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THE ADDICTED TINKERER

like to think of a motorhome as a blank canvas for individual expression and artistic creativity. In other words, individualizing a coach is a big part of the RV lifestyle. It's human nature to make a home — whether stationary or on wheels — one that reflects the owner's aesthetic tastes and livability requirements. Most people start with the interior.

Common added touches involve hanging family photos, placing knick-knacks collected from favorite places that were visited in the motorhome, carpet/floor runners and bathroom/kitchen accessories. From there it's a trip to Camping World, where shopping carts are filled with "things" we just can't live without.

Over time lots of modifications are made inside and out. "Modification" should be my middle name. For me, changing appliances, adding accessories and tinkering is almost as much fun as traveling in a motorhome itself. Recently, you would have found me installing a new SMEV range and oven, an Italian beauty distributed by Dometic; installing a new LCD TV; upgrading the satellite dish; converting all lighting to LED; rewiring my Jeep Wrangler dinghy; and adding a new, stylish kitchen faucet. And that's only during the last few months.

While I consider myself a modification junkie, author David Barber gets the award for the most enthusiastic do-it-yourself project after adding full-body paint to his Winnebago View (page 62). This is no ordinary paint job — one that certainly takes a lot of patience. I can sort of relate to the scope of Barber's project because I once painted a full-size SUV in my garage, which was much more complicated than I originally projected. As you can see, Barber's full-body paint job looks very nice, transforming his motorhome into one that expresses his personal taste.

Replacing an old patio awning and adding new window awnings (page 47) seem like child's play by comparison.



This is a project that can be accomplished by Saturday mechanics as long as a few safety precautions are followed. Most do-it-yourselfers can replace a patio awning, which is something my good friend Bill Gehr from Bill's RV in Ventura, Calif., can do in his sleep. Adding window awnings requires precise measuring, but the installation is not difficult. Bill and I have spent many a day diving into RV projects, satisfying our addiction to fixing and installing "stuff" on RVs. We always feel good after making modifications that work or conquering repairs that are challenging, and we've had many laughs over the quagmires we got ourselves into over the years.

E. Don Smith is another owner who just can't keep his hands off his coach. This month he replaced a defective transfer switch (page 58). Not the most exciting project in the world, but one that should only be attempted by those who have some understanding of electrical systems and can work with wire. I have to chuckle here. Working with wire is among my favorite projects but it's amazing how many people are all thumbs in this department. Case in point: the number of miswired dinghy vehicles and countless umbilical cord problems experienced by our trailering friends. And that's just four to seven wires!

Whether it's adding small touches that make a motorhome special or remodeling an older coach that still runs great, RV tinkerers will never have difficulty finding things to do (most owners will attest to that). On my target list is to add MCD Innovations shades over the windows (which Don already did — see "Window Dressing," March), install an instantaneous hot water tank, replace the toilet and upgrade the audio system.

I hope you're having as much fun as I am. ♦

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THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF MUSIC



Bob Livingston's editorial on music ("Pickin' and Grinnin'," On Ramp, April) was spot on. What would be nice is a way for those of us who usually have a guitar or other instrument to know which RV sites tend to have jams or if we wanted to contact other players how we could do it. A blog or something sponsored by MotorHome might work well. We have a 32-foot Born Free so if you see us come on over.

JEFF MEANS | LUTZ, FLA.

AMERICAN-MADE MOTORHOMES

Whoa! Reading the complaints in the April issue from readers who responded to your January P.O. Box question ("What do you see as manufacturers' biggest design flaw in motorhomes?") prompted us to get in on the action.

The letter from Roger Slater, Mica, Wash., really captured our attention. Obviously, he has not had a Winnebago (made in Iowa), a Tiffin (made in Alabama) or certainly not a Newmar (made in Indiana). To suggest that foreign countries get into the RV business is ridiculous.

As RVers for more than 47 years and having purchased not only one but two Winnebago products and a host of Terry

travel trailers (also manufactured in the U.S.), we can attest to the workmanship of our manufacturers.

Currently, we own a 2005 Dutch Star we purchased new and have only the highest regard for the Newmar company. The quality control and subcontractors used by Newmar rates 99 percent. We suggest that before Mr. Slater runs off to a foreign land, he research the above manufacturers, be willing to pay the price for the quality expected and rethink his paragraph regarding U.S.-made units.

Happy to have it made in the USA.

**GIL AND ROSEMARY WHITTINGTON
TAPPAHANNOCK, VA.**

NO NEED FOR NASCAR BUILDERS

Regarding "Bring in the NASCAR Builders" in the April P.O. Box section, Gerry Parij points out the same issues I see. However, there is no need to "curse the darkness" once you take a look at late-model Rexhall Class A motorhomes.

All the issues mentioned, except single versus dual wheels, are addressed. There isn't a front spoiler, but the front cap leaves little clearance, so the function is served. The slideout rooms are so clean externally and internally, they are barely noticeable. It is painted in a sane fashion, not the ever-present psychedelic swooshes and swirls. I could go on — I have owned my 2009 RexAir GT 375 for two years, and am pleased with the quality and factory support.

Did I mention the pusher versions have a choice of gas or diesel? You must look at the tach to know the gas engine is running, either at idle or on the road. Very quiet.

**WAYNE OGREN
BELLINGHAM, WASH.**

PERSONAL PROTECTION WHILE RVING

Regarding Bill Dietrick's letter "Armed Advice" in the April P.O. Box, he gives sound advice by suggesting that RV enthusiasts



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who arm themselves while traveling first get themselves a concealed-carry permit.

Unfortunately, today's society requires that we all stay constantly vigilant where personal safety is concerned and there are those like me who, for whatever reason, are afraid of firearms.

I suggest using nonlethal personal protection, ranging from pepper spray and stun guns to tasers, which I personally carry. The nonlethal weapons choice is very complete and generally there is no need for any permit or registration.

Happy RVing to all.

MIKE DAVIDSON | DENVER

THOUGHTFUL RV PARK OPERATORS

Last summer while RVing in the Northeast we were very surprised and grateful to find at some campgrounds that a sewer hose with connector was provided at the dump. One even had a clear fitting, which helped us note if we were doing a good job of flushing our holding tanks. This made an unpleasant task much easier and faster, reducing waiting time for the campers behind us.

A great big thank-you for those thoughtful operators. It would be nice if more campgrounds, public and private, would provide this service.

**ED DANNEMANN
BLAIRSVILLE, GA.**

KUDOS FOR WORKHORSE AND ROY ROBINSON RV

I recently bought a 5-year-old Itasca motorhome. It was in excellent condition but, unknown to me, it had not had a necessary Workhorse fuel system recall performed on it. When I started the engine, I smelled fuel and saw it running out of the fuel manifold on top of the engine. Workhorse was contacted and my coach was towed to a local repair shop.

The recall service was performed and before leaving the area I checked the repair. I opened the engine cover and saw a burned wiring harness and other burned wires around the repair area. Since the engine was running OK I taped up the bare wires and continued on.

Later I took my coach to Roy Robinson RV in Marysville, Wash. They worked diligently with Workhorse, which agreed to pay for a repair of more than \$3,000.



WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

We shared a link to a news story about the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association lobbying against a plan in Connecticut to assess a 9.25 percent luxury tax on the sale of new RVs valued at \$50,000 or higher. Here's what some of our Facebook fans thought of the Connecticut plan:

Candy Ellman Johannes:

I don't consider my RV a luxury. How stupid is Connecticut?

Leonard Lynch:

How absolutely brilliant!! Just keep up the good work for Delaware, Texas and Montana.

Woollard Ozell Rosamond:

Luxury?? This is my home (we're full-timers). Are they also imposing a 9.25 percent luxury tax on the sale of "sticks and bricks" houses more than \$50,000?

Joseph Cassarella:

How about taxing the people with the money? Not those trying to enjoy the simple things in life.

Gary Miller:

If they get this passed other states will jump on it too. We must let them know we won't stand for it.

Alan Wilson:

I agree that it is ridiculous to impose a luxury tax on RVs; government greed is what that is. There would need to be a definition of what luxury is. In some countries decent food is a luxury.



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**DONALD R. HUBNER
OAK HARBOR, WASH.**

ADVICE TO RVERS: JUST RELAX

My partner and I have been RVing for four years now. We take our three dogs with us and enjoy all that RVing has to offer. I'd like to make a comment to those RVers who complain about the things you have to deal with at campgrounds — noisy kids, vehicles and pets. Just relax. It's a vacation and, yes, people should be courteous to all, but now and then you might have to deal with a discourteous person. Just hope they are learning what is expected as we share the parks and roads.

SCOT ANTRIM | ESCONDIDO, CALIF.

SATURN REDUCES HIS STRESS

I could not help being startled by your 2011 Guide to Dinghy Towing (March). What shook me up is that with all of the sophisticated high-tech gadgetry available today, there isn't a dinghy vehicle that can be towed on all four wheels without having to jump through all kinds of hurdles just to prepare it for a trip. Some progress!

Guess I'm lucky to have made a wise investment in my 1998 Saturn four-door sedan. The only stress I experience is to place the shifter in NEUTRAL and the ignition on ACCESSORY, and away we go.

I wonder why General Motors didn't at least move that great innovation to the Chevy brand, which supposedly replaced the defunct Saturn car.

Thanks for bringing our attention to modern technology, as it makes me feel good being an old-fashioned fuddy-duddy.

VINCE BOGDAN | PAHRUMP, NEV.

QUESTION:

What "great innovation" from years past do you wish your motorhome or dinghy had today and why?

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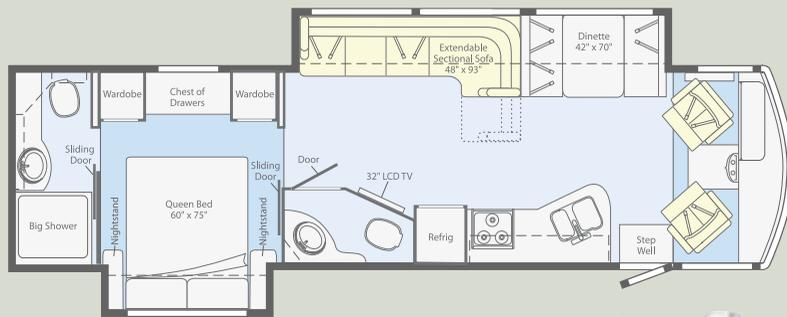


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White sands. Blue skies. More than 50 missiles and rockets

representing the origins of America's missile and space activity. What more could a space history buff ask for? Set against a backdrop of the rugged Organ Mountains in southern New Mexico, White Sands Missile Range Museum and Missile Park has all this and more. Exhibits inside the museum showcase the accomplishments of Dr. Wernher von Braun and his team of scientists; and Native American and ranching artifacts from the area's pre-missile-range days.

White Sands Missile Range, the largest U.S. military base by land size, stretches across 3,200 square miles in the desert. From the earliest launches in the 1940s through today, it has been a testing ground for a wide variety of military weapons, including the first atomic bomb.

The museum is open year-round on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Missile Park is open dawn to dark seven days a week. Admission is free. The overflow parking lot can accommodate RVs. To get a visitor's pass at either the Las Cruces or El Paso gate, you'll need your vehicle registration, driver's license and proof of insurance. For more information, call 575-678-8824 or visit www.wsmr-history.org. — *Mary Zalmanek*

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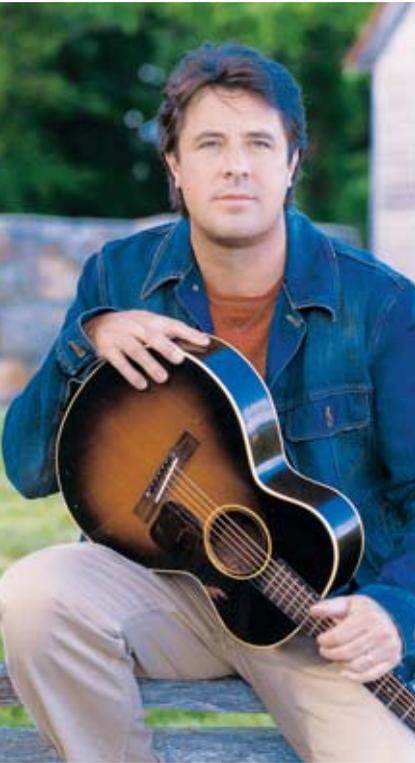
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The venue for this year's **Rally**, the biggest RV event of the year, doesn't get much more idyllic than the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond, Ore., on the eastern side of Oregon's Cascade Range. New rigs, gear, seminars on the RV lifestyle, indoor exhibits, guided tours and top-notch entertainment, including country music superstar Vince Gill, make The Rally Presented by DISH Network the perfect spot for one-stop shopping and a fantastic time for the entire family; 800-701-1399, www.therally.com.

JULY 1-5 | Whether you're an Airstream owner or not, you're probably familiar with the name Wally Byam, the company's iconic founder. Celebrate what would have been his 115th birthday at the **Wally Byam Birthday Party Rally** in Baker City, Ore., before heading west to Redmond, Ore., for The Rally Presented by DISH Network. New and vintage Airstreams will be displayed at sites throughout town and will be open to the public on July 4 at Geiser Pollman Park, accompanied by their owners, who will be dressed in clothing from the year their Airstream was manufactured. The park is adjacent to Baker Heritage Museum, where special exhibits on Byam will be on display all weekend; 541-523-1589, www.basecampbaker.com.

JULY 1-8 | Attend the **Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo** — one of Canada's premier cultural and entertain-

ment events — in Halifax, Nova Scotia, while winter is still a few months away and you can take in all that the area has to offer RVers. More than 2,000 first-class Canadian and international military and civilian performers make up the fast-paced, two-and-a-half hour family show that's got a little bit of everything, including music from pipes and drums, dance, acrobatics, drama and comedy in a number of unique acts. In addition to the show itself, there is a parade through the center of Halifax, and concerts and performances in various locations throughout the city; 800-563-1114, www.nstatattoo.ca.

JULY 9-10 | An impressive display of Native American art beckons visitors to the grounds of Sharlot Hall Museum for the **Prescott Indian Art Market** in Prescott, Ariz. In addition to the exquisite ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, paintings, hand-woven baskets and blankets,

drawings and other traditional and contemporary artwork, the artists themselves will demonstrate glass-blowing, weaving, carving, silversmithing and more. Munch on some mouth-watering Navajo fry bread while enjoying the entertainment provided by Native American dancers, singers and musicians; 928-445-3122, www.sharlot.org.

JULY 16-17 | Margaritas or mojitos for the adults, and a hands-on art studio and action-packed fun zone for the kids — what could be better? At **Connoisseurs' Marketplace** in Menlo Park, Calif., there's more fun to be had with live jazz, rhythm and blues and rock music, fine art and one-of-a-kind crafts, specialty food and drink including premium beer and wine, health and wellness displays, home and garden exhibits and a collector car showcase. There are several campgrounds in nearby Redwood City; 650-325-2818, www.menloparkchamber.com.

JULY 21-24 | The Sesquicentennial in Virginia will begin with the **Civil War 150th Commemoration Anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas** at Manassas National Battlefield Park in Manassas, Va. The highlights are undoubtedly the re-enactments, which include the First Battle of Manassas on July 23 and 24, and the Peace Jubilee at the Old Manassas Courthouse on July 21. A "South Meets the North" period dance, 3-D photography exhibit, special ranger tours, Civil War-era baseball game, book signings, demonstrations of camp life and a Blue and Gray Ball complement the military demonstrations and living history exhibits; 888-721-1861, www.visitpwc.com.

JULY 22-31 | Although it began as just a weekend event in 1897, **Cheyenne Frontier Days** in Cheyenne, Wyo., is now 10 Western-themed days of family fun. With rodeos, concerts by performers that include Kid Rock and Motley Crüe, parades, pancake breakfasts, an air show by the Wyoming Air National Guard, chuck wagon cook-off, Native American village, art show and more, you won't want to miss this "daddy of 'em all" event in beautiful Cheyenne; 307-778-7200, www.cfdrodeo.com.



JULY 29-31 | Who doesn't love the sense of childhood nostalgia and whimsy conjured up by hot air balloons? The **Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning** in Fairfield, N.J., is the largest summertime hot air balloon and music festival in North America. The festival, with as many as 125 hot air balloons, attracts more than 175,000 people to watch the balloons lift into the skies above Hunterdon County and to enjoy the entertainment on the ground, which includes musical performances from Grammy winners, amusement rides, crafters and vendors, food and a fireworks extravaganza; 973-882-5464, www.balloonfestival.com.



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RV retailer Camping World and the Woodall's campground directory unit have joined forces in an effort

to increase awareness about and accessibility to the RV lifestyle, the company announced in a press release.

"Camping World's vast presence in the U.S. as a leading RV retailer and Woodall's prominence in the campground market proves to be a natural fit and a win-win for both of their current and potential customers," the release states.

"Camping World is proud to partner with Woodall's," added Camping World President of Retail Operations Johnny Sirpilla. "We feel confident that the increased exposure the RV parks and campgrounds will receive now that Woodall's is designated as the 'Official Directory of Camping World' is beneficial to all."

An online search module for Woodall's campgrounds has been added to Camping World's homepage (www.campingworld.com), and future plans include the addition of Camping World stores to the Woodall's 2011 iPhone application, exclusive Camping World offers extended to Woodall's Facebook and blog followers, and special in-store promotions catering to President's Club members such as a "Woodall's Wednesday."

ULTIMATE CAMP COOKING

Whether you've laughed along with Mike Faverman and Pat Mac while watching the Ultimate Camp Cooking DVDs, seen the comedic culinary duo perform a combination of a cooking demonstration and stand-up routine at an RV show, or just want a go-to cookbook for all things camp cooking, "Ultimate Camp Cooking" is a necessity for your motorhome's bookshelf.

This compact cookbook contains more than 80 recipes for camp food beyond hot dogs and granola bars and all of them call for easy-to-find ingredients and simple cooking techniques. No matter what resources are at your disposal, you can prepare delicious meals, from Steak Milanese to Beer Brats. The full-color photographs that complement most of the dishes are helpful for novice chefs, and interspersed throughout the book are tips and anecdotes from the hilarious authors who bring the camp cooking experience to life with humor. For more information, log on to www.ultimatecampcooking.com or you can buy your copy at www.trailerlifedirectory.com/travelstore. — Meaghan Alfier



News Briefs



Good Sam Club recently announced an addition of two RV rallies to its annual event — **The Rally** — for next year. In 2012, The Rally will be held in Phoenix at the Phoenix International Raceway March 22-25; followed by Louisville, Ky., June 21-24; and Daytona International Speedway in Florida some time in October. This year's Rally Presented by DISH Network will take place July 14-17 in Redmond, Ore., and features entertainment headliner Vince Gill. For more information, call 800-701-1399 or go to www.therally.com.

The **RV Buyers Guide 2011** from **Trailer Life** and **Woodall's** is now available. The directory lists more than 400 RVs and includes information about construction features, engines, dimensions, weights, towing capacities and floorplans, all of which help buyers compare models from various manufacturers. The 176-page guide costs \$7.99 and is available at www.trailerlifedirectory.com/travelstore.

Las Vegas Motorcoach Resort has announced new campground discounts for active-duty military and veterans. "In appreciation for their service to our country, we have created a special rate program offering active military and veterans discounts for staying at our RV resort," Linda Anderson, resort manager, stated in a news release. Through the end of the year, the resort is offering a 50 percent discount to active-duty military and a 20 percent discount to veterans. For more information, call 866-897-9300 or go to www.lasvegasmotorcoachresort.com.

According to a new survey by the **Recreation Vehicle Industry Association**, more than half of RV owners plan to use their RVs more often this spring/summer than they did last year by enjoying frequent weekend vacations and staying closer to home. The survey of RV owners revealed that 53 percent intend to use their RV more this spring/summer despite higher fuel prices, while 38 percent plan to use theirs the same amount and just 9 percent say they'll use their RVs less. Of the respondents who plan to use their RVs more often, 65 percent said one of the reasons is to take more mini-vacations.

LOOSE STEERING SOLUTION

Wondering what causes that loose steering feel when you're driving your motorhome? If you have a Chevrolet/Workhorse P32 chassis, pressure from the steering gear box gets transmitted through the bell crank/idler arm joint on the driver's side, which can cause excessive steering play due to premature wear. According to the company, **SuperSteer's Bell Crank Arms** are built stronger than the factory part and can handle higher steering forces to improve steering control.

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FETCH FOR BALL-CRAZY DOGS

If your dog needs to burn some energy after a long day on the road, but you would prefer just to relax in a camp chair, GoDogGo's all-new **RemoteFetch G3** can play fetch at the RV park for you by launching balls automatically or with a remote control.

RemoteFetch has three distance settings from 15 to 35 feet and two time settings of 7- to 15-second intervals to fit whatever size space you have for playing and how fast your dog plays fetch. You can either fill the bucket up with balls or just play with one ball that the dog returns to the bucket after every fetch.

