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Camper, RV dealers think warm

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WHILE YOU and I are thinking about getting the snowblower tuned up, the folks at the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds, based in Livonia, have summer on their minds.

Or at least summerlike temperatures. They'll be bent on getting us to think about the days when the livin' is easy when they display campers, trailers and motor homes at the 19th Detroit Camper and Travel Trailer Show Saturday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 1, at Cobo Hall.

Billed as the largest indoor display of recreation vehicles in the country, the show annually draws more than 100,000. Hours are 2-10 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 10 Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12; no charge for children 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

ABOUT 400 recreation vehicles will be displayed with prices ranging from \$2,000 for pop-up tent campers to \$300,000 motorhomes.

Greater emphasis appears to be on RV interiors which have been spiced up with "high-tech styling."

"Younger people live in a high-tech world, they work in a high-tech world, and they want to recreate in a high-tech world," said Marge Wilk, partner in Wilk's Trailer Center in Dearborn Heights.

While the traditional trailer owner still can find colonial styling and rustic tweeds, those seeking a modern look will find art deco interiors featuring grays, maroons and chrome.

Trailer designers are picking up on what interior decorators are doing in home and office setting, Wilk said. Overstuffed high fashion furniture is part of the new look. The updated interiors add \$200 to \$300 on the Shasta models that she sells.

OTHER CHANGES featured at the show include:

- New designs with kitchens in the front of trailers rather than in the middle.

- Decors in as many as 50 colors.
- Flush interiors with brass, glass and natural wood paneling with fireplaces in some models.

- Park model trailers, 12 feet in width.

Some feature shingle roofs and vinyl drop siding.

RV financing interest rates around 10 percent are expected by most dealers.

IF YOU'RE NOT interested in buying a national trailer rental firm will be on hand to offer motor homes to rent. Displays of TV accessories and booths offering information on private campgrounds and resorts, the National Camping and Hiking Association, and outdoor recreation property will be set up.

The 1988 Michigan Campground and Recreational Vehicle Dealer Directory will be available free at the show. The booklet divides the state in five regions and lists dealers, private campgrounds, storage and repair facilities and road maps for each campground.

Those wanting a copy by mail are asked to send a self-addressed, stamped (22 cents) business envelope to 1988 Directory, MAR-

VAC, 19045 Farmington Road, Livonia 48152.

• **HOLLY STATE** Recreation Area expects to have electricity at half its campsites by Dec. 1, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

Proud Lake Recreation Area will be open all winter, with electric hookups, flush toilets and hot showers, DNR said.

Proud Lake will offer a cross country ski center for the first time this winter. It will be located behind the park office in the former nature center building, on Wilcox Road north of the city of Wilcox. Skis will be rented and refreshments sold.

• **HURON-CLINTON** Metroparks will have many cold weather offerings at their nature centers. In each case, call the toll free 1-800-532-6772 to register. There is a vehicle admission at gate, but programs are free unless indicated. The lineup:

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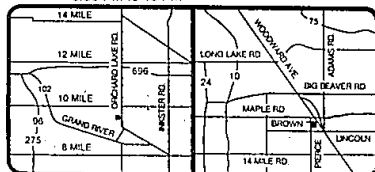
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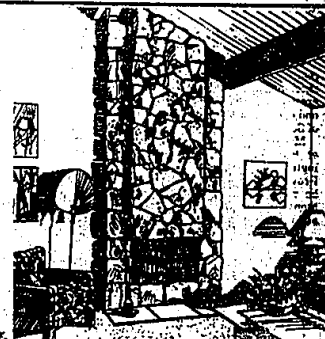
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