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Here's What Happened This Quarter - And What's Ahead

As we move into the heart of the 2026 travel and camping season, the RV/MH Heritage Foundation continues to build momentum across every part of our organization. From major museum improvements and facility upgrades to expanded events and growing community partnerships, this quarter has focused on strengthening the experience we provide to our guests, industry partners, donors, and supporters.

Over the past several months, our team has worked tirelessly to improve both the RV and Manufactured Housing Museums.

Major facility improvements through updated layouts, new signage, exhibit enhancements, and continued preservation efforts that better tell the story of our industries. We are especially excited to begin developing new rotating exhibits celebrating America's upcoming 250th birthday and the impact recreational vehicles and manufactured housing have had on the American lifestyle and economy.

At the Northern Indiana Event Center, we have continued investing in operational improvements while welcoming thousands of guests through trade shows, consumer events, banquets, and special community partnerships. A few of the highlights of this quarter were hosting the Night to Shine event, an unforgettable evening celebrating individuals with special needs through a partnership we are truly honored to support. We also welcomed back longtime partners The Builders Association of Elkhart for their annual Home and Outdoor Expo!

This quarter has also brought continued growth in our event programming, marketing efforts, sponsorship outreach, and organizational structure as we prepare for the 2026 RV/MH Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and the continued expansion of the RV Supplier Show.

None of this progress would be possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, board members, donors, sponsors, and visitors. Your support allows us to preserve the history of our industries while continuing to improve the experience we provide for future generations.

As the summer travel season begins, we invite you to visit our campus, tour the museums, attend an event, and experience the continued improvements taking place across the Foundation.

Thank you for supporting the RV/MH Heritage Foundation.

Daryll A. Milnikel
President
RV/MH Heritage Foundation Inc.

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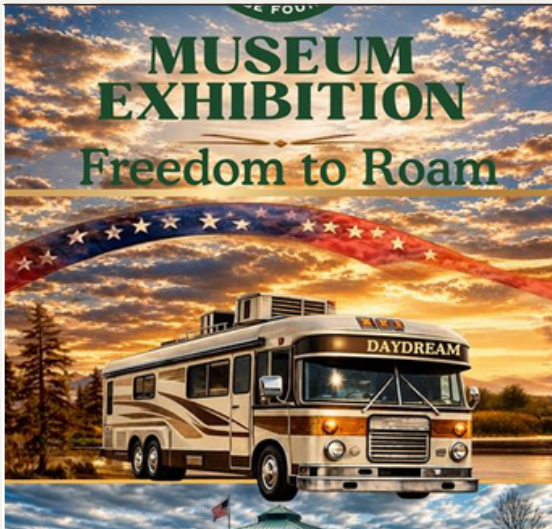
A letter from the Board of Directors

Museum Updates

The first quarter of 2026 was an active season for the RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum team. During the winter months, staff completed a major reorganization of the Founders Hall RV Museum, including relocating exhibits, deep cleaning display units, updating exhibit staging, and installing new historical signage throughout the museum.

Exhibits were reorganized into chronological order to improve visitor flow, enhance storytelling, and create better viewing and photography opportunities throughout the hall.

Work also continued within the Scouler Manufactured Housing Museum, where the team installed additional security systems while developing updated storyboards, exhibit signage, and future display enhancements scheduled throughout 2026.



America's 250th Birthday Freedom to Roam Open Road Exhibit



New Founders Hall RV Museum Layout & Signage

Museum Director Jose Rodriguez and Social Media Representative Yuri Alvarez developed the museum's first rotating exhibit space during the first quarter of 2026. The new exhibit area allows the museum to regularly introduce new themes, featured collections, and interactive visitor experiences.

The inaugural exhibit titled "America's 250th Birthday: Freedom to Roam," highlights the role recreational vehicles and manufactured housing have played in expanding travel freedom, mobility and affordable living opportunities across America.

One of the exhibit's most popular features invites guests to share what "freedom" means to them through personal reflections displayed within the exhibit space.

