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## Solar power is one hot option for RVs—find out why at the 54th Annual Detroit RV & Camping Show

Novi, Mich.—Harnessing the sun for power isn't a new concept for RVers, but it has become much more accessible and easier to incorporate into the RVing lifestyle.

"Over the past few years, we've been seeing an increase in solar power options, especially in Class-B RVs," said Bruce TerVeen, sales manager with General RV Center. Solar panels and battery banks are becoming larger and more efficient in collecting solar energy, said TerVeen. In addition, newer model RVs have more features and functions that can run off battery power/inverters than ever before, including air conditioning, water pumps and wall plugs.

"Solar power is allowing RVs to run more independently, letting the RVer go further," TerVeen said. "We're seeing a lot of RVers looking to explore beyond campgrounds and solar energy is expanding their options."

Many manufacturers on display at the 54th Annual Detroit RV & Camping Show offer solar packages ranging from basic factory installed solar panels to solar power panel set up systems. Costs range from \$500 for a basic kit up to \$20,000 for an elaborate system designed for long-term RV living.

Over 350 units are on display at the show, including popular travel trailers, truck campers, folding camping trailers, motorhomes, toy haulers, fifth wheel travel trailers and a park model. Prices range from \$6,995 to more than \$400,000. With 75 exhibits featuring parts and accessories, campground information, on-site RV financing and RV rentals, there is something for every level of RVer at the show.

At the 54th Annual Detroit RV & Camping Show, attendees can:

- Register to win one of eighteen prizes through the "Enjoy Michigan, Compliments of MARVAC Giveaway!" Prizes include free camping at fantastic campgrounds all around Michigan and RV/camping lifestyle related giveaways.
- Take in educational seminars on the MARVAC "Let's Go!" stage on all things related to Michigan and RVing, including renting an RV, staying connected via satellite and free TV, Camping 101, accessibility at state parks and more.
- Meet Tom Daldin and Jim Edelman from "Under the Radar Michigan" on Saturday, February 8 at noon and 3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.marvac.org.

The 54th Annual Detroit RV & Camping Show runs February 5-9, 2020, at Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi. Suburban Collection Showplace is located on Grand River Avenue, south of I-96 between Novi Road and Beck Road. Adult admission (ages 13 and over) is \$10, senior admission (ages 55 and over) is \$9, and children 12 and under get in free! Parking cost not included in admission. Coupons for \$1 off any adult or senior admission are available at marvac.org, Big Boy restaurants, Tubby's Sub Shops, show exhibitors and in area newspapers.