Welcome to the RVing Women 2017 National Convention

October 17 to 22, 2017

Goshen, Indiana
Mission Statement

Provide women RVers, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or financial status, a supportive network and the opportunity to enjoy the RVing lifestyle in a safe and knowledgeable manner.

Vision:
A premier organization for women interested in the RVing lifestyle.

We Value:

- Diversity of our members.
- Integrity and respect.
- The abilities, skills and resources of each member.
- The time and efforts of those who provide leadership and support.
- Our chapter structure which provides a supportive network.
- Educational opportunities to promote safe RVing.

RVing Women (RVW) is a nonprofit 501 (c)(7) corporation organized and operated exclusively for social, recreational and educational purposes. The Board of Directors of RVing Women is guided by our Mission and Vision in defining our goals.

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# Welcome to the 21st Annual RVing Women Convention

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RVing Women is a support network organized by and for women who are interested in RVing. We are dedicated to sharing knowledge and building friendships that cross international boundaries and include women with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints. The only requirement for membership is that you are a woman 18 years of age or older who is interested in RVing. Owning an RV is not a prerequisite.

Our members include women who have traveled with their husbands for years, then find themselves alone and still wanting to travel; single women; married women whose husbands have no interest in RVing; and women who travel alone or in the company of other women. Our interests are diverse, but we do share the common cultural experience of being female.

Members of our all-volunteer Board of Directors also serve as liaisons to our chapters and to several national committees. Volunteers support and enhance this member-driven 501(c)(7) nonprofit organization. Our headquarters office is located in Apache Junction, Arizona.

You will have opportunities this week to meet the RVW Board of Directors. Let them know what you can do to help RVW fulfill its mission to provide to all women a supportive network and the opportunity to enjoy the RVing lifestyle in a safe and knowledgeable manner. Also let our Board of Directors know if you are interested in serving on a national committee or the Board of Directors.
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- Convention 2017  
- Finance Committee and IRS  
- RVW Office Oversight  
**Chapters:** Florida, Fulltimers, Ohio River Valley

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- Member Services  
- National Events  
**Chapters:** Cascadia, Great Lakers, Rocky Mt., Texas Ramblin’ Roses

**Liaison to:**  
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- E-Communications  
- Policies and Procedures  
- PR & Marketing  
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Welcome to Convention 2017...

Welcome to Goshen and the start of celebrating our 21st annual RVW Convention and celebrating the 26th anniversary of RVing Women!

Convention Coordinator Linda Elliott and your co-host chapters, Great Lakers and Ohio River Valley Chapter, welcome you to the “RV Manufacturing Capital of the USA” and the “Heart of Amish Country”. They have planned a most memorable convention for you. Several chapters and individuals have volunteered their time and talents to make this a Convention to Remember. You can also volunteer! Stop by the Help Desk and sign up! May I suggest; parking, registration or “picking up” members in a golf cart. These are the best ways to meet women from all over the USA and Canada.

Every convention has its own uniqueness, bringing you years of forever memories including the planning and the journey to each convention. For some of you, this will be your first year of creating memories of meeting “new” friends from all over the USA and Canada that will become seeing your “old” friends next year. For Alta Jones & Geri Pries, this will be the first time they have ever missed a convention in 21 years. We will miss them.

After you read through your program, start planning every day of your stay. Take a highlighter and mark the Maintenance Classes, Golf Scramble or Tours that you have registered for. We do not want you to forget. Review the seminars for Wednesday-Saturday. Highlight those you wish to attend. Listen for and join in the “Music en Plein Air” in the evening.

There are activities every day and night starting with Opening Ceremonies on Tuesday night, Welcome Party on Wednesday night, Bingo, Ice Cream and a Dance on Thursday night, the Deluxe Edition Band on Friday night and ending with our Banquet/Closing Ceremonies on Saturday night. Be sure to attend our Annual Membership meeting and Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

This year we anticipate at least one-third of our attendees will be First Timers. This is their first convention and/or they may have joined RVing Women since our last convention. Are you a First Timer? Be sure to attend your First Timers’ Event on Tuesday afternoon. Old-timers, as you see our new members this week, please give each one a big welcoming RVing Women hug.

Wear your convention and chapter shirts proudly. If you have not signed up for the tours, golf scramble or maintenance classes, check at the Help Desk to see if there have been any late cancellations so that you can still sign up.

Consider giving a Thank You to RVW in the form of a gift to our Open Road Program. Stop by their booth to make your contribution.

Have you read the Special Section Celebrating the History of RVing Women that was in the September/October 2016 RVW Magazine? Please take time to read pages 28-47 before convention begins. Before you can know
where we are, you must learn how we got here. The magazine can be accessed through the RVW website. A special thanks to Yvonne Johnson-Special Section Editor.

Get out of your protected cocoon. This is the time to tuck your phone in your pocket. While you are worrying about getting that perfect picture, you will miss out on sharing that moment with others. Social media does not take the place of the friendships you will create here. Let go of that “Passive Digital Addiction” while you are here and share your day’s experiences at the end of the day.

After you realize how much fun our conventions are, you can start making plans to travel to Shawnee, Oklahoma for our 2018 convention. Mark the dates! October 30th to November 12th. Tours will start on November 3rd and Opening Ceremonies on November 6th.

I hope that by the time Sunday morning rolls around, you are too tired to leave. We must leave this facility by Monday morning, but you can still stay longer in the area and take time to enjoy Indiana. There are so many places to see and things to do here. Stay a while—many of us will.

Don’t Postpone Joy—Life Travels Quickly! Linda Brown, President RVW Board of Directors

The Great Lakers and Ohio River Chapters, hosts of RVW's National Convention, welcome you to the 26th year of RVW and the 21st national convention. This area of Indiana is a “hotbed” of the RV industry. While at the convention, we hope you will have the opportunity to tour an RV manufacturer, visit the RV Hall of Fame (and museum) and see all the area has to offer. Pre-convention tours are always fantastic.

We start with a first-timer reception, welcome party, vendor booths, seminars, and don’t forget the wonderful banquet at the end. And, what is the convention without “fun raising”?

We certainly want to thank the volunteers and the other chapters who have helped us make this a great convention for you. Thank you also goes to Linda Elliott for her tireless efforts as 2017 Convention Coordinator and to Bev Smethurst as the Convention Board Liaison.

It is our hope that you glean new ideas and information as you attend seminars, talk with RVW Board members, rub elbows with other women RVers, and have a great time with the BIG, FUN activities and entertainment. Don’t forget to VOLUNTEER!

Great Lakers and Ohio River Valley members will have their chapter shirts on, so if you have any questions, ask away.

Again, welcome and have fun.

Cindy Turvy, Ohio River Valley Chapter Leader
Tommie Preniczy, Great Laker Chapter President
Welcome from the Convention Coordinator

Welcome to the 2017 RVW Convention in Goshen, Indiana – RV Capital of the World. In addition to the usual educational and informative vendor seminars, we have a variety of presentations from members. New this year are writing classes from a published author, crafts, musician sessions, and games galore. You can also learn how the bicycle played a part in women’s liberation. There’s something for everyone, so attend, participate, volunteer, and have a great time with old and new friends.

Linda Elliott
2016 RVW Convention Coordinator

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Convention Host Chapters: Great Lakers Chapter  
Ohio River Valley Chapter  
Ice Cream Social Host: Mid-Atlantic Chapter

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Thank you to our Golf Scramble and Fundraising contributors both corporate and personal.  
**Host Pins:** Badges R Us (Susan Cox and Dorothy Loll)  
**Goodie Bags:** Optavia/Take Shape for Life  
**Vendor Prize Contributors:** Adventure Caravans, All Pro Water Flow, Almost Heaven Microfiber, An RVer's Friend, Badges R Us, Precise Satellite & RV Electronics, Wash Wax All  
**Chapter Contributors:** Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
• SoCALjourners Chapter • Ohio River Valley Chapter  
• Mid-America Chapter • Great Lakers Chapter  
• Texas Ramblin’ Roses Chapter • Florida Chapter  
• Solo Travelers Chapter

And a big thanks to our many member contributors for prize contributions and silent auction items.

Convention Program Coordination

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Services from our vendors will be available, including:
• Aall Brite RV Cleaning Service — 352-212-6494 — Dawn
• My RV School (RV weighing) — 813-777-8247 — Jeffrey
• Bontrager RV Service — 574-534-9030 — Troy
Call the vendor to make an appointment for their services.
Most activities will be taking place in and around the Elkhart County Community Center, Building #2. Vendors, the RVW office and fundraising will be in the Sheep Arena, Building #5.