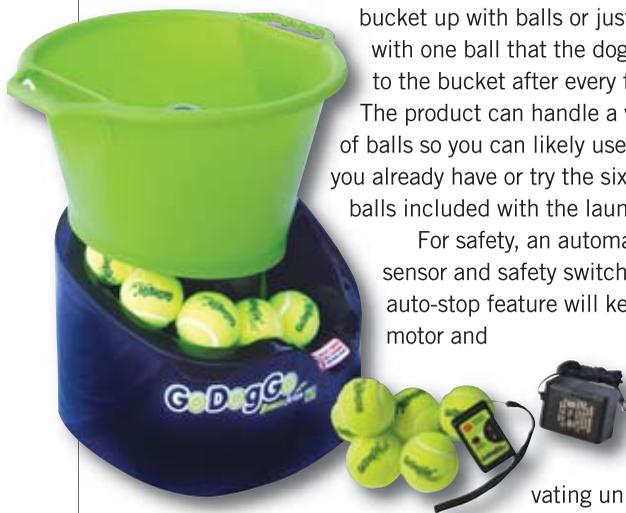
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power optimizer offers a longer battery life with more than 25 hours of fetching time when used on battery power, and it also runs on AC. The unit itself is compact and lightweight with easy-grab handles, making it easy to transport from your motorhome to the dog park.

GoDogGo Inc., www.godoggoinc.com.



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For RVers, a flashlight needs to have three qualities: compact, powerful and good on batteries. The new **Maglite XL50** has all of these qualities, making it the perfect go-to flashlight, whether you're picking up after your dog at the campground at night or trying to see into the contours of an engine.

What first caught our eye about the Maglite XL50 was its sleek design. At less than 5 inches long and weighing less than 4 ounces, it easily fits in a jacket pocket or purse. It also couldn't be simpler to use — one quick click for full power, two clicks for energy-saving, 25 percent power, and three clicks for an emergency safety strobe. The LED beam is adjustable from spot to flood and powered by three AAA batteries that are controlled by Intelligent Energy Source Management, which monitors the balance between high brightness and power usage for prolonged battery life.

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At Heritage Museums and Gardens, you don't have to choose between taking a stroll in a gorgeous park or learning something new about our nation's history inside a museum. It's all in one place — in the historic town of Sandwich, Mass., in a woodland park on the edge of Upper Shawme Pond.

Heritage is perhaps best known for its colorful, robust Dexter rhododendrons that bloom from late May into early June, but the flowering trees, day lilies, hydrangeas, lilacs and hostas that fill out the rest of the season are similarly beautiful. Complementing the gardens is a labyrinth and the operational Old East Mill, which is open to visitors on select days.

Follow the winding walking paths to a Shaker-style round barn that houses the J.K. Lilly III Antique Automobile Collection with a stunning display of antique automobiles, including a 1913 Ford Model T that visitors may sit in. The American History Museum on the other side of the gardens is a replica of a Revolutionary War fort and hosts an impressive collection of military miniatures, antique firearms and bird carvings. An operating hand-carved carousel and an eclectic American folk art collection are highlights of the neighboring Art Museum.

For more information, call 508-888-3300 or visit www.heritagemuseumsandgardens.org. — *Meaghan Alfier*

WHERE THE INFAMOUS OUTLAW LAID HIS HAT

A grave marker, a replica because the original was destroyed by trophy hunters, reads:

"Jesse Woodson James, Devoted Husband and Father, September 5, 1847 — Murdered April 3, 1882, by a traitor and coward whose name is not worthy to appear here."

The stone, in the front yard of Jesse James' birthplace, a humble four-room dwelling originally built in the 1820s, now a Clay County Historic Site outside Kearney, Mo., marks the spot where Zerelda James buried her son after he was shot at his St. Joseph, Mo., home by the "coward" Robert Ford, a member of the James outlaw band.

James was just 34 but his death marked the end of a career in "crime and rebellion" that had lasted 16 years. After his wife's death in 1902, Jesse's mother moved his body next to his wife's in Mount Olivet Cemetery three miles west.

The home is a short walk from the 2,400-square-foot museum/visitor center. An excellent 20-minute film tells the outlaw's story, and posters of the four dozen films made about him are displayed around the theater. In the gallery the "world's largest" collection of James family artifacts is displayed, including Jesse's original casket.

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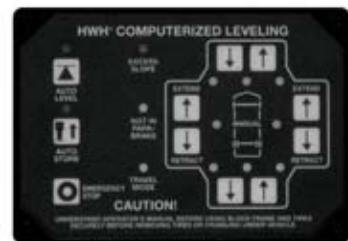
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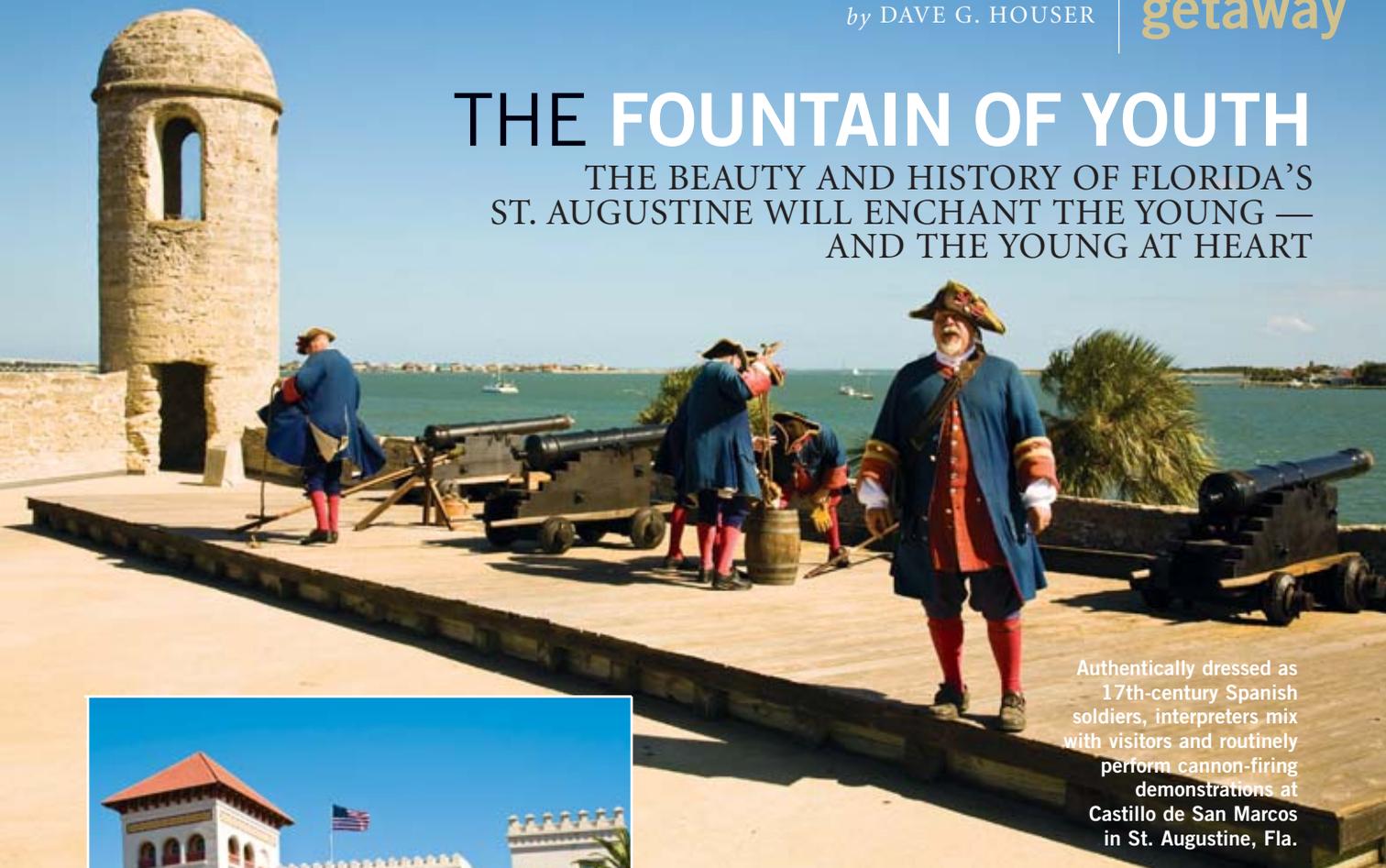
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THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

THE BEAUTY AND HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S ST. AUGUSTINE WILL ENCHANT THE YOUNG — AND THE YOUNG AT HEART



Authentically dressed as 17th-century Spanish soldiers, interpreters mix with visitors and routinely perform cannon-firing demonstrations at Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, Fla.



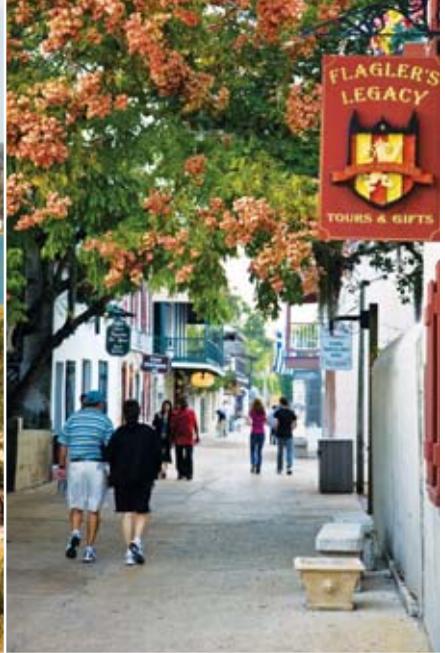
Blessed with nearly 1,200 miles of coastline — most of it soft, white sand — and the nation's highest average year-round temperatures, Florida is the top choice of many beach-bound RVers. St. Augustine's broad Atlantic beaches (42 miles of them), while not widely recognized, are among the Sunshine State's finest, to be sure — but it is a compelling and splendidly preserved past that makes America's oldest city an even more enticing destination.

It just doesn't get any more historic than St. Augustine — and here's why. We'll have to go all the way back to 1513, when Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon made the first recorded landing here by a non-native. Whether or not he was searching for — or found — the so-called "Fountain of Youth," as legend suggests, remains subject to dispute. He did, however, name his discovery "La Florida."

Still, it was not the Spanish who first settled the area that today encompasses St. Augustine, but rather the French under Jean Ribault, who established a Huguenot colony here in 1562. Greatly

Inset, top: Casa Monica Hotel — named after St. Monica, the mother of revered St. Augustine, namesake of the city — opened in 1888. **Left: Motorhome visitors will find most of the comforts of home at the full-service Ocean Grove RV Resort, just steps from the Atlantic Ocean.**

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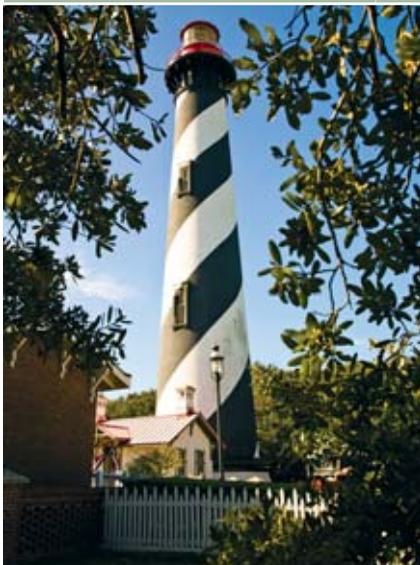
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ST. AUGUSTINE



Clockwise from top left: Those who climb to the top of 165-foot St. Augustine Lighthouse are rewarded with a bird's-eye view of surrounding beaches, marshland and some of the small fishermen's enclaves that dot Matanzas Bay. Visitors might get the impression they're strolling the streets of Seville as they roam the narrow lanes and cobbled streets of Old Town. The distinctive St. Augustine Lighthouse was established in 1824 but rebuilt in 1874. There is a small museum in the former keeper's house.

alarmed by what it considered a threat to its New World dominance, Spain dispatched a fleet of ships commanded by Pedro Menendez de Aviles to retake the area, slaughtering the Huguenots in the process, and to establish, in 1565, the first permanent European settlement in Florida and hence in America.

The young colony survived several pirate attacks, including a sacking in 1586 carried out by the notorious English freebooter, Francis Drake. Except for a brief period of British rule (1763-1783), Florida steadfastly remained in Spanish hands until 1821, when it was finally ceded to the United States.

Even if this is all the history you care to know, you will marvel in a visit to modern-day St. Augustine, where you can get a firsthand look at what the Spaniards left behind. The most impressive symbol of the era and the centerpiece of the city's sprawling historic district is Castillo de San Marcos, a massive stone fortress completed in 1695. Now designated a national monument, it is the oldest masonry fort in the United States. Surviving several attacks, including a grueling 27-day British siege in 1740 — and more than 300 years under the elements — it stands solidly today, guarding Matanzas Bay. The Castillo is open daily to visitors. Check the monument's activity schedule so as not to miss

one of the well-staged cannon firings, conducted by mostly volunteer interpreters, colorfully outfitted as Spanish soldiers.

You might think you're strolling the streets of Seville as you linger along the narrow streets that were established by the Town Plan of 1596. You can then jump ahead in time to 1740 by visiting the Colonial Spanish Quarter, where interpreters attired in authentic historical clothing demonstrate carpentry, metalworking, spinning, basketry and other activities of the period. Grand restorations around Plaza de la Constitucion, the heart of the colonial settlement, include the Cathedral (Basilica) of St. Augustine, oldest Catholic parish in the country, and Government House, which served its official purpose for almost 400 years and now functions as a museum. And, yes, you also can visit the legendary but less than spectacular Fountain of Youth, site of an ancient spring where archaeological digs failed to turn up anything positive relating to Ponce de Leon but did reveal remains of a 2,000-year-old Timucuan Indian burial ground.

Among the most important historic structures you'll encounter during a stroll through St. Augustine's Old Town is, of course, the oldest city's oldest house. It's located several blocks south of the Plaza at Charlotte and St. Francis streets. The 1702 Gonzales-Alvarez House, while a bit touristy



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with its ornamental garden and gift shop, does, as the Oldest House, preserve several centuries' worth of history and performs a fine job of interpreting that history through exhibits on display at its Manucy Museum.

Nearly every structure surviving from the city's earliest days ranks among the nation's "oldest" — and so there's the Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse, squatting (it does visibly sag in the middle) just steps inside the old stone City Gate on St. George Street.

Dating to the early 1760s, the school remains as it was nearly 250 years ago. You can join the schoolmaster and his pupils as they re-create a class meeting from the period.

There are numerous 16th- to 18th-century structures along St. George Street and intersecting side streets throughout Old Town that display plaques certifying their long history. There is also quite a collection of boutiques, galleries, T-shirt

shops, bars and cafés — many of them ensconced in buildings that have survived with historic facades intact.

On Bridge Street, the Dow Museum of Historic Houses, a leafy enclave of eight historic period homes, offers further insight into the lives of St. Augustine residents through the ages. The Murat House here once sheltered a nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte.

While most attention focuses on St. Augustine's colonial-era history, the city's remarkable architecture was further enhanced in the 19th century. In the 1880s, Standard Oil magnate Henry Flagler happened upon the scene and decided to put his wealth to work making St. Augustine the nation's premier resort destination. The same man who later bridged the Florida Keys and had a county named after him built a pair of magnificent Spanish Renaissance-style grand hotels — the Ponce de Leon and the Alcazar. Flagler's palatial hotels prospered for a time but eventually failed and were converted to other uses. The Ponce became Flagler College, which you can visit and admire at your leisure, while the nearby Alcazar took on new life as Lightner Museum, often cited as home to Florida's finest collection of antiques and decorative arts, including a splendid array of Tiffany lamps and art glass.

St. Augustine is an RV-friendly city — to a point. You can breeze along major thoroughfares but there are many narrow side streets to avoid. Parking can be found in both city and private lots for rigs up to about 30 feet. There's a large lot at Castillo de San Marcos and a quite handy one with 1,200 spaces just north of the old City Gate off West Castillo Drive. Larger motorhomes can be parked at a nearby lot on Ribera Street, where overnight parking also is available, by permit only. Permits (\$26.50) can be purchased at the information center adjacent the Castillo Drive parking area — which is also a good place for gathering area maps and promotional materials.

Walking is clearly the best way to see and absorb the city's many attractions but there are other options, including Ripley's Sightseeing Train, with tours starting every 15 to 20 minutes, and Old Town Trolley Tours, which operate continuously on a 22-stop circuit. You also can choose from a variety of sightseeing cruises departing daily from the Municipal Marina.

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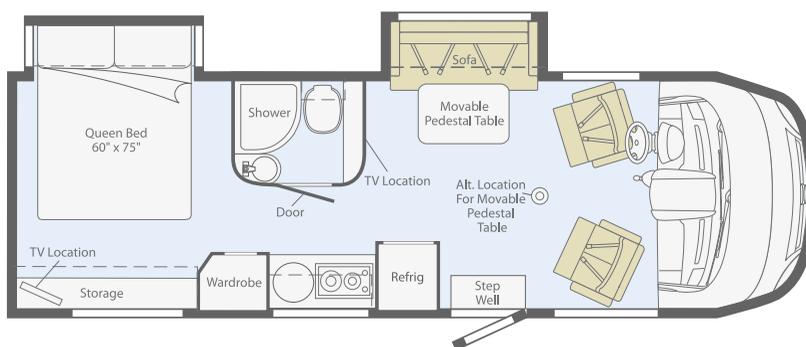
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Town's many eateries are the Columbia, serving up succulent Spanish cuisine on St. George Street and at its Tampa location since 1905, and the Florida Cracker Café, also on St. George, featuring a zesty sampling of what it calls "Florida coastal cuisine." It regularly features live music as well. For lunch there's no better choice than Café Alcazar with its swanky setting in the Lightner Museum.

At some point during your stay you should venture both up and down the coast a ways to take in some of the city's outlying attractions. Crossing the elegant and recently refurbished Bridge of Lions spanning a finger of Matanzas Bay and driving south, you'll soon spot St. Augustine Lighthouse.

Established in 1824, the original light was replaced with a new 165-foot tower in 1874. Now automated, it has operated continuously through the years and offers visitors willing to climb 219 steps to the top a bird's-eye panorama of the oldest city and surrounding beaches, bay and marshland. A small museum in the former keeper's house is devoted to St. Augustine's maritime past.

Just minutes south of the lighthouse, Anastasia State Park's broad, beautiful beach attracts walkers, joggers, cyclists, anglers, birders, surfers and kayakers. Nestled in a leafy hammock behind a network of grassy dunes, the park's campground features 139 full-service RV sites. A few miles farther south on Highway A1A, Ocean Grove RV Resort offers a good private park option with 178 grassy, well-shaded sites ideally situated only steps from the beach.

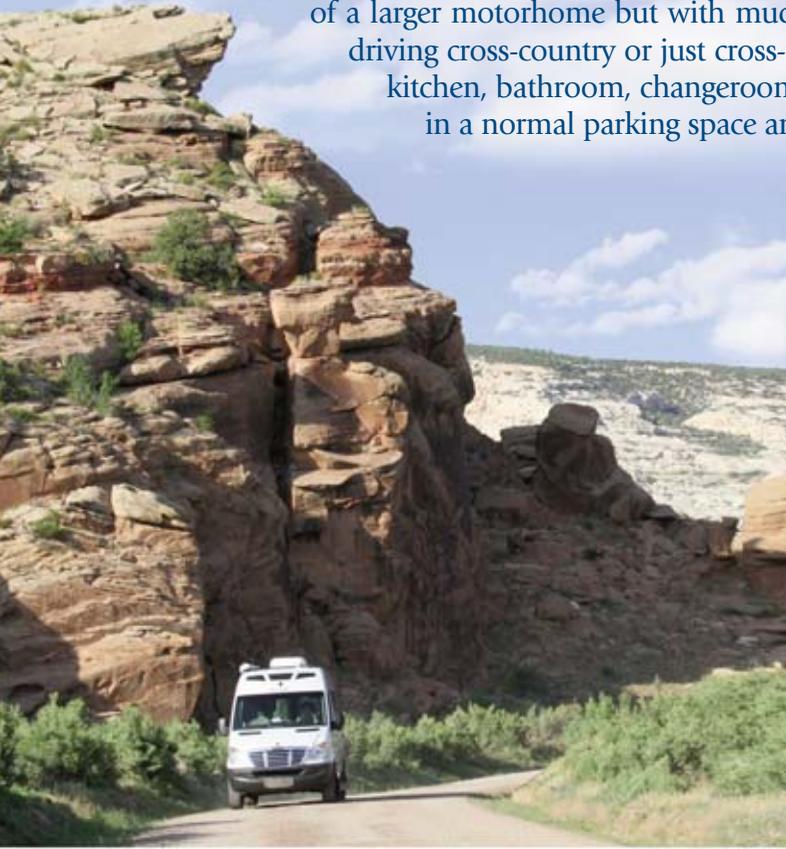
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A ZOO, SPACE MUSEUM, RAILROAD GARDEN AND OUTDOOR
SPORTS GALORE KEEP **OMAHA, NEBRASKA**, VISITORS BUSY

by MARY ZALMANEK



The clear waters of Ruth Giger Memorial Waterway make for a pretty spot to stop for a photo.