Event Center Updates

The Northern Indiana Event Center welcomed several returning partners during the first quarter of 2026, including the Elkhart County Builders Association (ECBA) for its annual Home & Outdoor Expo.

A longtime partner of the Foundation, the ECBA expanded this year's event into the East Wing Convention Center to accommodate continued growth. The three-day public event featured nearly 100 vendors and brought significant regional traffic to the campus.



2026 ECBA Home & Outdoor Expo in the East Wing Convention Center

The Foundation also partnered with LaGrange First Church of God to host the Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine event at the Northern Indiana Event Center.

Night to Shine is an international prom experience created to celebrate individuals with special needs through an evening centered on dignity, inclusion, and community support.

The Event Center provided space for red carpet arrivals, limousine entrances, hair and makeup stations, dinner service, and an evening of dancing and celebration. Foundation staff members also participated in welcoming guests throughout the event.



2026 Night to Shine Prom held at the Northern Indiana Event Center

Board of Director's Updates

January 2026 marked several leadership changes for the RV/MH Heritage Foundation Board of Directors.

The Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to outgoing board members Ron Breymier, Bruce Hopkins, and Mick Ferkey for their dedicated service and leadership. Each individual also an inductee into the RV/MH Hall of Fame, contributed valuable industry knowledge and guidance during their time on the Board.

We Thank them for their commitment to preserving and advacing the mission of the Foundation.

The Foundation is also pleased to welcome Steve Like, Mike Bear, and Ron Shepherd to the Board of Directors. Each brings extensive industry expereince and leadership that will help guide the organization into its next chapter of growth and development.

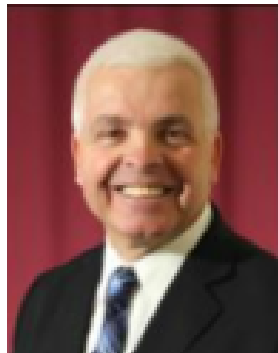
Outbound Board Members



Ron Breymier



Bruce
Hopkins



Mick Ferkey

New Board Members



Steve Like



Mike Bear



Ron Shepherd

2026 RV/MH Hall of Fame RV Induction Class



Bob Been

Dealer
Blue Compass RV
Arizona



Brian Brady

OEM
Heartland RV
Indiana



Dr. Richard Curtin

Advisor
University of Michigan
Michigan



Gary Enyart

Supplier
Cummins
Minnesota



Bill Sheffer

Association
MMHRVCA
Michigan

The RV/MH Hall of Fame proudly recognizes the Class of 2026 for their lasting contributions, leadership, and service to the recreational vehicle and manufactured housing industries.

2026 RV/MH Hall of Fame MH Induction Class



Evan Atkinson

Dealer
Adventure Homes
Ohio



James Breen

Dealer
Factory Expo Homes
Arizona



Steve Case

Community Owner
Flying Storage
Group
Georgia



James Joffe

Property
Managment
J&H Mannagement
California



Robert Young

Community Owner
Blair Group
California

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Volunteer Highlight

The RV/MH Heritage Foundation recognizes volunteer Rose Buwalda for her dedicated service within the Kindlund Library and archival collections.

Over the past six months, Rose has assisted with cataloging materials, identifying duplicate records, and improving the organization of the Foundation's historical archives.



Updated layout in the Kindlund Library at the RV/MH Hall of Fame 2026



Reorganization of archives in the RV/MH Founders Hall Library

Her efforts have played an important role in strengthening the preservation and accessibility of historical materials connected to the RV and manufactured housing industries.

Foundation staff will continue archive organization and preservation efforts throughout 2026 as part of the organization's long-term commitment to protecting industry history for future generations.

