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Rotary camper gets a home

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Grady (atop camper), brother Owen and their father David Evans pose with the Rotary camper they won. Dog Pepper is interested in something else. Photos Cathy Dausman

It might be a stretch to call it a perfect fit for the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary camper's new owners, but it is a good fit. "It would have been great when the boys were little," David Evans said candidly (sons Owen and Grady are 12 and 9 respectively), but he also says the trailer will be a welcome addition as a new bedroom for the Lafayette family's summer cabin near Mount Lassen.

The Evans' cabin is just 800 square feet, so gaining an extra 30 square feet and its attached camp kitchen is definitely a plus. And, said Evans, "it'll fit right in; it's a pretty rustic place."

Evans, his wife Catherine and their sons spend a lot of time at the cabin during summers, making trips almost every weekend and staying on for a two-week period at one point.

Evans bought the winning ticket ("maybe two?") for the Rotary-named "Teardrop Inn" during Moraga's Haunted House event in 2016.

"I'd kind of forgotten about it," he said.

The family learned of their new acquisition when their name was drawn during this year's tree lighting ceremony in Lafayette.

"Grady had been checking out and climbing around the trailer while there with friends," Evans said, adding "he left just a few minutes before they did the drawing!"

Proceeds from the trailer raffle generated about \$40,000, with the profits (\$25,000) donated to a variety of good causes, said Rotarian and project manager Gary Fulcher. The winners (minus Catherine, who had a previous commitment) and their dog Pepper were recently photographed with the trailer at San Pablo Reservoir.

The boys admitted they weren't sure whether they or their parents would sleep in the trailer; they also weren't sure whether Pepper would be allowed to bunk in. As Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary hands off its third fundraising project, work has already begun on another wheeled project.

This time it's a dune buggy!



David (left) and Owen Evans test out the trailer kitchen.

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