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Clockwise from top: Victorian Garden is one of 18 gardens in Omaha's Botanical Center, Lauritzen Gardens. It colorfully combines characteristics of English and Victorian gardens. Penguins entertain visitors with their antics at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. Two large hangars at the Strategic Air and Space Museum house dozens of vintage military airplanes and spacecraft.

Every motorhome owner knows the delight in finding an amazing RV park. We discovered one near Omaha, Neb., as we were passing through The Cornhusker State on our way to other places. We had pulled out our Trailer Life RV Parks & Campgrounds Directory and found a state park located west of Omaha. Since this one was reasonably priced and had Wi-Fi, we thought it would do for one night. Little did we know how this chance selection would change our travel plans.

We soon found that one night at Eugene T. Mahoney State Park just isn't enough. Overlooking the picturesque Platte River Valley 20 miles southwest of Omaha, this

690-acre park has activities to entice visitors year-round, including sledding and cross-country skiing with sufficient winter snowfall. During our initial one-night stay in the summer, we rode our bikes on the three-mile concrete multiuse trail, hit balls on the driving range, climbed a 70-foot-tall observation tower and ate a tasty breakfast at Peter Kiewit Lodge restaurant.

Our brief visit was enough to whet our appetites for more. A man at the campsite next to ours told us there were six or seven other state parks within a short drive of Omaha that were all worth a visit. Since we had scarcely scratched the surface of all Eugene Mahoney had to offer,



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Youngsters enjoy fishing in a pond at Schramm Park State Recreation Area.

we planned to spend four days in the area on our return journey.

The park has two campgrounds, Little Creek and Lakeside, with 149 paved pads. All sites have 20- and 30-amp electrical hookups, and some have 50-amp service. A dump station and water are available near the park entrance. Half of the campsites can be reserved up to one year in advance; the remainder are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The park is popular during the summer months; plan to arrive early in the afternoon if you don't have a reservation. If you'd like to share this lovely area with friends and family who don't have RVs, you're in luck. Accommodations include 54 modern cabins and Peter Kiewit Lodge, with 40 guest rooms.

When we checked in for our second visit, I bought two \$7 tickets to a melodrama, "Miss Twain's Train Trouble," at the park's Denman and Mary Mallory Kountze Memorial Theatre. The melodrama was great family fun, with children and grandparents alike cheering for the hero and throwing popcorn at the villain.

Eugene Mahoney State Park truly has something for everyone. The Family Aquatic Center offers a regulation-size pool with

diving area, spacious sun deck, wave pool and two twisting 200-plus-foot water slides. It's a great way to cool off in Nebraska's summer heat. At the miniature golf course, we met 21-year-old Kalia Wormley, whose lifetime goal is to play every miniature golf course in the U.S. Oregon is done; now she's working on Nebraska. She gave this course high marks. Other activities included horseback riding, fishing, hiking, tennis and paddle-boating.

If you find yourself in one of Nebraska's state parks only to wish you hadn't forgotten your fishing poles, hiking boots or archery equipment, there's a solution: Cabela's. This outdoor superstore south of Omaha has everything you could possibly need, plus some things that are simply fun to look at. The center of the store looks like a wildlife museum with a taxidermy display featuring a polar bear, bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope.

Our neighbor at Eugene Mahoney said he prefers the nearby Platte River State Park for mountain biking. The 10 miles of single-track trails offer challenges for serious mountain bikers. Other popular activities at Platte River include paddle-boating, fishing and archery. RV camping

is not available, but you can stay at another park in the area or rent one of the cabins or teepees.

Two Rivers State Recreation Area lies between the Platte and Elkhorn rivers. More than half of the 622-acre park consists of sandpit lakes, making it a popular trout fishing and swimming area. One of the fishing piers is handicapped accessible. Sixty-one of the park's 206 RV sites have 30-amp hookups. Union Pacific Caboose Park provides unique accommodations with 10 brightly painted cabooses, each refurbished to sleep six.

Plentiful lakes, ponds, streams and rivers make Nebraska a fisherman's dream. Stepping into the lobby of the Ak-Sar-Ben (that's Nebraska spelled backward) Aquarium at Schramm Park State Recreation Area, we saw evidence of some very happy fishermen. Fish mounted on the walls represent some of the state's record catches, including a 93-pound paddlefish and a 41-plus-pound channel catfish.

Leaving Schramm, we encountered a group of youngsters who seemed content to fish in the pond. They hadn't caught much, but that didn't dampen their enthusiasm for their upcoming adventure with



Clockwise from above left: Visitors who climb the 70-foot-tall Walter Scott Jr. Observation Tower are rewarded with a panoramic view of Eugene Mahoney State Park and Platte River. Union Pacific Caboose Park in Two Rivers State Recreation Area provides unique accommodations in refurbished cabooses. Eugene Mahoney's 236-foot water slides at the Family Aquatic Center are fun for all ages. On display at the visitor center at Boys Town, the world's largest solid ball of stamps is 32 inches in diameter, weighs 600 pounds and consists of nearly 4.7 million stamps.



sea creatures — sleeping with sharks. They were to spend that night at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, sleeping in the 70-foot-long acrylic tunnel with sharks and rays swimming on both sides and overhead.

We added the zoo to our own must-do list. Other activities a short drive from Eugene Mahoney include the Strategic Air and Space Museum, Quarry Oaks Golf Course and Holy Family Shrine.

The Strategic Air and Space Museum is next to Eugene Mahoney. Entering the parking lot, we knew we were in for a treat. Atlas, Scout and Thor missiles stood guard in front of the building. Inside the lobby with its massive glass atrium sits an SR-71A Blackbird. Two large hangars house dozens of vintage military airplanes and spacecraft, including a B-52B, a U-2C spy plane, a North Vietnamese MiG-21F and an Apollo 009 test capsule. A quilted American art flag hangs above them with 686 fabric squares hand-painted by children and seniors. Each square depicts "What America Means to Me," with freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness the common themes.

Since our own pursuit of happiness often involves a golf course, we checked

out the website for nearby Quarry Oaks Golf Course. It mentioned its awards for being affordable and scenic, so of course we booked a tee time. Not only was it beautiful and well-maintained, it was also uncrowded. I'm glad that my happiness lies in the game itself rather than my score.

Anyone who's driven Interstate 80 west of Omaha has probably noticed a magnificent building of glass and wood standing alone on a hillside. We'd wondered about the Holy Family Shrine, and this time we stopped to check it out. The shrine serves as a place of rest and solitude for people of all faiths. Visitors are welcome to explore the visitor center and chapel or attend Catholic Mass on Saturdays.

If you want to venture into Omaha, there's plenty to do and see. We spent two days visiting Henry Doorly Zoo, Lauritzen Gardens and Boys Town.

The zoo is one of Omaha's most popular attractions. Our first stop inside the gate was the landmark Desert Dome, which claims four "world's largest" titles. Above ground level, the world's largest glazed geodesic dome houses the world's largest indoor desert, with plants and animals from deserts in southern Africa,

Australia and southwestern United States. Below ground we found the world's largest indoor swamp and nocturnal exhibits. We were astonished to see the giant Indian fruit bats, whose wingspans measure up to 6 feet.

All of the animals were fascinating, but my vote for the most entertaining goes to the penguins. While some of them stood still as statues or waddled slowly along, there were a few that dove in the water, raced around in circles and then shot up through a hole in the ice. They were like 5-year-old kids on a sugar high. We were almost ready to leave when we arrived at the penguin exhibit, but watching them and laughing at their antics for 30 minutes re-energized us.

Across the street from the zoo was the home of the NCAA Division I College World Series. We were in the neighborhood in late June when the last game was played at beloved Rosenblatt Stadium. For days, the evening news was filled with interviews from devoted and teary-eyed fans lamenting the closing of this historic ballpark. Baseball fans will be happy to know that the new TD Ameritrade Park Omaha is expected to open in time for the College

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World Series in June.

After the crowds at the zoo and the stadium, we were ready to take it easy. Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, was a short drive away. We signed up for a narrated tram tour through the 100-acre site. After learning about the garden's history, we got off the tram to enjoy the Founder's Garden. The shaded gazebo was the perfect place to rest our feet and admire the ferns and lilies. Perhaps the prettiest of the 18 gardens is Victorian Garden.

The Model Railroad Garden is unique. Seven G-scale model trains run through miniature communities, landscapes and countrysides. The buildings, created by landscape designer Paul Busse, represent some of Omaha's oldest and most prominent establishments. Natural materials such as twigs, bark, cinnamon sticks and pine cones were used to create "miniature Omaha." A team of 25 volunteers cares for the trains.

Omaha is proud of its railroading history. Union Pacific Railroad has been headquartered in Omaha since its inception in the 1800s. Located just outside Lauritzen Gardens, Kenefick Park features "two of the greatest locomotives ever to power the Union Pacific Railroad." Visible from Interstate 80, Union Pacific's Big Boy No. 4023 and Centennial No. 6900 welcome motorists to Omaha.

Boys Town bills itself as "a square mile in the Heartland of America where miracles happen." Founded by Father Flanagan in 1917, it is dedicated to saving children and healing families. Visitors are welcome at several buildings, including the visitor center, Hall of History Museum and Historic Flanagan House. Father Flanagan encouraged residents to take up the hobby of stamp collecting. These kids created the world's largest solid ball of stamps. Recognized by Ripley's Believe It or Not and on display at the visitor center, the ball is 32 inches in diameter, weighs 600 pounds and consists of nearly 4.7 million stamps.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Life is a journey, not a destination." That's something RVers understand. Each exit on the highway provides endless opportunities for discovery. Next time your journeys take you near southeastern Nebraska, discover what the hospitable Cornhuskers have to offer. ♦

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SEE THE EVIDENCE OF HOW VOLCANOES HAVE CHANGED THE FACE OF THE EARTH ALONG VOLCANIC LEGACY SCENIC BYWAY IN OREGON AND CALIFORNIA

by RICHARD AND ELLEN THANE



For more than 37 million years 20 major volcanoes and more than 4,000 volcanic vents have periodically erupted in the Pacific Northwest, belching fire and ash. Their pyroclastic flows and lahars spill across the land, building and forming the Cascade Mountain Range with its unique geological formations such as massive obsidian flows, gurgling mud pots and mysterious lava tubes.

The best way to view this landscape is along the 500-mile-long Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, an All-American Road that leads from Crater Lake National Park in Oregon to California's Lassen Volcanic National Park. The byway winds through areas of stark moonscapes covered with

From top: Visitors can take boat tours out to Wizard Island, located in the middle of the intense blue waters of Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the United States. A drive along the 33-mile road that encircles the lake offers many places to pull over for unbeatable views. Ranger-led tours at Lava Beds National Monument, in Northern California, explore the hundreds of lava caves beneath the ground.

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Clockwise from top left: Reflections of the sloping sides of the caldera shimmer on the surface of Crater Lake. It's obvious why this island in the middle of it is called Phantom Ship. Mount Shasta is the second-highest volcano in the continental United States and is also considered one of the nine sacred mountains of the world. It has not had a significant eruption in 200 years. Lassen Peak is considered a plug dome volcano and is surrounded by volcanic rock. All four types of volcanoes can be found in Lassen Volcanic National Park.

lava rock, thick stands of timber growing among volcanic boulders, shallow marshlands teeming with waterfowl, and ranching valleys made verdant with layers of ash from prehistoric eruptions.

It was mid-July when we left Bend, Ore., traveling south on U.S. Highway 97. Ten miles south of town we stopped at Newberry National Volcanic Monument, which isn't part of Volcanic Legacy Byway but provides a great introduction to the volcanic lands we would find along the route. Its beautiful Lava Lands Visitor Center gave us a glimpse of the latest volcanic activity in the region and demon-

strated how the local geology, ecology and climate make up these fascinating volcanic lands. Fortunately there were no eruptions predicted in the near future.

With more than 100 miles of hiking trails throughout 50,000-plus acres in this monument there was plenty of opportunity to enjoy an "out of this world" experience as we wandered through the stark but spectacular landscape. Sturdy shoes and socks are a must because everything is sharp along the trails. If you have time for only one hike make it the half-mile interpretive trail over a corner of the big obsidian flow created more than 1,300 years ago.



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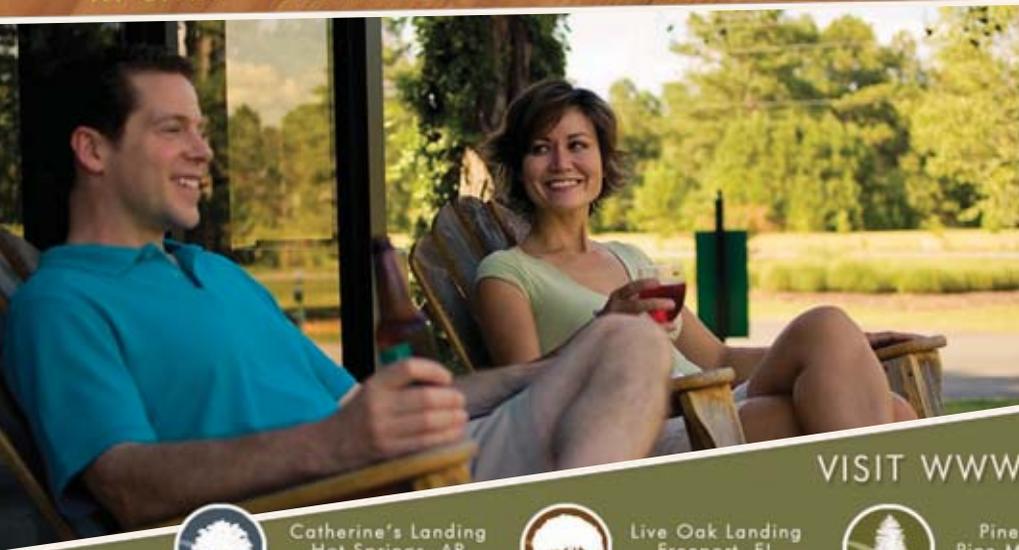
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These ancient markings, or petroglyphs, can be found along Petroglyph Bluff Trail in Lava Beds National Monument.

With lava tubes and cinder cones to explore in addition to some of Central Oregon's best fishing in the lakes that fill the caldera, you may want to plan several days at Newberry. Camping here is plentiful.

With a full gas tank and a good supply

of LP-gas we continued south on Highway 97 to its intersection with state Route 138, where Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway begins. A long, flat road led through forests of pine and purple flowers that looked like tiny lupine. Turning south on Highway 209

we entered Crater Lake National Park by way of its north entrance, which is closed in the winter.

After crossing the fragile pumice desert we reached an alpine meadow where patches of snow lingered; then began a winding, uphill drive around the lake as we headed for Mazama Village Campground — the only one in the park with RV sites. A few campsites have electrical hookups but we arrived too late in the day to get one.

After setting up camp we had just enough time to spend a few minutes at Steel Visitor Center, where we enjoyed an interesting film about the park's history. Then soft shades of pink colored the sky as we hurried up to the grand old Crater Lake Lodge, which sits on the rim of the lake. A rocking chair on the veranda, a glass of wine — what better way to watch the sunset?

Morning brought a lovely summer day and, packing a picnic lunch, we traveled the 33-mile road that encircles the lake. We could have caught the trolley, which makes several stops at the most popular



Views from the Road

Al Luehmann and his wife, Mary, are committed RVers from the North Star State of Minnesota. When they're away from home, Al and Mary enjoy our country's beautiful landscape in their 2007 Itasca Horizon motorhome, spending the winter months in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Al describes his time on the road as "a way of life after you retire. I have a whole new set of friends from around the country – we've become a family."

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And what does he watch most when on the road? "Sports – the (Minnesota) Vikings and Wild, and my wife is a Jimmie Johnson (NASCAR) fan."

So what's next for Al and Mary? "Nova Scotia – beautiful country – and Yosemite."

Happy travels.



Al and Mary traveling the country



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scenic pullouts, but we wanted the freedom of stopping for photographs and short hikes whenever we chose.

You've probably seen pictures of Crater Lake and wondered, as we did, if the water could really be so intensely blue. It truly is. Resting inside the caldera created by the eruption of Mount Mazama 7,700 years ago and fed completely by snowmelt and rainwater, this is the deepest lake in the United States and said to be the cleanest large body of water in the world.

It took us the entire day to complete this short drive as we stopped at one amazing viewpoint after another. A word of caution, though: The mosquitoes are thick and fierce at Crater Lake and a good repellent is an absolute must. Lupine, Indian paintbrush and other wildflowers lined the road and reflections of the steep, dramatic sides of the caldera shimmered on the surface of the lake. On the water, far below us, a tour boat taking visitors out to Wizard Island appeared as only a speck.

At the end of the day, after a quick shower and change of clothes we returned to Crater Lake Lodge, where we had reservations for dinner. The dining rooms in our national parks' historic lodges always have a special ambiance and whether the food is great or just mediocre it's an experience we always enjoy. The dining room was filled the entire evening and those who didn't have reservations seemed just as pleased with appetizers on the veranda or seated before the huge fireplace in the lobby.

Moving on down the byway on Highway 62 and then 140, we traveled through picturesque ranching country and along Upper Klamath Lake, where large, marshy areas provide a paradise for bird-watchers as millions of migratory birds pass through. During winter months you'll find more bald eagles here than anywhere else in the continental U.S. Watch your speed as you travel this stretch of the byway as we saw numerous traffic stops.

At the California border we turned east on Highway 161 to follow the portion of the byway that cuts to the east and Lava Beds National Monument. Passing by Tule Lake we stopped to photograph lovely patterns made by reeds growing in the shallows. Twice a year the skies here turn dark with the spectacular sight of millions of birds as they migrate along the Pacific

Flyway — some coming from as far away as Siberia. Today the waters teemed with ducks, pelicans, swans and many others.

Lava Beds National Monument has a nice campground and, though small, has water available and is open all year. We arrived to a golden world of grasses and shrubs interspersed with black lava rock. A deep blue sky rules the landscape and all is quiet except for the wind in the grass and an occasional bird song. Silent as ghosts, red-tailed hawks circle on air currents looking for a meal among the rocks as tiny lizards slither into holes. The air is pure enough here to be designated a national treasure. Relatively few people visit this park and it seems very peaceful. Yet 10,000 years ago this was the site of violence on an unimaginable scale. The reminders are everywhere — the rock, the cinder cones, the craters, the lava tubes. This is what's left, for now, of the massive 700-square-mile Medicine Lake Volcano.

At the visitor center we signed up for a ranger-led cave tour the next afternoon and picked up the information we needed to explore Lava Beds. For several days we roamed these lava lands, marveling at the landscape, the hundreds of lava caves that honeycomb the ground beneath our feet, the ancient markings at Petroglyph Bluff Point and the human history that dates back more than 11,000 years. Far off in the distance the frosty cones of Mount Shasta and Lassen Peak loomed on the horizon.

With nightfall the sky becomes the landscape with more stars than we've ever seen and park rangers give star parties at which they talk of the night sky, pointing out constellations and sharing legends that date back to ancient Greece.

We could have tarried longer at Lava Beds but the rest of the byway beckoned and we retraced our route along Highway 161, returning to Highway 97 where we turned south. We didn't stop at Butte Valley National Grassland but birders may want to include it in their itinerary. There is no developed campground, though dry camping is allowed.

A few miles south is Living Memorial Sculpture Garden. It has nothing to do with volcanoes but is certainly something to see with 11 large metal sculptures by Dennis Smith, an artist and veteran. Each piece

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Reaching Interstate 5 at Weed we stopped for fuel and filled the LP-gas tank again. The nights get chilly along this route. After exiting I-5 at State Highway 89 we found a wide parking area that made a great place for photos of Mount Shasta. The second-highest volcano in the continental United States, Mount Shasta hasn't had a significant eruption in 200 years, but fumaroles on the mountain show it's still alive. Native Americans have long honored Mount Shasta, considered one of the nine sacred mountains of the world, as a holy place.

Continuing south on Highway 89 we passed McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park with its nice campground, but our planned destination of Hat Creek Campground at Old Station was just a few miles farther south. Remnants of the gold rush days lie mostly forgotten along the road and it could be easy to forget that we live in a world of modern shopping centers. This is a popular place for camping be-

cause of the good fishing along Hat Creek and as we were setting up camp a couple of young boys scampered by with some nice-looking trout.

It was another gorgeous morning as we drove our dinghy vehicle 11 miles southwest on state Highway 44 to the entrance to Lassen Volcanic National Park. The mosquitoes were thick here, too, and we were glad we hadn't tried to use the park's campground at Manzanita Lake. A very twisting road through the park led us through lush alpine meadows and tall ponderosa forests. Views of the peaks were striking.

We didn't know until visiting Lassen that there are four types of volcanoes in the world and all four are found here: shield (Prospect Peak), plug dome (Lassen Peak), cinder cone (Cinder Cone) and composite (Brokeoff Volcano).

