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# **No BOUNDARIES FOR US**

Inspiration for the inexperienced traveler

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Hello readers,

Here in Ohio, temperatures are finally warming up and spring cleanup is in full swing here.

Since so many of you expressed an interest in [camping and RV'ing](#), we are continuing our series this month with a focus on Class B motorhomes.

We've also wrapped up reviews of a great number of appliance and gadgets that modern moms would love for Mother's Day.

Leading off the magazine this month are beautiful waterfront areas in Maryland - Annapolis and St. Mary's County.

Brazil is our international destination of the month and we've got some great eyecandy for you. If these photos don't inspire you, you'll need to check your pulse.

I visited Brazil back a few years ago and it was one of the most exciting trips I've ever taken. We spent the entire time in or near the Amazon Jungle, sleeping in some fabulous accommodations literally right "on" the Amazon River. [Juma Amazon Lodge](#) was built on stilts in the water and you could see the river floating by through the cracks in the floor boards.

Our other hotel was a floating set of barges that housed our hotel, a convention center and a full sized swimming pool. Called the [Amazon Jungle Palace](#), the place really was palatial, with gourmet cooks, great drinks and boats at the ready to take you on all sorts of adventures.

As usual, there are tech and photography gear recommendations, photography tips and Kickstarter campaigns you might want to jump on.

We're also still looking for some firms that might be interested in making our magazine [available for private branding](#). If you've got a mailing list, and would like to send out **No Boundaries For Us** with your own branding, we can help you make that happen. Drop us a note at [NB4U@dougwardwell.com](mailto:NB4U@dougwardwell.com) and we can show you how easy and affordable it would be. If you know of someone who might benefit, please let them know about this offer. See page 28 for more information.

As always, Get Up and Get Outdoors. Enjoy!

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# MARYLAND





Kayaking at City Dock

## Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay – It's a Lifestyle

Located 32 miles from Washington, DC, 26 miles from Baltimore, and minutes from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, Annapolis is the gateway to North America's largest estuary, the Chesapeake Bay. A bustling port town in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, America's Sailing Capital is world renowned as one of the nation's top waterfront destinations. Sailing, cruising, stand-up paddle boarding, canoeing and kayaking are among the options beckoning outdoor enthusiasts.

In this City of Flowers by the Bay, all roads lead to the water. Annapolis's newly reconstructed City Dock – aka Ego Alley – is a place to see and be seen. Here, skippers parade boats of all shapes and sizes before an admiring public. Add U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen to the mix, and you have a combination you won't find anywhere else. These dedicated men and women are a part of the fabric of this Navy town. Be sure to visit the "Yard", home of the 4,000-strong Brigade of Midshipmen – future Navy and Marine Corps officers.

Boasting 17 miles of waterfront, Annapolis is synonymous with fresh-from-the-bay seafood. Rockfish (striped bass) is a prized local favorite – as are crabs,



William Paca House and Garden

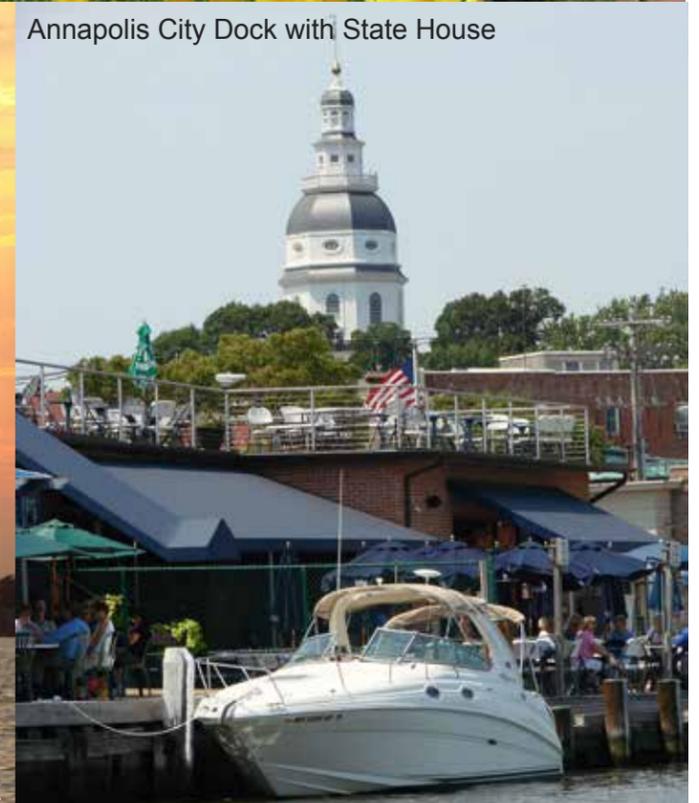
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Annapolis State House in Spring



Aboard the Woodwind Schooner at Dusk



Annapolis City Dock with State House

Market House



any way you like them. You pick the nationality; Annapolis has the cuisine – including restaurants and pubs that are as Irish as the Emerald Isle itself.

Across Spa Creek lies the quirky, mock breakaway Republic of Eastport and its famous Restaurant Row. There you'll find a dizzying array of dining possibilities. Take your choice – waterfront, rooftop, simple, sublime. Locals and visitors in the know stake out their favorite waterfront haunts for the Wednesday Night Sailboat Races held weekly from April to September.