The main camping area will be the Northwest Camping with sites 401-476. Smaller vehicles will be near Building 4, which has restrooms and showers.
NAME BADGES—All convention attendees, vendors and day registration attendees will be required to wear a convention name badge at all times. This will act as your identification and entrance pass to the convention facility and to all events and activities. Security will be checking for identification badges. If you do not have your name badge, you will be asked to return to your RV and put it on before you can enter. **No exceptions.**

PARKING — Upon arrival, attendees will be greeted by Parking Committee volunteers. The parking committee will lead you to your parking space and assist as best as possible. Members are requested to remain parked in their assigned site. Anyone who arrives prior to their registered date, or leaves later than they have registered, will be asked to pay for the additional nights ($35/night) at the registration disk or RVW booth. The facility closes on Tuesday, October 24, so all attendees are requested not to stay beyond Monday night, October 23.

REGISTRATION – Registration volunteers will be available Thursday, October 12 through Tuesday, October 17 to give each attendee a “goodie” bag with her individual registration materials, name badge, and information about the Goshen area. After October 17, registration will be available at the Help Desk.

Information and Services

Maintenance classes, concessions, evening activities, and most seminars will take place in the Elkhart County Community Center (ECCC) – Building #2 on the map. The Showalter Room (eastern-most room) will serve as the Registration/Help Desk/Volunteer area prior to the start of convention. The Basement will be used as the card room in evenings, after convention starts. A few seminars may also be held here. The three center rooms: Martin, Fiddler, and Mennonite, will house most of our seminars, opening ceremonies, Thursday night dance, Friday entertainment, and Saturday afternoon’s annual meeting. The Showalter Room, on the far eastern end, will house the concessions, First Timers’ event, Welcome Party, Ice Cream Social, and Saturday night banquet. There may be a few late afternoon seminars and meetings here as well.

Vendors, RVW booths, and fundraising will take place in the Sheep Arena, building #5 on the map.

The location of outdoor seminars will be given at opening ceremonies. Parking at these venues is limited, so please plan to ride your bike, walk, or use the shuttle services available. Golf cart shuttles will be available beginning Friday morning, October 13.

Tour buses will pick passengers up in the front parking lot for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday tours. Carpooling for Monday’s golf scramble will also meet in the front parking lot.
**HELP DESK** – Our Help Desk will be open on Thursday, October 12 in the registration area, and will move to the Sheep Arena (building #5 on the map) on Wednesday, October 18. The Help Desk is your source for information about convention happenings and services available in the Goshen area. It is also the place to sign-up for one of the many volunteer opportunities available at this year’s convention. Volunteering will make your convention experience especially rewarding, and is a great way to meet other members. Your contribution as a volunteer will be greatly appreciated.

**DAY PASSES** – Visitors may purchase up to two (2) day passes for $45 each. Each day pass is good for one-day admission to non-fee seminars and vendor exhibits. Day passes do not include admission to the evening activities. Day passes may be purchased at the RVW Desk.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES** – Any changes to the convention schedule will be posted in the Help Desk area, as well as at the scheduled venues.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** – Beverages may not be sold on the Fairgrounds. Serving and consumption is allowed at your campsite. There will NOT be a cash bar available during our convention. However, you may bring your own beverage for personal consumption to the Welcome Party or Banquet.

**BIKE TRAILS** – Check out the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail (www.pumpkinvine.org) for information on rides from 10 to 32 miles. If you would like to participate in or lead a bike ride prior to convention, check the message board for other interested bikers.

**CONCESSIONS** – Mario’s Catering will be providing breakfast and lunch concessions in the Showalter Room. Concessions will be available 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, October 16 through Friday, October 20, and from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 21.

**DOOR PRIZES**—Check your welcome packet for a (color) ticket. Beginning on Wednesday, October 18, the RVW booth will draw tickets for door prizes. The winning numbers will be recorded on a chalk board at the RVW booth. Check daily to see if your ticket has won. Some tickets drawn will be for vendor-provided gifts (collect those from that particular vendor) and others will be for items on the prize drawing table next to the RVW booth.

**EMERGENCY HELP**—The locations of nearby urgent care centers and veterinarians is provided in your Welcome Packet.

**LAUNDRY FACILITIES**—There are no laundry facilities in the Fairgrounds. See the information in the Welcome Packet for locations of nearby laundry facilities.

**LOST AND FOUND**—Check for lost and found items at the Help Desk.
MAIL—Mail can be picked up and dropped off daily at the Help Desk. Those desiring to have mail forwarded to the convention site should use the following address:

Your name and “RVW”
c/o Elkhart County 4-H Fairground
17746-D County Road 34
Goshen, IN 46528

MESSAGE BOARD—A message board will be placed at the Help Desk. You may leave messages for other convention attendees.

MUSIC en PLEIN AIR – Weather permitting, one of the outbuildings on Locust Street will be designated as the music venue (watch for sign). Check the convention schedule for specific times when people will be performing. Please sign-up at the Help Desk to be included in the schedule. Everyone is welcome to come listen or join in the singing.

PETS – Pets are allowed, but not in any of the buildings. Pets must be on a leash at all times, and cannot be left unattended outside your RV. They cannot be tethered or caged outside your RV unless the owner is present. Excessive noise is not allowed. Please use discretion when walking pets and clean up after them.

PRIVATE VENDING — Items may not be sold at your coach or elsewhere on the fairgrounds.

QUIET HOURS—Please be courteous to your neighbors and maintain quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

REST ROOMS/SHOWERS – Restrooms are located in both the ECCC building and Sheep Arena. Showers are located in Home and Family Arts Building (building #4 on the map).

SMOKING – Smoking is not permitted in or near any of the buildings.

VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEERING – Volunteers are the heart and soul of RVW. Please check your schedule and sign up at the Help Desk to volunteer. There are many opportunities available and many areas that will need your help.

WI-FI – The Fairgrounds maintains an unsecured (no password required) Wi-Fi service. The service is available 24/7 at no additional charge. Please be aware that downloading or uploading excessively large files may result in termination of privileges for such individuals.
Emergency Information

STORM SHELTERS – In the event of inclement weather, storm shelters are located in the basement of the ECCC Building (underneath the History Room on the west end), and in the restroom of the Home and Family Arts Building (#4). Please note that the latter IS handicapped accessible. The ECCC basement is not. People only please – no pets.

WEATHER ALERT SIRENS – In the event of inclement weather, weather alert sirens will sound to alert us to the need to seek shelter (see above).

However, please note that the Goshen Weather Alert Sirens are tested every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Do not be alarmed when this happens! It is only a test!

EMERGENCY INFORMATION — For additional information, see the handouts provided by the Fairgrounds.

Additional Notes and Info
Pre-Convention Programs

Pre-Convention activities include the tour of the Phoenix Cruiser factory, RV Hall of Fame, and quilt gardens on Friday, Amish Shopping and Merchant’s tour on Saturday, Amish Acres tour and *Sister Act* in the Round Barn Theater on Sunday, and half-day Amish Backroads tour and Haystack dinner on Tuesday. Our traditional Ladies Golf Scramble will be held on Monday, and our beginner and advanced Maintenance Classes will take place on Monday and Tuesday. Pat Setser is leading both of these classes. Pat is a certified RV technician and owner of Rec-Serv. She is a long-time member of RVW and has previously led maintenance classes and workshops for RVW rallies and conventions.

Visit the Help Desk to register for any spaces that may still be available for the above activities.

Services from our vendors will also be available, including RV washing and waxing, RV repairs, and RV weighing. Contact the vendor in the vendor area or call and make an appointment. See page 11 for numbers.

First Timers’ Reception

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday — Showalter Room, ECCC Building

If you are a first-time convention attendee, you are invited to attend this special Tuesday afternoon reception. It is a great way to start your convention experience. You will have opportunities to get acquainted with other first-time attendees, talk one-on-one with chapter leaders and members of the RVW Board of Directors, and find out more about RVW programs and convention activities being offered this week.

Finger foods will be served, as well as iced tea and coffee. You may also bring your own non-alcoholic beverages.

Ohio River Valley Chapter is coordinating this event.

Opening Ceremonies

7:00 p.m. Tuesday — Martin Room, ECCC Building

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Convention 2017 will open with a welcome and introductory remarks by RVW President Linda Brown. The program will include the honoring of the Canadian and American flags and our traditional introduction of RVW chapter flags.
Vendor Booths Open

9:00 a.m. Wednesday — Sheep Arena
Vendor booths will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Please include time in your schedule to visit our vendors and learn about the services and products they are offering.

