



We Wan To Go WANDERER



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We-Wan-To-Gos Dine At Ames' Pizza Ranch

The last official 2016 function was held December 3 at a noon luncheon at the Pizza Ranch in Ames, IA. Our hosts were Mike and Carol Gammon.

The We-Wan-To-Gos had 12 units there out of 29 for 41%. Those attending were:

1. Gary Adams
2. Reggie and Carolyn Andersen
3. DeAnn Barnhill
4. Roger and Kathy Cox
5. Myrna Elliott
6. Mike and Carol Gammon and grandson Ty
7. Julie Hanel
8. Paul and Shari Harberts
9. Mike and Kathy Isebrand
10. Dick and Linda Pawlowski
11. Bill and Karen Pearce
12. Dick and Sue Rasmussen

The highlight of the afternoon was when Chapter Secretary Kathy Cox presented our newest members, Reggie and Carolyn Andersen, with their membership book, three-flag set, and flag mounting bracket. The Andersens, from Forest City, had become members in October.

January Birthday Wishes Go Out To:

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| Chet Mower..... | 1 st |
| Connie Rauenhorst..... | 6 th |
| Mildred Engel..... | 15 th |
| Kathy Cox..... | 22 nd |
| Pat Mower..... | 23 rd |
| Sonia Page..... | 23 rd |
| Carrol Munoz..... | 25 th |

January Anniversary Wishes Go Out To:

- Craig & Sandy Winn 11th
Randy & Karen Corning 21st



January Luncheon Is At Ames' Iowa Stater

The first official function of 2017 will be a noon luncheon on January 21 at the Iowa Stater Restaurant, 2100 Green Hills Drive in Ames. It is co-located



with the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center south of the ISU campus on Highway 30.



Your host will be Myrna Elliott. Please RSVP to Myrna as soon as possible at either (515) 232-2258 or at (515) 451-4140 (cell) or e-mail at mwelliott29@hotmail.com.

Winter Texans Plan A January Assemble

Sonia Page wants to let everyone know who will be in the Texas Rio Grande Valley in

January that there will be a get together on Wednesday, January 11, at 4:00 p.m. at the Ranch House. It is located at 409 N Bryan Road in Mission TX. The Ranch House is a good locally owned burger and french fry place.

Please let Sonia know if you can attend at: (515) 360-1031 or dspage41@gmail.com.

The 2016 National RV Trade Show Concludes

The RV Industry Association's 54th annual National RV Trade Show ended December 1 after what the association calls a robust display of industry participation that included dealers, suppliers, manufacturers and media converging in Louisville, KY.

Attendance totaled 7,674 for



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the four-day event, down 51 people compared to the 7,725 attendees from 2015.

While RV dealer attendance saw a decrease of 164 (6.7 percent) from 2,454 to 2,290, RVIA's preliminary analysis indicates that dealers representing the bulk of the industry's buying power were at the show, the release explained.

The National RV Trade Show also had a strong international flavor with 760 attendees from outside the U.S., up 18.5 % over the 641 in 2015. Importantly, attendees from Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Italy, Germany, Mexico, South Korea, Switzerland and the United Kingdom accounted for 18 percent of buyers, a strong indication of the show becoming an event with a powerful global reach, RVIA noted.

Even more important than the attendance numbers is the business activity on the show floor, and exhibitors reported strong sales and an optimistic outlook among attendees, the release explained.

“We had a terrific Louisville show this year,” said Bob Rogers, of Lance Camper. “Our display was consistently busy with both current and new dealer prospects, and the sales team exceeded their goals with new product orders. With all the continued great news about the industry’s current and forecasted performance, the mood was extremely upbeat.”

Chad Reece of Winnebago agreed. “We were pleased with the outcome of our activities at the show. Traffic was good, new elements added to the atmosphere and most importantly, it once again proved a great venue for another opportunity to interact with our dealer partners,” he said.

“Several suppliers also reported a productive time at the show.

“Traffic through Dometic’s all-new booth on Tuesday and Wednesday was much improved

from last year,” said Dave Schutz, with Dometic.

There were several changes to improve the experience for attendees and exhibitors at the National RV Trade Show. New to the show was a half-day of education on November 28, with a keynote from brand visionary Ken Schmidt, former director of communications for Harley-Davidson.

On November 29 there was a standing-room only crowd of more than 1,300 industry members attended the Outlook 2017 breakfast program that featured reports on RVIA and *Go RVing* activities as well as a keynote presentation by Air Force Academy graduate Captain “Sully” Sullenberger, who is best known for executing the “Miracle on the Hudson” emergency plane landing in 2009 on the Hudson River.

The “Campfire” was a gathering place on the show floor with 20-minute power talks on key issues and strategies. Happy Hour, sponsored by Dometic, on the first day was a hit with food and free bourbon tasting, and the party held Wednesday night in downtown Louisville at 4th Street Live was a hit among attendees with live music performed by the “Louisville Crashers” rounding out the evening, the release explained.

The last day of the show also marked the giveaway of a Kentucky Derby prize package valued at \$4,000 for one lucky buyer.

“We were extremely pleased with the outcome of this show,” said Liz Crawford, RVIA senior vice president of trade shows and events. “I spent a lot of time on

the show floor talking to exhibitors, dealers, suppliers and overall feedback was incredibly positive.

“Sure, we face market situations in attracting more buyers, but this is not a new phenomenon from other leading trade shows in mature markets experiencing consolidation at the wholesale and retail levels,” she explained. “However, the fact that the entire RV industry rallies around this event with participation, sponsorships and hosting their own events tied to the show indicates a strong and vibrant show poised for new growth.

“We will remain focused on growing qualified attendance and providing value to our exhibitors, dealers and members,” said Crawford.

