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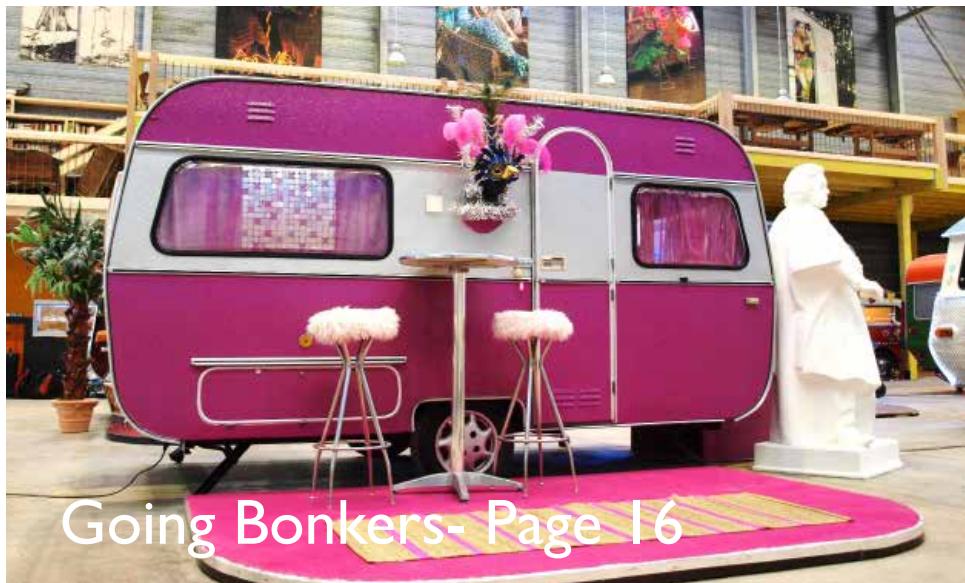


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*Postwar America was a very buttoned-up nation. Radio shows were run by censors, Presidents wore hats, ladies wore girdles. We came straight out of the blue - nobody was expecting anything like Martin and Lewis. A sexy guy and a monkey is how some people saw us. -Jerry Lewis* ([brainyquote.com](http://brainyquote.com))

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The Fall rally season is well under way. Our rally schedule includes traditional type rallies like The Vintage Trailer Bash in Buellton, CA and no host camp-outs like the Renaissance Rally in Hollister, CA. We were at the Pebble Beach car show this week and will be doing vintage trailer displays at the Sacramento Auto Show and the California RV Show in October. (See the rally calendar for dates and details.) This time of year, we are busy most weekends enjoying the hobby with fellow trailerites or talking to admirers and dreamers at other public events. Being a part of the hobby ourselves, rescuing, restoring and rallying is what we do, not just what we print on the cover. September 30th is open house for Trailerfest in Plymouth, CA- our biggest rally of the year (that we host.) 250 trailers are registered and we could have over 100 classic cars show up this year!

Our most recent rescue was a 1927 Chevy RV. This past winter heavy winds blew it apart and the former owner couldn't see himself getting it back together. I seem to have an eye that sees the diamond in the rough and couldn't pass it up. Currently we are restoring a 1955 Spartan Manor that we will be showing next year. I hope to feature some progress pictures in the next edition of the magazine which will feature "Incredible Interiors". Interiors may be incredible because they are original, well restored, eclectic or otherwise interesting. Incredible to me doesn't have to be moving flat screens and faux fireplaces. If you have a vintage trailer (RV, van or motor-home) with an interior you would like to share, send us some great hi-res photos for the next issue!

When we started all this craziness I was 42 years old and Caroline was 32 (About the same as Matt and Cynthia in the Elote trailer article on page 8). We had two little babies and felt like everyone else in the hobby were older and retired. After a decade, we and others around us have aged and we see the younger generation entering the hobby. BusinessWire.com says "Millennials (born from 1981 and 1997) now account for 38 percent of the 75 million active camper households in the U.S., up from 34 percent in 2016, and 51 percent say they plan to increase their camping this year. Results of the survey indicate that these younger campers are using camping to add more balance to their lives. Their key reasons for camping include spending more time with friends and family, being physically active and improving their overall emotional well-being and health."

We like to see the young families (couples and singles) getting into the hobby. If you are a millennial vintage trailerite (MVT) we want to hear from you. Send us some great photos of you and your trailer and let us know how you came to find us. I look forward to featuring the next generation of rescuers, restorers and rally hosts in the VCT Magazine.



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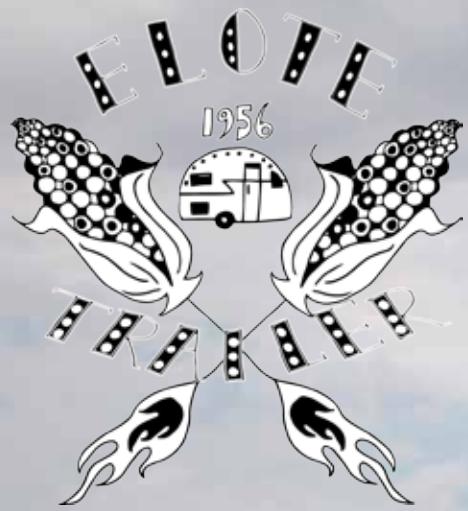
Only two of these molded fiberglass Pleasure Crafts are known to exist! They were built in Rancho Cucamonga, CA. The Hooffs acquired this one in 2002 from a neighbor and restored her to be towed by their 1959 Ford Country Sedan.

A unique feature is the water storage tank. See the triangular shaped piece next to the bed and above the sink? That is not just a support, it also holds water. You fill it from the outside and the faucet is gravity fed.



**'58**  
**Pleasure Craft**







## THE ELOTE TRAILER

The 1956 Shasta named the Elote Trailer is owned by Cynthia Phillips and Matt Gaudio. Vintage trailerites, working and playing on the road.



The Elote Trailer is a 1956 Shasta 'canned ham'. The new owners, Cynthia Phillips, 32, and Matt Gaudio, 41, purchased the trailer from a couple in Tehachapi who got the trailer from the original owner. The yellow Shasta has completely original interior, faded paint job and permanent California trailer plates. One of the cool features is the vibrant awning, with a tag dated 1957 - Made in Los Angeles. The past owners said its was barely used, and it looks like it.

Cynthia has a creative background working in metal sculpture and illustration, helping her add character to the trailer. One of the first trips was to a private beach camp called Playa Saldamando in Baja, California. During this adventure, the majority of the furnishings were acquired leading the inspiration for the Elote Trailer. The mix of era specific accessories, Baja decor and the original yellow paint was what lead to the name, 'elote' meaning 'corn' in Spanish.

Most of the adventures tend to focus around run down, often less traveled roads and destinations like the Salton Sea. All the trailer adventures are documented, mainly for ourselves, family and friends. The first rally we attended was the 2017 Trailerpista at the KOA in Petaluma, CA (Sign us up for the next one). You might randomly see the trailer in Mexico at local beaches, or in the barren deserts in southern California and even as part of a booth display at skateboarding events.

The trailer is stored at Pink Widow Distribution where Matt distributes and prints for a few different skateboard companies, one of them being Silly Girl Skateboards. The company has been around 12 years and is now a leader for promoting and encouraging female skaters world wide. As previously mentioned, the trailer is a great addition for the marketing at events and a great conversation piece. This combination is partially responsible for the fun branding of the Elote Trailer and helped us to get our foot in the door for some fun events! Maybe someday you'll see Elote Trailer t-shirts and skateboards.

The only plans moving forward are to keep the trailer as original as possible and continue traveling. If you see us on the road be sure to get our attention cause we got some stickers for you! If you want to see us all the time, follow along on Instagram- @elotetrailer and watch our full length videos on YouTube.





By Caroline Lacitinola

## CAMPING IN THE FLORIDA KEYS

As campers, we try new things, explore new destinations and dream of our next adventure. This past May, Paul and I spent a week in the Florida Keys discovering a new camping spot. If you are lucky enough to have already been, you know why we think this is a “bucket list” destination!

The thought of visiting Florida brought images of palm trees, sandy beaches, key lime pie, turtles and relaxing on the beach watching the sun rise and set while sipping our drink of choice. We were not disappointed.

The Florida Keys are made up of 1,700 islands stretching off

the southern tip of the United States separating the Atlantic Ocean from the Gulf of Mexico. The opportunity to enjoy “island culture” while being able to drive to your destination is only possible in the Florida Keys. With 113 miles of highway and bridges connecting the islands, The Keys are an ideal location to explore while camping with a vintage trailer.

Our home base for the first half of our trip was Encore’s Fiesta Key RV Resort at Mile Marker 70 in Long Key, Florida. It was a bit hot and humid when we arrived in the late afternoon, but by the time our sunset dinner was served, there was a

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In Islamorada we stopped by Morado Bay and were pleasantly surprised to find a 1971 Airstream being used as an upscale clothing boutique. Mayu, named after the owner's daughter, sits nestled in a grove of palm trees on the white shell beaches of Key West. It is so picturesque, that it has been used as a back drop for modeling shoots.

