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## Good News

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*Good Sam Club Highways*  
September 2009

### Member Profile

#### Getting Off Track

##### Follow the Ezgur family on a five-month road trip

Faced with grim economic prospects, legions of North Americans opted to vacation close to home this summer. Good Sam members Michael and Wendi Ezgur took the opposite approach. Michael, a real estate developer, and Wendi, a marketer, saw the lull in their once-busy professional lives as a chance to hit the road.

Last spring, the Chicago residents purchased a 35-foot Georgetown motorhome from Forest River and took their kids—Aidan, 11, Charlie, 8, and Rosie, 6—out of school for the trip of a lifetime.

"We realized that you have one chance to have this time with your kids," says Wendi. "You never get it back."

The Ezgurs initially drove south in search of warmer climes before heading west then north and circling back home. Through it all, Michael and Wendi have integrated "road schooling" into the journey.

"In addition to reading and math, the kids are responsible for parts of the trip," says Wendi. "Charlie does budgeting, and Aidan puts together music and video of our trip." Their young daughter draws pictures and writes books, documenting their travels. "They've all learned that work and play can coexist," she adds.

For her part, Wendi is putting her marketing expertise into the family's trip. She's created a website, [www.familyofftrack.com](http://www.familyofftrack.com), along with a Family Off Track logo. She's even acquired corporate sponsors for their journey and hopes to put her combined RVing and business skills to use for RV companies eager to win new customers.

[www.familyofftrack.com](http://www.familyofftrack.com)



### Good Sam Tours

#### Meet Me in Pasadena

##### Make a resolution to see America's favorite parade

Do you love a parade? Take your seat in the grandstand and get an eyeful of the planet's greatest pageant at the Rose Parade Samboree, December 28 to January 2. Watch as flower-bedecked floats, boisterous marching bands and graceful equestrian riders stream down Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day during the 121st annual Tournament of Roses. Now in its 33rd year, the Rose Parade Samboree includes five days of camping with full hookups at the luxurious Newport Dunes RV Resort on scenic Newport Bay. You'll also get tickets to the Glory of Christmas at Garden Grove's Crystal Cathedral and take several side trips including tours of two float-building houses.

For more information, visit the website below and click on Events and Tours.

[www.goodsamclub.com/community](http://www.goodsamclub.com/community)  
800-829-5140

### RVer of the Year

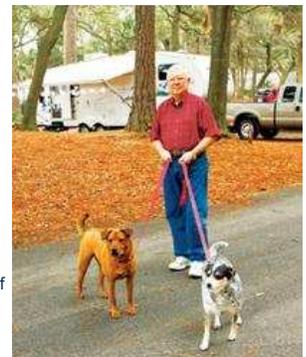
#### Good Sam Role Models

##### Vote for the 2009 RVer of the Year

After rescuing a stray dog from a South Carolina campground, Good Sam Club member Richard Daniels (pictured above) was inspired to take up a crusade to save homeless animals across the continent. In recognition of Daniels' extraordinary efforts, the club honored him with our first-annual RVer of the Year award, presented at the 2009 Rally. Now it's time to select this year's Good Sam Club RVer of the Year. After receiving lots of suggestions from *Highways* readers at [rveroftheyear@goodsamclub.com](mailto:rveroftheyear@goodsamclub.com) e-mail address, we've nominated five Good Sam members who've gone the extra mile to help their local community and the world at large.

To cast your vote, click on the *Highways* homepage below, go to "RVer of the Year" and read about the five nominees, then mark the online ballot for the member whose story inspires you the most. We'll profile the 2009 RVer of the Year in the January 2010 issue of *Highways*.

[www.goodsamclub.com/highways](http://www.goodsamclub.com/highways)



### Chapter News

#### On the Front Lines

##### Oregon Good Sam chapters support America's veterans

In commemoration of the Oregon Good Sam organization's 40th anniversary, chapters throughout the state are volunteering for the Veterans Fund, which coordinates visits, entertainment and events at Veterans Administration medical centers and veterans' homes. Chapter members have visited veterans throughout Oregon and delivered more than 650 handmade lap robes.

"This program is intended to emphasize 'Every Veteran, Every Day,' which means one-on-one contact, being there and reaching out in friendship first," says Oregon State Director Wayne Swanson.

To learn more about the Oregon Good Sams' support of the Veterans Fund, visit [www.veteransfund.com](http://www.veteransfund.com). For more information about Good Sam Club chapters, click on the website below and select Chapters.