Just after cresting the road's highest point at 8,512 feet and dropping down to the south side of the park we stopped to hike the three-mile Bumpass Hell trail leading to the park's most active hydrothermal areas. You can smell it long before you

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actually get there but the trail wasn't difficult, although the 8,000-foot elevation had us breathing heavily. Mud pots thumped and bubbled, fumaroles hissed steam, and colorful aquamarine pools boiled up from deep in the earth. We didn't need to be cautioned to stay on the boardwalk.

After exiting the park on the south side we continued on the last segment of the byway, making a circle through old logging towns and around Lake Almanor, one of California's largest artificial lakes and another good spot for fishing or bird-watching. Eventually the circle returned us to Old Station, where we were camped.

The volcanoes were all sleeping as we traveled Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, but it's a restless sleep. Periodic bursts of steam, mudflows and hot springs are a constant reminder that these volcanoes could awaken at any time. ♦

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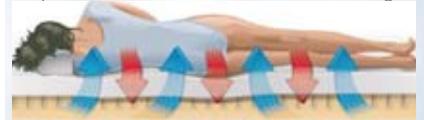
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NATURAL DISASTERS AND MOTORHOMES: HOW TO SURVIVE

PREPARE A KIT, CREATE A PLAN AND
STAY INFORMED, **EXPERTS ADVISE**

by MARY ZALMANEK

Depending on the situation, being in a motorhome when disaster strikes can be a stroke of luck or a worst-case scenario. You're fortunate if you can drive out of harm's way with full fuel and water tanks, empty gray- and black-water tanks, a generator and a well-stocked pantry. When you are on the road, you'll already have many items essential for survival, such as food, water, a flashlight, medications, clothing and a cellphone.

You'd have a worst-case scenario if a tornado or rising floodwaters require you to abandon your motorhome. If you have time, grab your emergency kit and essential supplies on your way out.

Two incidents I heard about strengthened my resolve to know what to do if a natural disaster were to strike while I was in my motorhome. The first was a flash flood that tore through a campground in Caddo Gap, Ark., on June 11, 2010, overturning RVs as campers slept. Twenty people lost their lives. Six days later, 39 tornadoes and 26 funnel clouds set a single-day state record in Minnesota. Three people died.

I interviewed disaster preparedness experts and learned that most agree on three basics: Get a kit, make a plan, be informed.

The kit should include a weather radio that uses Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) technology. It receives weather forecasts and travel conditions from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and national and local emergency alerts of issues affecting public health and safety from the Emergency Alert System. The SAME technology allows you to receive information for specific counties rather than for an entire broadcast area.

Making a plan means knowing what to do in different situations. John Galvin, founder and editor of www.GettingPrepared.info, said, "Preparing for disasters seems daunting because disasters are daunting. Just like athletes visualize their races, RVers need to create a model of how they would react in a natural disaster." A common element of your plan will include knowing how to contact other family members.

Your actions will depend on whether you are on the road or in a campground. If you are driving, look for a local weather shelter, truck stop or sturdy commercial building. Avoid overpasses and bridges if an earthquake or other event could have affected stability of roadways.

If you are camping, secure your site. Roll up your awning and store outdoor items like lawn chairs and barbecue grills. Notice power lines near your campsite. If a power line falls on or near your motorhome, stay inside, avoid touching metal surfaces and use a cellphone to call for help. Go to a storm shelter if necessary.

Being informed also means knowing how to use safety equipment before you need it. Galvin offered this caution about fire extinguishers. "They should be charged up and you must know how to use them. Read the label to know how far back to stand, usually 6 to 8 feet. If you stand too close you could spread the fire. Keep your back to your escape route in case the fire spreads."

TORNADOES

Although tornadoes have occurred in all parts of the United States, they are most prevalent in the central states, commonly known as Tornado Alley.

According to David Barnes, director of Oklahoma County Emergency Management, "Apathy is the biggest enemy in emergency planning. People who live in tornado-prone areas tend to become complacent about weather threats. They might be more likely to grab their camera than emergency supplies when a tornado is spotted."

If you spot a tornado while on the road, the general rule is don't try to outrun it. However, if it's a distant speck on the horizon, head in a safe direction. Keep an eye on the tornado. Be prepared to seek shelter if necessary.



Some people think they should seek shelter under an overpass if a tornado approaches. That might work if it's a very weak tornado, but the National Weather Service strongly advises against it. Three people were killed by a violent tornado in May 1999 in Oklahoma when they sought shelter under an overpass. Overpasses become wind tunnels and magnets for flying debris.

The National Weather Service says "the safest course of action ... is to get out of the tornado's path or to seek shelter in a sturdy, well-constructed building. Lying flat in a ditch, ravine or below-grade culvert also offers protection from flying tornadic debris."

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES CHECKLIST



- 200 feet of rope
- Area maps (hard copies) with evacuation centers
- Batteries
- Bleach to purify water. Use 1 teaspoon bleach to 10 gallons of water or 1/8 teaspoon for 1 gallon water. If water is cloudy or dirty, let stand until particulates settle.
- Candles (don't use if there's a chance of a gas leak)
- Cash
- Cellphone and charger
- Clothing for warm, cold and wet weather, appropriate for location
- Critical documents, including copies of insurance policies, identification, credit cards
- Disposable lighters or waterproof matches
- Duct tape
- Dust masks
- Emergency blankets
- Emergency contact information
- Fire extinguisher
- Firearm or pepper spray for protection
- First-aid kit
- Full fuel tank
- High-energy nonperishable food and water to last three to five days
- Jumper cables
- Manual can opener
- Manual tools, such as hammer, shovel, machete, axe, crowbar
- NOAA weather radio, preferably with SAME technology
- Pet supplies (include water for pets)
- Power tools, such as a small chainsaw, generator
- Prescription medications in their original containers
- Rain gear
- Recent photos of family and pets to help locate if missing after disaster
- Self-powered radios, flashlights
- Spare tire and Fix-A-Flat to inject foam into tires of tow car
- Whistle and air horn

Flying debris makes it dangerous to be outside. Use coats or blankets as padding for protection. Wear sturdy clothes: jeans, long-sleeve shirts, hat, work boots and gloves. If a tornado strikes the area, broken glass, nails, tree branches and building materials will be scattered about. You want to protect yourself and be available to help others.

Barnes is working with RV parks in Oklahoma County to develop basic shelter and evacuation planning. He recommends that RV parks provide a severe weather plan to their guests. If you stay in an RV park that doesn't offer this information, here's a list of what to ask:

- Which local radio and TV stations provide weather updates?
- What are the SAME county codes and frequency for a weather radio?
- Does the park have storm sirens or another method to warn campers?
- Where are shelters, either on-site or in close proximity, that will be open and available if needed?
- If you need handicap access or you have specific medical needs, ask questions to ensure your needs can be met.

FLOODS

Notice the lay of the land before choosing a campsite. If rain is forecast, choose a site away from rivers, creeks and other low-lying areas that may be prone to flooding.



If you are driving in heavy rains, pay attention to water flowing on the road. Even an RV can get swept away by rushing water. If a flood is imminent, leave the motorhome and seek higher ground.

On Jan. 1, 1997, heavy rains fell in Yosemite National Park and melted the existing snowpack. This warm storm in the middle of winter was attributed to El Niño, a warm current in the Pacific Ocean that causes dramatic regional climate changes. Huge amounts of water flowed

into Yosemite Valley. Much of the valley floor was under more than 11 feet of water.

Even though it's been more than 14 years, Yosemite Park Ranger Scott Gediman remembers that flood like it was yesterday. Park rangers evacuated campgrounds, asking campers to meet in the higher grounds of Yosemite Village. Campers complied immediately. Once everyone was accounted for, the next priority was to get visitors and employees out of the park. A convoy of 300 to 400 vehicles left the park on Highway 41 to the south.

The park was closed for three months to restore services. In spite of massive destruction to Yosemite's utilities and roads, there were no fatalities or injuries. Park officials monitored the weather and prepared for the worst. Tourists stayed calm and followed directions from park rangers.

OTHER EXTREME WEATHER

With hurricanes and blizzards, weather radios and local radio stations will provide plenty of advance warning. In many hurricane-prone areas, there are official evacuation procedures. Follow them and leave the area as soon as possible.



Philip Farina, a board-certified travel security expert, said, "If you're caught unaware in a hurricane, go to the Red Cross shelter or community emergency center. You'll want something with reinforced walls at least two stories that can protect you against storm surge. Do not stay in your RV."

Stock up on food and supplies if a blizzard is coming. Your motorhome can provide protection in a blizzard. Use your generator to provide power to stay warm. Be sure to clear snow away from the exhaust pipe to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS

Earthquakes are very difficult to accurately



predict, making it challenging to prepare for one. Farina said, "Get out of the damaged area if you can, but if that's impossible, you will need to rely on your plan. Realize how long services may take to come back. First responders are amazing people, but depending on the magnitude of the disaster, you may be competing with hundreds or thousands who need assistance." Be proactive; pack and prepare to be self-sufficient as much as possible.

Not only did the March earthquake and tsunami in Japan do catastrophic damage locally, the tsunami wreaked havoc on coastlines thousands of miles away. If you are on the beach and you hear a tsunami siren or feel a strong earthquake, it's time to take action. The California Emergency Management Agency has this advice on responding to both distant and local tsunamis:

Evacuate by walking to higher ground if at all possible because of potential traffic jams.

Stay away from potentially hazardous areas (beaches, bluffs, etc.) until you receive an all clear from local officials.

COMMON SENSE

Your actions should be driven by your specific circumstances and common sense. Being well-prepared will give you peace of mind when the weather is fine and presence of mind to keep you safe when it's not. With careful emergency planning, your motorhome trips can be safe, carefree and a whole lot of fun. ♦

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MADE IN THE SHADE

INSTALLING A NEW **DOMETIC 9000 PATIO AWNING AND MATCHING WINDOW AWNINGS** PROVIDES RENEWED AESTHETICS AS WELL AS PROTECTION FROM THE SUN

by BILL AND JENN GEHR

Renthusiasts tend to spend much of their time outdoors and one of the most practical accessories is a patio awning. It's the perfect device to keep the sun off the motorhome, which not only moderates inside temperature, but also provides the necessary shade to enjoy a cup of hot coffee on the patio or share a meal with friends during a warm afternoon.

Our friends are active campground hosts so spending most of their time outside is part of their daily routine. After years of rolling out the awning on their coach, the fabric had seen better days. Wanting to make the most of their dollar, and improve the overall appearance of the motorhome, it was high time to replace the old, sun-faded and torn awning. In addition to the patio awning upgrade, they elected to in-

stall three window awnings for additional privacy and shade.

The awning to be replaced was a Sunchaser made by A&E (which is now Dometic), and the fabric was a single layer of vinyl that was highly weather-beaten. The new patio awning is a model 9000, also made by Dometic, the company's top of the line manual awning. The three matching window awnings by Dometic are its Elite models.

All of these awnings come standard with a woven acrylic fabric and a protective aluminum weather shield that covers the fabric when stored in the rolled-up position. Woven acrylic is far more elegant in appearance and much more durable. Not only are there a multitude of appealing color options for the fabric, there are also four color options for the aluminum weather shield and mounting hardware: white, black, champagne and satin (colors can be viewed at

www.dometic.com/usa).

The Dometic 9000 fabric and roller tube for the new patio awning and assembly come with both springs wound to the proper tension and secured by two cotter pins. The pre-assembled hardware bolts to the spring assembly with a single ¼-inch bolt on either end.

Sliding the new awning into the motorhome's existing awning rail required the recruitment of two helpers. With one helper at either end holding the upright hardware arms, from atop the roof, the awning fabric was guided through the awning rail. The patio awning, although an upgraded model, bolted into the same holes as the old awning, which facilitated the installation. Before installing the new screws, clear silicone sealant was applied in the holes to ensure that the coach was best protected from any water leakage. Once in place, the cotter pins (one on each end) are removed and the awning is ready for manual operation.

Installing the matching Elite window awnings proved to be a bit more of a challenge as there were no existing awning rails.

After measuring the



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awning rail and the window, the halfway point was marked for each. Following the directions, the awning rails are mounted above the window. Just like the patio awning, the smaller window awning fabric and roller tubes come with the springs wound with the cotter pins in place.

The next step was to attach the two arms with the mounting brackets using ¼-inch bolts, and with the help of one other person the window awning was slid into the rail above the window into place. Each arm

is measured carefully on both sides of the window to ensure proper alignment with the window. At this point, the bottom brackets are mounted per the instructions — again making sure that all holes were sealed with silicone sealant. After pulling the cotter pins, the awning can be extended so that the bracket that secures the strap to hold the awning open can be mounted. The same process was then repeated for the two other new Elite window awnings.

The patio awning install took one

hour and the three window awnings took 1½ hours each. The retail prices of the awnings vary by size. The coach we worked on was 34 feet long, so we installed an 18-foot awning; the cost of the 9000 Series is \$950 and the Elite window awnings range from \$285 to \$550.

Although a time-consuming project, the installation is relatively simple and the end result greatly updated the motorhome's overall appearance — and the owners were absolutely thrilled. ♦

PATIO AWNING INSTALLATION



1. Dometic makes the install as easy as possible with the use of a single bolt on each side to attach the hardware to the roller tube.



2. The most challenging and cumbersome step of the installation is lifting the heavy roller tube high enough in the air so that the poly cord of the fabric and roller tube assembly can be fed into the awning rail.



5. After the hardware is bolted into place, we prefer to pull the cotter pins at this point before installing the awning onto the motorhome.



3. After the poly cord is started into the awning rail, three people can easily slide the awning into the set position.



6. With the new bracket in place and the awning in the correct position we snapped the upright assembly into the bottom bracket.



4. Because we were replacing a similar awning, we didn't have to drill the holes for the top bracket. Dab on sealer in the existing holes and tighten the supplied lag bolts.



7. Once the awning is in place it's important to roll and unroll it several times to set vertical alignment.

WINDOW AWNING INSTALLATION



1. Measure to the center of the awning rail and mark the location for installation.



2. Apply putty tape to the back side of the awning rail.



3. Find the center of the window, align the mark on the awning rail and press the rail into place. Drill and set all screws.



4. With the use of a helper, slide the window awning into the rail.



5. Measure carefully and set the vertical alignment of the arms.



6. After vertical alignment, drill all four holes for the bottom bracket.



7. Although putty tape would suffice, we prefer to use a silicone sealer for the bottom bracket.



8. Pull out awning strap to desired length and set the hold-down bracket into place. Then drill, seal and tighten screws.



9. The finished window awning provides extra privacy and shade.



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Whether you are contemplating long-term travel, are full-timing or simply desire a lot of floor space in your motorhome, Winnebago Industries' new Itasca Sunova 36V may suit your needs. With a length of 37 feet, 5 inches, this dual-slide floorplan is destined to be a real crowd pleaser with its expansive, forward lounge, well-equipped mid-coach galley and impressive audiovisual componentry including four flat-screen LCD TVs.

The centerpiece of the dramatically open, slideout lounge is a sectional sofa that can quickly convert to seat up to seven people. Added to this zone are two of the flat-screen LCDs: a 32-inch set above the driver's compartment and a 40-inch model mounted on a forward-facing dinette wall.

A fully equipped galley is situated mid-coach, with a streetside dinette located across the aisle. Aft of the galley is a walk-through bathroom, followed by a large, slideout master bedroom. With these features and many more, this layout promises plenty of flexibility for those who like to entertain guests, or who need extra space for a large family.

Winnebago equips its motorhomes, including the Itasca line, with one of the best superstructures in the business. Framework consists of welded steel and aluminum members with interlocking joints, which also connect the floor, side walls and roof assemblies into one very strong and durable package. Side walls are bonded composites utilizing internal metal framework, high-density block foam insulation and exterior gelcoat fiberglass panels, while molded end caps grace the unit's fore and aft extremities. Topping things off is a one-piece, crowned fiberglass roof assembly that offers strength and longevity.

The test coach had exterior Espresso painted graphics over high-gloss gelcoat fiberglass (optional full-body paint is available), and a full assortment of functional features and appointments that gave it a higher end feel. Standard among these were a one-piece windshield, hydraulic leveling jacks, MCD American solar/blackout roller window shades and a 5.5-kW generator, to name just a few. With these items and many more, the base price of the unit totaled \$124,730.

Added to the above mix, our test rig came with a long list of options that included an exterior 32-inch LCD TV/DVD equipped media center (\$1,610), color rearview monitoring system (\$406) and a 1,000-watt power inverter (\$532). These plus a host of other options raised the final price to \$136,950.

Right, bottom: Both the optional six-way power driver's seat (\$336) and the passenger's seat are upholstered in supple Ultraleather, which is available in three neutral colors. The test coach came equipped with the optional color rearview monitor system. In the main living area, a 40-inch LCD TV is mounted on the dinette wall, where it can be easily viewed from the recliner, extendable sectional sofa or dinette. Storage is plentiful in the galley, with a ceiling-to-floor slideout pantry, various-sized cabinets and drawers and an optional four-door, 12.1-cubic-foot refrigerator with icemaker.

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Top to bottom: The rear slide bedroom has a full queen bed (a king is optional) with plenty of walk-around room and two residential-sized wardrobes. With the shower stall on the curbside, the private streetside lavatory has ample counterspace and space to move around.



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POWERTRAIN AND PERFORMANCE

What better way to analyze the performance of a new coach than a trip through four terrain and climate zones, including coastal plains, an interior mountain range, high desert and Sierra Nevada foothills? As we pushed off from our base in Ventura, Calif., the Sunova with its Ford F53 chassis took to the road like a veteran. With its lengthy 242-inch wheelbase, leaf spring suspension with Bilstein shocks and 22.5-inch wheels and tires, the motorhome handled freeways and rural highways with relative smoothness and confidence-inspiring stability.

First, we came to a 7 percent grade that seriously tested the innate power of the unit's 362-hp, Triton V-10 engine. With pedal to the floorboard, we were able to maintain a minimum speed of 60 MPH in second gear at 4,200 RPM up the entire grade. This in itself was quite impressive considering the rig's wet weight of 18,300 pounds, and gave us some insights into the coach's general performance capabilities.

Next was a transition from Interstate 5 to state Route 14 in the dreadful Newhall Pass area that is as congested with traffic as it is continually plagued by construction zones. We managed to guide the coach alongside phalanxes of commercial truck traffic, cement K-rail lane barriers, and across rutted, uneven highway surfaces with accuracy due to the chassis' spot-on steering and reassuring highway feedback. At one point, we had to accelerate rapidly as a lane suddenly petered out, and we made the dicey transition with plenty of room to spare.

The coach's acceleration ability was demonstrated earlier in timed tests before our trip began. In 0 to 60 MPH runs, the

Sunova averaged 25.9 seconds, with 40 to 60 MPH intervals of 13.6 seconds. Despite its lengthy proportions and formidable wet weight of more than 9 tons, this rig can still cut it when extra power is needed. Besides being quick off the line for its size, the coach also has plenty of energy in reserve for making lane changes and entering on-ramps.

Dropping into the Antelope Valley near Palmdale, Calif., we tapped the brake pedal, causing the tow/haul feature to downshift the TorqShift five-speed automatic transmission, and let the engine's compression slow us down a bit. Earlier, we had experienced the coach's significant downhill holdback capabilities on a 7 percent grade. In this instance, engine compression held our speed to a maximum of 58 MPH in second gear at 4,200 RPM without having to use the brakes.

Just before Palmdale, we encountered turbulent winds that caused the coach to buck and shudder strongly. Despite wicked gusts that tried to tear off an awning or two, we were still able to maintain lane position though the ride was a white-knuckle affair. We eventually outran the windstorm and settled into a smoother, easier pace of 65 MPH with the cruise control set.

The 36V is equipped with a generous 80-gallon fuel tank that allows a considerable travel range, and only required one fill-up during our trip to Lone Pine and back. Despite having to traverse several grades in the 5 to 7 percent range and dealing with capricious headwinds at one point, we still managed to average 7.4 MPG.

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As we neared our final destination near Lone Pine, we were eager to get the 36V set up in an RV park and begin enjoying the generous interior spaces and creature comforts the floorplan offers. With dual streetside slides for the lounge and bedroom areas, the unit's layout provides loads of residential room.



