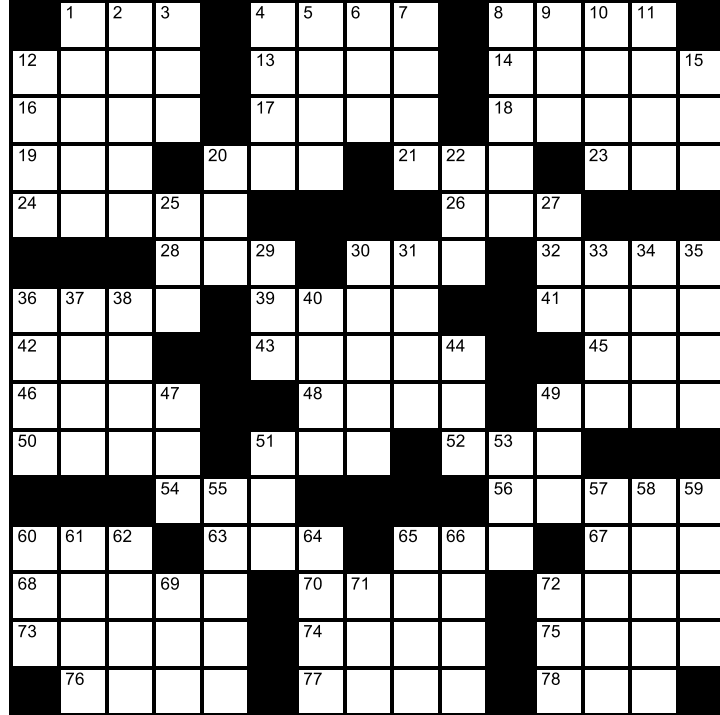
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ACROSS

- 1. Fa follower
- 4. Aquatic plant
- 8. Charge
- 12. International Civil Aviation Organization, for short
- 13. Container for nitroglycerin
- 14. Cognizant
- 16. Farrier's tool
- 17. "Cogoti ___ sum"
- 18. Sammy Kaye's "___ Tomorrow"
- 19. "Màrouf" baritone
- 20. "___ we have fun yet?"
- 21. Bolivian export
- 23. "A rat!"
- 24. Crows' homes
- 26. Delay
- 28. Select, with "for"
- 30. Come together
- 32. Song and dance, e.g.
- 36. Cheat, in a way
- 39. "One of ___" (Willa Cather novel)
- 41. Radial, e.g.
- 42. "The Three faces of ___"
- 43. Run off to the chapel
- 45. Census datum
- 46. Abrupt
- 48. House votes
- 49. Gross
- 50. BBs, e.g.
- 51. Delivery vehicle
- 52. "For shame!"
- 54. Egg cells
- 56. Church song
- 60. Amiss
- 63. Dump
- 65. Is no longer
- 67. Grassy area
- 68. Mushroom topper
- 70. Gulf V.I.P.
- 72. Auto pioneer
- 73. Groovy, awesome, e.g.