Welcome Party

6:00 p.m. Wednesday — Showalter Room, ECCC Building
Doors open at 5:45 p.m.
Attending an RVW convention gives you many wonderful opportunities to make new lifetime friendships and get reacquainted with friends you might not have seen for awhile. Our Welcome Party is the perfect time to get started making those connections. Catered finger foods will be served, along with water, ice tea and coffee. You are welcome to bring your own beverages for personal consumption as well.

Photo Contest People's Choice Award

Noon Thursday to Noon Saturday — Showalter Room, ECCC Building
Photos submitted in this year's RVW photo contest will be displayed in the Showalter Room. After the judges have selected their top choices in each of six categories, attendees will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite winning photo.

Voting will open at noon Thursday and close at noon Saturday. The winning photo, the People's Choice Award, will be awarded a special ribbon and featured in the RVW magazine.

Bingo

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday — Martin Room, ECCC Building
Come play with us. Cost is $5 for a set (4 games/page). Payouts will be based on the amount collected. We will pay out 100 percent of the funds collected.

Ice Cream Social

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday — Showalter Room, ECCC Building
Mid-Atlantic Chapter will sponsor a build-your-own ice-cream sundae feast during the break between Bingo and the DJ Dance.
Dance with DJ from *The Music Place*

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday — Mennonite Room, ECCC Building

A local DJ will be providing a great mix of music, and may take a request or two.

Performance by *Deluxe Edition*

7:00 p.m. Friday — Martin/Fiddler Rooms, ECCC Building

Lucy and Billy Croft, the lead vocalists, will be backed up by a band that has been referred to as “the best collection of musicians in the Chicagoland area”. This energetic group will get us moving to long-time favorites. There will be a nice representation of all the music we love to hear – country, jazz, show tunes, big band sounds and classic rock.

RVW Annual Membership Meeting

1:00 p.m. Saturday — Martin/Fiddler Rooms, ECCC Building

This is your opportunity to meet the members of the RVW Board of Directors and learn about current RVW goals and objectives. You will also have an opportunity to share your suggestions and concerns with the board and with other members. Please plan to attend.

The agenda will be posted at the RVW booth and Help Desk prior to the meeting. The meeting will follow the order of business specified in Robert's Rules of Order. Members who wish to speak will be asked to step to the microphone, identify themselves, and limit comments to specified minutes. See the Annual Membership Meeting Standing Rules on page 60 for details on speaking limits and protocols.

Remembrance Ceremony

*Saturday after Annual Meeting — Martin Room, ECCC Building*

A Remembrance Ceremony to honor RVW members who have died during the past year will follow the RVW Annual Membership Meeting.

2013 Ceremony
There is one position open on the RVW Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning January 2018 through 2020.

We have one candidate for this position: Jane McKay, president of the Mid-America Chapter. Jane is also a member of the RVW Finance Committee and was chapter treasurer for three years and president-elect for one year. When Mid-America Chapter co-hosted the 2015 National Convention in Shawnee, Oklahoma, along with the Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter, Jane served as chairman of the Logo Committee and First Timers’ meeting, as well as overseeing the silent auction. She has helped with the National Driving School held in Drumright, Oklahoma for the past seven years. This will be the sixth national convention Jane has attended, and she welcomes the chance to visit with those attending the Goshen convention. Jane will also be given an opportunity to speak at our RVW Annual Membership Meeting.

A ballot box will be placed at the RVW booth for voting and will also be brought to the RVW Annual Membership Meeting. Please wait until after you have had the opportunity to hear this candidate speak before casting your vote. Ballots also may be submitted online and by mail, but must be received by Wednesday, October 31, in order to be counted.

We’ll conclude the 2017 convention with an evening of fun and fellowship. You may bring your own beverages for personal consumption to the banquet.

Our banquet program will include an appreciation of our convention volunteers, conclusion of any fundraising activities, and the announcement of this year’s People's Choice Award Photo. The flags will be retired after our annual banquet program.
**Fundraising Events**

**Silent Auction**

Come on in, see what we have to offer, make your bid, and check it often. Only the highest bidders will "win" their bids.

The silent auction will be located in the Sheep Arena near the Vendors area, and will be open Wednesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

**The Silent Auction will close at 4:00 p.m. Friday.** Please come and check to see if your bid won, pay for your items, and take them home. The silent auction area will be open Saturday morning to complete the collection of bids and distribution of items. **Items not claimed by noon Saturday will be forfeited.**

**Prize Package Drawings**

In addition to those items in the Silent Auction, we will have some special packages for you to win. Tickets may be purchased for $1 each, or 6 for $5. Keep the side labeled “Keep this Ticket” and put the other half in the container next to the package(s) you would like to win.

This area will also close on Friday at 4:00 p.m. The winning tickets will be drawn at that time and displayed. If your ticket is the winner, bring the item to the fundraising desk and claim your prize. The fundraising area will also be open Saturday morning for you to claim your winnings. **Items not claimed by noon Saturday will be forfeited.**

**50/50 Raffle Drawing**

Volunteers will be selling 50/50 tickets throughout the convention at $1 per ticket or 6 for $5. Winning tickets will be drawn at the banquet. Depending on how many tickets are sold, we may decide to award additional payouts earlier in the convention – announcements will be made in advance if this is going to occur.
Drop Off Silent Auction Items/Prize Donations

You can bring items you are donating for the silent auction, prize package drawing, or door prizes, to the Help Desk prior to Tuesday, October 17, or take them directly to the Fundraising area on Tuesday, October 17. Thank you for your donations. They are appreciated.

NOTE: The fundraising committee reserves the right to determine whether donated items will be included in the silent auction, prize drawing, or door prize area. Donations will be used in the area where they are most needed and have the greatest potential for earning funds.

Service Project

We are partnering this year with the Northern Indiana Food Bank to provide non-perishable food items to needy families.

Please bring items to the convention to donate. Look for the donation barrel, which will probably be in the Sheep Arena near the Vendor area. An announcement about it will be made at the Opening Ceremonies.

Convention Photos

After each convention we like to put pictures of the convention on the web site. We also use them in the RVW magazine. If you would like to help take pictures of activities during the convention, please contact Yvonne Johnson at 480-390-5835 to coordinate taking them.

If you would rather just turn in any great pictures you take, you can send them to Yvonne by e-mailing either the pictures or a link to them to Yvonne Johnson at rvwpictures@gmail.com.

The pictures need to be as high quality as possible. Cell phone pictures are fine, as long as they are large files. Please include your name and chapter, what the event was, and the names of any people in the picture. Thank you for your help.

After the convention, check the RVW web page for great photographic reminders of an amazing convention.
Pre-Convention Schedule

**Thursday, October 12**

- 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Parking inside Gate 2
- 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Registration and Help/Volunteer Desk open in Showalter Room, ECCC
- 5:00 p.m. to ? Showalter Room open for cards/games

**Friday, October 13**

- 7:30 a.m. Shuttle carts begin providing transportation
- 8:30 a.m. RV Capital Tour departs front parking area
- 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Parking inside Gate 2
- 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Registration and Help/Volunteer Desk open in Showalter Room, ECCC
- 5:00 p.m. to ? Showalter Room open for cards/games

**Saturday, October 14**

- 8:30 a.m. Shuttle carts provide transportation
- 9:00 a.m. Shipshewana and Merchants Tour departs from front parking area
- 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Parking inside Gate 2
- 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Registration and Help/Volunteer Desk open in Showalter Room, ECCC
- 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Music en Plein Air — Outdoor Stage
- 5:00 p.m. to ? Showalter Room open for cards/games

**Sunday, October 15**

- 8:00 a.m. Shuttle carts provide transportation
- 8:30 a.m. Amish Acres Farmstead Tour departs from front parking area
- 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Parking inside Gate 2
- 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Registration and Help/Volunteer Desk open in Showalter Room, ECCC
- 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Music en Plein Air — Outdoor Stage
- 5:00 p.m. to ? Showalter Room open for cards/games
Pre-Convention Schedule

**Monday, October 16**

7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  Food Concessions open for breakfast and lunch
7:00 a.m.          Shuttle carts begin providing transportation
8:15 a.m.          Golf scramble carpool meets in front parking lot
9:00 a.m.          Tee Time for golf scramble
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Basic Maintenance Class
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Parking inside Gate 2
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Registration and Help/Volunteer Desk open in Showalter Room, ECCC
4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  Music en Plein Air — Outdoor Stage
4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.  Chair Volleyball (outside - location TBD)
5:00 p.m.–?          Basement open for Cards/Games