We spent our last day in Key West, the southernmost tip of the Florida Keys. It was full of history and museums:

Ernest Hemingway's home, Harry S Truman's Little White House and Key West Museum of Art and History.

*(Right) "Embracing Peace," a 25-foot, 15,000-pound sculpture by Seward Johnson*

slight breeze keeping us more than comfortable. We watched the sun dip down under the edge of the earth leaving streaks of golden shimmers reflecting off the water – so romantic! Add the delicious Tuna Melt sandwich- an inch thick steak of fresh seared tuna on crisp bread, and lobster burgers served at the resort's Lobster Crawl Bar & Grill, we were in heaven and it was just our first night in Florida.

We spent the next 5 days eating and exploring our way through the Florida Keys. While there, we stayed at Encore RV Resort campgrounds and were very impressed with their incredible customer service, cleanliness and amenities. At

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We enjoyed food that was out of this world. My husband, a foodie at heart, declared his clam linguine from Lazy Days, Islamorada, FL "the best linguine I've ever eaten."





It all began one fall day in 2010. For some reason (that I don't remember), my wife and I were moseying around Fresno, California on a Saturday. With nothing better to do, we stop at a yard sale. Who can resist a good yard sale, right? No real bargains to be had, but hey, what is this? That's a cool little trailer they have for sale. We didn't have a clue about vintage trailers, but seeing that we like all things antique and vintage, we checked it out. It doesn't look too bad. Nothing a little cleaning and elbow grease can't fix. So for a measly \$600 (later figured out that was WAY too much), we hook it up to the 4-runner, and bring her home.

So we get her home and start cleaning out the junk and looking at the overall condition. I had done a minor restoration on an overhead camper that we presently used, so it didn't look like something we couldn't do. Who doesn't love natural birch cabinets with rounded edges!

After pulling that first piece of skin off the





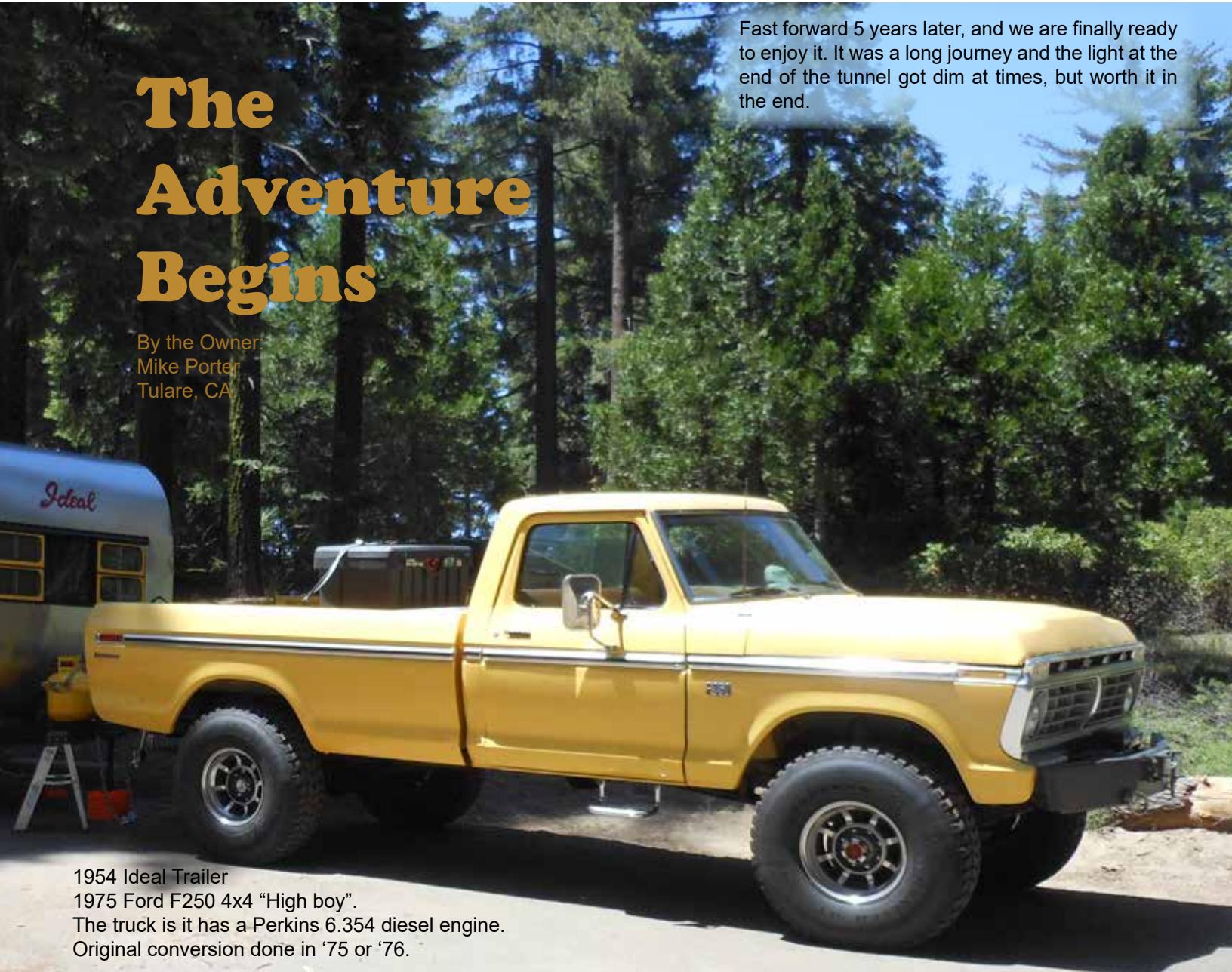
back, it was go big or go home. There was a LOT of water damage. I have thought many times afterwards that we were lucky it made it home in one piece. 50 year old glue and nails are pretty strong even in old rotten wood. So we tore into it with a vengeance and eventually got to the bottom. All the way to the bottom!

To make a long story short, we went all the way down to the axles and springs. Everything in the floor is new and insulated with 1 ½" Styrofoam. We had to rebuild the walls, salvaging only maybe half of the original framing. We managed to save all the cabinets, fixing the water damage the best we could. A few of the battle scars still show, but to us, it gives it character. Because we do a lot of outdoor cooking when we go camping, we opted to put in a modern gas refrigerator where the closet was originally. All the electrical is new, and it is wired for A/C on top someday. I reinforced the top with 1 ½" aluminum tubing for the A/C when the time comes.

# The Adventure Begins

By the Owner:  
Mike Porter  
Tulare, CA

Fast forward 5 years later, and we are finally ready to enjoy it. It was a long journey and the light at the end of the tunnel got dim at times, but worth it in the end.



1954 Ideal Trailer  
1975 Ford F250 4x4 "High boy".  
The truck is it has a Perkins 6.354 diesel engine.  
Original conversion done in '75 or '76.





## Gone Full Bonkers in Bonn, Germany

Have you ever spent the night in an old storage facility from the 70's that was a vintage camper trailers theme park?

Contributed by: Thomas Lenz

The vintage camper trailer hobby is not unique to the USA. We have subscribers to the Vintage Camper Trailers Magazine in a dozen different countries. Most of them are in Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom but we also have some in Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, New Zealand, France, Norway and Thailand. The news of this unique hotel/theme park came to us from Germany!

You would not expect this from Germany's rather sleepy Bonn, the country's former capital, but it is the hometown of one of the craziest hotel concepts you may have heard of – or did you ever spend the night in a vintage camper theme park hosted inside an old storage facility from the 70's? Probably not, because "Base Camp Bonn" is the only one of its kind.



Quirky enough, every trailer has its own theme, look and name: "Safari", "Rockabilly", "Flower power", "Drag Queen" and so on. "The idea was to create something tongue-in-cheek that hadn't been done before", says owner Michael Schloesser. "When we had decided to use vintage trailers as hotel rooms we thought: This is already pretty weird, why not go full bonkers?" He hired German set-designer Marion Seul

to give every trailer its unique look. And with her experience from the movie industry she came up with some quite unexpected and funny but nevertheless cozy designs that will make you forget that you are actually inside a storage facility.

Walking through the location might rather make you feel like being on an actual film set. Imagine "Alice in Wonderland" with vintage trailers. Says Schloesser, "It took us almost two



years to set everything up. Among many other things we had to build showers and bathrooms because these old trailers had none of that." But also, the place itself got its own design – Caribbean style. An outside area with trees, lounge seats and a food station completes the picture and allows concerts and summer events too.

