

SERIES FINALE — Worst Crappy RV of the Quarter

Twelve weeks. Twelve showdowns. Today we crown one. The worst overall rig we featured this quarter. The Crappy RV of Summer 2026.

In the running — Alliance Paradigm, Grand Design Solitude, Coachmen Pursuit, the cheap-tier Forest River trifecta, the bunkhouse Heartland, the luxury-tier Newmar and Entegra, Tiffin pre-and-post-REV-acquisition.

Criteria — defect frequency in owner forums, NHTSA recall density, dealer service complaint volume, social-media-documented horror stories, my own data points where I owned the rig.

The 2026 Crappy RV of the Summer — by every metric except one — Coachmen Pursuit. Hands down. The rig I owned. The fourteen-shop-visits-in-eighteen-months rig. The reason I'm here doing this.

Why isn't it Alliance? Alliance is bad. I own two. I just complained about them for ninety days. But — Alliance is at least new, expensive, and accountable. The Pursuit was bad AND cheap. The Pursuit was bad AND high-volume. The Pursuit hurt more families because more families bought it.

Coachmen Pursuit. The 2026 Crappy RV of the Summer. Congratulations, Forest River. The award is well-earned.

And — if you own one. You're not alone. Comment your story. Submit it. The next quarter we're going deeper on Pursuit-class failures.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Series wrap tomorrow. Take a breath. We're back at it Q4. Thanks for showing up all summer.