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The Pump is Primed for Growth

By Phil Ingrassia, CAE, president

s we approach the end of a year in which the RV industry is expected to post its best performances in decades, there is more interest in the business from Wall Street investors than I've ever encountered.

Last month's Camping Word IPO and the Grand Design sale to Winnebago led to a lot of phone calls from investor groups wanting to know more about our industry.

For investment analysts, the question is simple: How long can the industry's run of success continue?

We've heard for years about baby boomers driving the market, but the good news is that a new generation of millennials is priming the pump for continued growth.

According to KOA's 2016 North American Camping Report, millennials were the most likely to say that they planned to camp more this year. They make up the largest percentage of new campers, and these new entrants to the market have aspirations to eventually own an RV, if they don't have one already.

While the baby boomer generation continues to dominate several product segments, the sheer number of millennials is already having an impact on the market.

The surge in lightweight towable RVs, aggressive interior and exterior styling, and the growing connectivity available for mobile devices are creating a "wow" factor for entry and mid-level RVs that used to be reserved for higher end products.

"While the baby boomer generation continues to dominate several product segments, the sheer number of millennials is already having an impact on the market."

What are the challenges ahead? Communication is one – how well can you "close" over text and email? And of course, can we meet customer expectations for service, reliability, support, and quality?

Later this year, Go RVing will release a report to help the industry understand and market to this segment of the population that will be so important to sustain industry growth over the long term. It will be an eye-opener as we prepare for the future.

In this issue, on page 14, RVDA's Jeff Kurowski interviews former Navy SEAL and current toy hauler owner Trevor Wilson, who is working to promote the Tents for Troops program. While Trevor's life experience is not typical of most millennials, his attraction to the flexibility and affordability of RV travel is common among young people today.

I look forward to seeing many of you this month in Las Vegas, and thanks for your support.



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Staying Focused on the Long View

By Brian Wilkins, chairman



t's hard to believe it's already been a whole year, but next month I will relinquish my duties as RVDA chairman and pass the gavel to Darrel Friesen. Darrel will become our first second-generation chairman (his father Ernie was chair from 2000-2001). He has great experience from working on our board and on the CalRVDA board, and he'll make a great leader. I look forward to working with him and helping any way I can as he guides us through the next year.

As I prepare to step aside, I have some thank-you's and some final thoughts to share. First, I want to thank my fellow dealers for giving me the opportunity to serve our association. Meeting and speaking with so many of you and working together for a greater future for our industry has been an amazing and humbling experience. Every month I received emails, phone calls, and feedback regarding my thoughts, and I appreciate your comments and, most of all, your trust.

I want to thank RVDA's staff. From president Phil Ingrassia on down, everyone at our headquarters in Fairfax, VA, does a great job and works hard to do what's best for us dealers. Over the past year I've received many questions about the time commitment that must come with serving on the RVDA board and comments about how some dealers shy away from this experience, fearful that it may affect their ability to run their business. Thanks to the great staff at RVDA, I can say that that fear is unwarranted. They do the heavy lifting, making the chairman's job very manageable.

I want to thank my employees and staff at Wilkins RV. Their support and hard work are much appreciated and made it possible for me to accept this opportunity. They are a great crew, and I am very fortunate to get to work beside them.

Lastly, I have to thank my fiancé Lisa Rockwell. Lisa, as always, has been a great partner through this, and I thank her for her never-ending support!

I've been fortunate to have served my term during what has been a very good time for the RV business. With that said, we must be careful not to take these good times for granted, and that's what I've tried to stress over the past year.

The industry has done an amazing job of bringing innovation after innovation to our products, making them more appealing to both new and previous buyers. These enhancements have allowed us to grow our customer base

"If we truly want to grow this industry to 500,000-600,000 units, we need to change the way we do business. Supporting our products needs to become just as important as building and selling our products.

and grow the market. We've been able to rebound from the recession faster than from any previous market downturn. But while we have excelled at bringing more innovation and style to our products, we have failed at developing the back-end systems that support our customers and their products. And too often, that failure negatively affects our customers' experience.

That failure is causing our customers to question the lifestyle that we're trying to market. That failure is causing our customers to LEAVE the lifestyle we're trying to market. If we truly want to grow this industry to 500,000-600,000 units, we need to change the way we do business. We look too often at the short term and neglect our long-term potential. Supporting our products needs to become just as important as building and selling our products.