*Chick and Ruth's Delly is home to the 6-Pound Milkshake, and every day at 8:30 a.m., everything stops as employees and patrons stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.*



Chick and Ruth's Delly

Blue Angels perform a flyover during Commissioning Week at Naval Academy





Harbor Queen sightseeing tour



Ego Alley

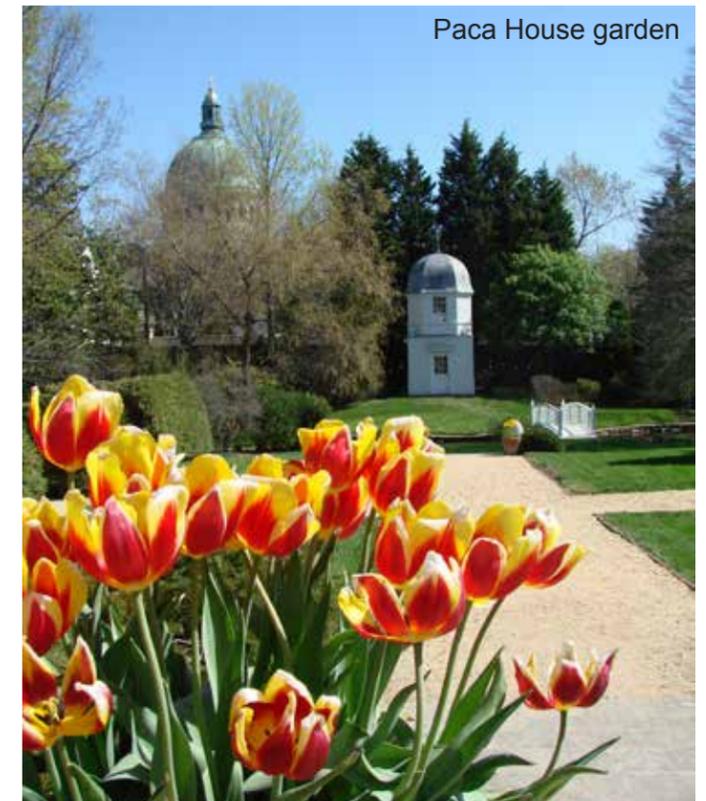


Noon formation at US Naval Academy

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has named Annapolis a National Treasure. A Museum without Walls, the City has more 18th-century brick buildings than anywhere else in the nation. The homes of all four Maryland signers of the Declaration of Independence still stand in Annapolis. Three of them are open to the public – including the William Paca House. The Maryland State House is the oldest in continuous use in the country. It's the first and only state house to serve as our nation's capitol. Here, George Washington resigned his commission as commander in chief of the continental forces and the Treaty of Paris was ratified, ending the Revolutionary War. Be sure to visit the recently restored Old Senate Chamber where these historic events took place.

To enjoy the full Annapolis and Chesapeake Bay experience, park your car in one of the City's five public garages and walk to historic homes, restaurants, art galleries, antiques shops and one-of-a-kind boutiques. If you prefer, hop aboard a City Circulator for a nominal one-dollar fare.

To discover your Annapolis moment, visit the website: [www.VisitAnnapolis.org](http://www.VisitAnnapolis.org).



Paca House garden

# US Oyster Festival in St. Mary's County, MD

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The idea of the oyster festival was first hatched back in 1967 when the newly formed Rotary Club of Lexington Park was looking for a project which would benefit both the membership and the local community. The festival had three main objectives:

1. Promote a weekend of fun, food and fellowship in a rural atmosphere.
2. Promote the bounties of life, especially St. Mary's County oysters, as an attraction to visitors.
3. To provide funds for the benefit of the charities of the various service and civic participating organizations.

Fifty years later, those principles still stand. The festival has grown beyond the initial 1,000 visitors, now seeing more than 15,000 visitors a year and hosting more than 75 artists and non-profit organizations with displays and items for sale. Children's activities, multiple food vendors of all sorts, and live musical acts round out the weekend.

**The US National Oyster Shucking Competition and National Oyster Cook-Off** are the signature events of the weekend.



**Shuckers** come from all over the country to compete for the title US Shucking Champion. It's not all about speed, though. The judges look at the presentation of the oysters and how cleanly they have been shucked, giving penalties for things like chipped shells, dirt left in the oyster, or cut oysters. The winner in 2015 was Duke Landry, who shucked his 24 oysters in 2 min and 16.76 seconds.



**Cook-Off** competitors also come from around the country and compete in three categories: hors d'oeuvres, soups/stews, and main dishes. Professional chefs serve as the judges, although the public gets a chance to vote on their favorite dish as well. Winning entries are collected into a cookbook which is available at the Festival.



## Upcoming Events

### April 3

End of the Season Oyster Roast, Ruddy Duck, St. George Island, MD

### September 11

Picnic in the Park: Baseball with the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs

## From the Chesapeake Bay to Galway Bay

The winner of the US National Oyster Shucking Contest – held each year at the US Oyster Festival in St. Mary's County, MD – goes on to represent the United States in the International Oyster Opening Competition in Galway, Ireland.



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# BRAZIL IN PHOTOS







Amazon Opera House in Manaus, Brazil





Iguazu Falls with walkways for viewing

# The rise of the eBike



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They've been doing it in China for over 20 years. Europe followed suit shortly after. Now America is joining the party, and could be on a trajectory to once again be one of the world leaders. We're talking about electric bikes and their growing popularity.

## Background of E Bikes

In 2012, the USA bought about 70,000 e-bikes (motorized bicycles). In 2013, that number more than doubled to 159,000. If the present trend holds, America will buy 276,000 during the similar period in 2014.

According to a Light Electric Vehicle Association (LEVA) report, about 2/3 of current sales are for low-priced bikes. Anecdotally however, consumers seem to now be interested in the better quality bikes, batteries and motors that are presently available.

Baby boomers seem to be leading this group with the disposable income needed to purchase them, and the desire to be able to ride farther and faster than possible with just human power.

## E bike debut today

It's those better quality manufacturers that brought their bikes to a media event in Hamburg, New Jersey where journalists were given the opportunity to try out a number of different brand e-bikes on a hilly mountainside resort. "[ChargedUp](#)" brought media and manufactures together for a day of hands-on testing of e-bikes, wearable technology and portable outdoor gear.

