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Green vacations are easy in an RV

Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show showcases "Green RV of the Year"

NOVI, Mich., October 1, 2008— Standard habits exercised on an RV vacation make energy conservation and eco-friendly practices easy. With restricted space and resources, RVers are natural conservers.

RVs have a limited supply of water, so RVers are naturally frugal about the amount used. Many RVers conserve water by taking "military showers," or showers in which water is only running while rinsing. This technique can cut water usage from about 17.2 gallons to 5 gallons or less.

The latest Campfire Canvass, a bi-annual survey of RV owners by the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), reveals that RVers are making efforts to be more energy efficient. According to the survey,

- 66 percent drive or tow their RV at 55 mph
- 68 percent of turn off water while bathing
- 74 percent turn out lights in their RV
- 76 percent minimize use of air conditioning by opening windows
- 15 percent use solar panels on RVs

RV solar panels are becoming an increasingly popular trend in the green movement. Solar panels convert light from the sun into electricity and charge the RV's batteries, and all the basic lighting and appliances.

The 19th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, October 1-5, 2008, is the place to purchase the new Livin' Lite Quicksilver Automobile Camper, named "Green RV of the Year" by the *Roaming Times*. The camper is small enough to be pulled by an ordinary car, and sleeps up to six people comfortably at the campsite. It is built from aluminum and composites, contains zero formaldehyde and was designed to accommodate consumers choosing more fuel efficient vehicles, such as passenger cars and minivans over trucks and SUVs.

2009 RVs will be on display with special closeout pricing offered on 2008 models at the show. Booths featuring parts and accessories, campground information, RV financing and RV rentals will be set up to make this the complete RV show experience.

The show is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC), a member organization representing all aspects of the camping and RV industries. Consumers can call 517.349.8881 or visit marvac.org for additional information on the RV show.

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