

NEWS RELEASE

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## The Puyallup RV Show Celebrates 43 Years Presenting Popular Options for RV Adventures & Leisure Opportunities

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Puyallup – April 6, 2017** – One of the premier recreational vehicle events in the Northwest is preparing for their 43rd anniversary! The last big RV event before summer, the [Puyallup RV Show](#), unique with its featured manufactured housing, covers a gigantic 20 acres and runs May 4th through May 7th at the Washington State Fair Event Center in Puyallup (The fairgrounds in Puyallup). This year's event will have a Western theme complete with a Used RV Corral, Western Treasure Hunt for the kids and Buckaroo pony and horse rides. WSECU is the presenting sponsor for the sixth consecutive year and will be on-site offering RV financing.

RV purchases are at a 40-year high. Record numbers of Americans are buying RVs and “second homes”, either on-wheels or not, to pursue more leisure options as the economy continues to rebound. “The Puyallup Show is terrific because it’s a great venue. We’re able to present everything from tent and travel trailers to fifth wheels and toy haulers to rolling mansion motor homes and vacation homes that you can put on a lake”, says Dave Helgeson, MHRV show director. “There’s no question people will discover something that will spark any leisure dream they might have. We’re seeing record crowds at our shows and surprisingly, the majority of them are first-time attendees!”

Seventeen local dealers will display all of the latest new RV models and manufactured homes. This event will also include on-site manufactured homes—great choices for your vacation home on the lake, an affordable retirement home or just your home base for RV adventures. For those looking for something a little more affordable, the show will have a “Used RV Corral”, loaded with pre-owned RVs.

This year, there will be a full line-up of seminars. Gary Bunzer, “The RV Doctor”, will be presenting several presentations including “RV Basics” and “Photovoltaics (Solar Energy) and RVs”. MHRV Show Director Dave Helgeson will be conducting his very popular Boondocking presentation. There’s a Hitching Demonstration to show people how equalizing hitches work. Torklift will be offering a myriad of seminars on towing. Attendees can learn more about the technical side of RVing from winterizing to water heaters. Everyone can get answers to all of their technical questions at the “Ask the Tech” presentation. On Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> (Manufactured Housing Day), there will be a Q & A forum to learn all about manufactured housing.

One dollar from every non-discounted adult and senior ticket sold at the box office will be donated to Washington State Parks. WSECU is joining in with a matching dollar-for-dollar donation as well!

Attendees will be encouraged to enter to win a brand new, Winnebago Drop Travel Trailer valued at \$23,000.

To add to the fun, children 12 and under are invited to search the show for six hidden strong boxes filled with loot!

For children of all ages—big and small, there are complimentary “Buckaroo Rides” (Pony Rides) on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4pm.

Thursday and Friday, the first 500 people through the gate will receive vouchers for a free Fisher scone.

Attendees are encouraged to download the Show App to help them navigate the grounds and give them updated information about the show.

The mission of the the Puyallup RV Show, as well as all MHRV events, is to promote the RV lifestyle, "Creating Lifetime Memories" with family and friends.

Parking is free at the Puyallup Show and attendees can save two dollars when they buy their tickets online at [PuyallupRVShow.com](http://PuyallupRVShow.com). Opening day, Thursday, May 4th, is "Manufactured Housing Day", sponsored by Palm Harbor Homes, DeTray's Custom Housing, Lakeview Meadows, Skyline Homes and DeTray's LLC. Attendees will receive an additional dollar off admission (\$3 total) when they purchase adult or senior tickets online for that day.

Show hours are 11am-8pm Thursday and Friday; 10am-8pm Saturday and 10am-5pm Sunday.

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The MHRV (Manufactured Homes Recreational Vehicles) Show Association consists of manufacturers, dealers and vendor member organizations with an all-volunteer Board of Directors. The majority of funds collected go directly toward advertising and promotion of the shows. The MHRV was created for the express purpose of promoting the RV and manufactured home industries. Two major consumer shows are produced each year to support this effort: the Seattle RV Show (in February), and the Puyallup RV Show (in April/May). The shows attract over 25,000 consumers each year. Click [MHRVShows.com](http://MHRVShows.com) for more information.

# FACT SHEET

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Puyallup RV Show

**WHERE:** Washington State Fair Event Center in Puyallup (Puyallup Fairgrounds)

**WHEN:** May 4 - 7, 2017

**HOURS:** Thursday & Friday from 11am to 8 pm  
Saturday from 10am to 8pm  
Sunday from 10am to 5pm

**ADMISSION:** Discount tickets are available in advance online (at [PuyallupRVShow.com](http://PuyallupRVShow.com)): \$8 for Adults (\$10 at the gate), \$7 for seniors---62 and older (\$9 at the gate) and children 17 and younger are free with a paid adult admission.

The [Puyllup RV Show](#) presents an exceptional opportunity for all ages to explore everything about RVing and manufactured housing on and in Washington State Fair Event Center in Puyallup. SPONSORED by WSECU. PRODUCED by the non-profit MHRV Show Association.

### WASHINGTON STATE PARKS BENEFITS

With the goal of supporting outdoor recreation, and giving back to the community, the MHRV Show Association and WSECU will each donate \$1 to Washington State Parks (totaling \$2) from ticket purchases at the gate.

### FREE PARKING

Every day in the Blue Lot.

### EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS & SPECIALTY EXHIBITS

Gary Bunzer, the hugely popular RV Doctor, will headline the list of seminars. His "RV Facts of Life" seminar is a must-see! Other presentations include Dave Helgeson's popular Boondocking 101 (RVing in secret hideaways without hook-ups), "Trailer Hitching/Unhitching", "Solar Energy and RVs", "RV Insurance 101"; "120-volt Electrical Safety", "Manufactured Homes Q & A", "Washington State Parks Host Program", "RVing on Baja, Mexico", Washington's Long Beach Peninsula" and Torklift will be conducting a series of seminars on "Proper Dinghy Towing", "Travel Trailer Towing", "Fifth Wheel Towing" as well as "Towing Capacity— Matching Truck & Trailer". The full menu can be found here: [List of Seminars](#)

At the "Ask the Technician" exhibit, attendees can learn more and ask questions about everything and anything RVing.

### PARTICIPATING RV & MANUFACTURED HOUSING DEALERS

Apache Camping Center, Baydo's RV Center, Clear Creek RV Center, DeTray's Custom Housing, DeTray's LLC, Fife RV, Five Star RV, Pacific Travel Center, Paul Evert's RV Country, Poulsbo RV, South Hill RV Sales, Sumner RV Center, Sunset RV, Tacoma RV Center and Valley RV Supercenter.

### SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

•Guests can use touch pads to enter to win a new Winnebago Drop travel trailer, valued at \$23,000, as well as other prizes.

- Thursday and Friday, the first 500 show attendees can take advantage of a complimentary Fisher Scone.
- \*Thursday, Manufactured Housing Day, offers \$3 discounted tickets when purchased online.

### **USED RVs**

A large number of Used RVs will be featured in the USED RV CORRAL.

### **GETTING AROUND**

Hop on the People Mover tram, powered by antique tractors, to see everything at the show.

### **TREASURE HUNT FOR KIDS 12 & UNDER**

Children can pick up a treasure map and a loot bag near the entrance and then search for six hidden strongboxes filled with loot!

### **PONY RIDES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES**

Every attendee can enjoy complimentary “Buckaroo Rides” (Pony Rides) on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4pm.

### **PUYALLUP RV APP**

Will keep attendees up-to-date on seminar schedules, directions and parking, events and daily contests and offers users a personal experience at the show with the ability to tag and get notifications on selected seminars, sort the exhibitors and dealers by categories, make notes on what you see and where. Updated daily, the app includes everything from socializing opportunities to descriptions of exhibitors and RV dealers. To learn more about the app, click here: [Puyallup RV Show App](#)

### **ABOUT the MHRV Show Association**

The MHRV Show Association was formed in 1966 for the express purpose of promoting the RV and manufactured home industries. MHRV showcases the best and newest products while educating the public through show seminars and exhibits. MHRV consists of manufacturers, dealers and vendor member organizations with an all-volunteer Board of Directors. MHRV produces The Seattle RV Show and The Puyallup RV Show.

### **About WSECU**

Formed in 1957, WSECU is a member-owned credit union serving all of the people of Washington State. They embrace the values of giving, sharing and supporting the communities they serve. They combine those values with providing exceptional personal service, low fees and banking anywhere, anytime.

Additional information is available at [www.wsecu.org](http://www.wsecu.org).

## AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS

### **Dave Helgeson** MHRV Show Director (206) 719-1277

A resident of Renton, Dave's father and grandparents operated one of the earliest RV dealerships in Seattle. Dave worked his first RV show in 1968, served as a lot boy in the mid '70s and sold his first RV at age 17. He's worked as a RV mechanic, service manager and sales manager. In 1989, Dave and his wife Cheri opened their own RV dealership and quickly became the nation's leading Komfort travel trailer dealer. In 1994, Dave became Show Director for the MHRV Show Association (producer of the Seattle RV Show) and soon thereafter sold his dealership. Now in their fifth RV, Dave and Cheri enjoy RVing during the RV show off-season. Dave writes for several RV publications including RV Life and [RVtravel.com](http://RVtravel.com). At the show he hosts the popular Boondocking 101 seminar.

### **Gary Bunzer, "The RV Doctor"** (619) 507-1510

A resident of Seattle, Gary has worked in the RV industry in various capacities since 1968. His live seminars and workshops are presented nationally and remain in high demand making him one of the RV industry's most sought after speakers at both the trade and consumer levels. Gary's popular column, The RV Doctor, has been in continuous monthly publication since 1976. His website, [RVDoctor.com](http://RVDoctor.com) is tremendously popular. In 2009, Gary was awarded the National Education Service Award by RVIA for his many contributions to RV technical education. He will be inducted into the RV / MH Hall of Fame this coming August.

### **Chuck Woodbury** (425) 218-5142

A resident of Edmonds, Chuck Woodbury has explored America by RV for nearly three decades. In the '90s he published the quirky, "on-the-road" newspaper Out West. His articles were syndicated by the New York Times Syndicate. Woodbury's RVing adventures have been profiled on ABC News, CNN, NBC's Today Show, and in People Magazine, USA Today and in hundreds of newspapers. Woodbury is the host of the Better Business Bureau's DVD "Buying a Recreational Vehicle." In 2013, Woodbury was named the Distinguished Journalist of the Year by the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association.

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