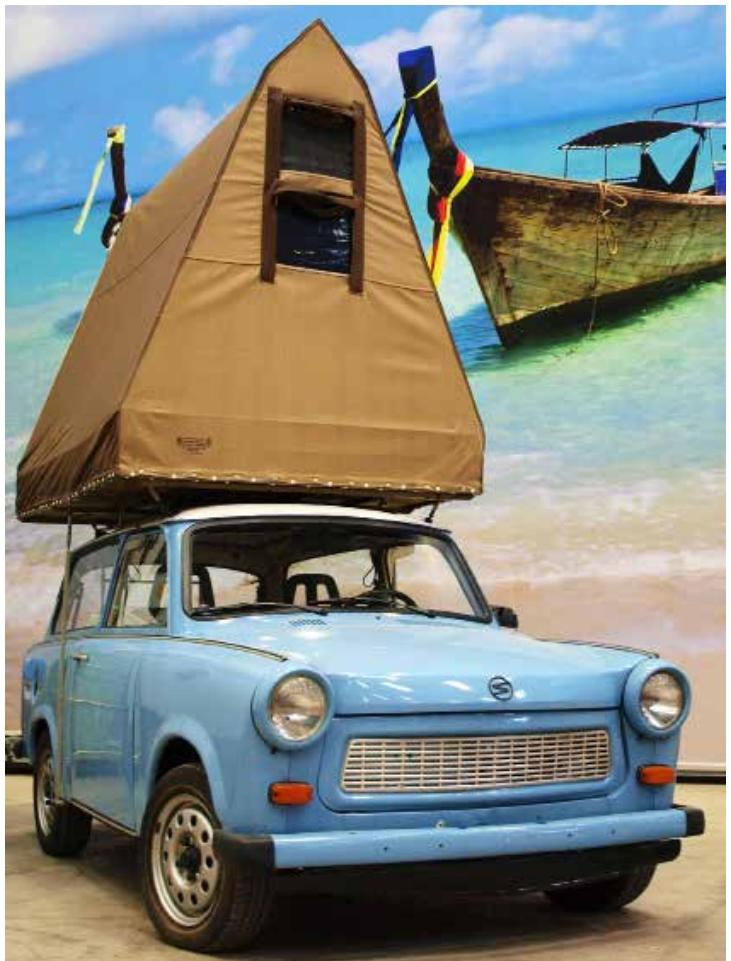
*Bonn is a city in western Germany straddling the Rhine river.*



Gone Full Bonkers



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# YOUR FAVORITE DESTINATIONS

**O**n social media I see comments regarding parks that are not "Vintage Trailer Friendly". Campers report being turned away if their rig is more than 10 years old. In a decade of ONLY camping in pre 1969 trailers, we have never had that experience. Usually when older trailers are turned away from a park, it is when they are looking for a more permanent location, not a weekend of camping.

The Vintage Camper Trailers Magazine put the word out on our main Facebook page and asked 600,000 "likers" across the world where their favorite camping spot was. We received these responses. Most from California! All you campers across the USA, let us know about your favorite spot. All the good ones can't just be out west. **-PAUL**



We love camping at Lake Davis, CA. **Lisel John**



1954 Airstream 22' Safari - Boondocked in our favorite spot  
- Alpine AZ, 5 miles North of town off of Highway 191.  
**Thomas Haeberer**



The north shore of Big Bear Lake, Lighthouse Trailer Resort and Marina is a great Southern California RV park destination for summer. If you fish, hike, or just want to enjoy this cozy little mountain town the central location makes Lighthouse the perfect choice.

The Lighthouse Trailer Resort was established in the mid 1920's on the North Shore of Big Bear Lake. The Lighthouse was a "fishing camp" comprised of 20 rustic cabins, 15 RV sites and 10 wooden boats. Many years later and lots of labor, the Lighthouse Trailer Resort and Marina today is the result of 51 years of the Dobis family living and working together.

Don't miss the vintage charm of the general store!



**S**ite #2... Blue Bay Campground at Suttle Lake off the Santiam Pass, central Oregon. This camp spot had a great view of the lake and easy access. It is a Forest Service campground in the Deschutes National Forest. You can make reservations through [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov). Suttle Lake is popular for fishing, boating, kayaking, hiking and swimming. The only drawback is that it can be breezy on the water. If you can, reserve the site Monday through Thursday to avoid the weekend campers.

**Ken & Meredith Jacobs**  
1957 Catolac DeVille

I don't have a photo to send right now but wanted to take this opportunity to tell fellow readers about a great campground. If you are in Northern California stop in at Dance Country RV resort in McCloud. It's beautiful with lots of grassy areas and flower baskets hanging all around. It's at the base of Mt Shasta and has a beautiful view of the snow capped mountain. The restrooms, showers and laundry facilities are always clean and roomy. The owners Mike and Nicole are exceptional! Don't miss it if you get a chance.

**Starla & Rodger Crowell**

**O**ur favorite campground is Coastline RV Resort. Eastpoint, FL  
**James D. Weilhammer**

**Virginia City, NV**  
**Al Fox**

**W**e always try and go at least once a year to Plumas Eureka State Park. A great place to hike, explore and it has a lot of history. They also have a great little museum. Highly recommend it to one and all. **-Richard Lopez**

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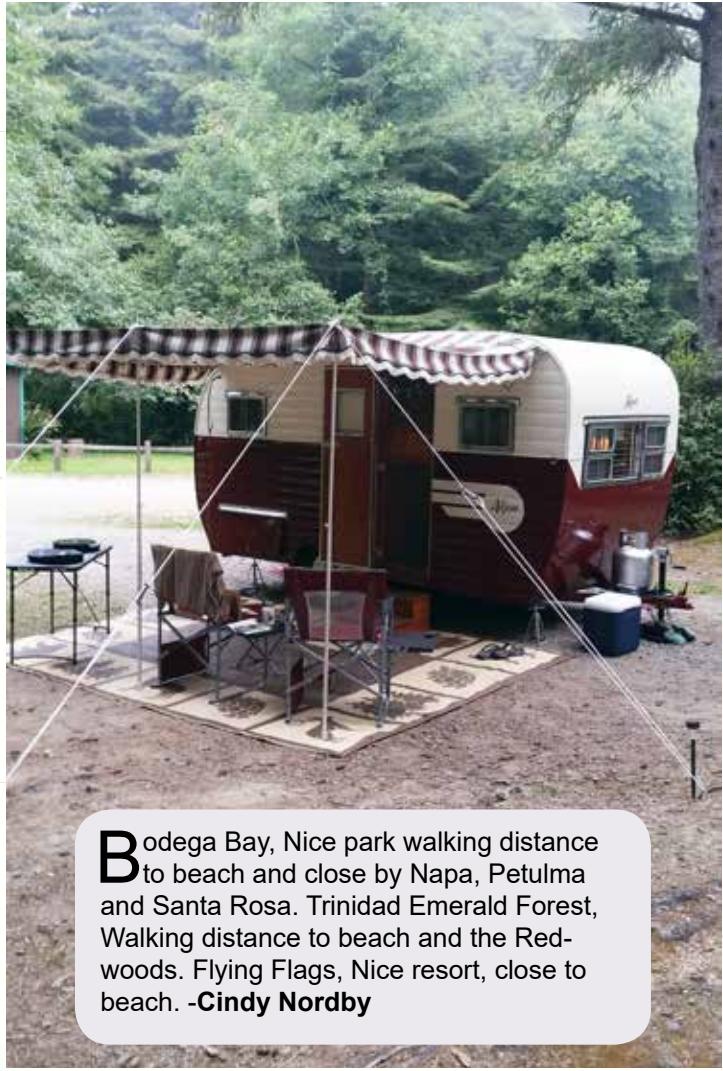
We love Redwoods RV campground 7 miles north of Crescent City, CA. Most of the campsites are surrounded by redwood trees that cannot be cut down so you are not put in like cord wood. Crescent City has lots of good food, museums and antique stores. You are also not far from Oregon and Brookings. We also make a day trip to Grants Pass for more antique shops. They have gotten really popular so its is best to make reservations early. -Steve & Terry Mendenhall



This from last week at Smith Woods RV Park & Campground it the Redwood forest at Felton, CA. Felton is between Los Gatos and Santa Cruz just off CA Highway 17.

This area was clear cut in the early 20th century. What you see now is the second gen growth that sprouted from the parent stumps. These trees are now around 80 years old and almost 150' tall.

Glen Gold



Bodega Bay, Nice park walking distance to beach and close by Napa, Petulma and Santa Rosa. Trinidad Emerald Forest, Walking distance to beach and the Redwoods. Flying Flags, Nice resort, close to beach. -Cindy Nordby



Our 1969 Tradewind in the Redwoods.

I just took my recently purchased 1966 Cardinal Deluxe on it's maiden voyage to Rim Rock Campground near Meeker, CO. The inside is really cute with nice wood, new stove and very little water damage. I put in new floor, and will be fixing small wood patches and making curtains. The outside will be restored to original. Just right for dogs n me!

