

RV/MH Hall of Fame

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Class of 2007 Inducted into Hall of Fame

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dedication of the New RV-MH Complex Brings Pioneers and Current Leaders Together

Foundation President Carl A. Ehry Honored

The RV/MH Hall of Fame class of 2007 was inducted on Monday August 6, in a gala ceremony held in conjunction with the dedication of the new hall of fame building in Elkhart.

Also, RV/MH Heritage Foundation President Carl A. Ehry was honored as the first recipient of the *Carl A. Ehry Award* newly created by the foundation's Board of Directors to honor individuals who have provided outstanding service to the foundation's Hall of Fame, Museum, and Library. Ehry was cited for his 13 years of exemplary leadership of the foundation and for conceiving and leading the campaign to expand and relocate into the new RV/MH Hall of Fame facility.

The new RV/MH Hall of Fame located at 21565 Executive Parkway, Elkhart, is now open and hosting approximately 100 visitors per day. The first two phases of the new building totaling nearly 80,000 square feet were dedicated in a brief ribbon cutting ceremony preceding the social hour for the banquet honoring the hall of fame class. The banquet honoring the inductees was attended by 480 industry leaders from around the world.

The new building includes a gallery where the 314 members of the RV/MH Hall of Fame are honored; the RV Founders Hall where the foundation's collection of vintage RVs are displayed; the Go RVing Hall where a selection of new modern RVs are displayed; the Exhibitors Hall where industry supply firms have permanent booth displays demonstrating their products and history; and the nearly complete Boots and Betty Ingram Hall which will house and display the world famous David Woodworth collection of twenties and thirties RVs that was acquired through a gift from Boots Ingram.

The two phases yet to be constructed are: a 20,000 square foot conference and convention facility that will host up to 1,000 for dinners and up to 2,100 seated theater style, and a 20,000 square foot hall to display and develop the foundation's collection of very early manufactured homes. With the foundation's strong commitment to remain debt free, these wings will be constructed as funds become available. A portion of the Ingram Hall will be temporarily available for industry meetings until the full convention facilities are built.

The new RV/MH Hall of Fame members inducted were: Mel Adams, an industry supplier from Airexcel RV Products in Wichita, Kansas, Jerry Britton, a financial leader from Textron Financial in Alpharetta, Georgia, Dick Moore, a housing retailer from Dick Moore, Inc. in Millington, Tennessee; Billy Sims an RV retailer from Billy Sims Trailer Town in Lubbock, Texas; Paul Skogebo an RV retailer from Robert Crist and Company in Mesa, Arizona; Tom Stinnett, an RV retailer from Tom Stinnett RV Center in Clarksville, Indiana; Ronald Thomas a housing retailer from Rona Homes in Pataskala, Ohio; Jim Visser, a trade magazine publisher from The Journal in Manchester, Georgia; Don Walter, an RV manufacturer from Starcraft RV in Topeka, Indiana; and the late Jerry Wilson, a housing manufacturer from Cavalier Homes in Addison, Alabama.