I'm not bringing to light anything that the industry isn't already aware of. I've simply tried to get the discussion going. The topic seems to have gained momentum over the past year. Now we must make sure the discussion turns into action.

This is a great industry, filled with some amazing and smart people. And the product we sell allows thousands of families to create irreplaceable memories. The opportunity we have before us is too great to waste. So, even though times are good today, let's stay focused on the obstacles that could harm our industry's future. Let's make sure we do our job to protect and maximize our industry's potential.

Thank you again for letting me serve your organization.



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Volunteerism:

The Way to Millennial Employees' Hearts?

any businesses say they'd be more likely to choose a job applicant with volunteer experience on his or her resume than an applicant without such experience. And millennials, who are on the rise in the workforce, say that a company's commitment to the community would be a factor when choosing between two similar jobs. Offering volunteer programs at the workplace could be one way to attract young workers and give them the chance to exercise their civic-mindedness. That, in turn, could make them happier, more loyal employees.









say their business doesn't have a volunteer program

Millennials who frequently volunteer are happier and more engaged with their companies than those who don't

Rate corporate culture as very positive

Feel very loyal toward company

Feel very proud to work for company

Are satisfied with career progression

Are very satisfied with employer

Would recommend company to a friend

0%

10%

20%

30%

40%

50%

60%

Rarely/Never Volunteer

Always/Often Volunteer

Data from Deloitte

Win the Tech Shortage Fight

Management

was frustrated



By Valerie Ziebron

Ask anyone in the RV industry what's keeping their business from growing, and the lack of skilled technicians always makes the short list. Luring techs away from other dealerships is a popular but shortsighted approach, since the pool of available techs is both aging and shrinking. Most dealerships post ads and hope techs will come to them, while others actively hunt to find and cultivate new talent. Which approach do you take?

Let's look at what one store is doing to attract techs. C.A.S. Power Marine in Ontario isn't a mega store with lots of staff and resources. It also faces the challenges of long, cold winters. Management was frustrated with how difficult it was to find skilled techs, so they took a multi-pronged strategy.

"Both of our technicians completed their college apprenticeship placement with us as part of a three-year program and are now certified mechanics," says manager Vanessa Orchard. with how difficult it



"Thankfully, we had other technicians on staff who could mentor them throughout the years. We now have a third apprentice on staff who is currently working on his level two. We've been really happy with the outcome."

"We have also worked with the local high schools for co-op placements, have attended youth trade shows that showcase different trades, and

are a part of a group that puts on mini career seminars in schools," says Orchard. "It's incredibly tough in our area to find and keep experienced tech, but I think we've been lucky that it's worked out well for us."

Actually, Orchard and the team at C.A.S. have created their own luck. Their dealership actively pursues solutions that could work for others and be key to the RV industry's growth. Here are some of them:



These programs allow students to discover their talents and try out activities they might like to do for a living. Perhaps they find that turning wrenches isn't for them but they like service writing, working the parts counter, or filing warranty claims. Some students work themselves right into more permanent part-time and eventually full time positions.

"We have our co-op students start out with yard hand work," says Orchard. "Once we see how they work, we have them work alongside a technician with basic jobs like an oil or gear lube change. They also work with our detailer and help out in our parts department to get an idea of the range of job roles in the industry."



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College apprenticeship programs

I personally attended one of these programs and found it to have tremendous value. Students spend time both in the dealership and in the classroom, giving them the chance to figure out what's required to succeed in the real world and making them better students and, ultimately, better new hires.

Youth trade shows and career day seminars

Attendance is free at some of these. Many schools welcome speakers, and some even encourage applications and interviews right there on the spot.

Mentorship

Having current techs mentor is one of the most effective solutions for growing young technicians. Some areas also offer substantial tax credits for mentoring techs. Here are tips on how some dealerships handle mentorships:





- Pay the mentor a percentage of the hours the apprentice turns as an incentive to get him or her up and running ASAP.
- Have the apprentice spend one month each with the dealership's top three techs.
- Start the apprentice as an assistant to the service writer so he or she can see how the shop works and how important their role will ultimately be in the dealership's profitability and CSI.
- Have the apprentice assist with walk-arounds and then perform the quality check before the unit goes back to the customer - that way, they are the first and last eyes on the unit. This shows them the outcomes of customer complaints and technicians' diagnostics and corrections, and trains them to think like a skilled tech.

