



Predictions for the 2022 RV Camping Season

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I hope all of you enjoy your holiday season and have beaten the campsite reservation lines by preparing for the 2022 RV season by reserving your RV campsites for the coming year. In August of 2021, I was fortunate to receive a top market forecast study that predicts 2022's RV sales.

If you've kept up with the RV influencers of RV life and others across social media, there's a lot of back and forth about the 2022 RV camping season in the U.S. Based on my research, I'd like to share the best predictions for the 2022 RV season.

Is RV Camping Still Popular?

The company that put the market research study together, Strategy Titan, sent it out to the RV industry, media, and some influencers. Their goal was to identify all of the current indicators to forecast the latter half of 2021 and all of 2022's RV sales.

While not meant for public consumption, the study gave the industry enough to chew on to decide how they would move forward. In addition, the RV media and blogosphere used the information to guide their research and observations.

2021 saw massive growth. The final RV sales numbers in 2020 were 430,412 units, [according to Go RVing](#). The final numbers aren't in yet for 2021, but the [RVIA speculates](#) between 567,000 and 587,400. The study concludes that 2022 will see total sales over 550,000 or more, but some RV types will sell better than others in a small way.

2022 RV Sales Will Continue to Rise, With Some Adjustments

Most RV categories will see a 3-5% drop in overall sales. Yet, some RV types will have sales elevations as high as 8%. In my mind, I translate this as the overall sales of full-size travel trailers, fifth wheels, and Class A motorhomes will have a [few hundred fewer](#) sales in 2022, but consumers will make up those lost sales in the categories below that are predicted to grow by the same percentage or more.

- **Camping trailers** – Including hardside and softside pop-ups and all styles of teardrop campers.
- **Class C motorhomes** – I suspect that the small-chassis versions that use the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter are the "saving grace" for the category.
- **Park models** – I was surprised as you. Yet, people that are into the tiny home movement are finding park models an excellent alternative.

I wondered how the study was so optimistic when they predicted a sales forecast so high. The RV backlog updates, mother nature, and other forces have kept manufacturers held up. Experts say the backlog won't alleviate itself until we're well into the 2023 RV camping season.

My opinion: Despite everything we've gone through in 2020 and 2021 that made all of the disaster movies look underwhelming, the RV industry has pulled off record sales these past two years. If the container ships and trucks can keep moving, 2022 will be another record-setter.

Why is it so Hard to Find Campsites?

As a country, we continued to see COVID-19 mutate into the Delta variant and other related issues continue to affect

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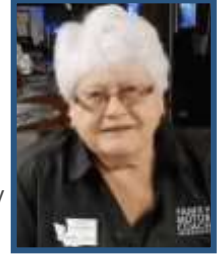
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Ramblin's From Roxanne

I am sending you warm greetings from Arizona. Of course, right now it is not so warm, we are experiencing the same cold front as you are just not as cold, low 30's to mid-50's. But it is expected to warm up next week.

Laurie is healing from her surgery and will be starting chemo in the next few weeks; Brad is looking at a surgery on March 9 for his gall bladder; Ken has been having back problems; and Bob is also having some kidney problems. So please keep all of these in your prayers.



Okay, let's look at the calendar. Our first outing is in April at North Whidbey RV. Yes, I know it is Easter weekend, but I don't think the good Lord would mind us worshipping in his great outdoors. I will be hosting so I think there may be an Easter dinner prepared for the attendees. I am also looking into a tour of the Navy Museum in Oak Harbor.

Please check your calendars and call in your reservations for all the rallies for the year and especially the Northwest Area Rally in June at the Mill Casino in Coos Bay, Oregon. Reservations are open on the FMCA website, and the form is also in the March issue of Family RVing.

I am in charge of Reservations and Information for this rally and will need help, so let me know if you will be attending and would be able to help. There are 2 extra excursions at this rally; one is a glass float excursion, and the other is the wine walk. On the wine walk the downtown merchants keep their businesses open and provide wine and goodies for us as we make our way around town. Another feature of this rally is the salmon dinner put on by the Coos Tribe, baked over an open fire on cedar stakes, the only way to cook salmon.

Mike and I will also be attending the National Rally in Tucson at the end of March. Once again, I will be hosting a table at the Chapter Fair and also holding a Block Party for our chapter. If I don't see you in Tucson, I look forward to seeing you at our rallies throughout the summer.

Roxanne

Don't make me hit my witch switch



Puget Sounder News

It's Puget Sounder dues renewal time!

It's time to renew your dues. See Page 7 for more information.

Note for June 2022: The FMCA NW Area rally will be held in Coos Bay, OR, June 21-25.

