

## LOOKING BACK

### Nostalgic Photo Recalls Early Trailer Company

▶ **Angeline “Angie” Holte** turned 90 recently and there were many photos on display at the party where dozens of friends and family members had gathered to celebrate. But to the RV enthusiasts at the party, one of those photos, circa 1949-’50, of Angie and her daughters, **June** and **Caroline**, standing in front of a teardrop trailer, was particularly poignant.

That snapshot was not only a look back into the history of the Holte family, but also a glimpse into the early days of RVing. According to **John Holte**, Caroline’s and June’s brother, the photo was taken when Angie’s late husband, **Junius**, designed and built that trailer. It was prototyped in about 1946, and eventually manufactured for a brief time in 1947-’48.

**Holte Motors Limited** was formed and soon acquired by another company called **Fleet Aircraft** of Canada, with Junius put in charge of the manufacturing. Unfortunately, only about 1,500 were made before the duty structure on imported trailers was changed, effectively closing the business.

Junius would go on to a long career in the U.S. government, and passed away in 1994 at the age of 88. Angie and Junius were married for 50 years. Angie lives in Yorba Linda, California. — *Bob Dawson*



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## MOVIE TIME

### RVing to Hollywood

▶ The movie *RV* arrives at theaters on **April 28**. It’s a comedy starring Robin Williams as the patriarch of a stressed-out family who needs a vacation. Hawaii won’t work, so they rent a motorhome. They endure the usual mishaps of many first-timers, but in the end they re-connect with each other — just as many of us did.

— *Ron Epstein*

## MEGA-LITE

### Extreme Toy Hauler

▶ **Extreme RV** has introduced the **2007 Mega-Lite SURV**, available in three floorplans in lengths of 19 to 29 feet. With a 7,670-pound gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), the wood-and-aluminum Mega-Lite is designed to be towed behind a half-ton pickup.

Retailing for less than **\$30,000**, the Mega-Lite features an open floorplan with a standard horseshoe-shaped rear dinette incorporating two couches that fold against the interior side walls, and a table that stores automatically beneath the upper of two standard electric double beds. Mega-Lite also features an entertainment center with a 20-inch TV that drops from the ceiling, and a lightweight 2,500-pound ramp made of aluminum and composite fiberglass. For more information, call **(800) 859-0344**, or log on to **extremervs.com**. — *Bob Ashley*



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## CALENDAR

**MARCH 30-APRIL 2:** Quebec City RV Show, Quebec, Canada, (514) 338-1471.

**APRIL 8-9:** Colorado Off-Highway Expo, Denver, (303) 892-6800.

**APRIL 20-23:** Spring Pomona RV & Lifestyle Show, California, (800) 736-5958.

**APRIL 21-23:** Fort Lauderdale RV Show, Florida, (813) 741-0488.

**APRIL 28-30:** Vacation & Recreation Expo, Portland, Oregon, (503) 573-1155.

*Please call for more information and to verify dates.*

## RECALLS

**General Motors** is recalling **425,593 (2003-2006) Chevrolet Express** and **GMC Savana** vehicles because on certain full-size passenger, cargo or cutaway vans, the front- and rear-seat belt buckles will not latch or will not unlatch. Dealers will inspect the buckles and replace if needed. [NHTSA Recall No. 05V558000/GM Recall No. 05113]

## WELCOME TO MY STATE

### Texas Gets “RV Friendly”

▶ “**RV Friendly**” highway logos will soon be appearing on **Texas** GAS-FOOD-LODGING highway exit signs of qualified businesses. When the logos are included, those businesses will provide parking facilities that accommodate RVs.

Texas is the sixth state to adopt the RV Friendly road sign initiative, joining Oregon, Louisiana, Tennessee, Washington and Florida.