**Tuesday, October 17**

7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  Food Concessions open for breakfast and lunch
7:00 a.m.          Shuttle carts begin providing transportation
8:45 a.m.          Amish Back Roads Tour departs from front parking area
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Advanced Maintenance Class
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Parking inside Gate 2
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Registration and Help/Volunteer Desk open in Showalter Room, ECCC
4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.  First Timers’ Event in Showalter Room, ECCC
5:00 p.m.–?          Basement open for Cards/Games
7:00 p.m.          Opening Ceremonies in Martin Room, ECCC  Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Chair Volleyball**

If you’ve played before, you already know how fun this is. If you haven’t, come learn – it’s easy! We will meet prior to convention at 4:30 Monday afternoon for the first set. This activity repeats at 4:30 on Friday evening. You do not have to be present at the first session to participate. Come all two nights, or pick the night that best suits your schedule. We plan to play outdoors, weather permitting, but will move inside if necessary. Watch the bulletin board at the Help Desk for location. Hosted by Karen Knight.
Convention Schedule | Tuesday, October 17

4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.  First Timer's Reception
  Location . . . . . . . Showalter Room, ECCC Building

7:00 p.m.  Opening Ceremonies
  Location . . . . . . . Martin Room, ECCC Building
  Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Convention Schedule | Wednesday, October 18

7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  Food concessions open - Mario's Catering
  Location . . . . . . . Showalter Room, ECCC Building

7:00 a.m.  Shuttles begin transportation

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Help/Volunteer Desk/Registration
  Location . . . . . . . Vendor Area in Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Vendor Exhibits Open
  Location . . . . . . . Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  RVW Booth/Open Road Program Booth open
  Location . . . . . . . Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Fundraising tables open
  Location . . . . . . . Sheep Arena

Seminars

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.  Camper's Questions
  Location . . . . . . . Martin Room

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.  RV Satellite TV and What's New in HD
  Location . . . . . . . Fiddler Room

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.  Come One — Come All, Volunteer Leadership
  Location . . . . . . . Mennonite Room

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.  Decorating Garden Pots
  Location . . . . . . . Basement

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.  Save Money with Proper Holding Tank Care
  Location . . . . . . . Martin Room

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.  Route 66 by RV
  Location . . . . . . . Fiddler Room

10:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  Five Keys to a Happy RV
  Location . . . . . . . Mennonite Room
10:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Introduction to Mahjong  
Location . . . . . . . . Basement

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. RV Safe Driving  
Location . . . . . . . . Martin Room

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Detailing Your RV in One Hour  
Location . . . . . . . . Fiddler Room

12:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m. Music en Plein Air

1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Exterior Shades – Expense or Investment?  
Location . . . . . . . . Martin Room

1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m. In an Accident, How Do You Get Home?  
Location . . . . . . . . Mennonite Room

1:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Fire Safety in Your RV  
Location . . . . . . . . Fiddler Room

1:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Mah Jongg Play  
Location . . . . . . . . Basement

3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Solo's Meet and Greet  
Location . . . . . . . . Showalter Room

3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Revolutionary Method to Wash-Wax-Protect Your RV  
Location . . . . . . . . Mennonite Room

4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Pickleball  
Location . . . . . . . . Outside

5:00 p.m.–? Basement open for Cards/Games

6:00 p.m. Welcome Party  
Location . . . . . . . . Showalter Room (Doors open at 5:45 p.m.)

Music en Plein Air

Let's make some music. Pre-convention, we will meet on Saturday and Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The venue will also be open daily at lunchtime during convention (Monday through Friday). Come to sing, or bring your lunch and just listen. We plan to play in one of the open-air kiosks, weather permitting, but will move inside if necessary. Watch the bulletin board at the Help Desk for location. Also, if music is your interest, check out the Thursday afternoon seminar on Campfire Musicians hosted by Candy Wood.
Convention Schedule | Thursday, October 19

7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Food concessions open - Mario's Catering  
Location ........ Showalter Room, ECCB Building

7:00 a.m.  
Shuttles begin transportation

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Help/Volunteer Desk/Registration  
Location ........ Vendor Area in Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Vendor Exhibits Open  
Location ........ Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. RVW Booth/Open Road Program Booth Open  
Location ........ Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Fundraising tables open  
Location ........ Sheep Arena

Seminars

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Have You Ever Thought About Writing?  
Location ........ Martin Room

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Insider Cleaning Tips  
Location ........ Fiddler Room

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Optimal Health, One Healthy Habit at a Time  
Location ........ Mennonite Room

9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Knockers for Lost Tatas  
Location ........ Basement

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Camper's Questions  
Location ........ Fiddler Room

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Tire Safety  
Location ........ Mennonite Room

10:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Chapter Advisory Council Meeting  
Location ........ Martin Room

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. South Africa by RV  
Location ........ Fiddler Room

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Solo's Table Discussion  
Location ........ Mennonite Room

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Fulltimers' Meet and Greet  
Location ........ Showalter Room

12:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m. Music en Plein Air
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## Cards and Games

If you are a card or game player, you have a chance to participate each evening. From Thursday, October 12 through Sunday, October 15, the Showalter Room will be open each evening from 5:00 p.m. until card/game players finish.

Starting Monday, October 16, through Saturday, October 21, the cards and games move to the Basement. Each evening the Basement will be open from 5:00 p.m. until players finish.
Convention Schedule | Friday, October 20

7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Food concessions open - Mario’s Catering
Location ........... Showalter Room, ECCC Building

7:00 a.m. Shuttles begin transportation

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Help/Volunteer Desk/Registration
Location ........... Vendor Area in Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Vendor Exhibits Open
Location ........... Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. RVW Booth/Open Road Program Booth Open
Location ........... Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Fundraising tables open
Location ........... Sheep Arena

Seminars

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. What Makes a Good Story?
Location ........... Martin Room

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Save Money with Proper Holding Tank Care
Location ........... Fiddler Room

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Make it Yours
Location ........... Basement

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Geocaching — Part 1
Location ........... Mennonite Room

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. How to Use Your Exit Window
Location ........... Martin Room

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Bread...It’s in the Bag
Location ........... Fiddler Room

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Quilters Unite
Location ........... Basement

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Come One—Come All, Volunteer/Leadership
Location ........... Fiddler Room

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. The Great Emancipator
Location ........... Mennonite Room

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Fulltimers’ Panel Discussion
Location ........... Basement

12:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m. Music en Plein Air
## Convention Schedule | Friday, October 20

1:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m.  The Perfect RV for Me  
    Location . . . . . . Martin Room

1:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m.  Solo’s Annual Meeting  
    Location . . . . . . Mennonite Room

1:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m.  Geocaching — Part 2  
    Location . . . . . . Outside

1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m.  Lady Jayne Charm School  
    Location . . . . . . Fiddler Room

3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.  Quick Guide to Promoting RVing Women  
    Location . . . . . . Fiddler Room

4:00 p.m.  Silent Auction and Prize Drawing tables close  
    Location . . . . . . Sheep Arena Vendor Area  
    Come claim your purchases and prizes

4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.  Chair Volleyball  
    Location . . . . . . Outside - Location To Be Determined

5:00 p.m.–?  Basement open for Cards/Games

7:00 p.m.  Deluxe Edition  
    Location . . . . . . Martin/Fiddler Rooms

## Food Bank Service Project

Remember to help out the Northern Indiana Food Bank, if you choose to, by bringing non-perishable food items to the donation barrel.