The National RV Trade Show also helped focus national media attention on the booming RV market. Media coverage from the event included placements on national news outlets including Reuters, CNBC, The Street, USA Today, FOX Business, and Bloomberg. Additional coverage was recorded during the trade show and will be released via USA Today magazine, and a nationally syndicated radio program in the coming weeks.

“The National RV Trade Show serves as the premiere showcase for all segments of our industry,” said RVIA President Frank Hugelmeyer. “There’s plenty of business getting done, but just as important is the education, training, and networking that can only take place when the entire RV industry is together.

“Strong attendance from around the globe is an indicator of how the international RV industry is looking to America for leadership, best practices and innovation. And our show continues to draw media attention from major news outlets,” he added.

Next year’s show will be conducted November 27 to 30, 2017. For more information, visit www.RVIAshow.org.

New RV Buying Website Launch Announced

If you are looking to sell a recreational vehicle online without the hassle of advertising privately then the team at BuyMyMotorhome have recently upped their game with the introduction of a brand new website, which features a cleaner interface with a significantly improved user experience, a release from the company stated.

The main philosophy behind the new site is to simplify the process of selling a used motorhome online to the point where achieving a successfully completed sale takes little more than a quick phone call and a doorstep inspection.

Selling a motorhome privately for its true worth has always been a difficult prospect at the best of times. For this reason, BuyMyMotorhome have taken it upon themselves to offer a fully inclusive, one-stop service that replaces the trivialities associated with a private sale with a solution that promises a much quicker selling experience with a guaranteed price, the release continued.

“Ever since our inception, we have always tried to provide a fast and professional service that dispenses with the complications that one would typically associate with selling a motorhome online to a private party. Our vast buying experience means we can offer a quick and accurate valuation based on the individual characteristics of each motorhome we are offered and our enormous buying power means that we can guarantee each offer against any rival bid from a competing firm in the same line of business,” a spokesperson from the company stated.

Perhaps you are looking to sell a small, 2-bed unit that has been in the family for a number of years, or you have recently acquired a state-of-the-art luxury motorhome as part of an inheritance or divorce settlement that you need to convert to cash. Whatever the circumstances, the team at BuyMyMotorhome are always available to turn an otherwise complicated transaction into a reality, the release continued.

“If you need to sell a unit quickly and you don’t have the time or money to advertise privately then BuyMyMotorhome are here to help. We buy dozens of used recreational vehicles on a daily basis and our vast level of experience means that we can provide an accurate assessment of the worth of a motorhome within minutes, over the telephone, provided the party interested in selling to us is able to offer a complete and accurate description that we can base the valuation on,” the spokesperson continued.

The newly launched website will enable the team at BuyMyMotorhome to deal with an increased number of customers in a much quicker manner and the recently updated FAQ section aims to deal with any reservations or questions a client may have before making contact via the telephone and email enquiry services.

Of course, if you have any specific questions that are not covered in the FAQ, then you can always contact the motorhome buying team by using the contact form provided at www.buymymotorhome.com.

MotorHome Magazine’s Readers Choice Awards

MotorHome Magazine’s annual Readers’ Choice awards are well-received year after year. As always, they polled their readers and directly reported the results, which means the companies listed are the best of the best in their readers’ eyes.



In the Class A division, Winnebago Industries received the Silver award. (Tiffin got gold and Newmar got bronze)

In the Class B division, Winnebago Industries received the Silver award. (Leisure

Travel Vans got gold and Roadtrek got bronze)

In the Class C division, Winnebago Industries received the **Gold** award. Winnebago's Class C lineup begins with the Minnie Winnie/Spirit built on a Ford E-350 and E-450 chassis and known for their versatile livability. The Aspect/Cambria are built on the E-450 chassis and offer many of the amenities and features of a Class A motorhome. The Trend/Fuse offers good fuel economy and handling. The View/Navion is built on the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter chassis and integrates a strong body design and state-of-the-art electronics. (Jayco got silver and Thor got bronze).

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Upcoming We-Wan-To Go Events

* Indicates a change

January 21Noon Luncheon

Location:The Iowa Stater Restaurant, Ames, IA
Host:Elliott

February 18Noon Luncheon (Pie Potluck)

Location:Berwick Congregational Church,
Berwick, IA
Hosts:Pearce

March 18Noon Luncheon

Location:The Fletcher, Ankeny, IA
Hosts:Cox

April 28-30Campout

Location:Outback Campground and Resort,
Tama, IA

Wagonmasters:Barnhill, Gammon, Munoz, Page, Winn

May 19-21Iowa Winnie Hawk Spring Meeting

Location:Antique Acres, Cedar Falls, IA
Assignments:Parking, registration, and greeters
Theme:*"Remember When"*

June 16-18Campout

Location:Little Wall Lake State Park,
Jewell, IA

Wagonmasters:Airey, Elliott, Farni, Harberts, Pearce

July 7-9Iowa Winnie Hawk State Rally

Location:Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hampton, IA
Assignments:Breakfast, meals, and beverages
Theme:*"Fabulous Winnebago"*

July 17-23Grand National Rally (GNR)

Location:WIT Rally Grounds, Forest City, IA
Assignments:Row party tables and table covers
Theme:*"Welcome to Fabulous Winnebago"*

August 25-27Campout

Location:Diamond Lake Park, Montezuma, IA
Wagonmasters:Cox, Good, Nichols, Rasmussen. Sheeder

September 21-24Iowa Winnie Hawk Fall Meeting

Location:Southern Iowa Fairgrounds, Oskaloosa, IA
Assignments: Setup. Cleanup, and decorations
Theme:*"Autumn Fun"*