Valerie Ziebron is president of VZR Consulting, which provides training and consulting on dealerships issues such as finding and retaining employees, conflict resolution, and increasing departmental profitability. During the 2016 RV Dealers International Convention/ Expo, she will present "The Profitable, Proactive Parts Department" and "Best Practices for a Family-Run Business" on Wednesday, Nov. 9, and "Attract and Keep Techs" on Thursday, Nov. 10. She can be contacted at www.vzrconsulting.com.





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Former Navy SEAL is now a Volunteer with Tents for Troops

Meet Trevor Wilson, now a full-time RVer, at Tents for Troops' booth during RVDA's convention.

By Jeff Kurowski

Ving has a way of bringing together people with diverse backgrounds, and one of the more interesting individuals you'll ever meet is Trevor Wilson, a 29-year-old retired Navy SEAL. During his 10 years in the elite special operations force, he was deployed three times to Lebanon, twice to Iraq, and once to Yemen. Now out of the service, Wilson RVs full time and volunteers for Tents for Troops, a tax-exempt organization that encourages RV parks and campgrounds to make at least two RV campsites available for free to active military personnel and their families.

Tents for Troops, which was founded by Charlie Curry, owner of Toutle River RV Resort in Castle Rock, WA, also solicits contributions from RV dealers, manufacturers, and suppliers. For more information, visit its convention booth (#100) or visit www.tentsfortroops.org. Trevor Wilson will at the booth during the convention.

RV Executive Today spoke with Wilson just prior to the convention.



Q: You've said that when you were young, your family never went RVing. So how and why did you become a full-time RVer?

A: Before I went into the Navy, I was a farmer. Being in the Navy was my first real job. A few months before I left the Navy, I started to look for an old RV to live in until I



figured out what I was going to do next. I bought one in San Diego, where I was stationed during my last few months in the Navy.

I also own a motorcycle, and as I started looking around at RVs, I saw how nice they are, particularly toy hauler floor plan models. So I bought a 2016 Forest River Stealth toy hauler from RV Solutions in San Diego.

The Navy also has campgrounds along the ocean near San Diego for active duty and retired personnel, and I lived there for a few months in my trailer. It was like a vacation.



Q: How did you meet Charlie Curry and learn about Tents for Troops?

A: As I was looking for a job, I prepared a resume and cover letter and posted it on Craigslist. Charlie saw it and contacted me. He explained the Tents for Troops concept of offering military members a chance to have a relaxing experience camping, as a way of thanking them for their service, and I thoroughly believed in the idea. Complete strangers looked after me during all of my six deployments, and now it's my turn to give back. That's why I offered to help Charlie in any way possible.

Q: You'll be working the Tents for Troops booth at the convention/expo. What else will you be doing with Tents for Troops?

A: I told Charlie that I'll do whatever I can to help. I could be visiting RV parks encouraging them to allocate free camping spaces to active duty military personnel.

Q: Regarding your deployments overseas, Lebanon, Iraq, and Yemen are all desert areas - what does a Navy SEAL do in those places?

A: The work varies from going out and getting the bad guys to training the locals, because they will eventually have to do that themselves.

Q: It doesn't exactly sound like an RV vacation.

A: No, it was not.

Q: Where do you live now and what do you do?

A: I live in my RV in Puyallup, WA, near Tacoma, with my girlfriend and her daughter. I work as a consultant for Customs Defense Systems, a company that provides security systems for homeowners and business. It's not a defense contractor, but they hired me because I know the military lingo. It might help them bring in new business.

Q: Do you plan to continue RVing? A: Yes, definitely. I like it because it's flexible. I get antsy if I sit in one place too long. With an RV, I can unhook it and go.

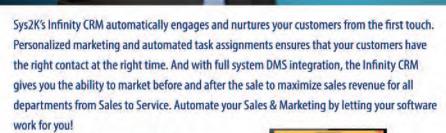
Q: Do you think you might eventually pursue a career in the RV industry?