Many bikes are stock, off-the-shelf hybrids or mountain bikes that have been fitted with the e-bike battery and motor. Others are built from the ground up as an e-bike and can be had in various sizes and power ratings. Most e-bikes come with pedal assist power but some come with "throttle" mode that propels you along with no pedaling required. The pedal assist feature works extremely well as I was climbing hills all afternoon at 12 to 14 MPH without even breaking a sweat.

Following are a number of great bikes seen and ridden at the show. Stay tuned for more in-depth reports for a number of them.

The iZip E3 Path model from [Currie Technologies](#) seems to be possibly a perfect choice for seniors just

getting into an e-Bike. It feels like being on an ordinary bike and comes with a silent, gearless 500W hub motor that really moves. With the motor mounted on the back, you can still carry your water bottles on the frame. Like them on Facebook in May and maybe win one free.

Most e-bikes have a display that shows 1, 2, 3 or 4 bars of battery life left. The iZip E3 Path goes one better showing not only the life left, but the expected range you'll be able to go depending on the various gearing you choose. Brilliant!



When using throttle mode, you need to keep the throttle grip turned to the speed you want. After a while that can get uncomfortable. iZip overcame that problem by allowing you to press the Cruise Control button and then releasing the throttle. Now you can change hand positions at will without the bike slowing down.



If you are looking for a compact bike, one that you could conceivably take anywhere, look no further than the [Mariner 7 from ProdecoTech](#). This may look toylike, but it's built super tough and is really enjoyable to drive. Featuring 20" rims, this little speedster is equipped with an 8-speed drive train and a 36V 300W front wheel drive motor that works as pedal-assist or throttle only.



The 2,000 cycle battery is guaranteed for two full years (no proration) and will send you along your way at speeds up to 18 MPH. When you reach your desti-



nation, flip open two levers and the bike folds down to fit in the smallest car's trunk, a boat or an airplane.

[BionX](#) specializes in electric motors and batteries that can convert any bike into an e-bike. Their motors are completely quiet and vibration free, giving you the feel of unadulterated bike riding. When going down hill, you can actually shift the motor into regenerative braking mode and recharge the battery as you slow down. I rode a Specialized hybrid, fitted with the BionX system and fell in love with the performance.



The utility of the [Yuba Mundo Cargo Bike](#) is exceeded only by the number of ways you can outfit it. Max-Delivery.com just ordered 16 of them to handle their deliveries in crowded Manhattan. The slightly longer frame also makes for a smoother and steadier ride. Powered by BionX.



The Mundo Cargo Bike can be outfitted for work or play. The rear carrier is long enough to mount two child carriers and the optional Towing Tray will allow you to retrieve any bike with wheel sizes from 16" to 29". The double kickstand makes the bike super stable while loading it.



The M1 Erzberg comes from [Pete's Bikes](#), who has been selling e-bikes for ten years now. This bike comes with two Panasonic water-bottle batteries (which they claim will last up to seven years before needing to be replaced) and a 250W wheel-hub motor.



The M1 Secede is one unique, split-frame designed bike that literally breaks into two for storage or transportation. Open the cover, flip a latch and lift the hook to separate the two halves. Inside, mini hooks match up on either end to split the brake cable and derailleur. Genius German engineering.



# DRIVE ELECTRIC ORLANDO

You're likely familiar with Orlando, Florida--the world's premier vacation destination hosting 62 million visitors a year. But, what you probably don't know is that the tourism industry is working with local leaders in Orlando to build a program to introduce people from all over the world to electric cars... with the mission of speeding up EV adoption across the United States.



The program is called [Drive Electric Orlando](#). Through Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Orlando visitors can rent a Chevy Volt on their vacation or business trip, serving as an extended test drive so they can experience electric vehicle technology.



The idea simple: The more opportunities people have to try out electric cars, the more likely they are to buy them. Through our program, Orlando becomes the largest fleet of electric rentals cars in America.