I had a nice shady grassy spot all to my self as I wanted dry camp. Yet still had access to plenty of water and electric to charge phone right next to me \$23 a night. They have showers and a laundry room. Various sitting areas. Plenty of places to walk or run dogs! Loved it!! I highly recommend it. The views are beautiful. It was mostly nice and peaceful. I'm a novice at this and the camp Host was very helpful getting me parked and setup. -Patricia Murphy<sup>70</sup>



1966 Cardinal Deluxe



We have a favorite camping spot in the Eastern Sierra mountains that is near many, many BEAUTIFUL sights to see but keep it a secret so we're assured of getting one of the few spaces available! But there are plenty of campgrounds nearby...all above & below Lee Vining, CA. Check it out! Here's a photo of an idealic camping scene on Tioga Lake off Tioga Pass (back way into Yosemite). And here we are amongst the trees in our secret favorite campground, which we just got back from! Happy Trails, Joei & Spreckles

Here's a few of our favorite campgrounds in California:  

- **Benton Hot Springs**, Benton CA
- **Upper Pine Grove**, Rock Creek Campground, Crowley Lake, CA
- **Red Rock Campground**, Eastern Sierra Mountains

**From: Candy, Trailer Tramps VCC**



Our Favorite campground is Manchester KOA. This is where we first rescued our 1963 Shasta Astroflyte and where we returned her back three years later to unveil her. Something special to us about this campground.

**Steven Chiurco**



The best ocean camping! Located up the Sonoma Coast and on a bluff overlooking the ocean. The staff is great, they have a great little store and its convenient and almost always available. Ocean Cove Campground  
**Krystalynn Schlegel**

# VOLKSROD



## ROADSTER

The teardrops 37" cabin width isn't much room for more than one person. It's very comfortable and is the perfect size for the Volksrod.

I have been a lightweight trailer fan for many years when I purchased a 40's teardrop skeleton but it was so very heavy that I didn't feel comfortable towing it behind Older VW Beetles.

Then, I purchased a Heilite single wheel camping trailer and soon after sold it. I purchased a small Wards single wheel trailer but, it was too small to sleep in. Next I purchased this trailer from the builder, Bob Riggs, from Sacramento in 2014. I had to rebuild the floor as it had been sitting out in the weather and the floor was ruined. I re-finished the sides, insulated it and repainted and pin striped. Its total weight is about 500lbs with a tongue weight of about 15lbs. It tows great, trails well with no weaving on it's 15' wheels with torsion bar axle. The frame is square tubing.

I purchased the teardrop mainly for attending VW events and Bluegrass Festivals. The cabin width is only 37" so, it isn't much for more than one person. It is very comfortable and is the perfect size for my Volksrod roadster. I recently replaced the air cooled VW motor with one out of a Subaru Legacy. Main reason for swap was for towing the trailer. Driving in the mountains, towing a trailer gave me fear of overheating so the Subaru should take care of that. It truly is a head turner.

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# PRO TIP: TIRES

**Trailer tires don't wear out, they age out**

John Abbott  
RetroRVs.com  
Phoenix, AZ 85028

Here at RetroRVs we say: "Trailer tires don't wear out, they age out." There is a date code on the side of tires in the format WWYY (where WW = the week and YY = the year) of when the tire was manufactured. If the code does not have that format, the tire is very old (like the 90's!).

Trailer tires must be replaced after 10 years from the manufacture date. This is cheap insurance. When a tire blows it will usually tear up the trailer fender and belly pan. If the tread comes off, there is a 50% chance it will go up. If it goes straight up, it will likely travel to the ceiling of the trailer, smashing everything in its way. It's a big mess that can usually be avoided by just keeping good tires on your baby that are properly inflated. Every tire has the maximum cold pressure on the side too. And proper tire pressure gives you better gas mileage too.

Now we did try a set of bias-ply tires on one of our rental trailers, once, and they wore out in a year! Radials last us for at least 5 years usually. And our vintage rental Airstreams see a lot of miles every year. So definitely get Radial Trailer Tires. We use (and recommend for our renovation customers) Carlisle Radial Trail RH tires. (They used to have heat related problems, but Carlisle has fixed that in their current tires.) Goodyear Marathons were good for a while but are being produced in China again and are not reliable. Goodyear came out with a new USA-made trailer tire in January, the Endurance, which holds promise.

Some folks like to run LT (light truck) tires on their trailer. They are quieter and have similar load ratings to an ST (standard trailer) load range D



**Trailer tires must be replaced after 10 years from the manufacture date. This is cheap insurance.**

tire. So LT tires are an option for lighter trailers. Heavier trailers need an LT load range E tire. And if you are picking up a new (for you) trailer and it has car tires on it, go straight to a tire store! S-l-o-w-l-y.

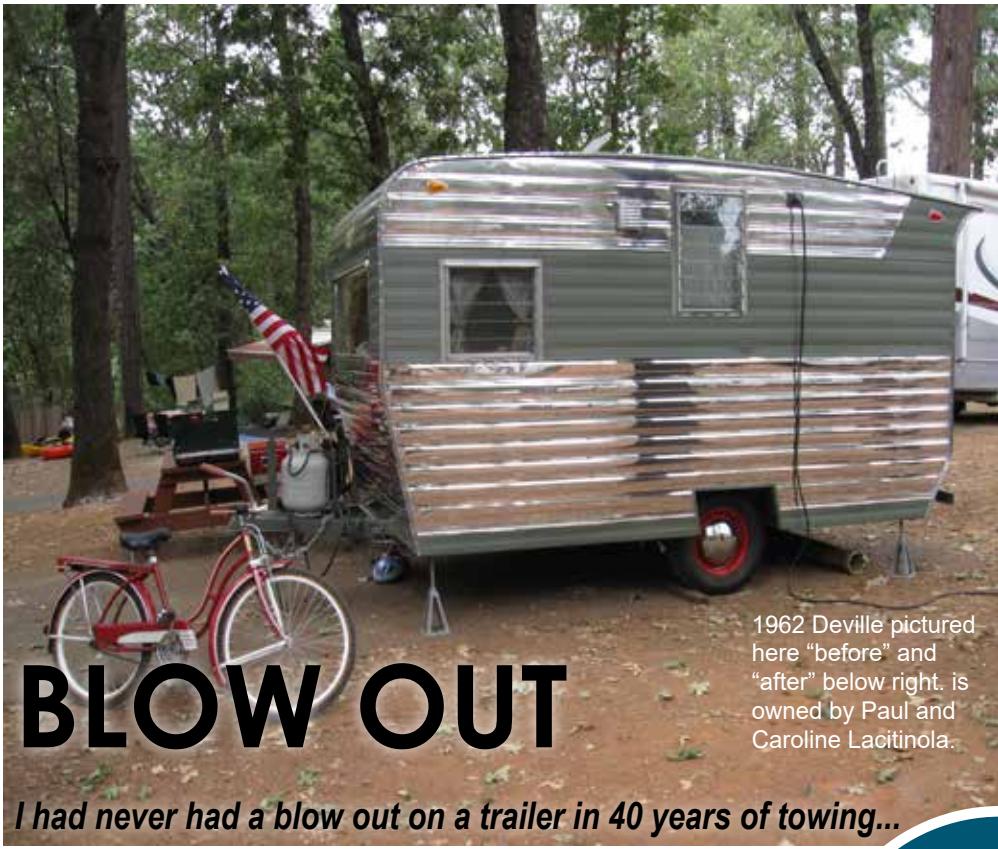


*Trailer tires must be replaced after 10 years from the manufacture date. Also be sure to carry enough Lynx Levelers and Stop 'n Chocks (In case you can't find a rock.) Lynx Levelers lock together to create a stack you can drive up and on. Chocks keep you from rolling away. See their ad on page 30.*

White walls look great on a vintage trailer. They add about \$100 per tire usually. A nice set of baby moon hubcaps ([hubcapmike.com](http://hubcapmike.com)) on sandblasted and painted wheels look great too. Hubcap Mike also has a full hubcap that has a full moon hubcap that quickly dresses up even an old rusty wheel. Few people will even notice fluted edges on trailer tires, so we're not sure they are worth it unless you are competing in trailer shows.

It is hard to find a tire shop that will even work on a split rim. Most of them will run away from you like you're crazy. And maybe you are! It is just too dangerous filling them with air since they can explode and really hurt someone. To fill split rims safely they need to be placed inside a steel cage to fill them, and few shops have a cage anymore. The idea behind split rims was that you could replace the tire on the side of the road. Maybe you really are crazy.

Trailers in Arizona see lots of use in the winter, so that's not the only time we protect our tires. The sun does beat up your tires (as does the heat on the road). Covering your tires when they are not in use does help. And if you're not going to use your trailer for a while, and you have torsion axles, consider putting your trailer up on blocks and letting those axles hang down. This will make the rubber inside them last longer too. If you have leaf springs on your trailer, you don't need to worry about this.



# BLOW OUT

*I had never had a blow out on a trailer in 40 years of towing...*

By Kathy Lawson

Although my husband and I own two vintage trailers, when we camp for any length of time we always take our 5th wheel trailer. My 1967 Cardinal is almost done, and my husbands 1958 Aristocrat is next in line. Since we actually spend most of our camping days outside anyway, we decided that the vintage trailers are easier all the way around.