Listen for announcements about the location of the donation barrel. It will probably be near the Help Desk in the Sheep Arena Vendor area.
Convention Schedule | Saturday, October 21

7:00 a.m.–Noon Food concessions open - Mario’s Catering
Location . . . . . . . Showalter Room, ECCC Building

7:00 a.m. Shuttles begin transportation

9:00 a.m.–Noon Help/Volunteer Desk open
Location . . . . . . . Vendor Area in Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–Noon Vendor Exhibits Open
Location . . . . . . . Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–Noon RVW Booth/Open Road Program Booth Open
Location . . . . . . . Sheep Arena

9:00 a.m.–Noon Fundraising tables open to claim winning bids
and prize drawings
Location . . . . . . . Sheep Arena

Seminars

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Where is the Writing Inspiration?
Location . . . . . . . Martin Room

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Emergency! A Disaster is Coming Your Way –
Now What?
Location . . . . . . . Mennonite Room

9:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Marble Swirl Painted Ornaments
Location . . . . . . . Basement

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Fulltimers’ Annual Meeting
Location . . . . . . . Mennonite Room

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Quick Guide to Promoting RVing Women
Location . . . . . . . Martin Room

11:15 a.m.–Noon Last chance to visit vendors and pick up winning
prizes from fundraising
Location . . . . . . . Sheep Arena

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting
Candidate Introduction
Location . . . . . . . Martin/Fiddler Rooms

Remembrance Ceremony follows the Annual Membership Meeting

5:00 p.m.–? Basement open for Cards/Games

6:00 p.m. RVW Banquet and Closing Ceremony
Location . . . . . . . Showalter Room, ECCC Building
Doors open at 5:15 p.m.
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Troy Bontrager will provide demonstrations of RVing basics and answer questions about your RV maintenance. This session repeats on Thursday at 10:15 a.m.

Troy is a retired Master Certified RVIA instructor.

**RV Satellite TV and What’s New in HD  
*Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Fiddler Room***

What’s new in satellite TV and HD in 2017? What satellite TV system is right for you?

Presented by Don Ellis, owner of Precise Satellite since 1982.

**Come One – Come All  
*Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Mennonite Room***

The focus of this seminar is an information- and experience-sharing extravaganza! Listen as your fellow traveling sisters spin their tales of the challenges that their chapters have faced and overcome! Take a ringside seat and learn how RVW chapters juggle the desire to gain more members while seeking volunteers to share the tasks to keep all the plates spinning! Everyone has something to share. Everyone has something to learn. Sorry, there will be no clowns, but we guarantee lots of laughs, lots of fun, and maybe some popcorn!

**Note:** This session repeats on Friday at 11:30.

Jan Russell RN, PhD and Board Liaison to the Volunteerism and Leadership Committee has an educational background in nursing, teaching and facilitating learning.

**Decorating Garden Pots  
*Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Basement***

In this seminar, you will learn how to decorate garden pots using five different methods. Each method will be described in detail and attendees will take home a handout with instructions to decorate pots on their own. Decorated pots will be given away as door prizes. This is not a hands-on seminar, but required materials for each method will be available for viewing. All materials described are easy to find in craft stores. Once you have learned how to do this project, you will be able to do this at home, or present this project to your RVW chapter.

Julia Osgood is a member of the Texas Ramblin’ Roses RVW chapter. She has been crafting all sorts of things for years and she enjoys inspiring others to make things on their own.
Save Money with Proper Holding Tank Care

**Wednesday – 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Martin Room**

RV owners are dumping hard-earned money down the drain. This seminar will cover waste management components and how to manage holding tanks without wasting money on chemicals and gadgets.

**Note:** This program repeats on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Marie Safford is a Maryland-based All Pro Water Flow Dealer since 2014.

Route 66 by RV

**Wednesday – 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Fiddler Room**

From Chicago to Los Angeles, get your kicks on Route 66! Get practical information about traveling along one of the most iconic highways in US history. Visit this seminar for a chance to win a $500 trip certificate or a free RV vacation valued at up to $4,595.

This session is presented by Adventure Tours, and participants can also receive information about all of the other tours this company offers.
Seminar Descriptions (Wednesday)

5 Keys to a Happy RV  
**Wednesday – 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Mennonite Room**

We test our products and techniques on our own motorhome first.  
1. Most RVs depend on Lead-Acid battery technology from 1859. Learn why most batteries fail, and how to add years of increased power and efficiency by optimizing electrolyte balance this easy, hassle-free way.  
2. Enjoy a maximum safe flow rate while protecting your RV plumbing from excessive RV park water pressure.  
3. End wimpy RV showers with the smart showerhead that raises pressure using less water.  
4. Ten “designed-for-RV” LEDs provide the hue and intensity for superior interior and safer exterior lighting.  
5. Learn why most Velcro-like RV products fail in the 100 degree heat of summer and why genuine “high temp” Velcro holds on.

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Introduction to Mah Jongg  
**Wednesday – 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Basement**

Mah Jongg is a game of Chinese origin, usually played by four persons with tiles resembling dominoes and bearing various Chinese designs. The instructor will present an introduction to the game, which includes discussing the rules of the game, use of the required components, such as tiles, game card and rack with pusher. Participants in this session will have an opportunity for real-time practice with the instructor’s guidance. This training is targeting newcomers to the game of Mah Jongg and available to 8 players, first-come, first-served. An opportunity to play will also be given at another session, Wednesday at 1:45. That session will be open to both newcomers and experienced players.

Pat Lee has “hands-on” experience playing the game of Mah Jongg and brings practical experience to her classroom training and desire to share the love of the game. She has trained several game players in a social environment and demonstrated her keen grasp of Mah Jongg.

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Seminar Descriptions (Wednesday)

RV Safe Driving  
*Wednesday – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Martin Room*

This seminar covers a variety of topics related to safely operating an RV.

Jeff Gaston has been a professional instructor since 1999 and is a 20-year Air Force veteran. He has a passion for learning and ensuring that others are empowered with the knowledge to be better at what they do. His company, My RV School, offers hands-on driving training, as well as RV weighing.

Detailing Your RV in One Hour or Less  
*Wednesday – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Fiddler Room*

If cleaning your coach is a task you hate, and the bugs and grime are driving you crazy, you won’t want to miss this seminar. Christopher, aka “The Detailing Dude” will offer techniques and tips from cleaning professionals. You will learn how to get that showroom shine with little effort. Learn how to easily wash bird droppings, deal with scratches, tree sap, hard water, and take care of your investment without getting on the ladder. Want your partner to help? Bring them along! “The Detailing Dude” will show fast techniques for two as well as one. Enjoy the hour of learning, tips, and FUN! There will only be one of these seminars, so don’t miss out.

Presented by Christopher Lawrence of Almost Heaven Microfiber. Almost Heaven Microfiber has been teaching RVers how to effectively clean and detail their RV for more than 20 years.

Exterior Shades – Expense or Investment?  
*Wednesday – 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. – Martin Room*

Pat Hennelly will discuss the benefits of heat reduction and energy consumption when using exterior shades. Learn basic knowledge and benefits of an exterior shade system for windshields and other windows, as well as get answers to many commonly asked questions about fabrics, colors and viewability.

Pat is a retired North Carolina State Trooper. Pat and his family have been friends with the owners of Magne Shade for about 20 years and travel to rallies to represent the company. He also works at the production facility, digitizing and cutting the orders on automated North Carolina equipment.
Seminar Descriptions (Wednesday)

Fire Safety in Your RV

Wednesday – 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Fiddler Room

In this seminar you will learn: When to fight or flight; what causes most RV fires and how to prevent them; checking, testing and use of your dry powder/chemical fire extinguisher; care, selection and replacement of RV smoke, LPG & CO detectors; making the decision to drive with propane on or off; many other issues relating to RV fire and life safety; introduction to FOAM hand-held and automatic fire extinguishers; does your rig really need an automatic engine compartment or interior extinguishing system and how to get an insurance discount. In the fire portion of the seminar, attendees will have the opportunity to fight several fires with various types of fire extinguishers. This seminar is sponsored by the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) and the Miller Insurance Agency and endorsed by the Recreational Vehicle Safety and Education Foundation (RVSEF), Escapees (SKPs), and RVing Women. Mac McCoy's entertaining classes will teach you skills for fire-safe travel.

G.B. “Mac” McCoy has served 35 years in fire service and holds a BS Degree in Fire Science and a Master’s Degree in Fire Administration. Mac has served as a firefighter paramedic, Captain, Assistant Chief of Training, Deputy State Fire Marshal, and Deputy Sheriff. He also served for 12 years as the Fire Training Coordinator for Oregon's Fire Marshal’s Office and Public Safety Academy. Mac has taught fire safety to civilians, military, firefighters, law enforcement, corrections officers and the Boy Scouts of America in both the US and overseas. For the past 15 years, Mac has devoted his time teaching RVers how to stay fire safe while traveling and living in their RV.

In an Accident, How Do You Get Home?

Wednesday – 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. – Mennonite Room

Air ambulance services, vehicle return, pet return, minor children return. What’s in the fine print of various companies?

Presented by SkyMed.
Seminar Descriptions (Wednesday)

Mah Jongg Play  
*Wednesday – 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Basement*

This session is open to both newcomers and experienced players. It will give those who participated in this morning’s class an opportunity to practice what they learned, and provide an opportunity for experienced players to get together and play.