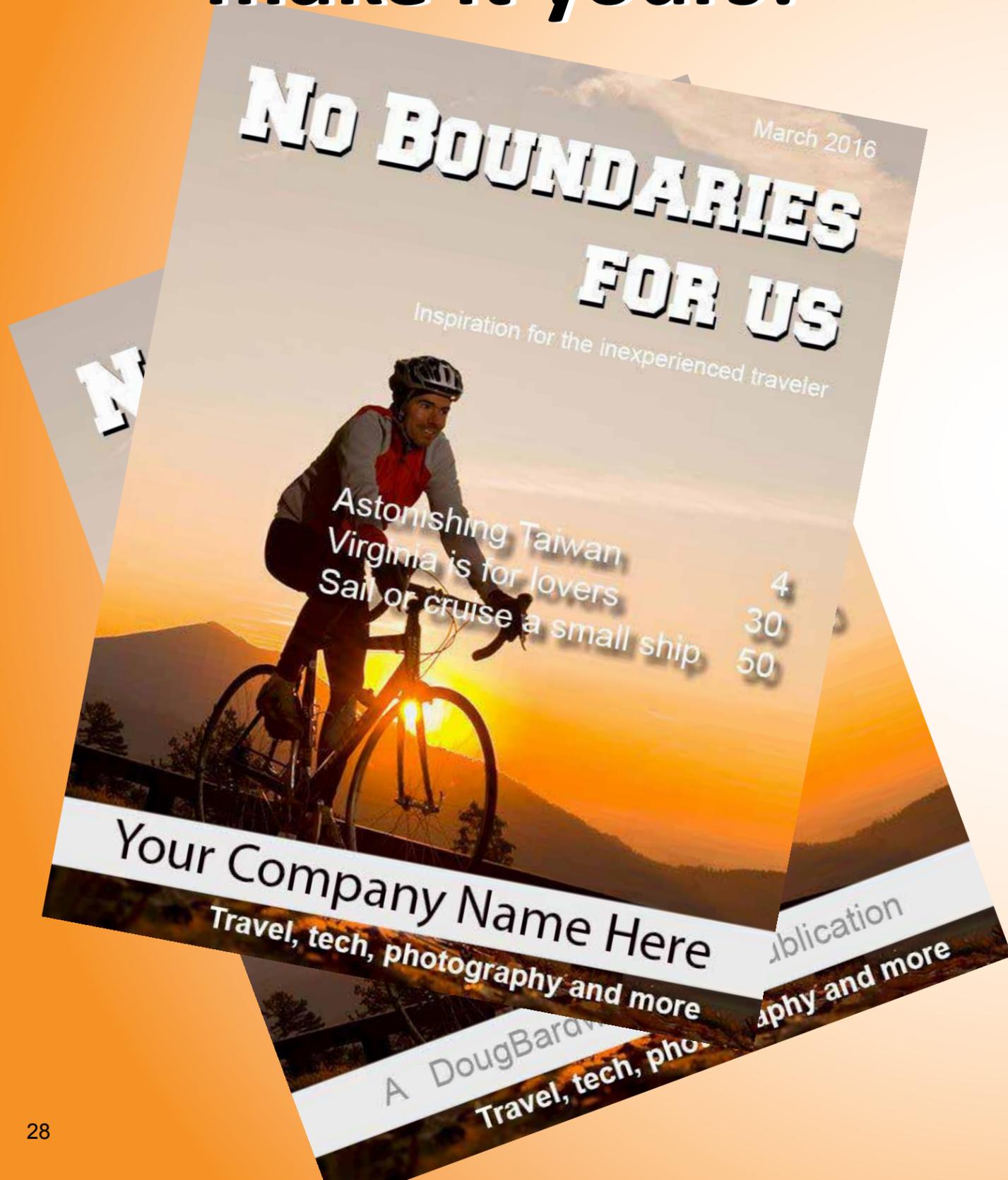


Through a groundbreaking partnership between Orlando's rental car agencies, hotels, and tourist attractions, along with the leadership of the City of Orlando and Orange County, we have been able to leverage our world-leading tourism industry (and largest rental car market in the world) as a mechanism to encourage guests to rent electric cars while in Orlando on business or leisure travel.

People who rent the cars also get some money-saving perks such as free valet parking, free GPS units in the cars and other amenities. When you combined the value of those perks with the fact that renters don't have to pay for gas, our program offers a way for travelers to save money.



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## CAMPING IN A CLASS B RV

Last month we covered tent camping and its big brother - a tent camper. This month we look at Class B RV's.

Typically a class B RV is built on a van chassis and is easily driven by anyone who has ever driven a large car before. Some are the same width as a large SUV and some have wider axles for more room inside.

Driving the standard width units takes no more skill than driving a big sedan; but driving the wider width vehicles require you to be more aware of your clearance at the curb line. You don't want to be popping anyones mail box loose as you cruise down those country roads.

Here are some great brands to consider in the US:

[Airstream](#)

[Coachmen](#)

[RoadTrek](#)

[Winnebago](#)

On a recent trip to Ireland, I had the pleasure of trying out a "Bunk Camper" class B motorhome as I followed the route of the Wild Atlantic Way down Ireland's western coast. I had an absolute ball and what follows is that account of my likes and dislikes of traveling in the Bunk Camper.

*(Originally published on DougBardwell.com)*

[Bunk Campers](#) are the way to travel in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England. With six different types and sizes of campervans and motorhomes, there's bound to be a size just right for your next holiday.

### Multiple Bunk Camper models

Starting with 2 passenger models, this is a low cost way to take the comforts of home and to have a place to sleep, wash up, keep your food cold and cook as you tour the countryside. In the four and six person models, you'll also have the comfort and convenience of your own toilet, shower, oven, closets, tables and more storage space.

### Bunk Camper lets you see Ireland on your own timetable

I rented the Vista model for myself (four-passenger) and had an absolutely marvelous time driving all over southwestern Ireland. Being able to park where the tour buses couldn't fit and being able to be totally independent, I could stay at each destination exactly as long as I liked. Doing some of my own cooking and having a fridge full of beverages saved me a ton of money. I ate exactly how I liked and when I liked. The total freedom of your own house-on-wheels was extremely liberating. No wonder so many people love the RV lifestyle.



You'll always have a window seat for lunch when you travel in a campervan

### Everything you need

Since I had flown into Dublin, I certainly couldn't bring much of my camping gear. Luckily Bunk Campers anticipates the needs and offers a number of essentials as part of the package. You'll find kitchen utensils and crockery, basic brooms and dust pans, all needed hookup cables as well as a fire extinguisher and first aid kit. Optional sleeping package with sheets and towels can be rented if desired. Also available in Dublin are exterior chairs, tables, GPS, and portable DVD players.

### A full kitchen and bath are super convenient.

Camping guides are provided so you'll know where all the government sanctioned

campgrounds are located. In addition, and as a great service to renters, Bunk Campers belongs to a group known as Safe Nights Ireland. For about half or one-third the cost of a campground, [SafeNightsIreland.com](#) provides the names and addresses of businesses that will allow overnight parking of campers on their





property, and provide a 240v hookup for power. There are literally dozens of these locations all over Ireland, and the listing is provided for you to find them all.

**Total freedom to roam**

I know I saw three times as much of the “real” Ireland as my friends did, who took the tour bus and stopped at all the tourist traps. This is the way I’ll travel from now on, whenever the opportunity presents itself. The staff was super friendly and accommodating, even picking me up at the airport and driving me back. Can’t say enough nice things about Bunk Campers.