SPECIFICATIONS

PERFORMANCE

FUEL ECONOMY: 7.4 MPG

ACCELERATION:

0-60 MPH: 25.9 SEC

40-60 MPH: 13.6 SEC

CHASSIS

MODEL: FORD F53

ENGINE: 6.8-L V-10

SAE HP: 362 HP @ 4,750 RPM

TORQUE: 457 LB-FT @ 3,250 RPM

TRANSMISSION: 5-SPEED TORQSHIFT WITH TOW-HAUL

AXLE RATIO: 4.88:1

TIRES: 255/80R22.5G

WHEELBASE: 242"

BRAKES: DISC W/ABS

SUSPENSION, F/R: TAPERED MULTI-LEAF

FUEL CAP: 80 GAL

WARRANTY: 3 YRS/36,000 MILES

COACH

EXT LENGTH: 37' 5"

EXT WIDTH: 8' 5.5"

EXT HEIGHT: 12' 6"

INT WIDTH: 8' 0"

INT HEIGHT: 6' 8"

CONSTRUCTION: STEEL/ALUMINUM FRAMING, FIBERGLASS SKIN AND ROOF, POLYSTYRENE BLOCK FOAM INSULATION

FRESHWATER CAP: 94 GAL

BLACK-WATER CAP: 39 GAL

GRAY-WATER CAP: 44 GAL

WATER-HEATER CAP: 6 GAL

LP-GAS CAP: 18 GAL

AIR CONDITIONER (2): 13,500 BTU

FURNACE: 40,000 BTU

REFRIGERATOR: 12 CU FT

CONVERTER: 55 AMP

BATTERY (3): 1 12-VOLT CHASSIS,

2 12-VOLT COACH

AC GENERATOR: 5.5 KW

BASE MSRP: \$124,730

MSRP AS TESTED: \$136,950

WARRANTY: 1 YR/15,000 MILES

WET WEIGHT

(WATER AND HEATER, FUEL, LP-GAS TANKS FULL; NO SUPPLIES OR PASSENGERS)

FRONT AXLE: 6,220 LBS

REAR AXLE: 12,080 LBS

TOTAL: 18,300 LBS

CHASSIS RATINGS

GAWR, F/R: 8,000/15,000 LBS

GVWR/GCWR: 22,000/26,000 LBS

ROCCC: 3,700 LBS

(DEDUCT WEIGHT OF PASSENGERS FOR NET CARGO CAPACITY)

GAWR: GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING

GVWR: GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING

GCWR: GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT RATING

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Décor throughout is done in a staid but tasteful Baritone brown collection of fabrics, with the centerpiece being an optional 48-inch by 93-inch sectional sofa (\$805) in the forward lounge area. The sectional as well as both cockpit captain's chairs are upholstered in buttery soft Ultraleather, while a curbside, fabric-covered rocker/recliner with adjacent small pull-up table acts as a convenient sidepiece to this stylish ensemble.

Cabinetry and table surfaces consist of wood in a rich Forest Cherry finish, and are accented with brushed nickel hardware. Added to the mix are molded, laminate countertops in the galley, bed and bath areas.

Floor covering in the lounge/galley/bath zones is easily cleanable, tile-patterned vinyl, while gold-tone carpeting is used to grace the cockpit and bedroom areas. Finishing off the interior's décor treatment is a soft, vinyl headliner that dampens itinerant noises and ensures muted acoustics.

After a taxing day of driving it felt good to finally get the coach plugged in at Boulder Creek RV Resort in Lone Pine. With little effort, we pulled our folding chairs from an exterior cargo bay, deployed the optional one-touch electric patio awning (\$840), and got ready to enjoy some high desert ambiance.

What a feeling of residential roominess and warmth the forward lounge provided us weary travelers. After retrieving some cool drinks from the nearby optional 12.1-cubic-foot refrigerator with icemaker (\$2,485), one of us spread out on the sectional sofa and read a newspaper, while the other plopped into the comfy curbside recliner rocker with feet up for some needed looking-out-the-window time.

The galley and adjoining areas have a veritable plethora of overhead cabinets, drawers and cupboards that can store enough groceries and culinary essentials for a safari. Besides the refrigerator that holds a goodly amount of perishables, there is also a handy, adjoining ceiling-to-floor slideout pantry to salt away any number of smaller boxes and canned goods.

When we were rejuvenated enough to begin dinner, there was no end to the possibilities the galley had to offer with more than 13 square feet of usable surface area atop its main curbside counter. We pulled a few dry goods from the overhead cabinets, some veggies from the fridge and a couple

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of cans from the pantry and we had the makings of a tasty, home-style meal.

From there on, it was no time before we had a full spread ready to go, using the convection microwave (\$392) and three-burner stovetop. In this particular unit, we also had the benefit of a gas oven that can really be handy if the need arises for an additional cooking implement. As it was, the microwave and stove were enough for us.

Once our meal was prepared, we quickly slid into the streetside dinette to literally enjoy the fruits of our labor. With a 26-inch by 41-inch tabletop to spread out across, we had plenty of elbowroom to eat our dinner as well as other meals in relative comfort. When the dishes were cleared, this area also made a great place to use our laptop and go over some maps for our next day's exploring.

Several evenings we sat outside enjoying beautiful sunsets, with mood-enhancing music drifting from the coach's exterior AM/FM stereo radio. Watching tiny bats darting around chasing bugs as day blurred into night, we were completely captivated by the ruggedness and beauty of our location.

Winnebago obviously equipped this unit for entertaining, and appointed the lounge with dual TVs as noted previously. After dinner, we watched a bit of cable TV on the forward 32-inch set, and then switched over to the DVD player to view movies that we had brought along.

Between the lounge/galley area and rear slideout bedroom is a generous walk-through bathroom zone, with a 24-inch by 38-inch curbside shower stall and a private, enclosed streetside lavatory with washstand and commode.

Showering while aboard was a relatively pleasant experience, with plenty of headroom in the stall for taller individuals at 77 inches, and enough space to wash and rinse off without hitting the sides. The only nit-pick is that the chintzy plastic showerhead and dual-control faucet could be more upscale to match the level of other fixtures.

The private lav room with washstand and toilet allowed plenty of room to move around and enough counterspace for morning makeup or shaving. Though the toilet has plenty of foot space in front, the hand-flush model used here is just a step below what one might expect in a rig of this caliber.

For the 36V, a full 60-inch by 80-inch queen bed is standard issue (no short

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queen here), and the 6-foot member of our team appreciated this aspect greatly. With a king bed available as an option, however, we think we would definitely spend the extra dollars for this alternative. Depending on the size of the individual, there are a total of six sleeping positions available if the dinette is folded down and sofa converted.

Besides plenty of walk-around room on three sides of the rear queen, the bedroom includes the fourth TV (26 inches), plus an abundance of cupboard, cabinet and drawer space. The room has not one but two 49-inch-high by 30-inch-wide by 18-inch-deep curbside ward-robe closets for hanging clothes, shoes and other gear. If this isn't enough, the available drawers can hold about as much as those found in the average residential bedroom.

Weather can often be capricious in the eastern Sierra foothills, and we appreciated the coach's multi-zone heating/air conditioning/heat pump option (\$455), which is well worth the money. The system also has dual thermostats (one for the bedroom; the other for the remainder of the coach) that efficiently direct warm or cool air to the right place at the right time. We had occasion to use the handy electric heat pump on several crisp mornings, to cozy things up before breakfast.

Another inherent benefit of a longer floorplan such as the 36V is its ample external storage capacity of roughly 152 cubic feet. There are many compartments on both sides of the unit, including two pass-through bays, to stow a remarkable number of items. In our case, we were able to load firewood, chairs, toolboxes, photo equipment bags and a lot of other things without even putting a dent in overall holding capability.

The only aggravation we experienced with several longer outside compartments was a tendency of some doors not to completely latch when slammed shut. This required extra effort of pressing the bottom corner of each door to fully secure it.

Itasca's Sunova 36V is perfect for full-timers, snowbirds or those who just want a coach with a dramatically open floorplan, lots of storage capacity and plenty of entertainment possibilities. Built atop a stalwart and powerful Ford F53 gas chassis, this model should be a strong, trustworthy performer on the highway, as well as a residential tour de force in any RV park. ♦

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AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH REPLACEMENT

HOW TO INSTALL A NEW UNIT IF YOURS FAILS

by E. DON SMITH



Many modern motorhomes come equipped from the factory with an automatic transfer switch (ATS). The purpose of an ATS is to automatically transfer from the generator to shorepower or from shorepower to the generator without having to perform any operations on your own. The ATS is a complex device with both solid-state electronics and relays that keep your shorepower or generator power flowing to the coach, but never both at the same time.

In a perfect world an ATS will last many years because its only moving parts are mechanical relays. Due to factors including heavy current loads and environmental conditions, as with any mechanical device, they can and do fail. The main issue with these units is their relays — once their contact points become worn out or damaged they no longer make effective electrical connections and can't hold the switching relays or route the power while maintaining the electrical connection.

One common symptom of a failing ATS is relay chatter that can be heard while changing from shorepower to generator power or vice versa. It sounds like a repeated loud clicking or ratcheting noise as the relay tries to make a connection and then opens back up.

Before we show you how to replace an ATS we offer some pointers that will help yours last as long as possible.

First, you should not run the generator while connected to shorepower. While the ATS is designed to prevent any issues as a result of this condition you are still counting on a relay not to fail. If it does, it can be bad news for your electrical system. The safest bet is to disconnect from shorepower if you are going to run the generator, or turn off the generator if you are going to connect to shorepower.

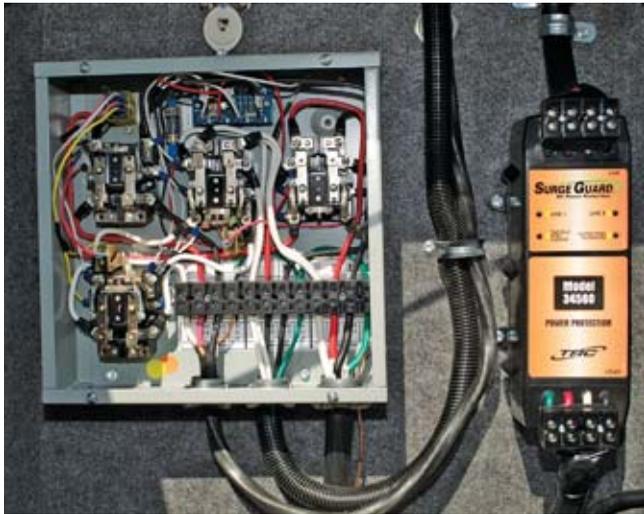
The second tip for maintaining your ATS is not to connect it to shorepower or generator power with anything (AC powered) turned on in your coach. When you plug in your coach to shorepower with high-current 120-volt devices such as an onboard battery charger, refrigerator or air conditioner turned on, there is an arc that occurs at the relay inside the ATS. After this arc jumps between the relay contacts numerous times, they become damaged and pitted. Eventually they will fail and you will be left without power. Sometimes you can limp along by filing or lightly sanding the contacts (while all power is off) to improve the electrical connection but often a replacement is necessary. Damaged contacts on the shorepower relay are exactly what caused this ATS to require replacement.

In most motorhomes it is a fairly straightforward operation to replace the ATS with an identical model such as we did here. If, however, you are buying an aftermarket ATS, there could be some complications that make this a more difficult job. In that case you may need to contact a local RV repair facility with a qualified electrician on staff. If you are comfortable with basic hand tools and can follow directions you can likely replace your ATS just as we did at home without an RV technician.

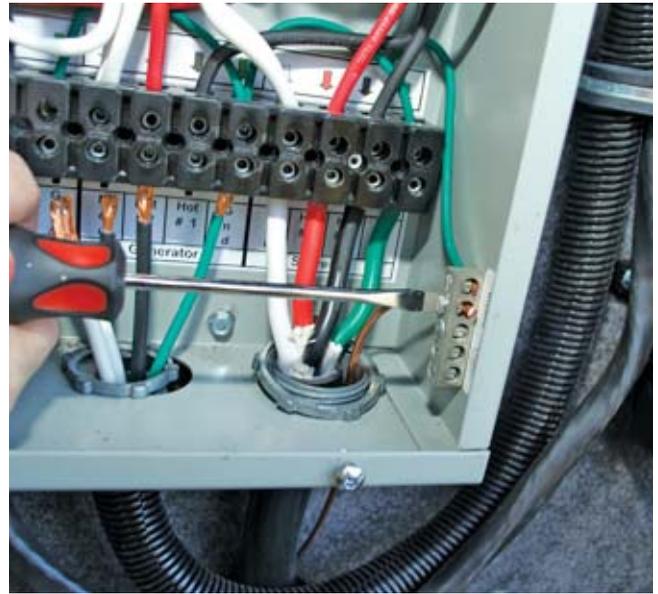
This unit is 4 years old and when not in use it stays plugged into a 15-amp receptacle with a rather long but large-gauge extension cord. This power source is not used to operate the A/C units or microwave but it will charge batteries or run the refrigerator the night before a trip. Due to this type of service, probable low voltage and frequent connecting and disconnecting, the relay points on the

shorepower side of the box eventually became too damaged to hold while plugged into a 15-amp circuit. When used at an RV park with a short cord and 30- or 50-amp power it performed fine. So, if you start to notice your relay is chattering upon connection it may be time to follow along as we show you how we replaced ours.

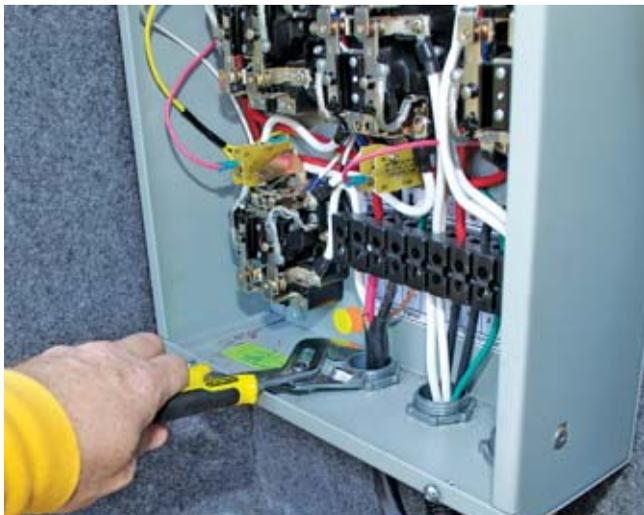
The most important thing we want to point out is safety. You will be handling large-gauge wires capable of delivering a lot of current so you need to triple-check all of your sources of power. This includes unplugging from shorepower as well as making sure the inverter is off and that the generator is off. If there are other people in or around the coach during this procedure you need to make sure they understand they cannot reconnect the power. In electrical terms all these sources of power need to be "locked out" to prevent anyone from accidentally reactivating them. ♦



1. After disconnecting all sources of power you need to locate your motorhome's ATS. Usually it is a square or rectangular box inside the electrical bay where your shorepower cord is located. Next you need to remove the cover to see the inside of the box and how the connections are made.



3. Now you can loosen each wire from the wire block, including the ground wire that is located on the side of this box.



2. Loosen the cable strain relief holders (all three) inside the box. This will allow the electrical cables to be removed once all of the wires are disconnected. Also, it is a good idea to make a sketch of the wiring or better yet, take a digital photo (or do both) inside the box and print it for future reference.



4. Once all the wires are free from the wiring block you can start to remove them through the cutout holes in the bottom of the ATS box.



5. Once all of the wires are removed you will need to locate the screws that hold the ATS to the wall and remove all of them.



8. Attach the new ATS to the wall using proper length sheet-metal screws and a cordless driver. Usually there are four locations for mounting so make sure you use them all and tighten them to secure the ATS in place.



6. Now that you have the ATS removed, you can start preparing for the installation of the new unit.



9. After the new ATS is mounted you may need to remove the old wire strain relief fittings. The box we bought has newer plastic strain reliefs and we used those for this installation.



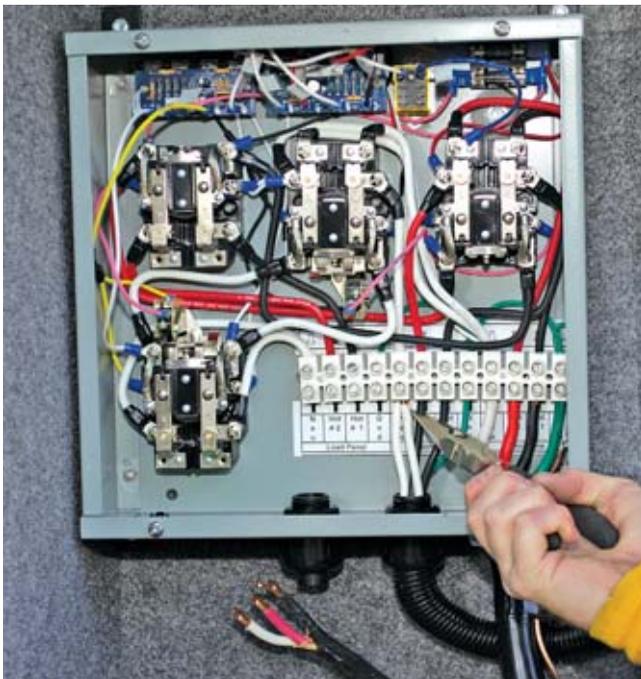
7. We bought a new replacement box from the motorhome manufacturer (Tiffin), therefore it is a perfect fit. Notice that the bottom of the ATS is labeled to help you keep your wires in the right location. If you want to use an aftermarket brand there are numerous sources (such as Camping World and other RV parts stores) that can be found on the Internet. Often these aftermarket units offer additional features such as surge protection.



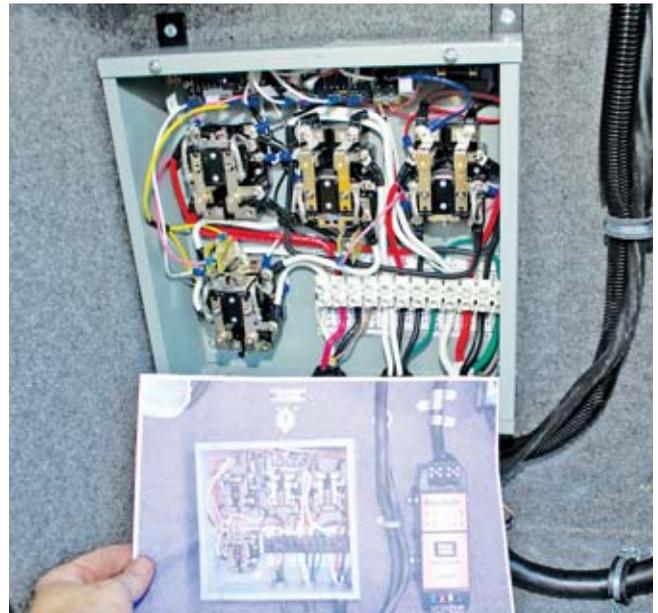
10. Feed the wire up through the box's cutouts (and new strain relief fittings), making sure to feed each one through the correct hole. Notice the wiring bar inside the ATS also has a label showing the proper wire locations. If you make a mistake here the result can be serious so pay attention and triple-check your work. The shorepower wire should be very easy to locate since it feeds directly from the cord you use to connect to the power source at an RV park.



11. After feeding the wires through the proper holes in the ATS you need to connect each wire to the proper location on the wiring block. This unit has a color-coded label above the connection and you can clearly see that the wire colors match above and below where the connection is made. It is also important to tighten the screws to hold the wire. If your copper wire (the exposed part) is damaged from the old installation you may have to cut it and strip the insulation to expose a new undamaged portion of copper wire.



12. For the middle wire (to the generator block in our installation), feed it through the plastic strain relief and then connect the wire to the proper location just as before. Make sure the copper portion of the wire is properly inserted deep enough into the wiring bar so that a good connection is made.



13. After connecting all of the wires as well as the ground to the ATS box, tighten the strain reliefs and once again check the location of each wire. In our case we used a photo to ensure everything is perfect.