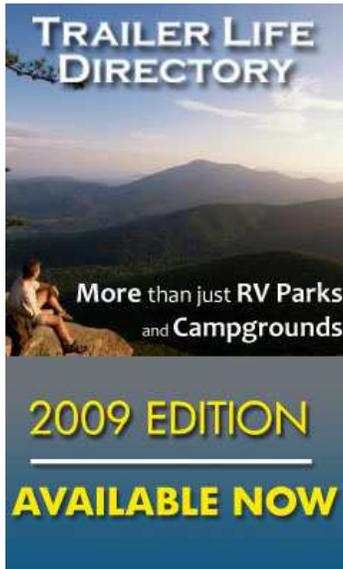
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### Keystone Sweepstakes And the Winner Is...

#### Two Good Sam members drive off in a free RV

Good Sam members Mackie and Gail Daniels are riding high this summer with a new travel trailer that didn't cost them a cent. The Fitzgerald, Georgia, couple





won a \$26,000 Springdale trailer through Keystone's Live Your Dreams Sweepstakes.

Not surprisingly, the couple was floored by the news. "When my wife received the phone call, we were skeptical," says Mackie Daniels, a retired telecommunications worker. "What are the odds? But when I returned the call, I realized this is real."

The Indiana manufacturer is giving away four towable RVs through February 2010 in partnership with the newsletters, websites and magazines published by Affinity, Good Sam's parent company.

You can enter the sweepstakes at [www.keystonegiveaway.com](http://www.keystonegiveaway.com) and at Affinity Events shows. For a list of shows, click on the website below.  
[www.affinityrvshows.com](http://www.affinityrvshows.com)



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**Road Report**

**Defunct Manufacturer? Don't Worry**

**Good Sam expands our Extended Service Plan coverage**

As more RV manufacturers close their doors, the Good Sam Club has expanded the protection available from the Good Sam Extended Service Plan to include the time normally covered by the manufacturer.

Previously, the Extended Service Plan excluded items that were still within the manufacturer's warranty time frame. Now, when the manufacturer is unable to honor that protection, even if the warranty hasn't expired, the Good Sam Extended Service Plan immediately provides coverage (see "What the Plan Covers" on the right). The benefit is available exclusively through participating Good Sam Authorized Dealers and from the Good Sam Club for anyone in the market for a new or used RV. There's no additional cost to the consumer.

To get more information about the program or to find an authorized Good Sam Authorized Dealer, go to Member Quick Links on the website below.

[www.goodsamclub.com/rvcentral](http://www.goodsamclub.com/rvcentral)

**Good Sam Extended Service Plan**

**What the Plan Covers**

The Good Sam Extended Service Plan covers parts and labor for the transmission, the differential and the engine, as well as hundreds of RV systems including accessories and appliances. Additionally, the plan's travel benefits help pay for rental-car, hotel and dining expenses while your motorhome, trailer or tow vehicle is being fixed.



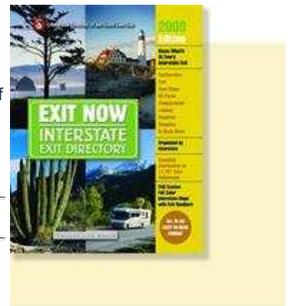
**RV Bookshelf**

**Exits Explained**

**Get the inside scoop on interstate off-ramps**

Trailer Life Books' 2009 *Exit Now: Interstate Exit Directory* takes the mystery out of off-ramps. Readers of the guide can learn what services and attractions await off the exits of every U.S. interstate. The spiral-bound book contains 600 pages of color-coded listings organized by interstate, so you can quickly look up the exits near you. To purchase Exit Now, go to the website below, select Book Store and go to Directories.

[www.goodsamclub.com/travelstore](http://www.goodsamclub.com/travelstore)



**Rally 2010**

**Race to Louisville**

**Party with Good Sam at next year's Rally**

Trot, canter or gallop to North America's horse-racing mecca for the 2010 Rally in Louisville, July 22 through 25. Held at the Kentucky Exposition Center, our annual Rally features star-studded musical entertainment, hundreds of new rigs and travel products, and compelling tours to regional attractions. Learn more about the RV lifestyle in one of the many Rally seminars, take part in the full slate of fun-filled activities or simply make new RVing friends during Good Sam Club Day. Early-bird parking is July 20 and 21.

[www.therally.com](http://www.therally.com)



**Connect with the Rally**

Get the latest news about the 2010 Rally's entertainment, activities and tours through your favorite online social networks. Join the Rally Facebook group by logging onto [www.facebook.com/therally](http://www.facebook.com/therally). Track our Rally Twitter feed at [www.twitter.com/therally](http://www.twitter.com/therally). You can also get Rally updates at Eons, the online network for Baby Boomers, by clicking on [www.eons.com/groups/group/the-rally](http://www.eons.com/groups/group/the-rally).



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