A: Possibly. I've not had any major issues with my RV, but when you live in one full-time and something breaks, and you find out it takes two



or three weeks to get service, you learn how to fix things. So, it's a possibility.





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Want Them to Succeed? Here's How

By Don Tipton

any employee "fails" could have been avoided and the individuals could actually have thrived if their employers had followed these essentials for getting new hires off to a good start.

Define the position

The title of the position is NOT a job description. The same title might entail different responsibilities in different stores. Specify what functions are required for each position in your operation and set minimum performance standards.

🛂 Have a process

The procedure for handling customers - from the time the phone rings to when units are delivered back to them - is the most important process in the dealership. It should be committed to writing and signed by all employees. This document serves as a training tool for future hires.

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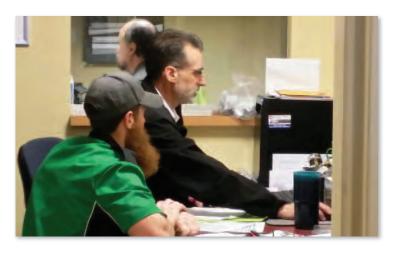
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Train on the process

All dealership employees in the store should be trained, not just once but on a regular basis, on your customer handling process. Everyone needs to understand how it's supposed to work.

4 Have rules

Give employees clear rules about what is and isn't acceptable. This can include such simple things as barring chewing gum, wearing sunglasses when working with a customer, or eating at the desk in front of customers.

b Give frequent feedback

Employees have a right to know how they're performing - they should never be caught by surprise if you have to terminate them. Employees should be told where they need to improve and how long they have to do so.

to Have a clearly defined career path

Example: An entry level-one service advisor should know what it takes to become a level two, three, and master. Outline the pay ranges and performance requirements for each level. And maybe there are additional service lane manager, lead service advisor, or assistant service manager opportunities available further down the road.

Require accountability

Accountability goes hand-in-hand with feedback and should be very specific, comparing the employee's actual performance to benchmarks, goals, or company

policy. For example, what is the policy on open repair orders, and how often are the service advisors held accountable?

Follow through with consequences

Feedback and accountability are meaningless without consequences. The consequence doesn't have to be heavy-handed, but it's important to act quickly and consistently.

Be a coach

Walk the sidelines - go out front during peak customer arrival times and watch your team execute. If you see something that needs to be addressed, do it immediately while the moment is fresh - don't wait for the next monthly meeting.

Maintain a positive emotional bank account

Motivated employees sell more, have higher customer satisfaction and are contagious to others. Find somebody doing something right and bring it to their attention. Make "deposits" into employees' emotional

bank accounts regularly to maintain a positive balance. And remember to always praise in public and criticize in private.

Be proactive with raises

Waiting for an employee to ask for a raise isn't a good practice. Odds are the person is feeling resentful of management's lack of notice. Whenever management is approached by an employee for an overdue and deserved raise, it almost always costs the company more and does less to quell the employee's resentment.

🔱 Say goodbye to non-performers

When an employee fails to perform in spite of management's efforts to help him or her get up to speed, it's time to part company.

Don Tipton is president of DTC Retail Consulting, where he assists RV parts and service departments with process improvement and training. He will present "The Little Things that Create Customer Loyalty" on Thursday, Nov. 10 during the 2016 RV Dealers International Convention/Expo in Las Vegas. He can be contacted at (803) 917-9991 and don@dtcretailconsulting.com.







Your Customer Had a Breakdown.

And You Have to Tell Him His Service Contract Doesn't Cover It.

By Paul Sheldon

y favorite camping experience always involves a river, a fly rod, and hard-fighting fish. Getting to the river in the comfort of an RV makes things even better. That is, of course, unless something goes wrong. Now imagine the catastrophe for your customers when the family vacation they've been planning for months has been complicated or maybe even ruined because something has gone wrong with their beloved RV.

Imagine your customers have just arrived at Yellowstone to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Parks. As they're setting up, one of the slide outs gets stuck halfway. The motor has failed, and the unit is immobile. Your customers are panicked. Then they remember that they purchased a service contract when they bought their RV from you.

What happens next can affect long-term customer satisfaction and loyalty, so a critical component of selling F&I is ensuring that the products you offer perform at this crucial moment.

