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Lon Larson Elected Chairman of RV/MH Hall of Fame

New Chairman Challenges Industry to be Part of their Heritage through Contributions and Service

Future Recreation Vehicle (RV) and Manufactured Housing (MH) generations will thank this generation for its leadership, courage, vision and generosity that came together to create a new monument honoring the RV/MH industries' rich heritage, according to Lon Larson, newly elected chairman of the RV/MH Hall of Fame board of directors.

Larson was referring to the new 80,000-square-foot RV/MH Hall of Fame, Museum, Library, Conference Center and the national headquarters for the RV/MH Heritage Foundation which was unveiled last August to rave reviews from both industry veterans and newcomers.

"However, our work isn't done," Larson said. "Our vision is to continue building the Hall of Fame by adding a show pavilion, a manufactured housing hall, a manufactured housing village and to enlarge the conference center to accommodate 1,000 people.

"I challenge all companies and individuals that participate in and earn a living from the RV and MH industries to help us continue to build our industries' heritage and fulfill the dream."

Larson, general manager, Oliver Technologies, Inc. (OTI), joined the RV/MH Hall of Fame board of directors in 2001, and prior to being elected chairman, he served as vice chairman since 2006.

Larson said, "The last few years of the RV/MH Hall of Fame's history have been phenomenal culminating in the completion of our new facility. I'm proud to have served under the extraordinary leadership by my predecessors James McGee, Modular 1, and

Dave Altman, Altman's Winnebago, and seen the vision of Carl Ehry, our president, develop from a dream into reality.

"We are all saddened by Dave Altman's passing and we ask that everyone to continue remembering Marla and the family in their prayers. Dave's leadership conveyed boundless enthusiasm and unselfish service that I will strive to emulate."

A native of Chicago, Larson moved to California in 1970 and joined OTI in 1978 to work on manufactured housing earthquake bracing and foundations. When OTI went national in 1994 with new foundation products for the manufactured housing industry, Larson was responsible for marketing and code approvals nationwide.

Recently, OTI started manufacturing Oliver Camping Trailers, and Larson has been involved with the launch of this new product in the RV industry.

In addition to his service to the RV/MH Hall of Fame Larson also serves with the Manufactured Housing Institute on its board of directors and as vice chairman of the suppliers division. He also serves on the board of directors of CMHI and on the Governing Council for the supply division with FMHA. On behalf of OTI, he works closely with state associations across America.

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Lon Larson, chairman, RV/MH Hall of Fame and general manager, Oliver Technologies, Inc.