Pull into any campground and be set up in under five minutes. You get a great big view from the Vista

From Dublin’s airport, Bunk Camper’s depot is only about 7 minutes away in the Airside Retail Park. They also rent cars if you want to do a split camping/driving stay in Ireland.

For more photos of the campervan I rented, see my [Bunk Campers photo gallery](#).



**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Airside Motor Park

Swords County

Dublin

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### 256GB Portable SSD (above)

You're out in the field, conditions are perfect, but you're running out of cards and you want to keep shooting. What's a photog to do?

That's where the [Lexar Portable SSD](#) comes in so handy. Smaller than a pack of cigarettes, this sleek little external drive will let you unload your card contents at 245MB/s write speed and then read them back at almost twice that speed. 450MB/s.



### 2933x XQD 2.0 Cards (below)

Lexar is ready to up your game with their new 2933x speed cards.

Backwardly compatible with USB 2.0, these new cards with a transfer rate up to 433MB/s are [available from Lexar here](#). Choose from 32GB, 64GB or 128GB capacities.



## More great gadgets for photographers

### Lexar 1800x microSDXC card and reader (left)

The [64GB microSDXC UHS-II](#) boasts up to 270MB/s read and 250MB/s write speeds. In my DSLR, it more than kept up with any shooting I could do, helping to clean out the buffer as quickly as possible, even when shooting very high-res RAW files.

The 1800x comes with a microSD UHS-II USB reader as well as an SD-sized card for transfer to just about any device. You'll need to use the UHS-II reader to achieve those blistering transfer speeds.



### PolarPro Powergrip H<sub>2</sub>0 – LED Light Combo (above)

No matter what GoPro model you have, you can attach them all to the PowerGrip H<sub>2</sub>0. Use as a standard grip or attach both extension arms for selfie's from a 33" away. Two USB ports allow the PowerGrip to recharge your phone or your GoPro's batteries. With the addition of the LED lighting kit, you can keep filming 24x7. See more features and benefits at [PolarProFilters.com](#)

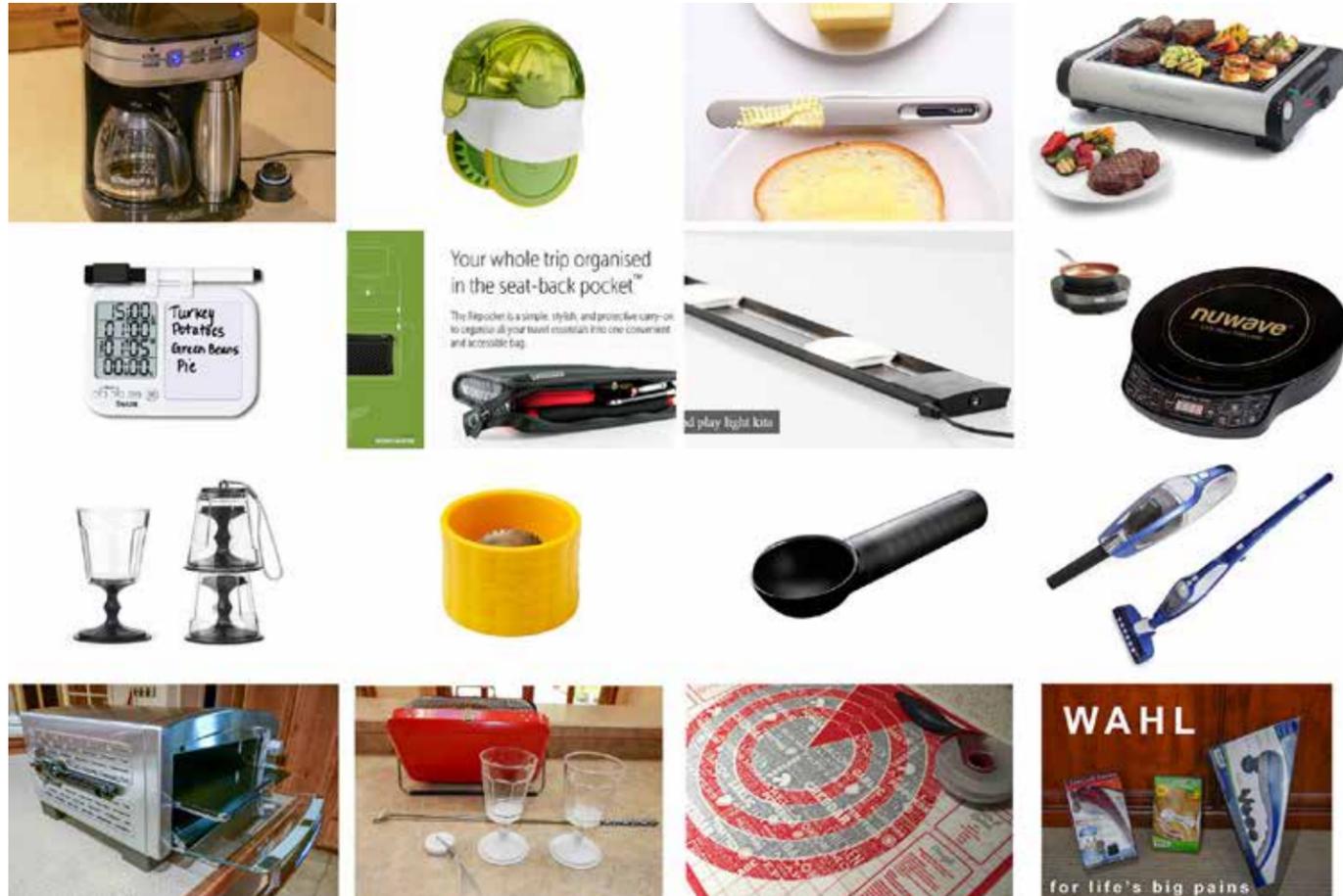
### The Trippler (right)

the [Trippler-Tripod / Grip / Pole](#) earned its way into our camera bag with its amazing versatility. Only 9" long and under 2" in diameter all folded up, it conveniently fits all but the smallest camera bags. Pop open the three legs and it makes a super sturdy 8-1/2" tripod with a small ball head. In this form, it will hold your phone, your point-and-shoot, a camcorder or even a small DSLR.