Donna Barker has volunteered to be the Sunshine Person for the club. If you know of someone who we should acknowledge with a card or note, please contact Donna. Her email is bendonnabarker@yahoo.com or her cell number is 360-201-5670.

Important Message

from your

Wagon Master

Hello All, it's time to be making reservations with the upcoming parks for the 2022 Rally season. See the back page of this newsletter for all of the rally information.

Also I recommend that you text me at 360-359-6712, or email me at bradolder@fairpoint.net when you make a reservation so I can provide the hosts with an accurate headcount so they can plan the appropriate amount of food.

Brad Older

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RV Tips & Tricks

Safety Tip To Monitor RV Tires:

A Tire-Pressure-Monitoring Systems (TPMS) is a wireless device that monitors the tires while driving. Tire sensors are mounted on the valve stem of each tire. These sensors are able to monitor the tire pressure and tire temperature and transmit the information to a receiver inside the RV.

Insect Repellant:

Don't forget the insect repellant for those pesky mosquitoes.

Batteries:

Remember to check the water level of the batteries and top off with distilled water.

How To Make A Funnel:

Use a rolled up paper plate as a funnel.

Trick To Storing The Large Egg Container In The RV Fridge:

Cut the egg carton in half with a steak knife and stack.

Tip To Keep Holding Tanks From Freezing:

During the winter months add Motorhome antifreeze into the black and grey water holding tanks.

Tip For The Best Way To Mount Things To The Wall:

Command Picture & Frame Hanging Strips

No nails, no holes in the wall and easy to remove. Command picture hanging strips make decorating quick and easy. One click tells you picture hanging strips are locked in and holding tight. Best of all, when you are ready to take down or move your pictures, they come off leaving no wall damage, cracked plaster or sticky residue.



Motorhome Tips and Tricks To Remember When Winterizing:

At the water tank fill and city fill there is typically a back flow preventer at the hose connection on the RV. Be use to push in the plunger with a finger to allow the small amount of water to drain out to prevent freezing damage.

Tire Tip:

Tires need replacing due to age even if the tread looks good. As a rule of thumb tire life is 5 to 7 years. However, if tires are maintained it is possible to get 10 years out of them.

Trick to Use a Hose "Y" Connector:

Use a Y connector for fresh water hook-up to the RV and have ability to connect an outdoor shower connection. The Y can also be used to relieve the water pressure in the hose by turning the switch lever when it is time to remove it.

Folding Step Stool:

This is great for reaching high cabinets, washing the RV, messing with the awning or a step up to get on the rear roof ladder. Works great at the gas station when reaching to clean the front windshield.

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Exhibitor Hours

Wednesday, March 23, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, March 24, 25, & 26, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

How Can I Attend?

Full Access + RV Camping
On-Site - \$225/couple

4-Days Full Access with 5 Camping Nights

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Children 12 and under free. Active Military free.

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Children 12 and under free.

Only sold at public gate.

Not a member of FMCA but you'd like to attend FMCA's "Sunsets and Saguaros" convention?

No problem. Just give us a call at (800) 543-3622 and we can get you registered for all the great activities and bushels of fun we have planned.

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our daily lives. The backlog isn't going away, and drought and wildfires hit the western states hard. In addition, national forests, campgrounds, and boondocking areas may take years to recover.

The marketing study, various RV influencers, and experts list the same negative factors that made the 2021 RV season difficult. What I found interesting is the fact that the research study shows optimism among RVers around the country. I had to remind myself that the RV community is a hardy bunch. We eat uncertainty for breakfast (okay, we throw a little sugar and spice on it and add a little bacon).

Before the RV boom, many counties weren't too hip to the idea of allowing new campgrounds to open within their borders. I won't go into the reasons (and trust me, there were some hum-dingers), but the attitude has changed. If you do a quick search on YouTube or Google, you'll find glamping paradises, expansion RV parks for popular attractions, family-friendly campgrounds, and many others. I'm even looking forward to that [Love's Travel Stop and KOA](#) partnership expansion plan. When I went to the last local RV show, I saw some new campgrounds around the state with booths in the vendors' area.

I still highly recommend making your RV campsite reservations over the off-season, but with these new campgrounds opening up, you may have better luck this year grabbing up that premium site you've always wanted.

What's the Future of the RV Industry?

In a recent podcast, Mike Wendland of [RV Lifestyle](#) interviewed Matt Foxcroft of [Matt's RV Review](#). The two discussed their overall impressions of the RV innovations coming out of the manufacturers.

Matt states that many manufacturers aren't making significant changes in the gasser Class A or travel trailer sector. However, he did see the most RV innovations in the diesel Class A RVs, toy haulers, and campervan categories. Matt predicts that consumers may see Class B prices fall to more competitive levels since many brands are on the market.