On July 31st, 2017, while traveling back from an Elks RV outing in Fortuna, CA over state highway 299, I was driving and had a blow out of a rear tire on our 2010 Wildcat 5th wheel. My husband and I, along with our German Shepard, Jade, were in the area of Douglas City, CA. For anyone unfamiliar with that area, that's a very remote, windy, steep road.

I had never had a blow out on a trailer in 40 years of towing. Apparently, it's quite common not to feel a blow out on a 5th wheel with dual tires. The only indication that I had a blown tire was the indicator light on the truck dash when the brake cable was damaged in the blow out. It did extensive damage to the wheel well, the frame, and the side of the trailer. If this had been a single axle vintage trailer we probably would have lost control and

the outcome would have been very serious.

We were left stranded on the side of the road in hundred-degree weather. Good Sam towing was able to get us help to change the tire. However, it took 2 hrs for the tow truck to get to us and another 2 hrs to change the tire. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the damage to our 5th wheel was too extensive to tow it safely. 5th wheels can't be put on just any flatbed. They require a lowboy. (Makes our vintage trailers look better and better.) The company that Good Sam contracted to tow us wouldn't come out until the next morning. With no power to power up our air conditioner, (we had left the generators home) and very little water (unless we're dry camping, we don't travel with a lot of water in order to keep the weight down) we were left with no choice but to limp the trailer out of the mountains. Going 15-20 miles per hour, it took 3 1/2 hours to go 40 miles. We're fortunate to have made it down in one piece. What a nightmare!!

I drove the rig to All Wheel Alignment in

*I encourage everyone with a vintage trailer to have the undercarriage of their rigs inspected at least once a year by a qualified shop.*

1962 Deville pictured here "before" and "after" below right. is owned by Paul and Caroline Lacitinola.

Redding, CA. A preliminary inspection shows all the obvious damage around the wheel well along with broken welds and bent hangers on both side of the trailer. No one knows what came 1st (kind of the chicken vs. egg scenario).

However, the reason I'm writing this is to encourage everyone with a vintage trailer to have the undercarriage of their rigs inspected at least once a year by a qualified shop. In my case the blow out could have caused the damage to the frame and hangers, or a damaged frame could have caused the blow out. We'll probably never know for sure. If this can happen to a relatively new trailer, what damage is lurking under our little "vinnies"? So, before you go anywhere with your rig have the frame inspected! DON'T get stranded like we did. It will ruin an otherwise great vacation in a heartbeat (best case scenario) or cause a serious accident (worst case scenario). Be smart. Be safe. Have your axles checked!!!!



TIGHTEN YOUR LUG NUTS!

*We lost a wheel that came up through the wheel well and busted the cabinetry inside before tearing up the outside of the trailer.*



# ASK AN EXPERT

I only use trailer rated tires, never automotive tires.

Tim Heintz  
HeintzDesign.com  
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I personally use both types of tires with Radial Trailer Tires being used for my smaller trailers under 20' long, they seem to provide a smoother ride for light trailers although they can bounce a little depending on rough road conditions. Another down fall of Radials are the possibility of the steel belt causing damage to your trailer in the event of a tread blow out.

For my larger trailers (21'-40') weighing upwards of 10,000+ pounds I pre-



fer Bias Trailer Tires due to their thicker sidewalls. Many people remember Bias Tires as riding hard and getting flat spots but modern bias tires are built better than the originals. I find for larger trailers that bias tires provide a smoother ride, I can accelerate easier, there is less bounce (with the weight of heavy trailers), they allow for longer coasting (less surface drag on the road) and best of all it has even improved my gas mileage as much as 1 MPG when towing some of the largest trailers. Also, if you want a cheaper option of White Wall Tires you can use the Port-O-Wall white wall inserts on Bias Tires where you cannot use them on Radials.

Any input on automotive or trailer tires?

I only use trailer rated tires, never automotive tires as they are not made to handle the side wall pressures that cars do not experience. There are so many options out there in trailer rated tires that there is no need to even consider using car tires, even on the smallest of trailers.

How about white walls?

As with many items, you typically get what you pay for and White Wall Tires are no different. There are many options available that will give you the look of white walls at a cheaper price.

**White Wall Options:**

- **Tire Paint** promises to give you a perfect White Wall look. I have tried several of these, on Radials and Bias Tires with no luck. One time I used one of the most expensive white wall paints on the market, it was a very labor intensive process requiring fans blowing on the tires for 4 straight days in a climate controlled environment. I will admit once finished and dry they looked awesome!

I put them on the trailer (1950 Spartan)

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and hit the road for a 1000 mile one way trip to a vintage trailer rally, by the time I arrived at the park the white was brownish~yellow, areas of paint had flaked off and people honestly thought I still had the original 60-year-old tires on this trailer and pulled it 1000 miles with them. Lesson learned!

- **Grinding of tires** (I am sure you have seen the videos on line), well I think we can all agree this is NOT RECOMMENDED as it is too easy to damage the tire to the point of failure and voids any warranty.

- **Portawall** Tire Inserts can look nice on tires, I used them on one of my trailers for many years. The important thing to remember is they will only work on Bias tires and not on radial tires. Also the more expensive Portawall seems to work better

than the cheaper versions but even I have had hit or miss experiences with all Portawall, some times they will flap in the wind and cause the port-o-wall to move out from under the rim a little and not lay completely flat.

wall trailer rated tire to be added to their line of tires but nothing has been confirmed at this point.

#### **Do you take any special care to store tires over the winter when the trailer is not in use?**

Here in Florida there is not a big concern with winterizing tires (or much of anything else). However anytime a trailer is going to be off the road for some time I make sure to keep the tires off the dirt, grass, asphalt and even concrete. I make sure to at least have a board, rubber mat, or even a piece of sheet aluminum under my tires when being stored. It is also a good idea to keep tires covered with tire covers if stored outdoors to protect them from UV rays.



*White walls lend to the classic styling and appeal to most admirers of vintage trailers.*

ly flat on the tire, but they can be a cheaper alternative for that white wall look, especially if you do not pull your trailer very much.

#### **• Real Trailer Rated White Wall Tires**

Tires are the most expensive option, but they are worth the money for an easy maintenance and perfect look! At this time, there is only ONE company producing real trailer rated white wall tires (radial only) and that is a company called Diamond Back Tires. Any other company at this time is only producing white wall car tires and I do not recommend using them on trailers. Kenda Tires (A brand I use for my bias and radial trailer tires) has mentioned that they are considering a white

#### **Do you replace tires after XX years regardless of tread wear?**

My personal safety rule for tire replacement is 4-6 years max regardless of road usage. Sitting unused can be just as harmful for a tire as full time heavy usage. Since I run both Radials and Bias on various trailers I tend to replace the Radials every 4-5 years and the Bias Tires every 5-6 years.

#### **Split rims??? Accident waiting to happen or true vintage styling?**

I do not use split ring rims on any of my trailers. In my opinion they are one original feature of many vintage trailers that do not affect the value of the trailer when they are changed out for the safer modern styles of rims. Many people do use them and if they have the equipment and knowledge to change them then that is fine as they know the potential dangers and risks involved. I would rather have the newer style of rims just in case one of my trailers has

damage on the road as the newer style of rim will make it easier to find a tire shop to work on the trailer.

Many tire shops are no longer working on any of the older style split ring rims.

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the Fiesta Key RV Resort, I even had the privilege of seeing two wild Manatees swimming in their Marina – a first for me and something I won't soon forget!

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**Top Right:** Our cabin at Fiesta Key RV Resort, right across the street from the ocean.

**Middle:** We took a ride on the boat from the movie African Queen. This was the boat's motor.

Paul and Care on their last night in the Keys.



We stayed two nights at the Sunshine Key RV Resort & Marina in the middle trailer. Not vintage, but nice!

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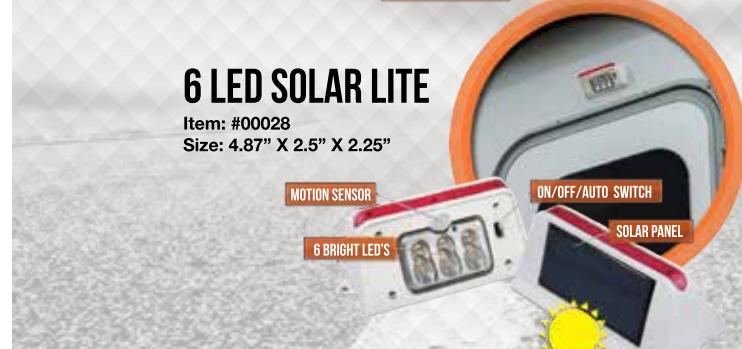
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# How To: Corner Trim Replacement

A Moment in Time Retro Design put together some basic tips and guidance on how to re-caulk and replace your corner trim so that you're vintage trailer will be looking great again.

