



The Movie "RV" Just in Time for Summer Travel

The release of the movie "RV" is this week which is both good and bad news. It brings the RVing lifestyle to the forefront of travelers' minds – which is good; but the poor, hapless Munro family certainly makes RVing look like a comedy of errors or worse.

So let's all take a lesson from the movie and do a better job of preparing for our road trips this summer, and, of course, *Live Your Road Trip Dream* is here to help with that effort.

Speaking of road trips – how will the price of gas effect your plans this summer? Our advice is don't cancel your plans! Yes, many people may modify their plans – travel closer to home, go to one place and explore instead of traveling from place to place, but please don't deprive yourself of your adventures just because of gas prices. Road trips and RVing are still inexpensive, fun ways to vacation – and the price of gas is only a portion of the total cost. Look for ways to economize in other areas – eat more meals around the campfire, do more activities that don't have a cost associated with them, like hiking, swimming at the river, or exploring museums that don't charge.

But most of all, Live Your Dreams!

Phil and Carol White



More Kudos!

You could have blown me over with a feather when this message arrived in my email yesterday:

Dear Carol,

Congratulations! Your title, *Live Your Road Trip Dream*, has been named as one of three finalists in the 2006 Benjamin Franklin Awards competition, in the following category: *Book of the Year for Excellence and Innovation in Marketing*.

The 2006 Benjamin Franklin Award winner will be chosen from one of the three finalists and will receive the Benjamin

Franklin Award during a ceremony on Wednesday evening, May 17, 2006 at the Washington, DC Convention Center to which you and your staff are invited. The awards party will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail reception. The actual awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. and will hopefully be concluded by 9:00 p.m. Enclosed (in a letter being mailed to you) are 2 tickets to this event.

**A list of all of this year's finalists will be up at our website very soon. Please visit when you get a chance:
<http://www.pma-online.org>.**

Further information is being sent to you by mail. We look forward to hearing from and seeing you soon. Again, congratulations!

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One of three! Out of hundreds! Keep your fingers crossed for us – we'll let you know next month if we are tapped for this prestigious award.

 **Living your dream... others sharing their stories.**

This Family has been out for Ten Months so Far!

The Bray family has been on their road trip dream for nearly a year. Their son, Thomas has had the education of a lifetime and they have really learned to enjoy the simple pleasures of hiking, exploring and enjoying each other's company.



Daniel continues to run his company while on the road. He has internet access, a cell phone, a computer with customer data – and work continues regardless of their location. Daniel is in sales and

conducts his business from their motorhome, or on occasion, from the trail or beach. More businesses than you may think can actually work on the road. Think about what you do – could you take it on the road? What would you have to do to make that happen?

Daniel and his family have sent along these pictures from some of their recent adventures. You can also follow their journey at their website www.braytel.net



Idea of the Month

Working and Home Schooling on the Road

Last month we talked a bit about retirement and reinventing your life in the second half or “phase II”. The more we talk to people about this idea, the more we find people who are actually doing it. Boomers don’t want to retire in the traditional sense, but most DO want to free themselves from the everyday work grind. They want to define “work” on their own terms and timeframes.

Many people who purchase *Live Your Road Trip Dream* are intent on doing just that. The Bray family mentioned above has done it, as have many other readers of this newsletter. From judges to project managers, everyone we talk to wants to reinvent their lives on their terms. Many have set-up consulting practices in their area of specialty from their previous work life. They are finding fulfillment is providing everything from that occasional “extra hand” to working on projects lasting from a few days to months. But the freeing factor is that THEY get to choose the terms of their work.

Take a look at the Gregorich family at www.awaywego.us . They both work on the road and home school their two boys as well. Mark is a web designer and Cricket is a mortgage broker. Last September they sold their house, gathered up the kids and dog – and away they went! Mark said the best part of the trip for the kids has been the hands-on learning available by combining their school curriculum with the travel adventure.



How have you reinvented yourself or what are you thinking of doing? We'll share your stories and ideas – just send them along (carol@roadtripdream.com)

More Road Tripping Information

Travel Website takes Top Honors!

MyTripJournal.com has been recognized as one of the Top 13 Travel Sites on the web. Quite an honor for them. Our congratulations. Go see them at www.mytripjournal.com or read about all 13 of the sites [here](#)

Other Websites to Check Out

I've found two additional websites this month that I think you might like.

* www.freetrip.com is a quick basic road trip route planner – it will plan your route with some preferences (quickest route, avoid freeways, etc.) and will help you with sponsored places to stay along the way.

* www.tripconnect.com is a place to comment on places you've been and to find out about places you are going. As a new site, it is still building its database, but it looks like it will be really good over time. Help them along – go rate a few places you've been!

Tell Us What You Think

Send us your tips and questions!

Always feel free to [email us](#) with your road trip questions or tips, or thoughts about the book. We'll be printing some of your comments in the months to come.

Where have your dreams taken you?

Please [send us](#) your travel pictures taken on your road trip dream. We want to share stories of trips that were inspired by reading *Live Your Road Trip Dream – Travel for a year for the cost of staying home.*

Upcoming Appearances

Find details on our [website](#) for these appearances:

April 29-30 - LA Book Fair - Look for our book in Booth #610 - The Author's Coalition



May 1 - AAA - Lake Oswego & Beaverton Branches

May 2 - AAA - Clackamas Branch, Portland, Oregon

May 3 - AAA - Downtown Portland, Portland, Oregon

May 10 - Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, Portland

May 11 - AAA - Gateway & Eugene Branches - Eugene, Oregon

May 17 - PMA - University, Washington, DC

Until next time.. Keep Dreaming...