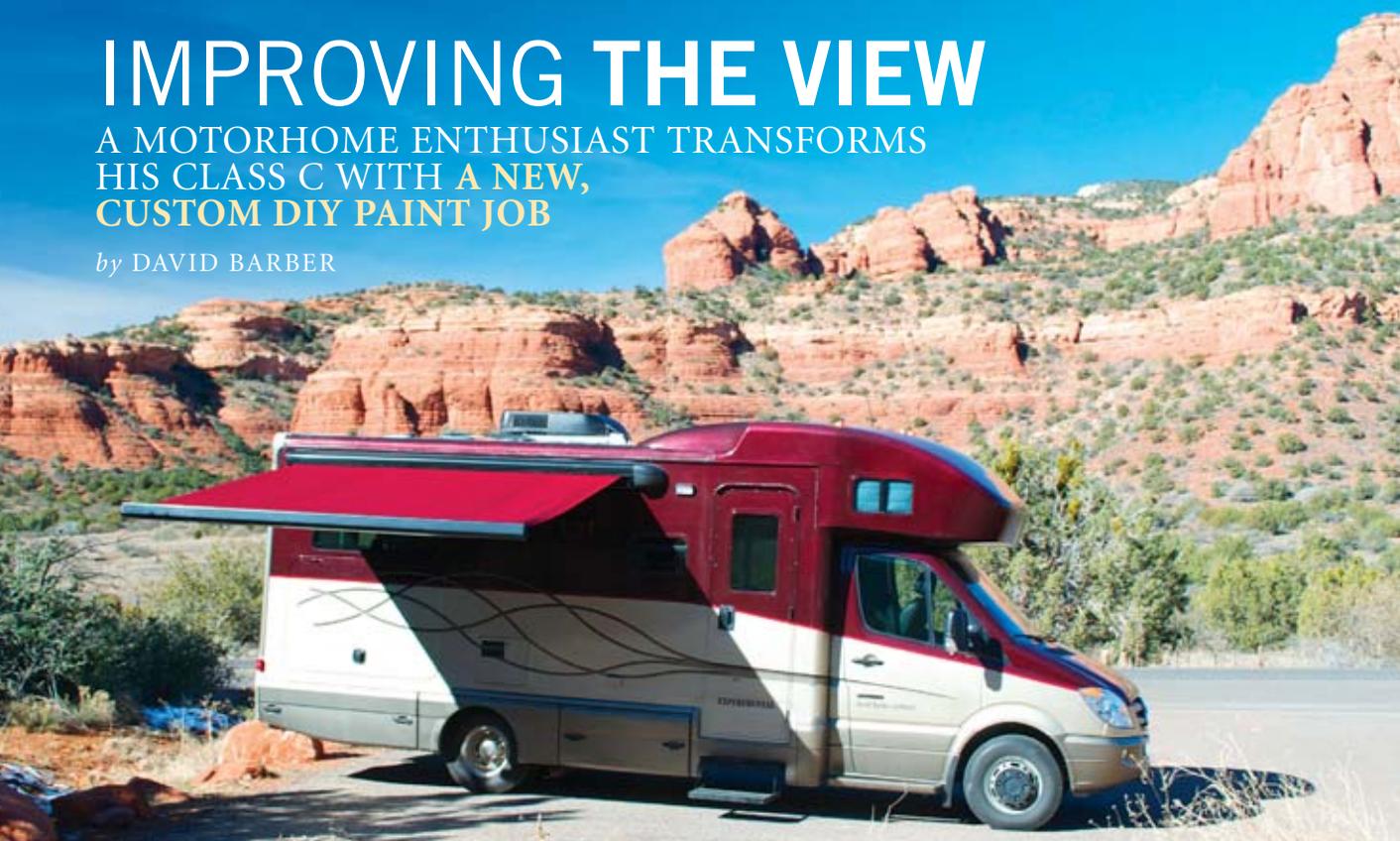
14. If your wires used any cable holders to secure them in the electrical bay you need to reattach those now. Not only is a clean, neat installation important so you can brag to your friends, it also helps ensure the wires don't move around during driving and potentially cause problems later.

After reinstalling the cover on the ATS you can plug your shorepower cord to a (known to be good) power source. After the built-in delay our Surge Guard passed the power along to the ATS and we heard the familiar relay click (only once this time). Note: Many automatic transfer switches default to shorepower and no click will be heard. Now you should go inside the coach and check for the proper operation of a few electrical devices. If you have a voltmeter or plug-in circuit tester, you can check it this way instead. Then disconnect the shorepower and start the generator. After the generator is running and a time delay in the ATS has been satisfied, you should also have full operation of all AC-powered devices in the motorhome.

IMPROVING THE VIEW

A MOTORHOME ENTHUSIAST TRANSFORMS HIS CLASS C WITH A NEW, CUSTOM DIY PAINT JOB

by DAVID BARBER



David Barber's 2008 Winnebago View got a face-lift with paint — rich burgundy on top, beige in the middle and a mocha metallic on bottom — and now fits in perfectly with the beauty of the desert landscape in Sedona, Ariz. Barber has worked as an architect for 40 years and completed the makeover with the help of a professional automotive-painting company.

It was love at first sight. When I saw my Winnebago View 24J, a slightly used 2008 model, I knew immediately it would be perfect for my travels. The Mercedes-Benz turbodiesel engine matched with Winnebago's contemporary interior was a synergetic combination of efficiency and style.

There was only one problem. Forty years as an architect have burdened me with a sense of design that would not be satisfied until I customized my new ride. I saw the potential to improve my View inside and out. The big, white body was like a blank canvas, and painting the exterior was my top priority.

I decided to tackle the job myself, learning along the way with the help of Dale's Paint Supply in Colorado

Springs, Colo., the Internet and friends. I started my day watching videos and reading articles on the Web about car painting. Armed with my new knowledge I would go forth and try my skills on-the-job until the next morning, when I would go back to the Internet and learn the next step.

A professional automotive painter is poetry in motion as he gracefully applies a uniform coat of paint. My first attempts were horrible — globs and streaks of running paint. Totally unacceptable. It's not as easy as it looks. I practiced on large sheets of cardboard until I was confident enough to paint my View.

What follows is a step-by-step description of my painting adventure.



BEFORE



AFTER

PHOTOS: DAVID BARBER

STEP ONE: TAKE IT OFF, TAKE IT ALL OFF



I heated the vinyl striping and manufacturer's logos with a hair dryer and peeled them off. Some of the vinyl needed coaxing with a large eraser-like tool attached to my drill. The motorhome looked very plain without the decorations.

I removed the ladder and liked the look of the back without it so I decided to leave it off. I never understood the ladder anyway. You climb to the top and there is a label warning you of impending death if you get on the roof. So why have a ladder?

There was no way to paint around the awnings so I carefully removed them. Taking off the access doors, the entry and screen doors, the front mudflaps, cab entry steps, backup camera, hood air vents, front grille, the rear and side lights (but not the headlight assembly), and the spare tire completed the first step.

STEP TWO: SAND, SAND, AND SAND SOME MORE

Sanding took two weeks. My motorhome was relatively new and the paint was in good condition so I only needed to lightly sand with 1000 grit sandpaper and 3M Scotchbrite pads to dull the surface. The Winnebago has plastic storage doors, fiberglass walls, rubberized plastic bumpers and a steel cab. Every square inch needed to be sanded. Sanding was a workout; I didn't need to go to the gym at the end of the day.

STEP THREE: MASKING



A good masking job is critical. It takes time and patience, especially when doing multiple colors. I masked everything that would not be painted (windows, wheels, door handles), and then did



each color separately, which involved masking the entire vehicle three times. Each cab door took eight hours. I used special plastic tape, which bends without crimping, for corners and curves.

STEP FOUR: PRIMING



Priming, the prelude to painting, is where the fun starts. Before applying the primer, I cleaned the entire surface with a grease and wax remover, and wiped the surface with tack rags. Using a tinted primer-sealer I painted my Winnebago pink. The tint in the primer covered the white in preparation for the dark paint to follow.

I applied the primer (and later the color coat and clear coat) with a High Velocity Low Pressure (HVLP) paint gun attached to a large air compressor. From my Internet research I chose a DeVilbiss spray gun, which uses disposable paint cups, making cleanup much easier. I could also store mixed paint in the cups for later use, a valuable feature. I purchased a large air compressor to provide continuous pressure. High quality, new equipment made the job much better and easier and I was able to sell it all on craigslist when I was finished, greatly reducing my net cost.

STEP FIVE: WHAT COLOR TO PAINT?

I agonized over the color scheme. Using my architectural illustration skills, I hand-colored photographs of the stripped unit until I arrived at a three-color solution. The top would be dark to blend with the windows, making their random placement less obvious. The middle and lower panels would be lighter to hide dirt. The multiple horizontal colors emphasized the length, making the visual proportions more balanced. There was a break line

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on the cab door of the motorhome that I extended rearward in a slight curve to divide the top two colors.

The top is 2006 Porsche Carmon Red Metallic, a rich burgundy color, to replicate the Porsche I sold to buy the motorhome (the Porsche is a fabulous car and great fun, but I couldn't sleep in it). Dark paint (especially red) is more expensive and requires more coats, but adds drama. The middle is 2010 Acura Tuscan Beige Metallic and the bottom is Honda Odyssey Mocha Metallic, both of which I discovered while cruising new-car lots. Color chips are fine, but I needed to see the color on a vehicle before I made my final selection.

STEP SIX: FINALLY PAINTING

Showtime. I used a two-step automotive paint, applied in multiple thin coats to cover uniformly before applying two clear coats to make it shiny. This takes skill, and I was fortunate to have a friend with auto-painting experience apply the final coats. It was helpful to have two of us — he sprayed and I managed the air hose and mixed the paint. The paint is precisely mixed with a reducer to provide good flow through the spray gun. The clear coat is mixed with a hardener before being applied.

It is important to apply the color coats and the clear coats in a timed sequence for proper adhesion and a smooth, shiny finish. You don't have time to stop for lunch once you start the final coats. The motorhome is too big to paint all at once as you would a car so we divided the process into sections: hood, cab doors, RV top, front, sides and rear. Each section was masked

in sequence to isolate it for painting. It was thrilling to see the color on the Winnebago after weeks of preparation.

After applying the color and clear coats, we added a flourish with an airbrush to break up the big panels of color and create a unifying element in the paint scheme. Like the dividing line between the top colors, the flourish began with a crease in the cab doors and flowed rearward, like ribbons blowing in the wind.

The project took 10 weeks and cost about \$3,000 for materials, including paint, masking tape, masking paper, sandpaper and the use of the painting equipment. The biggest portion of this was for the paint.

To complement the new paint scheme, I replaced the soft vinyl spare tire cover with a hard cover painted to match the View (\$220), and installed a Mercedes-Benz grille and logos, to show off the Sprinter van's original German heritage (\$700). For the final touch I added a custom-color Girard electric awning (\$2,200).

Exterior makeover complete, my inner architect was now at peace. I was ready to hit the road and enjoy the fruits of my efforts. The public response to my unique motorhome has been very positive, encouraging me toward my next project: interior magic, coming soon. ♦



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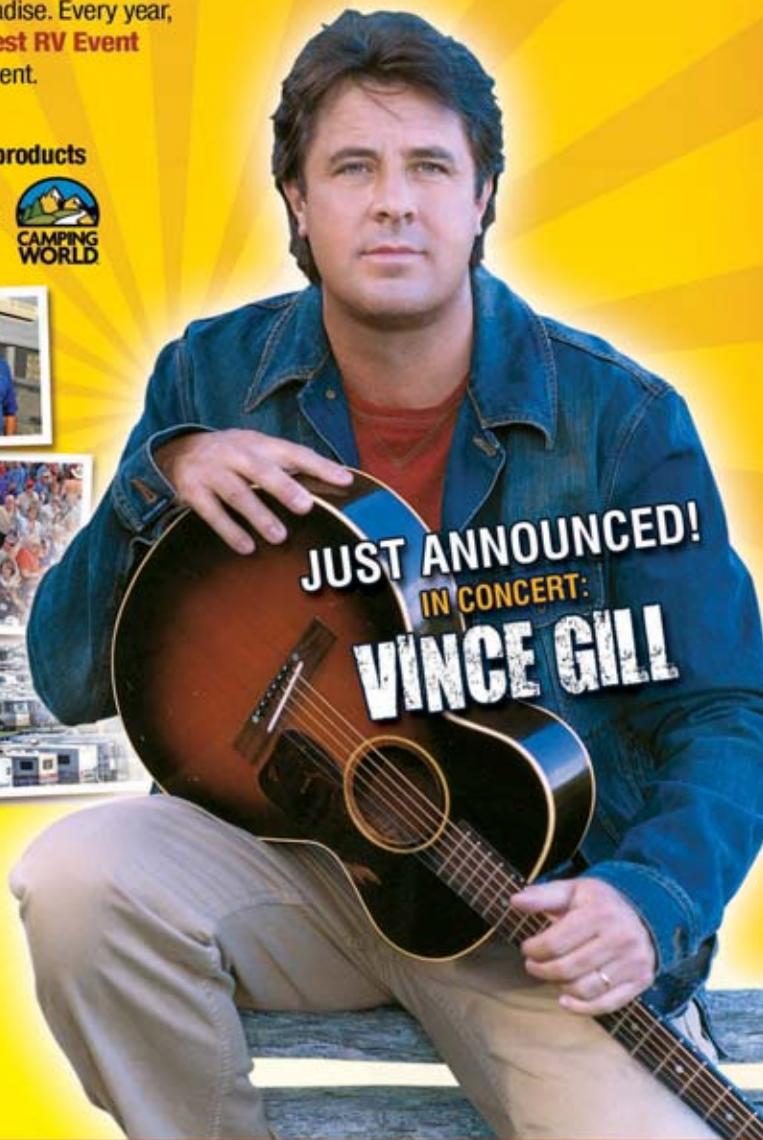
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TAHOE 230 QB

MVP's new entry-level Class C offers a complete package for outdoor fun



MVP RV has entered the Class C sector with the introduction of the Tahoe. Offered in two lengths with one floorplan each, the shorter, no-slide 230 QB is characterized as an entry-level motorhome, but after a closer look one might consider it far more than that.

Built on the Ford E-350 chassis with upgraded dash console and V-10 power, the Tahoe offers sleeping for six in traditional Class C fashion using the 58-inch by 82-inch cabover bunk with a generous 38 inches of head clearance, the 44-inch by 80-inch U-shaped dinette and the 60-inch by 80-inch unclipped rear queen bed.

The Tahoe's first impression is very upscale thanks to the MVP design staff who selected the medium-tone Brandy Maple cabinetry with full extension solid hardwood drawers and doors. The two interior fabric décor choices offered might easily be found in motorhomes at a higher price point as well. Complementary dark laminate countertops and tabletop add to the Tahoe's appeal, further clouding the impression that this is an entry-level coach.

The fit and finish of the cabinetry and trim is impressive. MVP RV may be a newcomer to the manufacturing landscape (settling in a former Southern California RV-manufacturing facility), but it has capitalized on quality by hiring local RV talent displaced by layoffs and closures of other RV com-

panies in recent times. Its collective experience and craftsmanship is evident throughout the coach.

MVP motorhomes come well-equipped — most items come as standard equipment — so the options list is short. The awning, 4kW generator, and 5,000-pound hitch receiver with seven-pin plug are all examples of standard equipment as are the name-brand appliances and fixtures.

The basic but complete curbside galley includes a twin-basin sink with brushed nickel faucet. A microwave oven, gas oven with three-burner stovetop and 6-cubic-foot double-door refrigerator round it out. Adequate galley storage is provided for meal service at the large U-shaped dinette, which creates the main cabin seating. An optional (\$797) 19-inch LCD TV with integral DVD player is offered mounted on a swing-out rack in the cabover.

The streetside bath with wardrobe and drawer storage creates separation from the cabin. The shower shares space with the china toilet, vanity and sink in the enclosed bath area just outside and opposite the bed. An additional shirt-length hanging wardrobe and additional overhead storage surround the bed and its privacy curtain.

Outside, the Tahoe offers more storage in roto-molded compartments with one using saddlebag compartments connected by a handy pass-through above the chassis' frame rails.



SPECIFICATIONS

CHASSIS: FORD E-350	WHEELBASE: 156"
ENGINE: 6.8-L TRITON V-10	FRESHWATER CAP: 47 GAL
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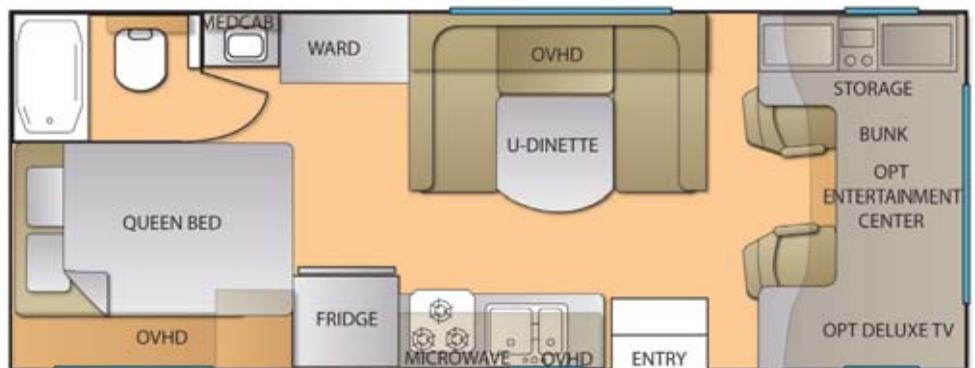
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And rather than suspend the kids' bikes on a ladder rack, they can be easily stowed in the popular large exterior storage compartment beneath the rear bed. Lit and accessible from side or rear compartment doors, large, bulky items should fit without a problem. A small utility hatch is provided, making dump station duties as simple as possible for the novice and while not enclosed, holding tank plumbing is up and out of the way of most road debris thrown from the rear tires.

MVP has very successfully integrated features and details in the Tahoe that buyers will come to appreciate whether first-timers or not. The Tahoe's 24-foot-5-inch length makes it a nimble coach capable of handling most destinations, easily driven by budding pilots and complemented by the long list of proven features with handsome interior details and finishes.

MVP continues to grow its list of dealers and a call to the manufacturer will provide the latest locations to see the Tahoe. Our thanks to Niles Whitehouse, MVP factory sales manager, for providing the Tahoe 230 QB for our review. ♦

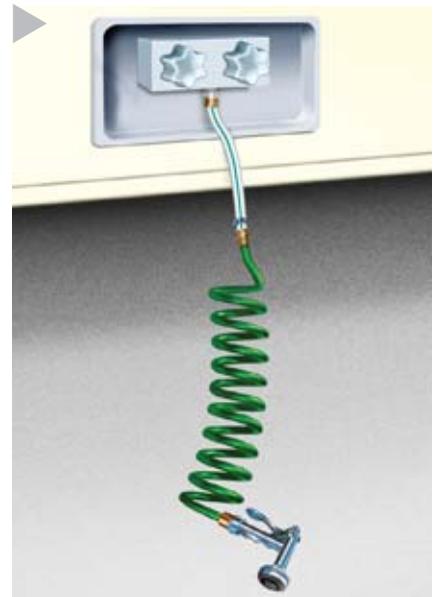


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EXTERIOR SHOWER EXTENDER

This idea solved the short hose issue I had on my motorhome's outside shower. First I cut the white hose from the outside shower at about 18 inches, then using either a male hose end connector or a hose extension joint, remove the "O" ring from one end and file it down so that end will fit inside the white hose and then secure it with a small hose clamp. Then you can add quick connectors to all ends to give you 25-foot or 50-foot lengths to make it easy to wash or rinse anything using hot, cold or warm water. The only tricky part is making one end connector thinner so it will fit inside the white hose.



▲ ALL WRAPPED UP

While taking an exit ramp off the interstate, we encountered a very rough patch of road that bounced our 38-foot motorhome up and down. Unbeknownst to us, the electrical cord from the motorhome to our dinghy pulled loose from the dinghy. Fifty miles later, when we pulled up to our destination, the cord and electrical connection were ruined from being dragged on the pavement. The result was an expensive and time-consuming replacement.

We now secure both electrical connections with a small bungee cord around the electrical cover and connections. This holds the "keeper" tight in place. It's a small price to pay for peace of mind.

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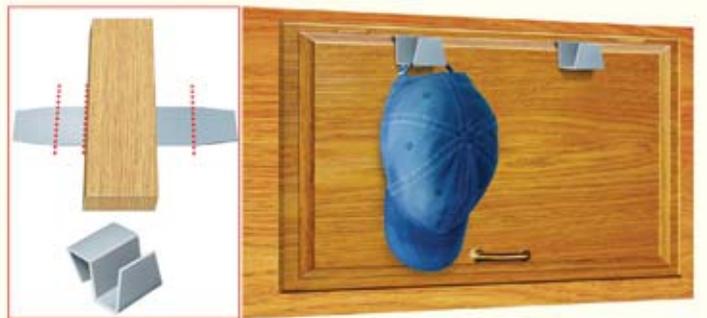


◀ TIDY HOLE

Here's a way to apply a neat and waterproof trim to a hole through an RV side wall for installation of a wire or cable. One type of sink hole cover

used on kitchen sinks is a threaded plastic tube with an integral cap and includes a wing nut. It can be adapted to our use by simply drilling a hole in the cap the diameter of the cable (up to 1/2 inch). A step drill, such as the IRWIN Unibit, is especially good for drilling plastic. The part fits a 1 1/16-inch hole and walls up to 2 1/2 inches thick. The cap has a wide flange allowing a good caulked seal and is rounded on the edge for a smooth look. I used Danco Sink Hole Cover #89331. It cost about \$3.

JIM ANDERSEN | AMITY, ORE. ♦



HAT RACK ▲

Here's how to make an inexpensive hat hook for your RV. Use lightweight aluminum or sheet metal about 1 inch to 1 1/2 inches wide by 6 to 7 inches long and bend the metal by hand around a 1-foot by 4-foot piece of wood. Then use a hammer with the wood board to make a flat, square U to hang over cabinet doors.

RON SWIERSKI | SUN CITY WEST, ARIZ.

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HANDS-ON | by DAVE RIGGS

TALKING SAFELY

Parrot's MINIKIT Smart Bluetooth hands-free cradle for smartphones makes on-the-road communication and navigation feasible

Talking on the phone while driving has become an institution on our highways, and doing so while trying to negotiate a high-profile motorhome presents a whole new set of safety issues. Many states have outlawed talking directly into a cell-phone while driving, and for good reason: Most drivers can't multitask without creating some kind of a hazard on the road. The Parrot MINIKIT Smart not only allows us to keep in touch safely while driving, it also provides a platform for using our cellphones for navigation purposes.

