

# THE NATIONAL MOTORHOME SHOW

**PETERBOROUGH SHOWGROUND - 17-19 APRIL**

## Report from James Tranter - Empire RV

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary, the East of England Showground hosted the National Motorhome Show across the weekend of 17th - 19th April. The weather for the weekend looked promising, as did the number of bookings for the rally fields.



Thor Vegas and everything else in between! Throughout the weekend, the Empire stand was constantly busy creating further viewings at their showroom the following week. This included RV owners joining Empire RV's rental programme, who will now be earning an income from their RV when not in use.

### OAKWELL MOTORHOMES

Oakwell Motorhomes displayed a range of both American and European Motorhomes on their stand. These included a rather attractive rare Safari Trek with two slide outs, a Thor Hurricane and a Gulfstream Independence, which was located pride of place at the front of the stand. Oakwell also had another addition to their stand with a range of Bavaria products. These proved to be popular and well received at the show, which I believe led to confirmed sales.



The show layout did seem smaller this year, but there seemed to be the same amount, if not more, American RV dealers. Below were our findings as we managed to escape the stand and compile a show report and photos.

### EMPIRE RV

Located in their usual location, Empire RV had a display of both new and used American RVs ranging from the eye catching 39ft quad slide Forest River Berkshire to the 25ft

## FREEDOM MOTORHOMES

It has been a while since Freedom Motorhomes have attended any shows and it was good to see them displaying a range of American RVs, all under 7.5 tonnes. At the front of the stand was a well presented 2006 Winnebago Sightseer, which attracted considerable interest. As well as the Winnebago, they also displayed a range of B and C Class American RVs with slide outs.

## FIFTH WHEEL COMPANY

The Fifth Wheel Company, who never fail to impress with their display of UK built fifth wheels and caravans



## MOTO-TREK

Although not American, Moto-Trek were out in force with a large display of all their models from a Van Conversion to a large tag axle Coachbuilt. For those of you who haven't come across Moto-Trek, they are a UK manufacturer based in West Yorkshire, who build Coachbuilt motorhomes on the renowned Peugeot Boxer chassis with American style slide-outs. Moto-Trek's sole dealer is Itchy Feet, who had representation on the stand.

with slide outs, were located next to the day visitor entrance. Having had the opportunity to talk to them earlier during the show, business seemed to be good and orders were being taken many months in advance.

## TRAVELWORLD MOTORHOMES

Travelworld had a very busy stand with a wide range of the latest Hymer motorhomes. Also on the stand was A Hymer fitted out WITH the Goldschmitt air suspension and levelling system.





### CROSS COUNTRY RV

Cross Country RV had an interesting display of American fifth wheels and a large destination trailer. The Heartland destination trailer is a 42ft towable trailer, which looks like a park home. The beauty with this is that you don't need planning permission to site it due to it being a 'caravan', however it has all the luxuries of a park home! It was great to briefly catch up with Jay and hear they have got an open weekend at their premises on Saturday 2nd May.

### CALDER LEISURE

Calder Leisure were sited opposite Eurocruiser, which gave customers a great opportunity to view both brands without travelling all over the country! The centrepiece of the stand was the new 27ft Kountry Lite quad slide fifth wheel. This, I believe, is the shortest fifth wheel with the most amount of slide outs! As some of you may already know, Calder Leisure have recently got EU type approval on their range of fifth wheels.

### EUROCRUISER

Eurocruiser once again had a display with a range of new and used fifth wheels and travel trailers. One of the fifth wheels that had a lot of attention was the used Eurocruiser Titanium, which is a 35ft double slide fifth wheel. However, when hitched to the pick-up truck it is like towing a 30ft fifth wheel due to its double protrusion, which sits over the cab of the truck.

### ACCESSORY STALLS

As usual, the array of accessory stalls were lined up with displays from BBQs to bungee cords, chairs to chicken seasoning, cables to cat beds, washing lines to wiper blades - You name it, it would have been there! If you wanted to purchase an Oyster



satellite system, you would not have been short of choice with at least 4 suppliers with displays. RoadPro were in attendance with a number of display items, as were Towtal who supply and install A frames.

It was great to see so many RVs parked in the rally fields and to meet old and recent customers, many who

have become friends over the years. Thank you to Colin of the ARV Club and Rick, Rosie and their team of RVOC taking the time and effort to assist with the parking.

**If you missed The National Motorhome Show, there was also the Newbury show in May.**