It comes complete with a camera-phone holder for almost any size standard phone and a GoPro mount for your GoPro cameras.



# Mother's Day Gift Guide



## Prolux Ion Stick Vacuum

For those daily cleaning jobs, there's nothing more convenient than a cordless vacuum; but it needs the power to pick up all those mysterious things that end up littering your floor and furniture. The Prolux Ion solves the problem with enough power to do the job, yet it comes in a compact, lightweight form factor. Ready for furniture? The hand vac pops out and comes with crevice and pet hair attachments. [See more here.](#)

## Tovolo Silicone Pizza Mat

If you love making your own pizza, you'll love this new silicone mat from Tovolo. The handy sizing rings let you know when you've reached the perfect diameter to fit your pizza stone or oven. Measuring 25 x 18 inches, the mat is dishwasher safe, heat resistant and BPA free. [Read more here.](#)





### BLACK+DECKER Café Select Dual Brew

At the 2016 International Home + Housewares Show, this [Café Select Dual Brew](#) caught my eye immediately. There, in one compact unit, sat a standard 12-cup carafe AND a whopping 20 oz. travel mug. I really did a double take. Button selections allow you to brew single cups of 6, 8, 10, 12, 16 or 20 ounces with single button simplicity. Any standard K-cup will fit, including most refillable cups.



### [ChefsChoice Electric Indoor Grill](#)

[The cast aluminum grill Model #878](#) acts just like my backyard bar-b-que grill, with those good looking grill marks; but there's none of the traipsing back and forth, or putting on your coat in the winter months. Rainy season? No problem, I'm grilling in the kitchen or the RV.





### Wahl Massagers

It's estimated that over 80% of the adult population suffers from recurring pains of one type or another. Could that be why Wahl has been manufacturing and selling massage products for nearly 100 years now? Probably; and customers are grateful they have. If you've got pain, there's probably a unit just right for you. [For more information.](#)



### Reverb Bluetooth Speakers by Sondpex

Looking for a versatile, great sounding speaker to take along on your travels? How about something light weight that will play from multiple sources – either wirelessly or via a wired connection? And, do you need something with a battery that will last all evening? [The REVERB is a compact speaker bar](#) with a 1,000mAh battery that should last four to eight hours when fully charged.



### BLACK+DECKER 5-Minute Pizza Oven

In a hurry for pizza? Get ready for the Lamborghini of pizza ovens. The [BLACK+DECKER 5-Minute Pizza Oven and Snack Maker](#) (Model P300S) is the ultimate speed demon. It's called the 5-Minute Pizza Maker, but we've had pizzas completely done in as quick as 3-minutes. Now that's what you need for a hungry crew!





### Kikkerland BBQ Suitcase

Ever try to grab a BBQ grill at a park on a beautiful spring or summer day? Almost impossible. Now, for just the two of you, you can take your BBQ grill wherever you travel. This 12"x8"x3" stainless steel grill folds flat for storage, but hinges open for quick cooking. [Read more.](#)

### Kikkerland Stacking Wine Glass Set

Made of sturdy plastic, each of these wine glasses has stems that untwist and store right in the glass itself. Screw them both together and you even get a lanyard top for hanging them up when not in use. [Read more.](#)

### Kikkerland Telescoping Back Scratcher

Just over six inches long, it easy extends to over 20" with its four telescoping tubes. [Read more.](#)



### NuWave Precision Induction Cooktop

With the PIC Flex, you can cook faster, safer and more efficiently than you ever could on your old gas or electric stovetop. The PIC Flex has no open flames or hot coils. Instead, the induction coil inside the cooktop reacts with the cookware, heating the cookware directly and leaving the rest of the cooktop cool to the touch so it's safe for the whole family. Read more about [the cooktop here](#) or the [cookware here](#).



### Thermo Ring Ice Cream Scoop by That!

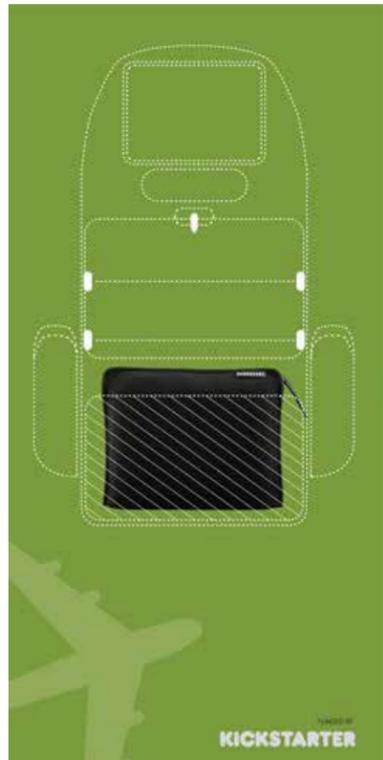
This non-stick, dishwasher safe ice cream scoop dissipates cold on impact, allowing you to scoop nice round scoops of frozen ice cream quicker than ever before. At a recent big family party, I was actually able to keep up with the requests for our four favorite flavors. [Learn More.](#)



Plug and play light kits

### Agilux LED Task Lighting

Possibly the easiest task lighting to install, the Agilux lighting kits offer unlimited flexibility with joinable track sections and LED modules that magnetically snap into place, right over the task area you want illuminated. The light modules come in various wattages, beam spreads and color temperatures for just the right application. [Check out all the options.](#)



### Your whole trip organised in the seat-back pocket™

The Airpocket is a simple, stylish, and protective carry-on to organise all your travel essentials into one convenient and accessible bag.