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Solo’s Meet and Greet  
*Wednesday – 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Showalter Room*

An opportunity for Solo Chapter members to welcome all solos and share information about the Solo Chapter.

Revolutionary Method to Wash-Wax-Protect Your RV  
*Wednesday – 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Mennonite Room*

Stephen Anderson will explain the various products available to protect your RV and discuss tools that are used with liquid products. He will also demonstrate how this system of cleaning/washing is very safe.

Since the inception of the RV division of Aero Cosmetics, Stephen has been educating hundreds of folks each year regarding a revolutionary new method of cleaning-waxing-protecting the RV, all from the ground, without a ladder – thus, providing greater safety. You’ll walk away enlightened.

RVW is proud to offer these convention seminars to our members. While our Board of Directors, contracted representatives and volunteers have made every effort to assure the quality of the programs and services offered, participation in this convention should not be construed as an endorsement of any specific product, service or point of view. Unless otherwise stated, RVing Women does not endorse, warrant or guarantee the products, advice or services offered.
Seminar Descriptions (Thursday)

Have You Ever Thought About Writing?

**Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Martin Room**

How do I start? Learn the basics of how to write, publish and market your own story. Judy Howard will share the details of her journey and how she became one of Amazon’s top ranking authors. Judy will inspire you to finally start the memoir, blog, or novel that you’ve been thinking about for years! Handouts will outline the secrets to overcoming writers block, guidelines to publish your book for free, and marketing ideas to start earning money on the road.

Download the informative handouts at www.JudyHowardPublishing.com which will help you develop your writing, or for a material fee of $1 receive the handout at the seminar. Also, you may bring two pages of your writing and for a $5 fee, receive Judy’s personal and expert, hands-on editing and evaluation.

As Judy explains, “My mailing address is Sun City, California, but you will rarely find me there. Instead, check out the Auto Club Motor Speedway in Fontana, California and lift the helmet visor worn by one of the Mario Andretti race car drivers. You might find me, one of the top-ranking Amazon authors, strapped in and ready to race. Or cruise down Route 66 and keep your eyes open for my Winnebago motorhome I call The Big Story, followed closely behind by my Smart Car I’ve named The Short Story. Or, you might have seen me on the unpopulated beaches of Oregon, or visiting the raging Niagara Falls, or rafting down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. Of one thing, you can be sure, as a thrill seeker, adrenaline junkie, and yes, a writer, along with my cat, Sportster, I do not stay in one place for long. My books open into many genres—memoir, thriller-romance, reality fiction, and soon, an autobiographical novel. Sportster, too, has pounced into the writing game with a book for young adults. But all of our books carry the same theme – overcoming life’s difficulties. I travel across the country as a motivational speaker, as well as presenting writing seminars. Why do I write? Because authors can change the world. I want to show you how I found my life purpose and help you to find yours. I want to rock your world. I want to show you how to pay attention to that quiet voice inside. I want to help you to take the dare to live the life that you have, until now, only dreamed – big and rich.”

From: JudyHowardPublishing.com
Seminar Descriptions (Thursday)

Optimal Health – One Healthy Habit at a Time

*Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Mennonite Room*

Optavia! Experience lifelong health transformation. Are you tired and lack energy? Are you experiencing middle-age spread and gaining a few pounds too many? This is your chance to change your direction and start on a healthy track so that you can reach your goal to live a full, healthy lifestyle and enjoy a longer life. Let us help you find your way to optimal health.

Certified Health Coaches, Susan Cox and Dorothy Loll, as well as convention coordinator, Linda Elliott, will show you a path to a healthy weight, great sleep, increased energy, and achieving lifelong health goals that have seemed just out of reach. This program has changed our lives and we are paying it forward with free health coaching.

Knockers for Lost Tatas

*Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Basement*

This is a call out to all knitters. Many women have lost one or both tatas to breast cancer and have had mastectomies. The following is from the website: www.knittedknockers.org.

“Knitted knockers are special, handmade breast prosthesis for women who have undergone mastectomies or other procedures to the breast. Traditional breast prosthetics are usually expensive, heavy, sweaty and uncomfortable. They typically require special bras or camisoles with pockets and can’t be worn for weeks after surgery. Knitted Knockers, on the other hand, are soft, comfortable and beautiful, and when placed in a regular bra, they take the shape and feel of a real breast. Our volunteer knitters provide these free to those requesting them. Knitted knockers can be adjusted for breasts that are uneven and easily adapted for those going through reconstruction by simply removing some of the stuffing.”

We will be taught/coached by the wonderful women of Reverie, which is located in Goshen. They will be coming with kits at a cost of $25 each, containing a skein of special yarn with your choice of either double pointed or single pointed needles. If you have needles size US/DK 4, bring them. While we are knitting, we will discuss the scourge of breast cancer and what is being done to find a prevention and cure. Though October is breast cancer month, it is every day of every year for the women and men and their families who struggle with the disease. There will be information on advocacy opportunities available.

Judith Gedalia is a member and treasurer of the Texas Ramblin’ Roses. Before her husband’s death, the two traveled together in a fifth wheel and then a 32 ft. diesel pusher. She is now in a gently used Class B with her two dogs, and loving it. She is a 20+ year survivor of breast cancer, and is closing out a 15+ year membership on the board of the Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation. Advocating for peer reviewed scientific research and laws guaranteeing health care for all has been a long time passion of hers.
Seminar Descriptions (Thursday)

Insider Cleaning Tips
**Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Fiddler Room**

NOBODY likes to clean! So, let Almost Heaven Products show you how to clean using simple and easy tips. Water stains on the ceiling? No problem. Dirty shower? Clean it with ease. From stains to drains, ceilings to floors, we have the solution. Would you rather NOT use chemicals? Chemicals can be dangerous for you and your pets, but there are better ways to clean – using items in your pantry such as peanut butter, Tang, lemons, and baking soda. Clean out your chemical cabinet and make a healthy change in your cleaning habits. Attend this seminar and make your friends jealous with your clean and sparkling coach.

Presented by Christopher Lawrence of Almost Heaven Microfiber. Almost Heaven Microfiber has been teaching RVers how to effectively clean and detail their RV for more than 20 years.

Chapter Advisory Council Meeting
**Thursday – 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Martin Room**

This CAC round-table meeting gives chapter leaders and their representatives this rare opportunity to meet each other in person, to learn from each other, and to share information. There will be a presentation from the Volunteer & Leadership Committee with an update of the SWOT Analysis, and presentations given to some Chapters in 2017. We will renew and identify the various resources available to our chapters. All current and future chapter leaders, their representatives and interested chapter members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Linda Brown has been a member of RVing Women since 1996. She has been on the RVW Board of Directors since 2013, serving as Secretary from 2013-2015, Vice President in 2015, and President from 2015 through 2017.

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Seminar Descriptions (Thursday)

Tire Safety  
*Thursday – 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Mennonite Room*

This seminar will teach you about the importance of your tires and how to take proper care of them. We will also cover the importance of weighing your RV.

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South Africa by RV  
*Thursday – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Fiddler Room*

Thinking about traveling to South Africa? How about seeing it by RV? Get practical information from our experts on vehicles, routes, and prime locations to visit in lush, magnificent South Africa. Hear about our stay at a private game reserve and our visit to one of the largest game reserves in Africa. Enter to win a $500 trip certificate or a free RV vacation valued at up to $4,595.

Presented by Adventure Tours.

Solo’s Table Discussion  
*Thursday – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Mennonite Room*

Question and Answer event. Discuss concerns members have about traveling alone.

*Note:* This session is scheduled before lunch, and may be continued into the lunch hour. Feel free to bring your lunch as you share in the discussion.

Fulltimers’ Meet and Greet  
*Thursday – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Showalter Room*

An opportunity for Fulltimer Chapter members to welcome all full-time RVers and share information about the Fulltimer Chapter.

Campfire Musicians for Sing-A-Long  
*Thursday – 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. – Martin Room*

Learn basic chords that will allow you to lead a campfire sing-a-long at your next rally. (Practice required!) Song book with chords available. Bring guitar, ukulele, harmonica, mandolin, percussion, or any instrument that would allow you to lead or give support to other musicians in a sing-a-long. Free basic instruction in guitar, mandolin, ukulele available separate from seminar.