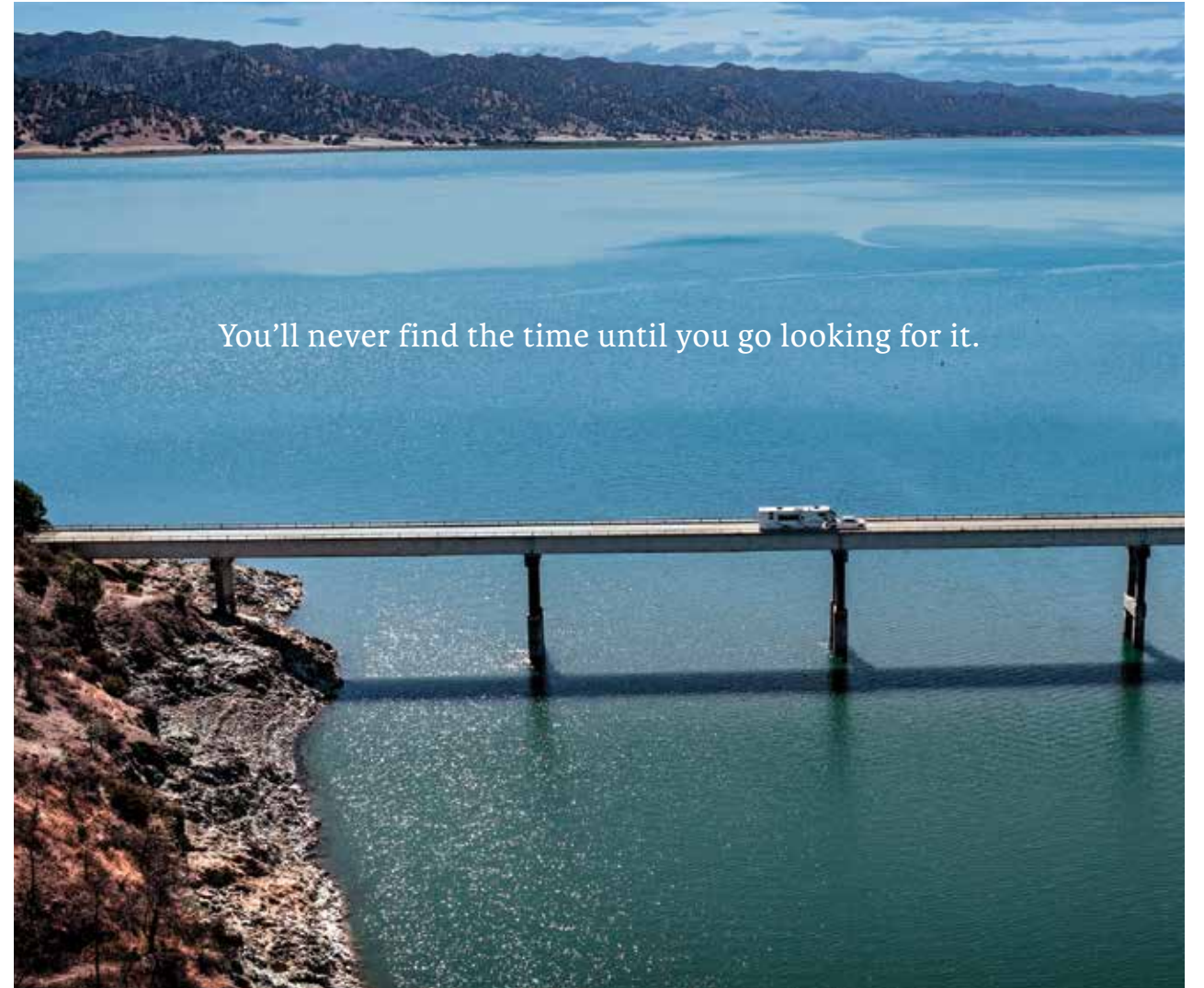
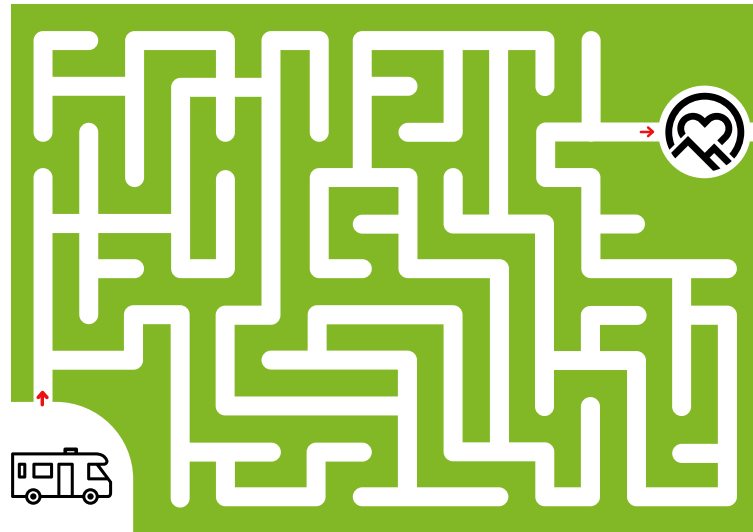
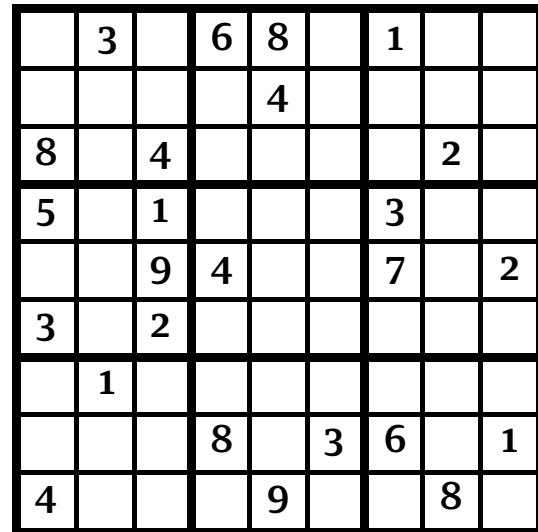
DOWN

- 74. Walk in water
- 75. Torn pieces of cloth
- 76. Airy
- 77. Cleaning cabinet supplies
- 78. "Ciao!"
- 1. Bathroom item
- 2. Desert sight
- 3. Chop (off)
- 4. Affirm
- 5. Euros replaced them
- 6. Retch
- 7. "Thanks ___!"
- 8. It's a part of life
- 9. Barley bristle
- 10. Miles per hour, e.g.
- 11. Ashtabula's lake
- 12. Persia, now
- 15. ___ Grove Villiage, Ill
- 20. Death on the Nile, cause, perhaps
- 22. Calamity
- 25. Cracker Jack bonus
- 27. Gangster's gun
- 29. Foot digit
- 30. Complain
- 31. Catch a glimpse of
- 33. Reduced instruction set computer for short
- 34. Arduous journey
- 35. Alluring
- 36. Where the large intestines begin.
- 37. Egg
- 38. Make waves
- 40. Arm part
- 44. "C ___ la vie!"
- 47. "___ bad!"
- 49. "___ Del-Lovely
- 51. Big wine holder
- 53. Bull markets
- 55. Peace symbol
- 57. Put to rest, as fears



- 58. Pigeon's perch
- 59. Come together
- 60. Harvest goddess
- 61. Flaky Greek pastry
- 62. Ado
- 64. A ship's small boat
- 65. All-inclusive
- 66. "iliad" warrior
- 69. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- 71. ___ Day
- 72. Sun, e.g.

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