### The Air Pocket

The Airpocket is made from neoprene, a soft but sturdy material that cushions and protects your valuables, and is flexible to accommodate whatever you place inside. [Learn more.](#)

### Bellini Kitchen Master by Cedarlane

The Bellini is equipped with everything you need to mix, blend, weigh, steam, stir, whip, emulsify, grind, heat, cook, chop and knead your freshest ingredients. It is powerful enough to make quick work of even the hardest root vegetables and crushes ice with ease, but simultaneously precise enough to evenly heat and stir a delicious risotto. No more need to stand over the stove for 30 minutes stirring your meal, the Bellini Kitchen Master will do it for you with guaranteed gourmet results every time. [Watch the video.](#)



### SpreadTHAT! II butter knife

Don't slice your butter – shave it. SpreadTHAT! softens butter for quicker, easier spreading by carrying warmth from the palm of your hand to the edge of the blade. Use the serrated edge to shave off fine curls of butter straight onto your toast, and then gently draw the blade over them for a smoother, more even layer of butter right out of the fridge. No waiting, no clumping – just a better slice of toast, made easy. [Read more.](#)



### Cob Corn Stripper from Chef'n

Strip full kernels of corn from the cob in no time with the Cob Corn Stripper. Serrated stainless steel blade is safely concealed inside heavy plastic outer ring – no cut fingers, just large juicy kernels of corn ready for salads, salsa or casseroles. [Another great product from Chef'n.](#)



### Garliczoom Garlic Chopper XL

If you love garlic, and what cook doesn't? You'll want to try this amazingly efficient garlic chopper. Open the large top, drop in your garlic and roll a few times. Voila! Perfectly chopped garlic ready for any recipe. [From Chef'n.](#)

### Four-Event Kitchen Timer from Taylor Instruments

Now you can time and track four separate events with one timer, including a wipe-off whiteboard to label each event. Powerful magnets attach it to any metal appliance or use the fold-out stand to place it on your countertop. Four different alarms let you know which event has completed its time. Comes with a dry-erase marker and clip to attach it to the timer. See the timer and its big brother on [Amazon.com](#).



### Bonita Alpha Ironing Mat

Tired of dragging out that heavy ironing board to do one or two items. No longer an issue if you had the Bonita Alpha Ironing Mat. This 32x18" mat (regular size) or 47x26" mat (large size) can be laid on your bed, a countertop or even the floor to protect and iron your clothes. A silicone pad built in allows you to place your hot iron face down. See more at [Amazon.com](#).



### Kleen Kanteen Vacuum Insulated Tumbler 16oz

Coffee or beer? Both suit the Tumbler just fine. Made from durable 18/8 food grade stainless steel, the [16oz Tumbler](#) is designed to last and travel safely where glass can't go. Double-wall vacuum insulation and electropolished stainless steel don't impart or retain flavors. Pint Lid sold separately.



# Photo tip of the month

When you want to accentuate your subject, a great technique is to blur the background. This can be done easily with a DSLR by opening your lens to its largest aperture (usually f2.8 or more.)



# Kickstarter's worth a look



This 20-mph Electric Scooter's intuitive lean-to-steer system and stable design make it the perfect scooter for riders of all ages



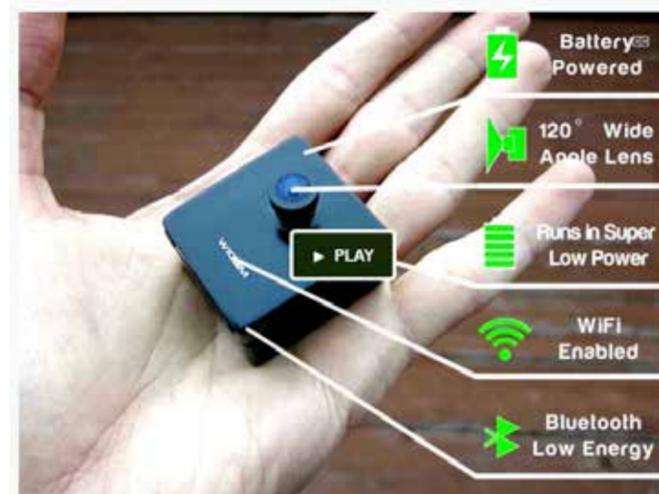
Chino, CA Product Design

A revolutionary, WiFi Bluetooth audio system for iPhone, iPad, Android devices with multiple streaming music & radio, charger, alarm clock



Chapel Hill, NC Product Design

Hammocks are great, but there aren't always two perfectly spaced trees to use. For the beach, park, and festival, now there's Koze.



Ottawa, Canada Technology

Imagine a camera that's smaller and wireless that you install anywhere. That's WiCAM. WiFi and Bluetooth enabled coin cam!



London, UK Product Design

Enjoy built-in shelter, music, karaoke & LED light shows, make drinks & ice cream, and so much more! Time to get smart to get cooler.