No matter how much you take care of your RV or vintage camper it can be difficult to avoid the cracks, dents, or discoloration that comes with your corner trim as it ages. As you probably already know, corner molding attaches the sides of the RV to the roof and replacing this corner trim when it gets of age can help make your trailer last longer and help improve its look. Luckily this isn't a very difficult project and makes for a great weekend to-do.

## Removing The Old Trim

Our first step is going to be removing the old trim. Remove the screws and check for any corrosion. If they are corroded than its time to replace them with new screws that you can find at any RV shop or home improvement store. Also be sure to check for any leaks, rot, or signs of molding as you are pulling the siding away. If not treated these can cause serious damage to your trailer and when dealing with mold you are also risking your health.

## Making Your Corners

Taking off the old trim was the easy part. Putting on the new trim can be more of a challenge, especially if your trailer has sharp corners. Push the molding into place and with a soft rubber mallet you will want to begin tapping the molding into place. You can start with either end but we prefer starting on the lower straight sections. Be careful when using the mallet. Too much pressure and bend on the trim can cause damage and possibly result in being unable to use the trim.

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It should also be noted that we are applying this trim without any putty. For now we are simply creating the corners and making sure everything fits into place.

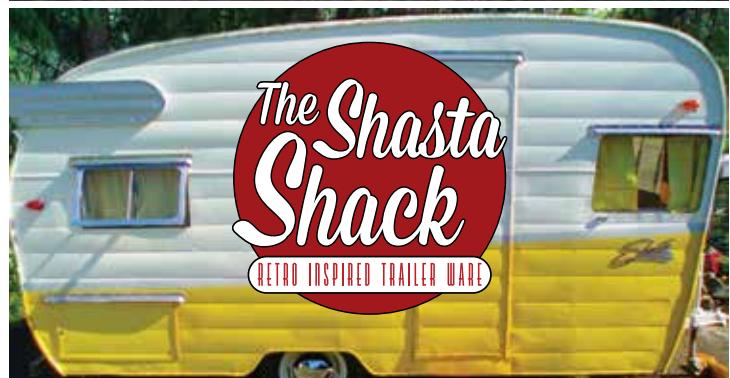
Some of our customers have said they had issues using a rubber mallet. They noted that aluminum will bend when heated and they used a propane torch and a few tools to bend the metal into the correct angle. Use this method at your own risk though. Not only can it be dangerous if not handled carefully, the trim can also melt if the temperature gets too hot.

#### **Final Installation**

Now that our corners are made and our trim fits correctly we can take it back off the trailer and get ready to make it permanent. As mentioned in the 2017 March/April magazine we recommend Butyl Putty. Depending on the size of your trailer you may need a couple of rolls. Don't be afraid to buy extra because this putty does a great job on moldings, windows, doors and more. Use the existing holes to line up your new trim and drill your screws in one at a time.

#### **Wrapping Up**

We are sure many of you are experts on this procedure. But for those entering the trailer world we hope this has explained some of the details that go into replacing your trim and taking care of your trailer. To learn more you can visit our website: [www.Heffrons.com](http://www.Heffrons.com) or give our office a call. We look forward to hearing from you! (See ad below.)



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# FLORIDA KEYS



**The Turtle Hospital on Marathon Island** is home to the only state-certified veterinary hospital in the world for sea turtles. With 50 -70% of green sea turtles suffering from Fibropapilloma, a herpes like virus that causes tumors to form in areas of soft tissue, the Turtle Hospital's mission is to rehabilitate and release as many sea turtles back into the wild as they are able. We had the privilege to be part of a sea turtle release. With the help of the Coast Guard we traveled eleven miles out into the Gulf of Mexico to release "Skipper" a 50-pound green sea turtle.

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ship properties. Reservations for sites at Encore RV Resorts and non-member reservations for Thousand Trails campgrounds can be made through RVonthe-GO.com.

The Florida Keys were full of history and adventure and relaxation. As lovers of all things vintage, we easily connected to the Keys. It was full of small mom and pop shops making a living doing what they were great at. We enjoyed food that was out of this world. My husband, a foodie at heart, declared his clam linguine from Lazy Days, Islamorada, FL "the best linguine I've ever eaten." From feeding giant fish (Tarpon) by hand to snorkeling over a ship wreck, the adventures were amazing and made us want to bring our kids back to the Keys so they can experience them as well. We felt privileged to explore this little gem and look forward to finding more places to adventure with our vintage camper trailers. As you make your camping "bucket list" be sure to add the Florida Keys – you won't be disappointed!



Our view on the Overseas Highway, headed north to Miami for the flight home to the West Coast

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# USA RALLY CALENDAR

We do our best to confirm all events before press but plans do change. Make sure and call to confirm.

Many times rallies have an open house on Saturday to view the trailers. Call to confirm the rally is open to the public if not stated. Listing your rally on this calendar is FREE, just let us know in advance. We also offer cheap display ad rates for rallies if you want your event to stand out. Paid ads include a listing on our website and Facebook page events calendar.

## September 1- 4, 2017

### Newport, WA

Please join us for the 2nd Annual "Rally at Camp Runamuck"! Rally is open to all vintage (pre-1980) trailers, teardrops, campers, motor homes, and RV's "built in the spirit of vintage". This is field-style camping with limited power and water available. Being held in conjunction with "Bob's Car Show" that will take place on Labor Day in Newport, WA. All proceeds from the rally and car show will go to "Shepherds for Lost Sheep", a non-profit organization that trains and connects service dogs with/for Veterans by Veterans. For more info on this awesome cause, go to: [www.shepherdsforlostsheepinc.org](http://www.shepherdsforlostsheepinc.org) More info to follow - just wanted to get this event invite out there so you can get this rally on your calendar! \$15 per night plus a \$15 one-time fee to help pay for incidentals like event insurance, facilities rental/permit, garbage disposal, portable toilets, etc. Rally is being hosted by Doug and Teresa Johnson. 509-638-6117 email: [musclequilt@hotmail.com](mailto:musclequilt@hotmail.com)

## September 5-10, 2017

### Big Bear Lake, CA

Lighthouse Resort is having its first annual Oktoberfest trailer rally. Enjoy southern California's #1 Oktoberfest at the convention center during the day and for a nightcap beer and wine will be provided in potluck

fashion. Bring a German style dish to the party (brauts, knockwurst's etc.), drink beer and feel free to get in the Oktoberfest spirit. All spots are \$50/night contact: Max Dobis or Lori Dobis at (909)866-9464 or email: [lighthousemarina35@gmail.com](mailto:lighthousemarina35@gmail.com)

## September 7-10, 2017

### Lynden, WA

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## September 8-10, 2017

### Lyons, CO

TCT Lyons Rally LaVern M. Johnson Park, 600 Park Dr, Lyons, CO 80540. If you wish to attend, please RSVP at the event page: <https://www.meetup.com/Tin-Can-Tourists-Colorado/events/236747396/> We will camp at the lovely LaVern Johnson Park in Lyons. In 2013 the floods destroyed the park that existed on this site. The new park includes camping spots with hookups, or dry camping. Set right on the river, this is a wonderful new amenity for the charming town of Lyons. See a YouTube aerial video of the park here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmkQAv57JQc>

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# Slot Machine

## Giving the '70s a Nod

By Owner Thomas Miller



Along with my '68 Scotty and '78 Truck camper, I have recently acquired a '78 Dodge Boogie Van "Slot Machine" and thought giving the '70s a nod was appropriate. The van has the original couch that folds down to a bed, ice box, self-contained sink, 110v power, microwave, heated blanket, blackout curtains, custom cedar drink table, cool little morning coffee chair for looking out those big windows on a cold morning. Next on the list is to add a classic '70s style wall to separate the bed area.

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#### **September 14 - 17, 2017**

##### **Kaysville, UT**

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#### **September 21-24, 2017**

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8th Annual, Fall Into Vintage Rally. Public open house on Saturday from 11-4. Visit our website for event details - [www.SouthernVintageTrailers.com](http://www.SouthernVintageTrailers.com)

#### **September 21-24, 2017**

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#### **September 21-24, 2017**

##### **Milford, MI**

2017 TCT Fall Gathering. Camp Dearborn, 1700 General Motors Rd Milford, MI 48390

#### **September 21-24, 2017**

##### **Santo, TX**

Fall TCT Texas Rally. Coffee Creek RV Resort and Cabins, 13429 U.S. 281 Santo, TX 76472. Just booked the fall TCT rally , Will be in Santo,Tx at the Coffee Creek Resort & Cabins, Sept 21-24th , The rate will be \$25. per night. Call the resort to make your reservation 940-769-2277.

