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THE EARLY YEARS

Tin Can Tourists were organized at Desoto Park. Tampa, Florida, in 1919. They received the official state charter a year later. The group's stated objective was, "to unite fraternally all auto campers." Their guiding principles were clean camps, friendliness among campers, decent behavior and to secure plenty of clean. wholesome entertainment for those in camp. The group known for the soldered tin can on their radiator caps grew rapidly during the twenties and thirties. Members could be inducted by fellow campers through an initiation process that taught the prospective member the secret handshake, sign, and password. After singing the official song, "The More We Get Together," the trailerite

was an official member of the Tin Can Tourists of the World.

A NEW BEGINNING

In 1998, Forrest and Jeri Bone renewed the club as an all make and model vintage trailer and motor coach club. The first gathering in May of 1998 was held at Camp Dearborn in Milford, Michigan with twenty-one rigs attending. By the end of the year, fifty members were accepted as charter members of the renewed version of the Tin Can Tourists. The group has grown steadily to over 2,000 members and has a large following on social media sites. Currently

there are annual gatherings in Michigan,
Florida, and regional rallies at various
locations in the U.S. The new version of
Tin Can Tourists is open to all. Its goal
is to abide by the original group's
objectives and guiding principles
as well as the promotion and
preservation of vintage trailers
and motor coaches through

exchange.

gatherings and information



being judged. Newer units

are welcome at these

rallies but will not

be eligible for

judging.