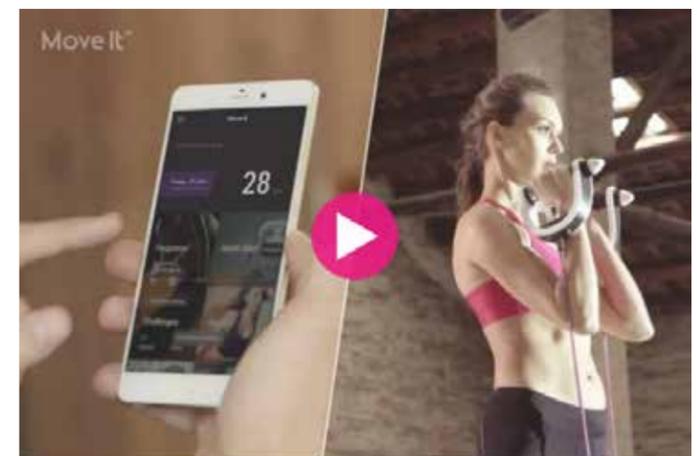
Chicago, IL Product Design Project We Love

Be more productive and maximize space with this comfortable, ergonomic desk/chair/easel combo that folds flat and sets up in seconds.



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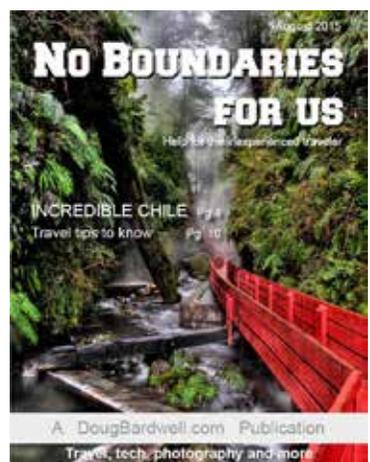
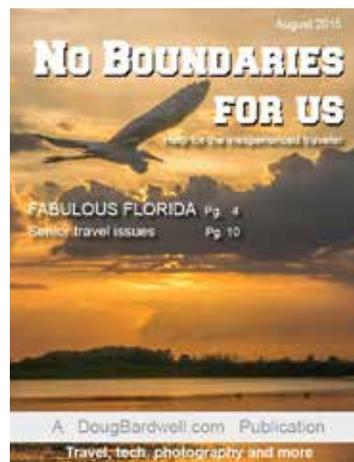
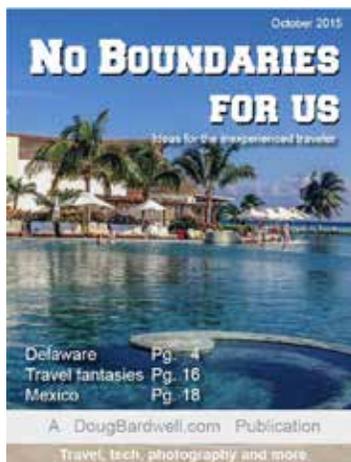
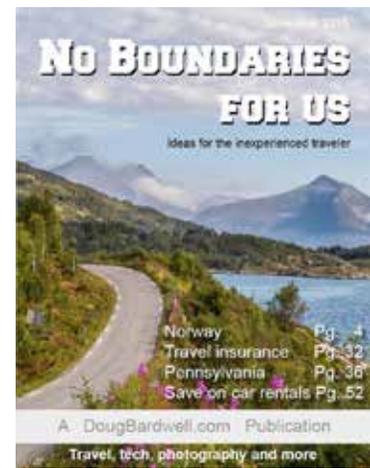
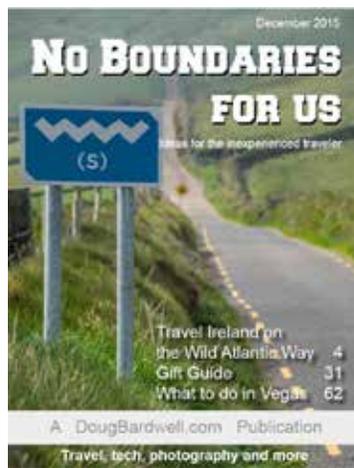
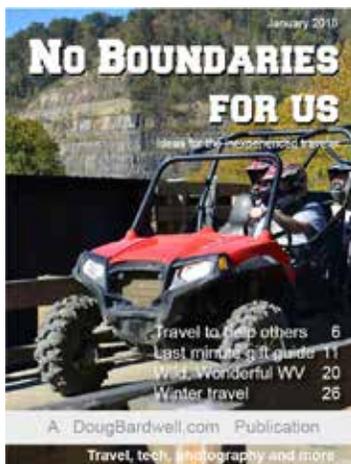
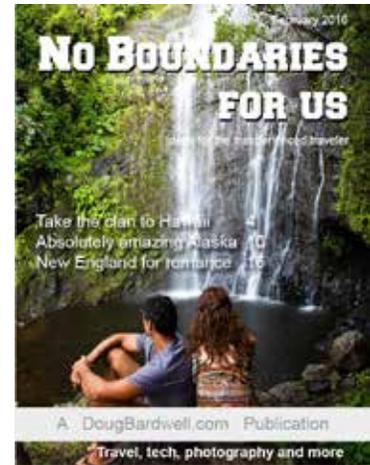
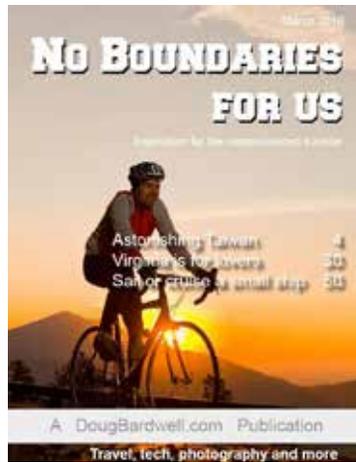
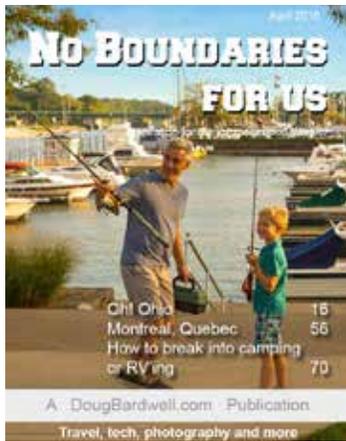
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