If your service contract provider places a high value on customer experience, then one phone call should usually take care of your customers during this moment of truth. A repair person will be deployed to fix the problem, the customer will pay his deductible, and the trip to Old Faithful will be resumed.

If customers are well-cared for, they'll tell friends. If they aren't, they'll tell everybody in the world on social media. A bad post about your dealership can find its way to thousands of people in virtually no time. That's how quickly a poor experience can be shared, thanks to the power of the Internet.

Customer loyalty starts with the experience in your dealership and is cemented by how well the service contract performs under adversity. Pay attention to the companies that administer the products you sell. Look beyond price and ask questions such as:

- How long have they been in business?
- Who is the underwriter?
- What is their reputation in the marketplace for paying claims, servicing dealers, and taking care of customers?

You don't want to sell a cheap F&I product. The old adage that you get what you pay for is as true in the F&I world as anywhere else. I've been in the business for more than 25 years and have seen many low-cost products come



and go, leaving the dealer in the difficult position of explaining to the customer that the product he bought isn't going to do what was promised.

Also reconsider the way we sell F&I products – how they're presented influences the customer's perception of their value. Some customers have the idea that if they never have a breakdown, then buying a service contract wasn't a good value. That idea has been perpetuated because some F&I managers only talk about how expensive repairs can be when something goes wrong. We don't think about other insurance products such as homeowners, auto liability, life and health insurance that way – no one ever hopes to have claims that exceed their premium payments. The value of these products is more than simply reimbursement of claims costs; it's also the worry-free peace of mind that they provide along the way.

Help customers see the benefits of the product from their own perspective. Talk to them about their next vacation, asking questions and listening carefully. Let them tell you what's important to them. Then help them see how your products will ensure that their vacation is carefree.

Make sure your products can live up to the promises you make – it will help ensure long-term customer satisfaction and loyalty and keep them coming back.

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Tom Manning, Jeff Hostetler & Steve Stewart

Who is driving your business? Part 1



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11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. RVDA of America Board of Delegates

lunch & meeting

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2:45 - 5:00 p.m. Vendor Training +Plus sessions;

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5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Society of Certified RV Professionals

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Tuesday, November 8

8:00 - 11:45 a.m. Dale Carnegie training course "How

Smart Leaders Create Engaged Employees" (additional fee)

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9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Concurrent workshops

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4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Young RV Executives Reception

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Team Building for Sales Managers



By Greg Artman

sales manager's number one responsibility is to make sales. But one way those sales get made is through team building, the manager's other important responsibility. The sales manager needs to build a successful team by hiring the right people and giving them the skills they need to sell RVs.

Sales managers who provide their teams with the best ongoing support usually experience the most success. When they dedicate their time to staff development, everybody wins.

A recent LinkedIn article noted that "sales people do not quit their company or employer, they quit their sales manager." Exiting salespeople told HR departments that their manager was "too focused on the stuff instead of the staff." These employees wanted more guidance and attention then they were receiving.

Unfortunately, most sales managers are preoccupied with everything but their employees. This is really counterproductive, since the cost of turnover is so expensive.

All industries are experiencing a major generation shift as baby boomers retire and millennials fill the vacant positions. Unlike the previous generation, millennials want to set the terms and expectations of those positions. Managers must remember that this generation has never experienced life without the Internet or cell phones. Everything has always been at their fingertips.

The millennial generation can make loyal employees, but their skills need to be developed. When they feel their manager isn't providing them with guidance and leadership, they seek employment elsewhere. They want to know how much management cares. They look to their



manager for their success. Provide the guidance and leadership they crave, and they will lead the charge for you.

When the sales manager spends time and effort developing the staff, he's actually investing in the department's future success. Here are four areas to concentrate on that will help build a winning staff and also bridge the generational gap in the workforce.

Manage the staff by setting the expectations.

Does your staff come to work to work, or do they come to work to wait? What do your salespeople expect every day when they arrive to work? How do you start their day? Do you have sales meetings?

Coach your staff to win.

Does your staff recognize you as their coach? How and when do you coach? Be positive when your employees seek your advice. Take an interest in them and make them your priority. Use both formal and informal coaching formats.

Hold your staff accountable.

Don't let mistakes slide without consequences. Even top producers need to be held accountable. Provide the training, set realistic numbers, and carry through with consequences.