#### **September 22-24, 2017**

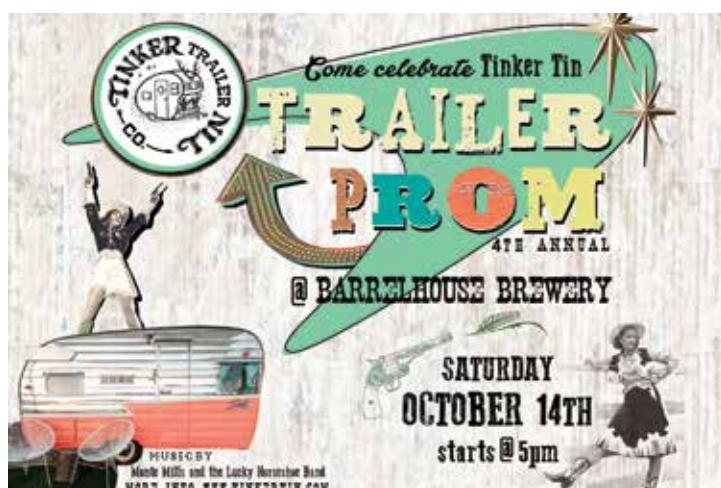
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##### **Plymouth, CA**

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#### **September 28 - October 1, 2017**

##### **Ponce De Leon, FL**

TCT - INTO THE VORTEX. Vortex Spring, 1517 Vortex Spring Lane. Welcome to the 2nd Annual "Into the Vortex" Vintage Trailer Rally. We had a fabulous time last year at this small private campground beside sparkling clear Vortex Springs in the Florida Panhandle near Ponce de Leon, FL. Dates are Sept 28-Oct 1, 2017 There are only about 25 campsites available so register early. (Sites include water & electric, and a few have sewer hook-ups). Rally activities include Swimming, SCUBA, a Pajama Potluck Supper, Horsehoe Tournament, and Line Dance Lessons.

#### **September 29-October 1, 2017**

##### **Newport Beach, CA**

7th Annual Ride The Wild Surf Vintage Trailer Rally 2017. Newport Dunes RV Park, Newport Beach, CA Step back in time and enjoy three days of fun in the sun! Pizza dinner, Continental breakfasts, Open House with awards, Raffle, Ice Cream social, Pot luck and much more. Enjoy over 100+ vintage trailers. To register please email: christianvintage@trailerclub@gmail.com

#### **October 5 -8, 2017**

##### **Hart, MI**

4th Annual TCT Hart Rally. John Gurney Park, 300 Griswold St. Placeholder for now

#### **October 6-8 2017**

##### **Cascade, ID**

2nd Annual Autumn Oldies at Waters Edge RV park in Cascade Idaho with Idaho Rolling Oldies Vintage Trailer group. Trailer open house and fun autumn activities in the beautiful autumn setting by the river. Delicious homemade cinnamon rolls provided by the park. Host Markie Crossman gruvy.33@gmail.com

#### **October 6-15, 2017**

##### **Pomona, CA**

65th Annual California RV Show! [www.thebestrvshow.com](http://www.thebestrvshow.com) See ad on page 46.

#### **October 20-22, 2017**

##### **Sacramento, CA**

The Sacramento Autoshow. Cal Expo. Featuring a vintage trailer display by the Vintage Camper Trailers Magazine. [sacautoshow.com](http://sacautoshow.com)

#### **October 6-8, 2017**

##### **Hollister, CA**

We are going camping and you are invited! NO Rally activities planned. This is a No Host event. The Renaissance Fair is at the campground and will be all the fun! <http://www.norcalrenfaire.com/> VCT Magazine subscribers save 10% on your camping reservation. Reservations must be made by July 31st, 2017. We will be camping at: Casa De Fruta. VCT Magazine Subscribers may email us

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#### October 6-9, 2017

##### Waves, NC

Eggshells in The Outer Banks. Camp Hatteras, 24798 NC Hwy 12, Waves, NC. Dare to venture out and explore on Columbus Day Weekend at Camp Hatteras. Eggshells in The Outer Banks is excited to share the nest this year in celebration of Tearstock's 5th annual rally. Be prepared for an immense amount of adventure and fun with a huge flock of little travel trailers of all shapes and sizes. For more rally information and registration, go to [www.rvcompass.com/OBXrally](http://www.rvcompass.com/OBXrally) Saturday, Oct. 7th features the free public showcase of Liberty Outdoors premiere trailers. Patane 914-471-6690

#### October 12-15, 2017

##### Pine Mountain, GA

5th Annual Gathering of the Times Vintage Trailer Rally 8804 Hamilton Road Pine Mountain, GA 31822. Perfectly situated next to Calloway Gardens it will certainly be a rally to remember. It is a beautiful campground right in the heart of the action. Calloway Gardens, FDR State Park, The Little White House, Buttsmill Farm, and Wild Animal Safari are a short drive away. We have reserved over 100 sites in the Azalea (new) section of the campground with the possibility of many more if we fill that up. The campground has a huge, central pavilion, pool, playground, camp store, and is pet friendly. We hope to see you there! No open house to the public. Pete Whitley [pete\\_whitley@yahoo.com](mailto:pete_whitley@yahoo.com). 678-378-3725

#### October 12-15, 2017

##### Tulsa, OK

Keystone #3 Christmas in October Vintage campout will be at New Mannford Ramp 15 miles west of Tulsa Oklahoma. October 12th-15th 2017 Same place and last two. Theme will be Christmas decorated . Also Scavenger hunt , vintage car display, antiques shopping, dutch oven cooking .There will be a \$12 rally fee per person.(\$24 for couple) ( paypal fire-

manjim685976@aol.com or mail check PM for address must be received before Sept 15th 2017 and non refundable after that date ) Wife and I will provide all food for Sat breakfast and Sat dinner and goody bag stuff. More details later. Please get your reservation now before they rent spots to public. Call New Mannford ramp 918-865-2096 for camper spots and ask to join Green Country Vintage Glampers on facebook or contact Jim Pritchard 918-637-6390 for more info

#### October 12-15, 2017

##### Newland, NC

NC Fall Foliage Gathering (SVTF). 717 Gurney Franklin Road, Newland, NC 28657 For complete details, visit our website - [www.SouthernVintageTrailers.com](http://www.SouthernVintageTrailers.com). No Open house. Kim Hoke SouthernVintageTrailers@gmail.com 864-285-1228

#### October 13-15, 2017

##### Malibu, CA

Ahoi mates! Grab your pirate hats and join us for the 2nd Annual Malibu Vintage Trailer Rally! Pirate themed rally open to all vintage trailers pre-1975 (no open house). Pirate themed activities, raffle, and more! Located on a beautiful hillside overlooking the Pacific, Malibu Beach RV Park offers full hookup ocean view sites starting at \$65/night (site pricing available at [mali-burv.com](http://mali-burv.com)). Stay in comfort with clean bathrooms and hot showers; conveniently located near area restaurants and shops. Email rally host Alex at

MalibuVTR@gmail.com to be added to the contact list for rally updates and additional information; Alex 818-298-9842. Book your site direct 310-456-6052. Malibu Beach RV Park; 25801 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu CA 90265.

#### October 13-16, 2017

##### Laconia, IN

South Harrison County 3rd Annual Vintage Camper Rally. 8750 S Harrison Park Rd., Laconia, Casual social vintage camping event. Three nights in the country, under the stars, with likeminded vintage tin lovers. Group meals, games & contests, outdoor movie, observatory, trails, short open house, prizes, and lots of memories! Open House 1-4. Abby Kincaid-Bohn. [\(502\) -994-3832.](mailto:soharrisonpkvintagecamprally@gmail.com)

#### October 14, 2017

##### Auburn, CA

Treasures & Trailers. 1273 High Street, Auburn, CA. 95603. This is a one day Vintage Market Place and Vintage Trailer Show. The Vintage trailers are open to the public for touring. Trailers set up Friday night and camp

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#### **Oct 19-22 2017**

##### **Tucson, AZ**

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#### **October 20-22, 2017**

##### **Berrien Springs, MI**

AutumnFest Vintage Camper Rally. Berrien County Fairgrounds, 9122 Old US-31. Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Bring your oldie but goodie and have some fun with vintage enthusiasts like yourself at the Berrien County Fairgrounds, in Berrien Springs Michigan. Watch for more information coming soon!

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#### **October 26-29, 2017**

##### **Crossville, TN**

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#### **October 27-29, 2017**

##### **Santa Barbara, CA**

4th annual Ocean Mesa Halloween Vintage Trailer Mash. 100 El Capitan terrace lane , Santa Barbara , California Come spend Halloween weekend at Ocean Mesa RV Resort on the beautiful Santa Barbara coast . Vintage Halloween trailer decoration contest , costume party poolside Saturday night , trailer trick or treating for the kids . Family fun for everyone . \$86.25 a night , call Ocean Mesa to book reservations (805)879-5751. No Open House. Joe Messina Henrysamocean@hotmail.com (504)858-7376

#### **November 2 - 5, 2017**

##### **Lake Havasu City, AZ**

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#### **November 2 - 5, 2017**

##### **Esterio, FL**

11th Annual TCT Florida Homecoming Gathering and Show. Koreshan State Historic Site, 3800 Corkscrew Rd . Esterio, FL 33928 Registration forms and information will be available in August. There are a limited number of sites on the Settlement Grounds. Newer Rigs will be able to register for a site in the state park's campground.