Electric RV Conversion Continues

Another point of interest during the discussion is RV solar panel systems. In the 6-7 years Matt has been in the RV world, he's seen systems go from a trickle charging battery device to towables that solely rely on solar for power. If you look at Nomadic Cooling (a subsidiary of Dometic), their roof [A/C unit for RVs runs on batteries](#). Winnebago installs it on the off-road Revel campervan.

If you've kept up with the [EV truck](#) news, Rivian now has their pickup on the road. 2022 will see many of the long-anticipated all-electric trucks on the road affecting the RV industry forever. Some like Rivian will directly affect the tent campers and backpackers, but others like the Ford F-150 Lightning with a 220v outlet in the cargo bed will impact towables.

When it comes to RV innovation, I believe we'll continue to take steps to rely more on solar energy to remove propane from the RV lifestyle. My biggest concern for 2022 has to do with campground readiness. Many older campgrounds don't have the electric infrastructure to support the needs of a 30 or 50 amp RV while an EV vehicle is recharging in the same electric post. Now think about the 50 to 500 campsites on the property with an RV and EV plugged in simultaneously. I think we're going to see a lot of news reports of campground blackouts in 2022.

The Key to the 2022 RV Camping Season is Educating Yourself

Mike Wendland stated that when an RV runs over a pothole, it's like your residential house going through a near 5.0 earthquake. Solar panel experts will tell you solar energy is still the slowest method of energy generation despite the advances. RV insiders have no idea when or if prices will come down, even with all of the information they know.

My point is to continue educating yourself through the RV Life network to learn the realities, the perspective, and the information you need to know when deciding what to do about your coach. 2022 looks like it will have its challenges from where I sit, but I've booked my campsites and have high hopes.

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On the Lighter Side

Truisms

- 1) When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison
- 2) To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- 3) Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
- 4) It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- 5) The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
- 6) When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- 7) I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- 8) I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- 9) Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
- 10) If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
- 11) When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say, "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
- 12) I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- 13) I run like the winded.
- 14) I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
- 15) When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why? What did you hear?"
- 16) When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- 17) I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- 18) When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "East."
- 19) Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
- 20) Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
- 21) My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

RALLY NOTES:

Remember: Call/text/email your wagon master when you make or cancel reservations.

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All parks require you to call individually, to make a reservation with your credit card.

Keep in mind when making your reservations that most attendees arrive at the parks on Thursday and stay till Monday, if they have the availability.

Generally sites will not be held past 30 days prior to the rally. We recommend that you make reservations early.

For members no longer traveling with an RV there are cabins available at select rally sites. More info to follow on which dates cabins are available.

Expect rallies to be open air (without clubhouse) weather permitting.

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2022 Rally Schedule

North Whidbey RV Park

Friday, April 15 — Sunday, April 17
565 Cornet Bay Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277
360-675-9597
northwhidbeyrvpark.com
Hosts: TBD

Stargazer (Reserve no later than April 20)

Friday, May 20 — Sunday, May 22
800 E Simcoe Dr., Goldendale, WA 98620
509-773-7827
Stargazersrvresort.com
Hosts: TBD

Olde Stone Village (Reserve by April 15)

Friday, June 17 — Sunday, June 19
4155 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR 97128
503-472-4315
Oldestonevillage.com
Hosts: TBD

NW Regional Rally

Tuesday, June 21— Friday, June 25
Coos Bay, OR
Registration opens in January

Howard Miller Steelhead Park—Tentative

Friday, July 22 — Sunday, July 24
52804 Rockport Park Rd., Rockport, WA 98283
360-853-8808
Hosts: TBD

Icicle River RV Park

Friday, August 19 — Sunday, August 21
7305 Icicle Rd, Leavenworth, WA 98826
509-548-5420
<https://icicleriverrv.com/>
Host: TBD

Columbia Riverfront RV Park

Friday, September 16—Sunday, September 18
1881 Dike Rd, Woodland, WA 98674
360-225-2227
Host: TBD

Toutle River RV Resort—Tentative

Friday, October 21 — Sunday, October 23
150 Happy Trails, Castle Rock WA 98611
360-274-8373
www.greatrvresort.com/
Host: TBD

Midway RV

Friday, November 11 — Sunday, November 13
3200 Galvin Rd., Centralia, WA 98531
360-736-3200
Midwayrvparkwa.com

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Dues for the 2022 Rally season are \$20.00.

Please send your 2022 dues with a check made out to:

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Olympia, WA 98502

If you have any questions, please call me at 360-402-7956.

Thank you,

Elsie Fite