Motivate your staff to succeed.

Do you know what motivates each member of your team? What motivates you as the team leader? Be the leader. Get involved earlier in the deals

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Do Family Feelings Factor into Financials at Your Dealership?



By Valerie Ziebron

any RV dealerships are family-run, some more profitably and peacefully than others. Here are five pitfalls that separate the American dreams from the family feuds.

Overpayment

Ask yourself, "If I hired a non-family member to do this job, what would it pay?" The answer to that question is what the job should pay. Deviate from this and you're putting feelings above financials. Money does not mean love. Money is a measurement for the work provided.

Underpayment

Rationalizing lower pay for a family member because he's building equity in a business that will one day be his inevitably leads to trouble. If family is compensated differently, it gives them license to act differently. Give family members what the job pays. If you're not convinced, ask your tax professional or CPA for their top reasons why this is important.

Sense of entitlement

Discourage the "my last name's on the building so I'm entitled to a management position" attitude among family members. Sons and daughters need to discover their natural talents and struggle with their weaknesses like everyone else. If they take their knocks and earn their own places, they'll gain the staff's respect. They should start in nonmanagerial positions, such as technician, salesperson, or parts counter person. Excel in these positions and you'll find that people are willing to follow your direction when you become a manager.

Special rules for special people

Rules ensure that work gets done as efficiently as possible for the profitability of the business. If you expect your staff to limit cell phone usage, get to work on time and stay there all day, and not use the shop for personal use, but allow family to operate by a different set of rules, it hurts profitability and demoralizes the team. It also opens you up to H.R. lawsuits because of a lack of consistency.

Family history

If there was lots of sibling rivalry or fighting at home, it usually shows up in the business. Some families outgrow

their issues and find pleasure working together as adults, but that's rare. It is critical that you bury the hatchet. Talk it out somewhere away from the dealership. Clear the air of all family issues. Some families find that it helps to have a third party to facilitate the discussion. Do what you need to do and write off any expense incurred. It will be some of the best money you ever invested in your dealership.



You can rationalize to yourself why you can't possibly buck these pitfalls, of course - that's the beauty of owning your own business. But remember - you can be right or you can be rich and happy. I'm betting family-run dealerships that operate by these principles are better at passing profitable businesses on to the next generation.

Valerie Ziebron is president of VZR Consulting, which provides training and consulting on dealerships issues such as finding and retaining employees, conflict resolution, and increasing departmental profitability. During the 2016 RV Dealers International Convention/Expo, she will present "The Profitable, Proactive Parts Department" and "Best Practices for a Family-Run Business" on Wednesday, Nov. 9, and "Attract and Keep Techs" on Thursday, Nov. 10. She can be contacted at www.vzrconsulting.com.



Go RVing Goes to College (Football!)

Edited by RVDA Staff

he Go RVing Tailgate Tour is bringing the ultimate tailgate experience to five of the season's best collegiate football matchups, setting up in the middle of the action at each college's FanFest area.

The fun started in Pasadena for the UCLA versus Stanford matchup. Nearly 1,000 people toured the Forest River Forester motorhome and Keystone RV Raptor travel trailer provided by Mike Thompson's RV Super Stores as the featured vehicles for the stop.

In addition to the RV tours, former football players from each host school joined the party to sign autographs and rally the crowds. There were also interactive games and giveaways, including highperformance Avalanche Coolers from Dometic.

A series of digital ads, including custom RV tailgating vignettes on CBSSports.com, as well as Go RVing commercials on ESPN's College GameDay, support the activities.

Other stops on the all-star lineup include: Wisconsin - Michigan, Alabama - Arkansas, TCU -West Virginia, and Clemson – FSU.



Former UCLA standout and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jonathan Ogden chats with fans in front of an RV supplied by Mike Thompson's RV Super Stores during a stop on the Go RVing Tailgate Tour.



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Coach-Net	5,000	204,917		1/26/15	Curtis Trailers Inc.
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700	6,850		6/20/16
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4,500	6,500		12/23/15
1,000	6,350		6/22/16
500	6,000		8/24/15
2,000	5,750		4/11/16
2,000	4,100	5,100	6/24/16
5,000	5,000		12/31/14
5,000	5,000		12/16/14
2,000	2,000	5,000	2/16/16
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