The Parrot device is a Bluetooth-enabled, hands-free charge-

ing station for most of the current data phones on the market. For our test, that meant popping our iPhone 4 into the cradle by activating the spring-loaded clamp. The phone is held securely into the cradle that also houses the controls — a dial to activate the menu functions and a rocker switch with a red and green LED. Also in this base component are the USB and mini USB ports and the microphone, which can be pulled uniquely from its dock and moved closer to the driver's voice path, if necessary. Clips are included for mounting the microphone on the visor or dash. In most cases, the microphone will work fine when left in its dock.

Positioning in the motorhome or dinghy vehicle is pretty straightforward. An articulating bracket with a large suction cup can be attached to any smooth surface, like glass or plastic. In our case, we stuck the supplemental mounting disk to the top of the dashboard using the attached sticky tape. The bracket is then suction-cupped to the disk, which worked perfectly. Once the bracket is adjusted to driver preference, it can be locked down with the supplied Allen wrench. The cradle can be disconnected

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PHOTOS: DAVE RIGGS



Awning Angst

FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO SECURE A PROMISED REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORK DONE ON HIS MOTORHOME, A READER ASKED HOT LINE TO GET INVOLVED. HE EXPLAINED:

I took my 1999 Bounder Class A motorhome in for service to have the awning over the slideout put back into the slide rail, as it had partly come out. I was told that this could not be done and that a new awning would have to be installed, which they did.

A few weeks later when I opened the slide and the awning unfurled I noticed that the vinyl was flaking off (like fish scales), so I took it back in for service. This time I was told that the damage was the manufacturer's fault (Dometic) and that the awning should be replaced, but I would have to pay for the labor. After some discussion with Dometic's warranty department, the company agreed to pay for labor.

The new awning was ordered and when it came time for the installation I was once again told that I would have to pay for labor. While this is not a great amount of money (\$54.50) I think Dometic should honor its first decision to pay for the labor. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated.

JOHN WRIGHT
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

Hot Line contacted Dometic LLC to see if we could facilitate a positive conclusion to Wright's case. We received the following letter from Dometic confirming it had resolved Wright's issues:

Your letter regarding John Wright has been forwarded to me for final disposition. I am sorry to learn of the difficulty he has experienced with the A&E Slidetopper awning. Dometic has agreed to cover the labor, and a reimbursement check has already been mailed.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

BOB HONOR
TECHNICAL SERVICE
REPRESENTATIVE
DOMETIC LLC
ELKHART, IND.

COLLATERAL DAMAGE

Seeking compensation for repairs that he believed should have been covered by a recent brake recall, a reader asked Hot Line to get involved. He wrote:

Last March I bought a 2004 Holiday Rambler motorhome at an estate sale. After I had purchased the coach I found out there was a recall for the brake calipers.

I contacted Roy Robinson Chevrolet in Marysville, Wash., to register for the recall. I was told that it would be a few months before Roy Robinson could fit me in due to the long list of vehicles on the recall.

Roy Robinson personnel said they would contact me when they had a spot, and that in the meantime I should be aware that a caliper could stick — and to pull over if the motorhome overheats. They said the coach was still OK to drive.

While I was waiting to hear from Roy Robinson I drove the motorhome for a short trip (less than 100 miles). As I pulled into a campground the antilock brake light came on. When I got out I smelled something hot at the right rear wheel. I knew right away that the caliper was hung up so

I called Robinson Chevrolet. They told me to bring it in and they would take care of it right away.

When I brought it in for repair the technicians found that the right rear caliper was stuck, which caused enough heat to burn the brake pads and ruin the antilock sensor.

They said Workhorse would cover the cost of the calipers but denied coverage for the pads and speed sensor.

I don't understand why Workhorse won't cover the parts and labor for things that its faulty part ruined. If Hot Line can get my money back I would be grateful.

Thank you for anything you can do to help.

CARL WAGELIE
BLAINE, WASH.

Wagelie's request was routed to Workhorse Custom Chassis with our request for further consideration. Following is the company's response:

Thank you for contacting Workhorse Custom Chassis and forwarding correspondence from Mr. Wagelie. We appreciate the opportunity to review the situation regarding his motorhome and his request for assistance with regard to recall 51101-C.

Upon complete review of Wagelie's request for reimbursement and the information Hot Line provided, Workhorse has authorized Roy Robinson Chevrolet to reimburse the customer for collateral damages due to the right rear caliper malfunctioning.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to review this matter further. I sincerely appreciate your efforts in helping us to resolve any Workhorse customer concerns.

DEBRA ANDERSON
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Fuel Saving Scams

With fuel prices on the rise again I am looking into installing a hydrogen kit (HHO) on my Ford V-10 gasoline-powered motorhome. I haven't seen any articles in MotorHome about this subject, and I would like your thoughts on this. At present I average between 6.5 and 8.5 MPG while towing a Malibu Maxx, depending on the terrain. I would like to increase my mileage to at least 10 MPG if possible. Thanks for your suggestions.

JOHN TREVILLIAN
PANAMA CITY, FLA.

Every time fuel prices escalate, so-called gas-saving products seem to come out of the woodwork. These various potions, lotions, tablets and devices all benefit their sellers, but not the buyers. Don't waste your money. Your engine is not designed to burn hydrogen gas, which has very different combustion characteristics that are not compatible, and the engine has no way of properly metering such a gaseous fuel. Most importantly, though, producing hydrogen by using a gasoline engine to produce electricity, which is then burned in the engine, is not workable. It takes more energy to make the hydrogen than you get back, because every time you convert energy from one form to another you get a significant net percentage loss.

The only way to get 10 MPG consistently with your coach would be to install a diesel engine, or drive downhill with a tailwind all the time. However, you can improve your mileage significantly at no cost simply by driving more slowly; 55 MPH will yield a substantial gain compared to 65 MPH.

HALF-BAKED HYDRO-BOOST

I have a 1982 Lazy Daze motorhome with Hydro-Boost brakes. I had to replace the power steering pump last year. About a month after the service person replaced it, the brakes started to fade. Now when I apply the brakes, the brake pedal feels good until my foot reaches

about halfway down, then it gets hard and the brakes do not seem to work. They feel like they only work about half as good as they did with the old power steering unit. Do I need a new unit?

DAVID PEDERSEN | OXNARD, CALIF.

From your description, it seems like the pump isn't putting out enough pressure. First, check belt tension, as slippage would reduce pressure output. Rebuilt pumps have a fairly high defect rate, so there's a good chance of that too. The shop that installed the pump should be willing to check it with a test gauge and replace it if it's defective. If pressure is up to specs, the Hydro-Boost unit may be faulty.

TAILLIGHT TRAUMA

I have a 1988 Class C Holiday Rambler. The burned-out taillight bulb is rusted tightly in one of the sockets and I am unable to remove it. Where can I find a light assembly to replace the faulty one?

TROY STEVENS | SEATTLE

IT'S NOT GOOD TO LEAVE USED OIL IN AN ENGINE FOR EXTENDED PERIODS, BECAUSE MOISTURE IN THE CRANKCASE CAUSES RUST, IT MAY FORM SLUDGE AND THE ACIDS IN IT CAN ETCH BEARINGS, ETC.



If the lens and housing are still good, you can break the bulb and remove the bulb's base with needle nose pliers, but be sure to wear gloves and eye protection. If the socket is ruined, auto parts stores such as NAPA sell replacement sockets. Many of these older lights were made by Bargman (www.bargman.com) and are still available from a number of sources. Look on the lens for a brand name and model number. The Holiday Rambler brand is now owned by Monaco. Its parts department number is 800-634-0855, and you can send a digital photo of needed parts to parts@monacorv.com along with a note describing what you are looking for and what year and model you own. You can also find a list of companies that sell replacement parts at www.rv.net/obsolete/index.cfm?action=group&groupid=1.

BLOWN HEATER HOSES

I have a 2007 Fleetwood Terra LX on a Ford chassis that I purchased new. The problem is I have blown the same heater hose three times while pulling a mountain grade and had to be towed in for repair each time. The hose is not a Ford hose, but a Fleetwood hose. The mechanics say the Fleetwood hoses are not the best and that was the problem, so they have put an aftermarket hose on that they said should help. After having this happen so many times, it is not reassuring enough. Have you heard of anyone else having this issue?

NICK MCGOUGH
GARDNERVILLE, NEV.

Most of the hose problems that I receive letters about relate to faulty original hose clamps, which can be replaced with aftermarket stainless steel worm-drive clamps. I assume you mean the hoses actually split or burst, and did not simply pop off. It's possible that your radiator cap is defective and not releasing pressure properly. You should have the cap tested at a radiator shop to determine if that is a factor. You can also opt for premium aftermarket silicone hoses, which are available from Gates, Goodyear, Parker and others.

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EVEN THOUGH MANUFACTURERS LIST SPECIFIC WEIGHT LIMITS FOR EACH MOTORHOME, IT'S UP TO THE OWNER OF THE COACH TO ENSURE THAT THE LIMITS ARE NOT EXCEEDED. YOUR SAFETY IS AT STAKE, PRIMARILY DUE TO THE RISK OF OVERLOADING THAT COULD LEAD TO TIRE FAILURE.



Weigh your motorhome on a commercial platform scale (truck stops, grain elevators, rental yards) if individual wheel scales are not accessible. Make sure the apron around the scale is level, and there's maneuvering space for your coach so that you can weigh each wheel individually by positioning the remaining wheels slightly off the scale. It's essential that the motorhome be level during all readings. Otherwise, weigh each axle separately.

Compare those readings with your GAWR listings for each axle. If you're under GAWR, congratulations! You can inflate tires to the cold inflation pressures listed on your motorhome's chassis rating sticker or the values listed in the tire manufacturer's load and inflation charts, plus 10 PSI for a margin of safety.

If you have exceeded the GAWR on either axle, you've been

The essential ratings are listed on chassis weight and tire inflation stickers near the driver's seat. They include:

GVWR (gross vehicle weight rating): The motorhome manufacturer's maximum allowable weight of the motorhome as well as its content, including passengers.

GAWR (gross axle weight rating): The maximum allowable weight on front or rear axles with all content and passengers.

Motorhome manufacturers usually list recommended tire inflation pressures (front and rear) on the aforementioned stickers. However, the manufacturer assumes that you are not overloading. If you are, those inflation pressure numbers may be too low.



demoted into a different category called "overloaded." You've overloaded the axle(s), but possibly not the tires. Compare your weight figures with the maximum load limit molded onto the tire sidewall. If you have not exceeded any of the tire maximums, inflate all tires on that axle to the pressure listed on the tire sidewall plus 10 PSI for a margin of safety (permitted with truck tires).

Weight should never exceed the tire load carrying capacity molded on the sidewall. If it does, serious weight reduction should occur immediately. Reducing weight is important when either or both gross axle weight ratings are exceeded, and it's critical when tires are loaded to the max.

Also, weigh your dinghy vehicle and refer to your chassis GCWR (gross combination weight rating), which is the chassis manufacturer's maximum allowable weight of a fully loaded motorhome plus a fully loaded dinghy.

For additional weight and loading data beyond the sticker(s) posted near the driver's seat, check inside closet and cupboard doors for information that will help you calculate how much weight can be loaded into a motorhome. This is particularly important while shopping for a motorhome. ♦



Thus, it's essential to weigh your motorhome — preferably on individual wheel scales. These scales usually are found only at RV rallies (check www.rvsafety.com for locations).



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NEW 2011 Four Winds FOUR WINDS 31K MSRP \$92,178 **NOW \$69,875** SAVE \$22,303 (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK# LC15106



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USED 2007 Monaco MONARCH 33FS **NOW \$69,995** (888) 696-2165 Pooler, GA STK# SAV16069



NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 31R WAS \$98,146 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$28,151 (888) 463-3995 Colorado Springs, CO STK# KC2608015



NEW 2011 Four Winds CHATEAU 31B WAS \$96,662 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$26,667 (877) 450-7415 Island Lake, IL STK# CRV5430



USED 2005 Chinook GLACIER 25 WAS \$89,995 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$20,000 (888) 819-7952 Longmont, CO STK# KC11232B



NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 31R WAS \$95,813 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$25,818 (888) 727-2952 North Little Rock, AR STK# LIT10888



USED 1999 Holiday Rambler IMPERIAL 40FBS WAS \$89,995 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$20,000 (866) 754-7302 Greenwood, IN STK# GRW325551



USED 2001 Travel Supreme TRAVEL SUPREME 36DS01 WAS \$87,790 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$17,795 (888) 692-9016 Myrtle Beach, SC STK# MB125105



USED 2007 Forest River Georgetown M340TS WAS \$84,995 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$15,000 (888) 902-8565 Tallahassee, FL STK# TAL38324



USED 2008 Coachmen FREELANDER 3130 IS WAS \$89,999 **NOW \$69,998** SAVE \$20,001 (888) 457-4801 Colfax, NC STK# CFX3539



NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 31R MSRP \$91,653 **NOW \$72,900** SAVE \$18,753 (888) 844-1758 New Braunfels, TX STK# SW9464



USED 2008 Damon CHALLENGER 376 WAS \$109,998 **NOW \$72,999** SAVE \$36,999 (888) 471-3546 Chichester, NH STK# GRV506973



NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 23S WAS \$97,691 **NOW \$73,995** SAVE \$23,696 (888) 692-9016 Myrtle Beach, SC STK# MB123670



USED 2005 Itasca SUN CRUISER 35A WAS \$93,988 **NOW \$74,988** SAVE \$19,000 (888) 475-5918 Robertsdale, AL STK# RD38285



USED 2000 Newmar MOUNTAIN AIRE 40 WAS \$115,000 **NOW \$74,995** SAVE \$40,005 (888) 860-8684 Strafford, MO STK# STR12445



USED 2009 Damon DAYBREAK 3576 WAS \$98,064 **NOW \$74,995** SAVE \$23,069 (888) 542-3819 Mesa, AZ STK# MES14359



NEW 2011 Jayco GREYHAWK 31SS WAS \$93,914 **NOW \$74,995** SAVE \$18,919 (866) 415-9726 Golden, CO STK# KC510715



USED 2009 Coachmen PRISM M230 WAS \$110,643 **NOW \$78,499** SAVE \$32,144 (877) 554-3516 Lakewood, NJ STK# LAK8484



USED 2011 Damon DAYBREAK 3370
NOW \$78,888 (888) 617-5406 Oakwood, GA
 STK# ORV15693



NEW 2010 Damon DAYBREAK 34SS
 WAS \$113,347 **NOW \$78,995** SAVE \$34,352
 (866) 820-0335 Council Bluffs, IA
 STK# CBI10747



NEW 2010 Itasca CAMBRIA 30C LIST PRICE \$105,804 **NOW \$79,301** SAVE \$26,503
 (888) 480-3175 Roseville, CA STK# SAC10924 VIN# A37830



NEW 2011 Four Winds HURRICANE 31J WAS \$116,624
NOW \$79,895 SAVE \$36,729 (866) 502-8238
 Bath, NY STK# BAT67207



USED 2010 Coachmen MIRADA 320DS WAS \$89,995
NOW \$79,995 SAVE \$10,000 (888) 474-1330 Bartow, FL
 STK# DCWC2160



USED 2009 Fleetwood PULSE 24A WAS \$92,497
NOW \$79,995 SAVE \$12,502 (888) 474-1330 Bartow, FL
 STK# DCW7936A



USED 2003 Fleetwood DISCOVERY 39P **NOW \$79,995**
 (888) 617-5406 Oakwood, GA STK# ORV15626



NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 23S
 WAS \$101,574 **NOW \$79,995** SAVE \$21,579
 (888) 696-2165 Pooler, GA STK# SAV14902



USED 2007 Safari SIMBA 38STS WAS \$100,990
NOW \$79,995 SAVE \$20,995 (866) 610-5049 Akron, OH
 STK# SRV17858



NEW 2011 Four Winds CHATEAU CITATION 28BK WAS \$99,333
NOW \$79,995 SAVE \$19,338 (888) 457-4801 Colfax, NC
 STK# CFX3297



NEW 2011 Four Winds CHATEAU 31P WAS \$97,759
NOW \$79,997 SAVE \$17,762 (888) 692-9016 Myrtle Beach, SC
 STK# MB125164



NEW 2011 Four Winds CHATEAU CITATION 29BG WAS \$101,508
NOW \$79,999 SAVE \$21,509 (888) 457-4801 Colfax, NC
 STK# CFX3293



NEW 2011 Jayco GREYHAWK 31FS MSRP \$99,788
NOW \$82,957 SAVE \$16,831 (888) 641-0925 Kaysville, UT STK# KY37245



NEW 2011 Four Winds FOUR WINDS SIESTA 29BG WAS \$102,842
NOW \$83,995 SAVE \$18,847 (888) 625-5187 Ft. Myers, FL
 STK# FTM12434



NEW 2011 Four Winds HURRICANE 31D WAS \$103,042
NOW \$84,595 SAVE \$18,447 (888) 463-3995 Colorado Springs, CO
 STK# KC210637



USED 2006 Gulfstream SUN VOYAGER 8379 LIST PRICE \$104,227
NOW \$84,684 SAVE \$19,543 (888) 479-3568 Vacaville, CA
 STK# VAC11858A VIN# 410129



NEW 2010 Itasca SUNSTAR 30W WAS \$104,078
NOW \$84,988 SAVE \$19,090 (888) 475-5918 Robertsedale, AL STK# RD36784



NEW 2011 Four Winds HURRICANE 32A
MSRP \$110,683 **NOW \$84,995** SAVE
\$25,688 (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK#
LC15135



NEW 2010 Four Winds WINDSPORT 32V WAS \$127,401 **NOW \$85,900** SAVE \$41,501 (866) 754-7302 Greenwood, IN STK# GRW324482



NEW 2010 Damon DAYBREAK 3211 WAS \$114,530 **NOW \$87,995** SAVE \$26,535 (888) 484-3906 Spartanburg, SC STK# GR125182



NEW 2010 Damon DAYBREAK 34SS WAS \$112,215 **NOW \$86,995** SAVE \$25,220 (888) 457-4801 Colfax, NC STK# CFX3283



USED 2003 Newmar DUTCH STAR 38 WAS \$105,995 **NOW \$86,995** SAVE \$19,000 (866) 415-9726 Golden, CO STK# KC511158B



NEW 2011 Itasca NAVION 24K MSRP \$110,282 **NOW \$89,724** SAVE \$20,558 (888) 614-5201 Draper, UT STK# ABRV35170



USED 2004 Alfa Leisure SEE YA SY40FD **NOW \$89,865** (888) 641-0925 Kaysville, UT STK# KY37726



USED 2007 Holiday Rambler VACATIONER 36WBD **NOW \$89,875** (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK# LC15556P



NEW 2010 Itasca NAVION 24A LIST PRICE \$122,525 **NOW \$89,898** SAVE \$32,627 (888) 479-3568 Vacaville, CA STK# VAC11168 VIN# 363994



USED 2006 Damon ASTORIA 3579F WAS \$124,995 **NOW \$89,995** SAVE \$35,000 (888) 903-6787 Harrisburg, PA STK# HAR68208



NEW 2011 Four Winds HURRICANE 31J WAS \$109,956 **NOW \$89,995** SAVE \$19,961 (888) 848-7312 Columbia, SC STK# COL124397



NEW 2011 Damon DAYBREAK 34SS WAS \$108,222 **NOW \$89,995** SAVE \$18,227 (866) 754-7302 Greenwood, IN STK# GRW325825



USED 2003 Winnebago ULT. FREEDOM 40KD WAS \$139,888 **NOW \$89,998** SAVE \$49,890 (888) 348-5909 Avondale, AZ STK# AV014334



USED 2009 Four Winds MAGELLAN 36 WAS \$139,995 **NOW \$92,995** SAVE \$47,000 (866) 754-7302 Greenwood, IN STK# GRW325554



NEW 2011 Damon DAYBREAK 35BD WAS \$114,232 **NOW \$92,995** SAVE \$21,237 (866) 502-8238 Bath, NY STK# BAT66203



NEW 2011 Four Winds FOUR WINDS SI-ESTA 24SA WAS \$114,468 **NOW \$94,900** SAVE \$19,568 (888) 625-5187 Ft. Myers, FL STK# FTM11823



USED 2004 Itasca MERIDIAN 34H WAS \$139,995 **NOW \$94,995** SAVE \$45,000 (888) 682-3036 Churchville, NY STK# CHU67630



NEW 2010 Damon DAYBREAK 3370 WAS \$124,995 **NOW \$94,995** SAVE \$30,000 (866) 673-0250 Statesville, NC STK# STA125730



NEW 2011 Damon DAYBREAK 3370 WAS \$113,566 **NOW \$94,995** SAVE \$18,571 (888) 815-7523 Woodstock, GA STK# WDS15408



NEW 2010 Four Winds WINDSPORT 32V MSRP \$121,203 **NOW \$98,776** SAVE \$22,427 (888) 668-6715 Katy, TX STK# KAT9583



NEW 2009 Damon AVANTI 3106 WAS \$149,999 **NOW \$98,999** SAVE \$51,000 (866) 648-5288 St. Augustine, FL STK# JAC38675