#### **November 3-5, 2017**

##### **Jackson, CA**

Rancheria Rally. 11407 Dalton Road. Located at the beautiful Jackson Rancheria RV Park in Jackson, CA. Come join us for a fun weekend. This will be a gathering of friends who love to camp 'vintage'. We have a few activities planned. Come on out before the weather turns cold and rainy. No Open House. Wendy and Greg Burns . rancheriarily@yahoo.com 209-605-1305

#### **November 9-12, 2017**

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#### **November 10-11th, 2017**

##### **Raleigh, NC**

Vintage Fan Fair. 1025 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607. Come Celebrate Nostalgia™ in Raleigh, North Carolina. Inviting all vintage trailers to our Glamper Showcase Open House tour in Raleigh, NC ~ Veterans Day Weekend, November 10-11th. As part of the Vintage Fan Fair, we are featuring all makes/models of vintage campers. The first 20 reservations include 1 FREE night, (1) full hook-up site and (2) tickets to the show. Additional sites/nights are available by reservation for \$30/night. The open house is only for a few hours each day, so there is lots of time for fun! There are several other great shows at the fairgrounds

that weekend - including a classic car show and the Raleigh Flea Market. For more info or to make a reservation please visit [www.vintagefanfair.com](http://www.vintagefanfair.com). Help us in Celebrating Nostalgia™! Also - if you, or somebody you know, has a mobile business out of their vintage trailer, please join us! We are seeking vendors who feature vintage products/services/organizations/clubs etc. We have indoor (!) and outdoor spaces available for mobile boutiques. Open House: Fri. Nov 10: 5-7pm & Sat. Nov 11: 1-3pm. Lisa Kamin [lisa@vintagefanfair.com](mailto:lisa@vintagefanfair.com) 984-500-7733.

#### **February 22-25, 2018**

##### **Fredericksburg, TX**

The RV Entrepreneur Summit is a conference for RVers or wannabe RVers who want to learn how to start, build, and grow a business on the road. All of our speakers, (*Including Paul and Caroline Lacitinola, the publishers of the Vintage Camper Trailers Magazine*) are entrepreneurs who will teach you how they've started their own businesses and made enough money on the road to maintain a full-time travel lifestyle.

We'll talk about how to establish a good

work-life balance, how to use your blog as a business, and workamping options. Plus, we'll offer panel sessions where we'll get personal about the realities of full-timing and how to RV-proof your marriage.

Finding community when you live in an RV is hard. Like, really hard. We want this conference to be a chance for you to meet other RVers (and future RVers) who also want to travel full-time and work on the road. The goal of The RV Entrepreneur Summit is to provide helpful resources on building a remote business in your RV and facilitate community among non-retired RVers.

The conference will include speakers, workshops, and panels where current RVers will share their experience of building business(es) on the road. Plus, we're working on planning group hikes and wine tastings to keep the weekend fun.

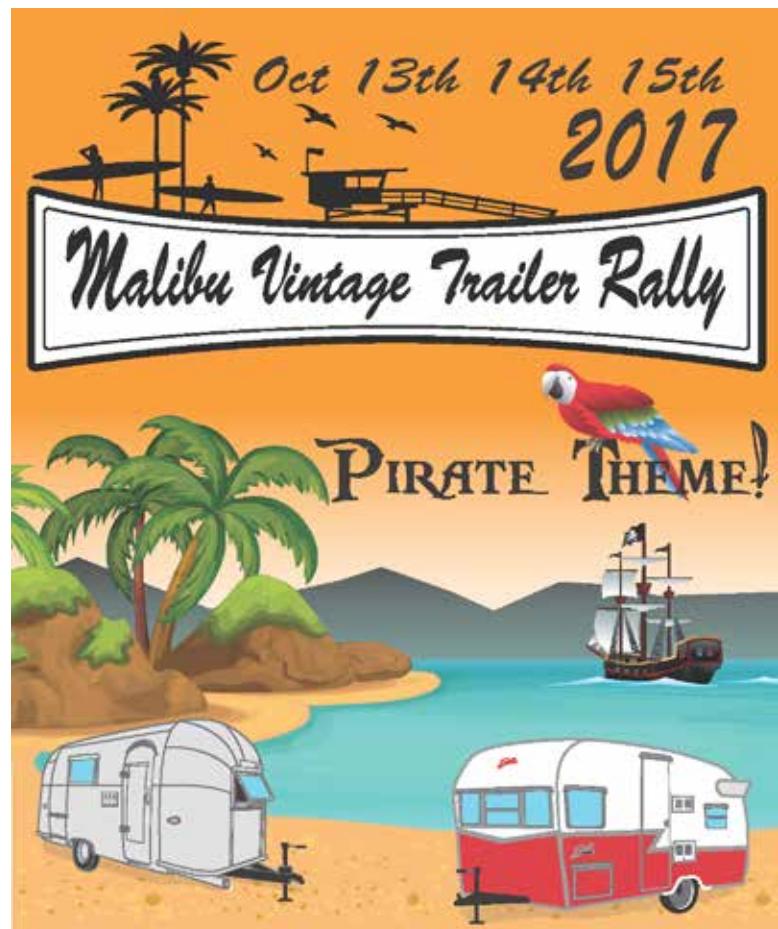
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##### **Hollister, CA**

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The next two days are packed with seminars by craftsman and trailer restorers who are experts in their fields. All day Friday there are two classes going on consecutively. This gives you the opportunity that best suits you. Decide to move to the other class, no problem, pick and choose what you want to learn. Want to catch them all? Come with a friend and divide and conquer. Lunch is provided on Friday and Saturday.

Seminars this year will be longer (three hours) and cover topics more in-depth. Presenter will have demonstrations and some hands-on interactive activities.

This year we will be covering topics like:

Plumbing, Electrical, Solar, Laminates, Axles/Brakes and Bearings, Wood Rot Repair, Wood Finishing, Aluminum Polishing, Riveting, Window Restoration and Metal Fabrication. Tim Heintz will also do a presentation on the History of Vintage Trailers. Sunday morning will be a round table hosted by Steve Hington of Vintage Trailer supply.

Bring your vintage trailer project for a pro's advice or camp in a new RV if you prefer. The Boot Camp Experience is not something you can read in a book or watch on-line. Don't miss this once a year experience. *This is not a rally or open to the public. Only registered attendees are welcome.*

Space is limited. This event has grown for the past two years and will sell out. Reserve your space today!

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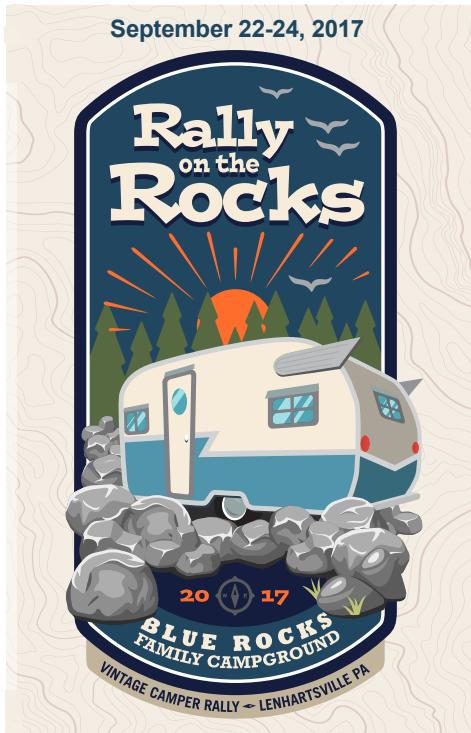
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Patriot Show and Shine. 2200 Williams Blvd. Vintage Trailer Campout starting Friday night with the movie under the stars, campfire and popcorn on campus. Trailer check-in starting at 5:30pm. Saturday, April 21, 2018. 9:00am - 3:00pm Car & Bike Show & Awards • Silent Auction & Raffle • Live Entertainment throughout the day • Food & Vendors. \$15 per Motorcycle. \$25 per vehicle or trailer. All Vehicles Welcome <http://patriotcarshow.libertychristian.net>. 509.946.0602 Kris Dunham. [kdunham@libertychristian.net](mailto:kdunham@libertychristian.net)

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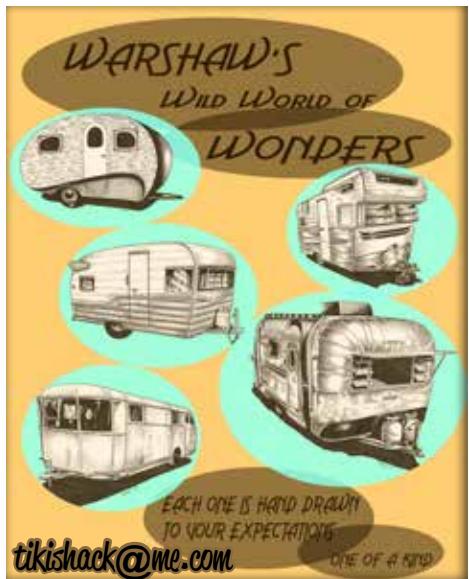
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