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Tin Can Tourists Celebrate 100th Anniversary!

The TIN CAN TOURISTS (TCT), America's oldest trailer and motor coach club, is celebrating its 100th Anniversary with events and rallies scheduled throughout the United States in Florida and Michigan as well as official events hosted by TCT state representatives 2019. This historic club, once the domain of travelers in the early 1920s who drove Model T Fords and tented along the sides of America's two-lane roads, represents the very beginnings of our nation's \$13-billion-dollar recreational vehicle industry.

To celebrate its 100th Year, the TCT will hold rallies, caravans, and special events across America in many places where the Club's members historically traveled, always following the guiding principles of clean camps, friendliness, decent behavior, and enjoying plenty of wholesome entertainment. The group, originally known for the distinctive TCT logo, has grown throughout the past century and now boasts over 2,000 club members and over 40,000 Facebook followers.

A Centennial Celebration Caravan has been organized to visit areas that were a part of TCT history in Michigan. TCT held Summer Reunions in Traverse City from 1921 to 1963. Many TCT members were also members of the Automobile Tourists Association and participated in events before the Summer Reunion at Orchard Beach State Park. TCT is excited to join Orchard Beach and Interlochen State Park in their celebrations marking the centennial of the state park system. An open house is scheduled at Interlochen on Saturday, June 22nd, 2019 from 11 am to 3 pm. A **Recreation Passport** is required for vehicle entry into Michigan state parks.

"Our tour of these classic campers is a reminder of a simpler time and place, says Forrest Bone, the Club's national president. "Our members are eager to display their campers and motor coaches, ranging in age from the 1930s to the 1980s. Each one is a beautiful example of America's love affair with the emerging concept of leisure time, family vacations, and freedom on the open road."

"Our members also enjoy showing off their collections of vintage tow vehicles, luggage, camping items, tools, and appliances," said TCT member Alex Alexander from DeFuniak Springs, Florida. "Whether you're looking to enjoy classic camping in a smaller more efficient space, or just want to bask in the nostalgic glow of past family vacations, you will enjoy this event."

Approximately 60 vintage trailers and coaches ranging in age from the 1920s to the 1980s can be toured during this one-day event. It's well worth the drive to see these original tiny homes and meet the people who have lovingly restored them to their former glory. But be forewarned, you may leave this event with a firm urge to start searching for your stylish vintage camper!

The Tin Can Tourists Open House is open to the public on June 22nd from 11 am to 3 pm. A **Recreation Passport** is required for vehicle entry into Michigan state parks.

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