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## Strange RV Encounters: They Kept the Fruitcake, But Forgot the Bacon



The Weird, the Wacky, and the Wonderful



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For a small town, Hurricane, Utah, is full of wacky sights. After seeing [Mollie's Nipple and the prison named Purgatory](#), I found ancient food, on display no less, only a few miles away.

### Fruitcakes May Get Old, But They Never Go Away

Currently shielded under a glass cake server inside an *unrefrigerated* display case, the 106-year-old wedding cake is probably the most infamous item in the Hurricane Valley Heritage Museum.

The slowly deteriorating delectable, a fruitcake, was baked in 1907 by Maria Ballard of Grafton, Utah, for Emily "Ella" Wood and Joe Scow. A treasured family heirloom, it sat for years on the bookshelf of their daughter until it was donated in 1990 by their granddaughter.

The wedding cake looks rather like a piece of concrete with dark pebbles sprinkled throughout and does not look in the least bit edible. Is anyone really surprised by this? It's not as if fruitcakes are that edible when fresh.

### On the Other Hand, Bacon Looks Good Forever

Be sure not to miss the bacon from 1945 in the adjacent room. It looks rather tasty, much like it must have when it was cured by Grace Wright Jepson some 68 years ago. It hung in a flour sack in her cellar until 1996, when it was donated by her son.

Forgetting about the wedding cake doesn't really surprise me; it is a fruitcake, after all. Perhaps the marriage didn't end well and no one wanted a bitter reminder of a bitter event. But forgetting about bacon? How could anyone forget about bacon?

To see the peculiarly preserved perishables, visit the Hurricane Valley Heritage Museum at 35 W. State St./U.S. Highway 9 in downtown Hurricane, Utah.

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***Read how it all began: [Strange RV Encounters: An Introduction](#).***

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RV travel can be great fun, but it's not for everyone

### Best Two Outdoor RV Campground Games

Corn hole and bolo toss are the two best campground games. The best outdoor campground games for the RV travel trailer must be lightweight and easily stored in small areas.



### 10 RV Camping Tips for Seniors

If you're a senior who's ready to embark on the exciting world of RV travel, here are a few helpful hints you may not have thought of.



### Our First Night Camping in Our New RV Travel Trailer, a Starcraft AR-One

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An RV should be a place of peace, fun and recreation. Paying attention to electrical safety in an RV should be your first concern. Learn how to stay safe and enjoy your RV.

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