Candy Wood is a musician who plays a number of string instruments. She loves playing music as she travels in the winter, and loves sharing music with anyone, anywhere.
Seminar Descriptions (Thursday)

Ins and Outs of Towing 4-Down

*Thursday – 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. – Fiddler Room*

Learn about towing behind your RV with all four wheels down. Which tow brake system is right for you?

Presented by Don Ellis, owner of Precise Satellite since 1982.

6 Key RV Problem Areas – Solved!

*Thursday – 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. – Mennonite Room*

Even the greatest RVs have problems on the road.

1. Capture high definition recordings of the sights and sounds of your travels and protect yourself from false liability claims when driving. Use motion-activated security videos when you’re away. 2. Know why emergency windows fail, and the safe and easy solution. 3. Learn why even the best leveling jacks get sluggish over time, and how to set them free. Explore better alternatives for lubricating tow bars, eliminating rust, avoiding corrosion and make RV park electric hook-ups safe and easy. 4. Enhanced biologically safe and effective black, gray and fresh water tank and plumbing line techniques to protect your health, eliminate foul odors and restore tank sensor functionality. 5. New killer LED lures mosquitoes, no-see-ums, etc. in or around your rig to a quiet 1200v execution. 6. Super compact patented LED flashlights, work lights, and emergency beacons put more light where you need it.

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Spades Tournament

*Thursday – 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Basement*

A team consisting of two players will play an opposing team of two players. The winner of each game will continue playing the winners of consecutive teams until there is a final winning team. General instruction will be provided to ensure all teams are playing by the same rules, but training of the game will not be provided. A bracket listing will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be provided. This should provide team play, competition and fun, especially if we experience inclement weather during the convention. Game On!

Trish Carn has been playing Spades and other card games for several years and will coordinate the tournament.

Lady Jayne Charm School

*Thursday – 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Fiddler Room*

Love jewelry but have no room for it? Learn how to adapt a few pieces into many looks in this fun and educational seminar which will also discuss jewelry allergies. Attendees get a free pair of hoops. For more information on this session and vendor, see Friday, 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.
Seminar Descriptions (Friday)

What Makes a Good Story

**Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Martin Room**

What makes a “page-turner”? Judy Howard, one of Amazon’s top ranking authors, will reveal the writing secrets on how to create that memoir or Great American Novel into a book that you can’t put down. She will cover the critical elements of plot, structure and character development. Beginners will benefit as well as novice writers. Download the informative handouts at www.Judyhowardpublishing.com which will help you develop your writing, or for a material fee of $1 receive the handout at the seminar. Also, you may bring two pages of your writing and for a $5 fee, receive Judy’s personal and expert, hands on editing and evaluation.

*For more information on Judy, read her bio information on page 48.*

Make It Yours

**Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Basement**

Learn what Betty Burnett has done to modify her Bounder Classic motorhome to fit her lifestyle and design esthetics. She has built a slide-out pantry, torn out bunk beds to put in a sewing area, put down exercise matting in the living/dining area, added laundry storage, put in medicine cabinets, modified the bed from king to queen size, added lamps and made additional modifications. This will be an informal seminar with time allotted to talk about things you can do to make your RV more comfortable for your lifestyle.

Betty has been a full-time RVer and RVW member since 2001. She hopes to RV until she is 90 years old! Her last Bounder racked up 107,000 miles, going across the US and into Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, as well as other Canadian provinces.

Save Money With Proper Holding Tank Care

**Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Fiddler Room**

RV owners are dumping hard-earned money down the drain. This seminar will cover waste management components and how to manage holding tanks without wasting money on chemicals and gadgets. 

*Note: Program repeats Thursday at 10:15.*

Marie Safford is a Maryland-based All Pro Water Flow Dealer since 2014.
Seminar Descriptions (Friday)

Geocaching – Part 1 and Part 2

**Part 1 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Mennonite Room**

**Part 2 – Friday – 1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Outdoors exercise**

Over the years, as part of the adventure of being RVing women, these instructors have found geocaches around the country. As the technology has changed from hand-held compasses to smartphones, the challenges of using GPS coordinates on earlier devices has almost vanished. This session will offer information on their geocaching adventures and explain how to geocache using smart phones. They will show you the variety of caches available, help you download a user-friendly website on your smart phone, and guide you on several caches outdoors with “hands-on” training. This training is targeting newcomers who wish to learn the basics and be part of the fun associated with geocaching while RVing.

**Note:** This program is presented in two parts. The indoor instruction will take place in the morning, and in the afternoon, you’ll have an opportunity to practice what you learned.

Karen Knight, Trish Carn and Pat Lee have geocached over the years as part of being RVers. In addition to changing technology, they have also graduated to using websites such as www.geocaching.com as Premier members. Using this website gives them invaluable information on navigating to a geocache, its difficulty, terrain features, size, and a description with hints and even photos of caches available.

How to Use Your Exit Window

**Friday – 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Martin Room**

In this class, you will learn how to open, maintain and use your exit window as well as what causes the fires that force you to use the emergency exit. Students will use an exit window in a rig. This seminar is sponsored by the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) and the Miller Insurance Agency and is also endorsed by the Recreational Vehicle Safety and Education Foundation (RVSEF), Escapees (SKPs), and RVing Women. Mac McCoy instructs entertaining classes which will teach you skills for fire-safe travel.

G.B. “Mac” McCoy has served 35 years in fire service and holds a BS Degree in Fire Science and a Master’s Degree in Fire Administration. Mac has served as a firefighter paramedic, Captain, Assistant Chief of Training, Deputy State Fire Marshal, and Deputy Sheriff. He also served for 12 years as the Fire Training Coordinator for Oregon’s Fire Marshal’s Office and Public Safety Academy. Mac has taught fire safety to civilians, military, firefighters, law enforcement, corrections officers and the Boy Scouts of America in both the US and overseas. For the past 15 years, Mac has devoted his time teaching RVers how to stay fire safe while traveling and living in their RV.
It’s in the Bag  
**Friday – 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Fiddler Room**

Sherry Kehr, owner of Bread...It’s in the Bag, Inc., will lead this seminar featuring their unique and space-saving mixes. Made without preservatives, their products include scones, breads, cookies and even more. The advantage for RVers is that they are all mixed up in the bag. Come and learn how to use and make their products.

Quilters Unite  
**Friday – 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Basement**

This is a show-and-tell opportunity with lots of time for discussion and sharing. Bring your quilts and share your favorite block patterns, tools, and tips on how you quilt on the road. Betty will share quilting experiences during her 15 years on the road. Betty’s first visit in each town is the local quilt shop where she asks if they have a sit-and-sew time. She finds this is the best way to meet local women.

Betty Burnett has been a full-time RVer and RVW member since 2001. She took up quilting when she hit the road to meet people. Many quilts and a very large stash later, she now knows many fantastic quilters across the US and Canada. She is always amazed how many quilters are on the road. Betty loves the RV lifestyle and encourages everyone to come live on the road.

Come One – Come All  
**Friday – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Fiddler Room**

The focus of this seminar is an information- and experience-sharing extravaganza! Listen as your fellow traveling sisters spin their tales of the challenges that their chapters have faced and overcome! Take a ringside seat and learn how RVW chapters juggle the desire to gain more members while seeking volunteers to share the tasks to keep all the plates spinning! Everyone has something to share. Everyone has something to learn. Sorry, there will be no clowns, but we guarantee lots of laughs, lots of fun, and maybe some popcorn!

Jan Russell RN, PhD and Board Liaison to the Volunteerism and Leadership Committee has an educational background in nursing, teaching and facilitating learning.

Fulltimers’ Panel Discussion  
**Friday – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Basement**

Ever wonder what it’s like to be a full-time RVer? Have questions about how to go about it? Or, are you already a fulltimer and want to share what you’ve learned on the road? Come and share in the discussion.

**Note:** This session is scheduled before lunch and may be continued into the lunch hour. Feel free to bring and eat your lunch as you share.
Seminar Descriptions (Friday)

The Great Emancipator: How Bicycles Freed Women  
*Friday – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Mennonite Room*

This unique session covers the chronological history of the bicycle, with an emphasis on when and how women started riding the bicycle. The bicycle truly was an emancipator, if not the biggest emancipator for women. It was the instrument that allowed women the ability to go off on their own. With the new freedoms came women’s organizations that led to banding together for women’s rights and suffrage. A portion of the presentation will show some pictures of women slightly clad with bicycles. This is beautiful art, and if left out, would be leaving out a portion of our history. There will be the option for seminar guests to leave before this portion of the presentation.