Upcoming Events

2026 RV/MH Hall of Fame Green Jacket Ceremony

- **Date:** Sunday August 16th, 2026
- **Time:** 5:00PM
- **Location:** Hall of Fame Room
RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum
5600 Executive Parkway
Elkhart, IN 46514
- **Guests:** All prior Hall of Fame Inductees, Incoming Class
- **RSVP:** inductionceremony@thervmhheritagefoundation.org
www.thervmhhalloffame.org/2026_rsvp/



Photo: 2025 RV/MH Hall of Fame
Green Jacket Ceremony



Photo: 2025 RV/MH Hall of Fame
Induction Dinner & Ceremony

2026 RV/MH Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

- **Date:** Monday August 17th, 2026
- **Time:** Reception | 5:00PM Dinner & Ceremony | 6:00PM
- **Location:** Ingram Hall
Northern Indiana Event Center
5600 Executive Parkway
Elkhart, IN 46514
- **Guest:** All prior Hall of Fame Inductees, Incoming Class & Guest
- **RSVP:** inductionceremony@thervmhheritagefoundation.org
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2026 RV Supplier Show

- **Date:** September 28th - 30th 2026
- **Time:** 9:00AM - 5:00PM
- **Location:** Northern Indiana Event Center
RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum
5600 Executive Parkway
Elkhart, IN 46514
- **Guest:** Industry decision makers, leaders, Industry-only event
- **RSVP:** suppliershow@thervmhheritagefoundation.org
www.thervmhhalloffame.org/rv-hall-of-fame-suppliers-show/



photo: 2025 RV Supplier Show

Preserving the Legacy

Q1 2026 Highlights

880+



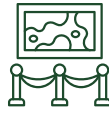
Museum Guests

30+



Events

2



New Exhibits

3,000+



New Followers

420+



Volunteer Hours

Why Your Support Matters

Every exhibit restored, archive preserved, and event hosted is made possible through the continued support of donors, sponsors, volunteers, and industry partners.

The RV/MH Heritage Foundation preserves and shares the history, innovation, and impact of the recreational vehicle and manufactured housing industries for future generations.

Through museum improvements, archival preservation, educational outreach, and industry events, the Foundation continues to grow as a national destination and historical resource for both industries.

Current Initiatives

Current donor and sponsor supported initiatives include



Expansion of rotational museum exhibits



Updated exhibit signage and museum layouts



Preservation and cataloging of historical archives



Visitor experience enhancements across campus



Funding our Endowment for long-term sustainability



Increasing Inductee Engagement and quality nominations

Looking Ahead

As the Foundation continues to grow, future priorities include expanded educational programming, exhibit restoration projects, archive preservation, and increased community engagement.

The Foundation also continues to strengthen long-term sustainability through strategic sponsorships, donor partnerships, and expanded industry outreach initiatives.

Your Support helps preserve the legacy of two industries that have shaped how millions of Americans travel, live and connect.

Become a Foundation Partner today

Donate | Sponsor | Volunteer | Visit



A Message from the Board of Directors

The team at Hall of Fame and museums has had a busy winter. Our beautiful facilities are well prepared to host the thousands of visitors we expect during the months ahead.

The RV Museum has been updated and curated to display and explain the evolution of recreational vehicles from their earliest days. Households owning an RV have increased 62% during the last 20 years and now numbers 11.2 million. Approximately 40 million Americans go RV camping each year. Likewise, the museum's attendance has grown significantly as RV'ers and those who have never used an RV stop in to visit our attractive displays.

The Manufactured Housing museum has garnered many compliments for highlighting the attainability of quality homes for people of all backgrounds beginning in the early 20th century to today. Nearly 22 million people live in manufactured housing.

The museum demonstrates that high quality, durable homes built in a controlled factory environment are a great innovation and make homeownership possible for so many people. In August, the Heritage Foundation will induct ten new members into the Hall of Fame. All inductees have spent at least two decades, most far longer, contributing to the development and growth of their respective industries, while also serving their communities. We invite you to attend this gala event held at The Hall of Fame. Guest will have the opportunity to hear the stories of these accomplished people and visiting both museums.

For those people traveling by RV to or through Northern Indiana, our facilities have spaces and hookups available for your vehicle. We hope to see you soon.

Thank you for your support!

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