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


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PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPENS UP RV DOORS TO UNIQUE, ONE-NIGHT ADVENTURES

BY AMY SPEER

Imagine spending a night at an apple orchard in Michigan, an alligator ranch in Mississippi, a wine vineyard in California and a sugar house in Vermont.

Now, imagine staying at all of those places for free.

Have we piqued your interest? Entegra Coach owner Mario LaCute certainly did when he told us about Harvest Hosts, an online membership that lets travelers tap into a list of 470 hosts in the lower 48 states, Baja California, Alaska and Canada. From farms to ranches, from breweries to vineyards, these host locations let RVers spend the night on these properties free of charge.

HARVEST HOSTS CONTINUED





ON THE HARVEST HOSTS' DIRECTORY: A CHEESE FACTORY (LEFT) AND A DONKEY RESCUE (RIGHT)

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A one-year, \$40 Harvest Hosts membership includes host directory access, member forum inclusion, monthly location updates and use of the "Find a Host" app. A lifetime membership runs \$300.

Mario and his wife, Ann, have made seven stops since they joined Harvest Hosts, a membership he considers well worth the price.

"If you look at it from a monetary standpoint, it's really a no brainer," says Mario, explaining how using the list just once can pay for itself. "The annual dues cost as much as it does to stay at a campground for one night." Some might say it's a wash, but if you

look at the experiences you chalk up, there's more to this Harvest Hosts' membership than a little shut eye.

Mario and Ann cozied up to the Atlantic Ocean in their Entegra Coach, parking next to a seaside cottage during their New Hampshire trip. They also took in the sights and sounds of a vineyard wedding in Colorado without even knowing the bride or groom.

These kind of adventures are exactly what Kim and Don Greene like to hear about when their members return from a journey. The pair have visited more than 70 countries together over the last 20 years, logging more than 200,000 miles in various RVs over the past decade. After stumbling across a similar program in France, the two returned to the



STRAIGHT OUT
OF THE LACUTES
PHOTO ALBUM

Fern Valley Vineyards in Yennville, Mich.

United States in search of a host program. None existed, and so Harvest Hosts was born.

Today, Harvest Hosts has 2,000 members. Some are the type who like to handpick fruit at berry farms. Others have a fondness for the alpaca ranches that dot the United States. (Who can blame them? These woolly critters are cute.) And for the history buffs, the host list offers a myriad of museums that run the gamut of oil, farms and dinosaurs.

"You'll meet some really interesting people and get into some areas of the country you normally wouldn't," Kim says. "If you're looking for a new experience, this is it." Kim warns, though, these adventures are only for those who are willing to dry camp.

But Mario will tell you if you dump your black tanks, fill up your fresh tank and load up on fuel, these one-night stops are worth the fun. And Mario will be the first to admit he sometimes splurges on a bottle of local wine, diminishing the free price tag. "But it's worth it to us," Mario says.

Mario has enjoyed the experience so much, he's even looking into joining  "Boondockers Welcome" and  "RV Golf Club." The first membership provides a directory to 819 free overnight, boondocking locations. The latter, lets you tap into a list of golf courses and RV resorts that allow RV parking.

So if your tanks are ready, your belly empty and your mind open, you might want to check out one of these host programs.