Tammy Haley has been a bicycle rider all of her adult life and has an interest in 50’s and 60’s collectibles. She first acquired a bicycle to decorate her basement with other collectibles. After acquiring the first one or two, she had the bug! Her collection grew to 70 bicycles at one time, ranging from an 1886 highwheel all the way to our modern bicycles. In 1989, through networking with other collectors, she started the Hoosier Antique and Classic Bicycle club and has been running monthly activities since. After retirement, she had time to pursue her passion for Indiana Bicycle history and has been involved in researching and writing for an international bicycle publication. Her most recent project was about a 21-year-old woman making a 1,100 mile bicycle trip from Chicago to New York City in June of 1887. It has taken five years of research and should be published in November of 2018. There never seems to be enough time to ride, but she loves every time she gets on a bicycle and it is still her first love and passion.

Solo’s Annual Meeting  
*Friday – 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Mennonite Room*

This is the annual business meeting for members of the Solo Travelers Chapter.

Geocaching – Part 2  
*Friday – 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Outside*

See Friday 9:00 a.m. for information on this seminar.

Lady Jayne Charm School  
*Friday – 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. – Fiddler Room*

Owner and founder Nancy Basch will share how to make the most of your jewelry wardrobe by using the same pieces over and over. For 25 years she has been helping people discover the proper size hoops for their face, nickel-free jewelry, and how to deal with a metal jewelry allergy. She started her company when, as an entertainer, she was allergic to jewelry and needed a solution. All those attending this fun and educational seminar get a free pair of hoops.
Seminar Descriptions (Friday)

The Perfect RV for Me, A Woman’s Point of View  
**Friday – 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Martin Room**

Here we are in the heart of the RV manufacturing industry! Could there be a better place to have this discussion? This seminar will provide you with the most valuable information on how to shop for, choose and purchase your perfect RV. We will discuss what type of RV you should buy, how to access accurate information through websites, member groups, safety issues, manufacturer tours, books and our handouts. You can learn from our years of right and wrong decisions as we bought 13 RVs, especially our most recent purchase in 2015. You will also benefit by using the handouts, worksheets and guides we have created for you. If there are dealer RVs on site, we can even practice shopping. Ask your neighbors what they like about their RV. Please share what you learned on the manufacturer’s tour with the group. You will leave this seminar a wiser and smarter RV shopper who will be able to make better decisions based on what is the best RV for you in your current and future RVing lifestyle. This seminar and discussion could save you thousands of dollars!

Barbara Roeder has 46 years of camping/RVing experience. She has 35+ years of experience in purchasing RVs. A member of RVW since 1996, she has attended every convention since 1999. Linda Brown has 30 years of purchasing RVs with Barbara. A member of RVW since 1996, she has only missed one convention since 1999. Linda currently serves as the RVW Board President. Barbara and Linda have been presenting this seminar for RVW since 2008, as well as at The Rally – Good Sam (2012 and 2015) and FMCA convention (2017).

Quick Guide to Promoting RVing Women  
**Friday – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Fiddler Room**

Do you love RVing Women but just don’t know how to share that information with other women you meet in person or online? Come to this session to learn how you can share your experiences and help other women RVers. You will learn how to promote RVW through our current social media sites, through pictures you take, and help us plan our future promotions. We will also discuss the RVW Magazine, how to make it better, how you can contribute to it and where we want to take it in the future. This session is not just for writers or photographers, it’s for everyone who wants to help this organization grow! The same session will be offered twice so everyone who wants to can attend.

Yvonne Johnson is the incoming Magazine Editor and has been a member of the RVW PR and Marketing Committee for several years. Her background is in journalism, which is just one of the subjects she taught as a high school teacher for 31 years.

**Note:** This session will repeat on Saturday at 10:15 a.m. in the Martin Room.
Where is the Writing Inspiration?
**Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Martin Room**

Do you have a dream? What's Stopping you? Fear? Doubt? No Inspiration?

Have you ever said, “I should write a book, but I have writer's block? I give up!” Judy Howard, top ranking Amazon author, will give you a treasure map of ideas to keep you in route to that dream, that book, and your life purpose. Beginning and seasoned writers or anyone with a dream will benefit. Download informative handouts at www.Judyhowardpublishing.com or for a material fee of $1, receive the handout at the seminar. Also, you may bring two pages of your writing. For a $5 fee, receive Judy's personal and expert, hands-on editing and evaluation.

*For more information on Judy, read her bio information on page 48.*

Emergency! A Disaster is Coming Your Way – Now What?
**Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Mennonite Room**

It’s a hurricane, tornado, tropical storm, flood, mudslide, wildfire, earthquake, snowstorm, thunderstorm, heatwave or a haboob. Now what do I do? No matter what you think or believe, the weather will never be the same in the USA. Just look at this year! Let’s sit down and share information with each other on what we could and should do in each of these natural disasters. Women who have had any of these experiences, please come and share with us.

Linda Brown has been a member of RVing Women since 1996. She has been on the RVW Board since 2013, serving as Secretary from 2013-2015, Vice President in 2015, and President from 2016 to 2017.

What would you do? This Florida neighborhood is littered with debris on September 14, 2017, following Hurricane Irma. Photo by Robert Kaufmann/FEMA
Seminar Descriptions (Saturday)

Marble Swirl Painted Ornaments

_Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Basement_

Choose from a large assortment of paints to create your own unique ornament by turning a clear glass ball so the paint dripped inside swirls around. No two ornaments are alike! Results are limited only by your imagination. Once you have learned how to do this project, the variations are endless. You will be able to do this at home or present this project to your RVW chapter.

Judy, Pat and Trish are all members of the Florida Chapter and are excited to share this easy craft project with other members.

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This session was also held Friday at 3 p.m. in the Fiddler Room.

Fulltimers’ Annual Meeting

_Saturday – 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Mennonite Room_

This is the annual business meeting for members of the Fulltimers Chapter.
Annual Membership Meeting Standing Rules

All attendees must wear name badges. Use of cell phones or pagers is prohibited.

Each Board member Candidate shall be allowed five (5) minutes to speak to the membership regarding her qualifications and/or goals for the office sought.

1. A member asking the privilege of the floor shall go to a microphone and first state her name, chapter affiliation, and chapter position(s).

2. No member may speak more than two (2) minutes on the same topic, and no topic will be debated longer than ten (10) minutes, without permission of the membership in attendance granted by a majority vote without debate.

3. A member wishing to speak on more than one topic must wait until all other members have had the opportunity to speak on their topic.

4. In addition to answering questions from the chair, a member may speak a second time on a topic after all those who wish to speak have had the opportunity. The two (2) minute time rule applies when speaking the second time.

5. No member may speak more than twice on the same topic except by unanimous consent of the body.

6. A motion offered from the floor shall be in writing, signed by the person making the motion and presented immediately to the RVW Secretary.

7. All reports and other materials for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be typed and, immediately on presentation, shall be presented to the RVW Secretary.

8. Any motion adopted by the membership by a majority vote of the attending members shall become effective immediately upon passage unless otherwise noted.

9. Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised most recent edition shall be the parliamentary authority for this membership meeting in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of RVW.

A majority vote of the attending membership shall be necessary for the adoption of these rules. They may be suspended, rescinded or amended after their adoption by a majority vote.

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Revised and adopted by the Membership: 7-8-2012
**Thank You!**

We couldn’t do it without you! Thanks to all the committee chairs, committee members, volunteers, seminar presenters, donors and contributors from a variety of chapters for pitching in and helping make this a successful convention. All your efforts are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the officers and members of the Great Lakers Chapter and Ohio River Valley Chapter who worked diligently to plan and prepare for this event, and to Mid-Atlantic Chapter for hosting the Ice Cream Social. Thank you! Thank you!

Hope to see you all again next year, October 30 thru November 12, in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

_Linda Elliott_  
_Convention Coordinator_

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**RVW Convention Locations Rotate**

RVW Conventions are held on a rotating basis in the West (a region comprising Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and areas west of those states), the East (a region comprising Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and areas east of those states), and the Central region (comprising all other states inside our continental borders). These three regions and area locations of future conventions are indicated on the map shown above.
Your donations to the RVW Open Road Program and Legacy Gift program help ensure that RVing Women continues to provide a supportive network of friendships and educational opportunities for all women interested in RVing.

Visit the Open Road Program booth during Convention 2017 to learn more about these programs. Or visit www.rvingwomen.org and click on Contribute.
Mark your calendars now for Convention 2018 – because we’re going back to Shawnee, Oklahoma, October 30 to November 12, 2018!

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