NEW 2010 Damon AVANTI 3106 WAS \$172,738 **NOW \$99,858** SAVE \$72,880 (866) 755-9604 Charleston, SC STK# CHN124080



NEW 2010 Winnebago SIGHTSEER 37L WAS \$148,663 **NOW \$99,858** SAVE \$48,805 (888) 696-2165 Pooler, GA STK# SAV13877



NEW 2010 Winnebago SIGHTSEER 31E WAS \$141,995 **NOW \$99,858** SAVE \$42,137 (888) 254-9145 Meridian, ID STK# MER9006



USED 2004 Winnebago VECTRA 40QD WAS \$129,895 **NOW \$99,977** SAVE \$29,918 (888) 692-9016 Myrtle Beach, SC STK# MB124731



USED 2009 Four Winds WINDSPORT 36R WAS \$129,877 **NOW \$99,995** SAVE \$29,882 (888) 474-1330 Bartow, FL STK# DCW7738A



USED 2006 Alfa FOUNDER 40FD WAS \$129,995 **NOW \$99,995** SAVE \$30,000 (888) 450-7060 Dothan, AL STK# DOT38552



NEW 2011 Four Winds HURRICANE 34B WAS \$123,334 **NOW \$99,997** SAVE \$23,337 (888) 692-9016 Myrtle Beach, SC STK# MB123912



NEW 2010 Four Winds WINDSPORT 32V WAS \$147,643 **NOW \$99,999** SAVE \$47,644 (888) 568-2177 Burlington, WA STK# FRV9172



NEW 2010 Itasca SUNOVA 31E MSRP \$134,109 **NOW \$103,857** SAVE \$30,252 (888) 641-0925 Kaysville, UT STK# KY35183



NEW 2010 Itasca REYO 25R LIST PRICE \$143,458 **NOW \$104,887** SAVE \$38,571 (888) 480-3175 Roseville, CA STK# SAC13858 VIN# 430765



NEW 2010 Itasca SUNOVA 33C LIST PRICE \$140,952 **NOW \$106,995** SAVE \$33,957 (888) 331-1595 Santa Clarita, CA STK# AMRV21788 VIN# A00071



NEW 2010 Four Winds SERRANO 31V LIST PRICE \$151,647 **NOW \$107,995** SAVE \$43,652 (888) 331-1595 Santa Clarita, CA STK# AMRV20880 VIN# 439409



NEW 2010 Itasca SUNOVA 37L MSRP \$136,844 **NOW \$109,945** SAVE \$26,899 (888) 668-6715 Katy, TX STK# KAT9124



NEW 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 31Z WAS \$149,593 **NOW \$109,950** SAVE \$39,643 (888) 850-5575 Wood Village, OR STK# POR35284



NEW 2010 Four Winds WINDSPORT 32V MSRP \$141,464 **NOW \$111,995** SAVE \$29,469 (888) 668-6715 Katy, TX STK# KAT9077



USED 2007 Coachmen CROSS COUNTRY 389 WAS \$179,995 **NOW \$109,995** SAVE \$70,000 (866) 754-7302 Greenwood, IN STK# GRW325682



NEW 2010 Winnebago VIA 25R WAS \$139,816 **NOW \$109,995** SAVE \$29,821 (888) 682-3036 Churchville, NY STK# CHU64956



NEW 2011 Four Winds WINDSPORT 32V WAS \$147,061 **NOW \$114,995** SAVE \$32,066 (866) 415-9726 Golden, CO STK# KC511344



NEW 2010 Itasca SUNCRUISER 35P WAS \$163,611 **NOW \$115,999** SAVE \$47,612 (888) 471-3546 Chichester, NH STK# GRV506358



USED 2007 Damon ASTORIA 3774 WAS \$149,797 **NOW \$117,799** SAVE \$31,998 (888) 672-5049 Syracuse, NY STK# SYU68161



NEW 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 31X WAS \$153,407 **NOW \$119,995** SAVE \$33,412 (888) 242-0293 Madison, WI STK# MAD15290



NEW 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 31V WAS \$152,592 **NOW \$119,995** SAVE \$32,597 (866) 610-5049 Akron, OH STK# SRV17673



USED 2006 Fleetwood EXCURSION 39V WAS \$150,990 **NOW \$119,995** SAVE \$30,995 (866) 610-5049 Akron, OH STK# SRV17857



NEW 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 31Z WAS \$148,995 **NOW \$124,858** SAVE \$24,137 (888) 254-9145 Meridian, ID STK# MER10588



NEW 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 31X MSRP \$159,878 **NOW \$127,995** SAVE \$31,883 (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK# LC15344



USED 2006 Gulf Stream FRIENDSHIP 8387 **NOW \$129,994** (888) 696-2165 Pooler, GA STK# SAV15004



USED 2006 Gulf Stream FRIENDSHIP 8411 WAS \$249,859 **NOW \$129,995** SAVE \$119,864 (866) 755-9604 Charleston, SC STK# CHN124363



NEW 2011 Damon AVANTI 2806 WAS \$157,118 **NOW \$129,995** SAVE \$27,123 (888) 672-5049 Syracuse, NY STK# SYU66198



NEW 2011 Four Winds WINDSPORT 36F
 WAS \$159,995 **NOW \$129,998** SAVE
 \$29,997 (888) 484-3906 Spartanburg, SC
 STK# GR125744



USED 2002 Beaver PATRIOT THUNDER 92408 WAS \$187,500
NOW \$134,995 SAVE
 \$52,505 (888) 860-8684 Strafford, MO
 STK# STR12689



NEW 2010 Damon ASTORIA 3470 WAS
 \$203,450 **NOW \$137,900** SAVE \$65,550
 (877) 450-7415 Island Lake, IL STK#
 CRV5388



USED 2003 Newmar MOUNTAIN AIRE 4007AD
 LIST PRICE \$167,421 **NOW \$138,222** SAVE
 \$29,199 (888) 479-3568 Vacaville, CA STK#
 VAC13073 VIN# L79234



USED 2006 Country Coach INSPIRE 40
 WAS \$179,995 **NOW \$139,000** SAVE
 \$40,995 (888) 568-2177 Burlington, WA
 STK# FRV9582



USED 2007 Gulf Stream TOUR MASTER T40C WAS \$195,995 **NOW \$139,995**
 SAVE \$56,000 (888) 903-6787 Harrisburg, PA
 STK# HAR67153



USED 2005 Winnebago VECTRA 40FD
 WAS \$195,000 **NOW \$139,995** SAVE \$55,005
 (888) 727-2952 North Little Rock, AR STK#
 LIT13354



USED 2007 Fleetwood EXCURSION 40X PTPTPT WAS \$179,995
NOW \$139,995 SAVE
 \$40,000 (888) 682-3036 Churchville, NY STK#
 CHU67636



USED 2005 Four Winds MANDALAY 40E
 WAS \$169,995 **NOW \$139,995** SAVE
 \$30,000 (888) 682-3036 Churchville, NY
 STK# CHU68512



NEW 2010 Damon ASTORIA 3772 WAS
 \$218,810 **NOW \$139,999** SAVE \$78,811
 (888) 471-3546 Chichester, NH STK#
 GRV506592



USED 2007 Monaco DIPLOMAT 40SKQ
 WAS \$184,950 **NOW \$149,950** SAVE
 \$35,000 (888) 850-5575 Wood Village, OR
 STK# POR36647



USED 2009 Fleetwood DISCOVERY 40G **NOW \$158,875** (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK# LC15299A



USED 2008 Damon TUSCANY 4055
 WAS \$189,999 **NOW \$159,979** SAVE
 \$30,020 (888) 672-5049 Syracuse, NY STK#
 SYU68774



USED 2009 Coachmen PATHFINDER 405FK WAS \$199,858 **NOW \$159,985**
 SAVE \$39,873 (888) 848-7312 Columbia, SC
 STK# COL15951



NEW 2010 Four Winds MONTECITO 38E
 WAS \$252,102 **NOW \$159,995** SAVE
 \$92,107 (866) 610-5049 Akron, OH STK#
 SRV17063



USED 2003 American EAGLE 42E WAS
 \$225,000 **NOW \$159,995** SAVE \$65,005
 (888) 727-2952 North Little Rock, AR STK#
 LIT12372



USED 2006 Fleetwood REVOLUTION 40E WAS \$225,000 **NOW \$166,871** SAVE
 \$58,129 (888) 727-2952 North Little Rock, AR
 STK# LIT12796



NEW 2010 Damon TUSCANY 3680
 WAS \$236,362 **NOW \$168,889** SAVE
 \$67,473 (888) 672-5049 Syracuse, NY STK#
 SYU69702



**USED 2007 Coachmen SPORTSCOACH
 40QS** WAS \$229,995 **NOW \$169,995**
 SAVE \$60,000 (888) 242-0293 Madison, WI
 STK# MAD15081



USED 2010 Damon TUSCANY 4072 WAS
 \$229,950 **NOW \$183,950** SAVE \$46,000 (888)
 850-5575 Wood Village, OR STK# POR36611



NEW 2011 Four Winds MONTECITO 40J
 WAS \$251,951 **NOW \$179,995** SAVE
 \$71,956 (888) 815-7523 Woodstock, GA
 STK# WDS14609



NEW 2010 Four Winds MONTECITO 38D
 WAS \$239,602 **NOW \$179,995** SAVE
 \$59,607 (888) 542-3819 Mesa, AZ STK#
 MES13854



NEW 2010 Damon TUSCANY 3680 MSRP
 \$252,276 **NOW \$184,995** SAVE \$67,281 (888)
 668-6715 Katy, TX STK# KAT9433



NEW 2010 Four Winds MONTECITO 38E
 WAS \$242,614 **NOW \$185,608** SAVE
 \$57,006 (866) 775-0682 Roanoke, VA STK#
 ROA15914



NEW 2010 Four Winds MONTECITO 40J
 WAS \$260,263 **NOW \$186,253** SAVE
 \$74,010 (866) 775-0682 Roanoke, VA STK#
 ROA15921



**USED 2006 Holiday
 Rambler IMPERIAL
 42PLQ** WAS \$267,987
NOW \$187,567 SAVE
 \$80,420 (877) 450-7415
 Island Lake, IL STK#
 CRV5704



NEW 2010 Itasca MERIDIAN 40L MSRP
 \$260,780 **NOW \$187,987** SAVE \$72,793
 (888) 641-0925 Kaysville, UT STK# KY35179



USED 2009 Safari CHEETAH 42PAQ WAS
 \$274,987 **NOW \$189,995** SAVE \$84,992
 (877) 450-7415 Island Lake, IL STK#
 CRV5464A



NEW 2010 Damon TUSCANY 4051
 WAS \$254,370 **NOW \$189,995** SAVE
 \$64,375 (888) 348-5909 Avondale, AZ STK#
 AV013722



NEW 2010 Itasca MERIDIAN 40L MSRP
 \$261,175 **NOW \$192,995** SAVE \$68,180
 (888) 668-6715 Katy, TX STK# KAT9130



NEW 2010 Damon TUSCANY 3680 LIST
 PRICE \$247,363 **NOW \$198,218** SAVE
 \$49,145 (877) 834-0429 Bakersfield, CA
 STK# SLV20949 VIN# AS7295



**NEW 2010 Damon TUSCANY
 4072** LIST PRICE \$249,057 **NOW**
\$199,518 SAVE \$49,539 (877)
 834-0429 Bakersfield, CA STK#
 SLV20951 VIN# AS7315



**USED 2008 Country Coach INSPIRE DA-
 VINCI 40** WAS \$249,950 **NOW \$199,950**
 SAVE \$50,000 (888) 850-5575 Wood Village,
 OR STK# POR36706

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YEAR/MANUFACTURER/MAKE/MODEL	STOCK #	LIST	SAVINGS	NOW*	PHONE NO.
2003 Forester LEXINGTON GTS 210	KS7940A	\$25,999	\$4,000	\$21,999	(888) 454-1707
2004 Gulf Stream BT CRUISER 5270	TAL38954	\$44,995	\$5,000	\$39,995	(888) 902-8565
2005 Gulf Stream BT CRUISER 5230B	SWC9617			\$45,900	(888) 844-1758
2010 Four Winds CHATEAU 23S	KC111301	\$64,085	\$9,090	\$54,995	(888) 819-7952
2008 Gulf Stream BT CRUISER 30	KC110449B	\$69,995	\$10,000	\$59,995	(888) 819-7952
2007 Coachmen CONCORD 300TS	DCW7676A	\$79,995	\$10,000	\$69,995	(888) 474-1330
2010 Four Winds CHATEAU 23S	SNM15203	\$101,412	\$14,417	\$86,995	(866) 414-9439

PRE-OWNED CLASS C MOTORHOMES

YEAR/MANUFACTURER/MAKE/MODEL	STOCK #	LIST	SAVINGS	NOW*	PHONE NO.
2002 Winnebago MINNIE 24F	LAK8511	\$38,943	\$5,944	\$32,999	(877) 554-3516
2004 Winnebago CHALET 31CR	GB36597	\$49,995	\$6,095	\$43,900	(888) 674-0275
2009 Winnebago ACCESS 22B	KC111241B	\$49,995	\$3,000	\$46,995	(888) 819-7952
2010 Four Winds CHATEAU 21C	KC111335	\$49,995	\$3,000	\$46,995	(888) 819-7952
2006 Forest River SUNSEEKER 3100	SAC11807A	\$56,248	\$7,616	\$48,632	(888) 480-3175
2010 Winnebago CHALET 24VR	SNM16200	\$54,998	\$5,003	\$49,995	(866) 414-9439
2007 Four Winds FOUR WINDS 31P	GRV507154	\$56,999	\$7,000	\$49,999	(888) 471-3546
2009 Winnebago CHALET 31C	DOT39078	\$59,995	\$5,000	\$54,995	(888) 450-7060
2009 Coachmen FREELANDER 3150SS	COL15674	\$69,746	\$9,888	\$59,858	(888) 848-7312
2008 Coachmen FREELANDER 3150SS	MER11618	\$64,995	\$5,137	\$59,858	(888) 254-9145
2010 Four Winds CHATEAU 31P	SNM16105	\$64,998	\$5,003	\$59,995	(866) 414-9439
2009 Itasca IMPULSE 31CR	AMRV21882	\$73,865	\$11,000	\$62,865	(888) 331-1595
2010 Winnebago CHALET 31CR	LNV37067	\$79,145	\$9,150	\$69,995	(877) 289-0812
2010 Four Winds CHATEAU 31P	LNV36787	\$78,855	\$8,860	\$69,995	(877) 289-0812
2010 Winnebago CHALET 24JR	TAL39080	\$74,995	\$5,000	\$69,995	(888) 902-8565
2006 Gulf Stream ENDURA G340D	SNM14719	\$79,998	\$7,003	\$72,995	(866) 414-9439
2009 Coachmen FREELANDER 2100CB	STA124880	\$99,888	\$10,893	\$88,995	(866) 673-0250

PRE-OWNED CLASS A GAS MOTORHOMES

YEAR/MANUFACTURER/MAKE/MODEL	STOCK #	LIST	SAVINGS	NOW*	PHONE NO.
1998 Newmar MOUNTAIN AIRE 38	GB38407	\$39,800	\$5,200	\$34,600	(888) 674-0275
2000 Fleetwood SOUTHWIND 32V	SLV21945	\$41,589	\$1,710	\$39,879	(877) 834-0429
2000 Fleetwood SOUTHWINDS S35	FTM1100C	\$44,900	\$5,000	\$39,900	(888) 625-5187
2006 Coachmen MIRADA 30Q	DOT38514	\$49,995	\$7,000	\$42,995	(888) 450-7060
2008 Winnebago CHALET 30BR	HIL36785	\$56,814	\$6,864	\$49,950	(888) 859-6653
2003 Fleetwood PACE ARROW 37A	SNM14677	\$58,965	\$8,970	\$49,995	(866) 414-9439
2009 Winnebago CHALET 30B	SAC13156	\$63,777	\$9,844	\$53,933	(888) 480-3175
2009 Winnebago CHALET 30B	SAC13157	\$64,181	\$8,265	\$55,916	(888) 480-3175
2003 Gulf Stream SUN VOYAGER 8378 MXC	DOT38465	\$64,995	\$8,000	\$56,995	(888) 450-7060
2009 Winnebago CHALET 30B	VAC13158	\$65,877	\$8,784	\$57,093	(888) 479-3568
2008 Winnebago CHALET 30BR	SLV21887	\$64,540	\$7,099	\$57,441	(877) 834-0429
2007 Damon DAYBREAK 33	KC510574BB	\$69,995	\$11,000	\$58,995	(866) 415-9726

PRE-OWNED CLASS A GAS MOTORHOMES

YEAR/MANUFACTURER/MAKE/MODEL	STOCK #	LIST	SAVINGS	NOW*	PHONE NO.
2007 R-Vision TRAIL AIR 36	KC110327B	\$69,995	\$10,000	\$59,995	(888) 819-7952
2004 Winnebago BRAVE 32V	KS8000	\$64,995	\$5,000	\$59,995	(888) 454-1707
2009 Damon DAYBREAK SPORT 3204	LAK8560	\$66,892	\$4,893	\$61,999	(877) 554-3516
2006 Four Winds HURRICANE 31D	MER12583	\$74,995	\$10,137	\$64,858	(888) 254-9145
2008 Winnebago SIGHTSEER 30R	BAT69158	\$79,999	\$10,004	\$69,995	(866) 502-8238
2007 Damon DAYBREAK 3276	MER13007	\$84,995	\$7,137	\$77,858	(888) 254-9145
2008 Itasca SUNOVA 30B	LAK8559	\$84,889	\$5,890	\$78,999	(877) 554-3516
2008 Fleetwood BOUNDER 38P	KC5P10767	\$99,599	\$14,604	\$84,995	(866) 415-9726
2007 Damon CHALLENGER 37TS	TUC13253	\$93,576	\$4,022	\$89,554	(888) 315-7967
2009 Coachmen MIRADA 355TS	TUC15687	\$109,704	\$10,254	\$99,450	(888) 315-7967
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When a call is received the Parrot announces the caller. Audio comes from a 2-inch speaker, which is very clear and loud. To make a call, push the left rocker switch and you'll be prompted for a voice command, which will lead to the call. This is a nice feature, but there were issues with the device understanding my commands, leading to misdialing. You can also use the rotary knob to access your phone book in alphabetical order. Once the name is called out, you simply push the button to make the call. This function worked better.

A big part of this device's appeal is the ability to use your navigation application in similar fashion as a dedicated GPS device. We found this feature indispensable for listening to navigation commands.

The cradle can be charged from the coach's 12-volt DC power port adapter using the USB cable, or be connected to any computer. Updated software is available online; the device should be updated before first use. If you have a Mac, this process is more difficult and will require the use of a flash drive to store the information and then transfer to the device. Battery life can be up to a week of standby, but that will depend on how much of the 10-hour talk time you use. It takes about two hours for a full charge. The phone can also be charged while in the cradle using the supplied pigtales or your existing USB cable, but the cradle must be plugged into the coach's power port.

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GENERATOR WON'T CRANK

I have a 1996 Class C Damon Ultrasport motorhome on a Ford gas-powered chassis. When I try to start the generator, all it does is click. I cleaned the grounds, I have 13.5 volts at the relay on the incoming side and outgoing side, and the flywheel turns. What else should I do?

F. BERNAL | KUNKLETOWN, PA.

If you hear the relay clicking, it means that the remote activation part of the circuit works. Measure voltage at the main starter motor terminal, to see if full battery power is reaching it from the solenoid. If the voltage there doesn't drop when the starter is activated, the

starter may have an open circuit internally (bad brush, etc.).

DISCHARGED DINGHY DISCUSSION

In the February letter "Discharged Dinghy," James Williams reported his problem of a discharged battery in his Chevy HHR dinghy while towing it. Two readers offered a couple of solutions for this problem, but the best solution comes from Page 4-33 of the 2008 Chevy HHR owner's manual. Under "Dinghy Towing," it states: 1. Set the parking brake. 2. Turn the ignition key to ACC/ACCESSORY to unlock the steering wheel. 3. Shift the transmission to NEUTRAL. 4. Release the parking brake. To prevent the battery from draining while the vehicle is being towed, remove the following fuse from the floor console fuse block: 8 (Ignition Switch, PASS-Key iii+). The instructions then refer you to "Floor Console Fuse Block" on page 5-120 and a drawing showing where the fuse block and the number 8 fuse are located. The instructions appropriately remind you to reinstall the fuse once you've reached your destination.

I'm sure this will solve Williams' problem.
VINCE SEDOLA | NEW RIVER, ARIZ.

A lot of times the dinghy's battery gets discharged because the ignition switch was left in the wrong position, or an auxiliary braking system used a lot of power. Your letter will help HHR owners.

INOPERATIVE CLEARANCE LIGHTS

I have a 2008 Holiday Rambler Class A 36 DBA. I need help troubleshooting a problem I'm having with the lights in front, above the windshield. There is a series of five amber lights that won't come on either with the main light switch or the parking light switch. All other lights come on at the rear, side, etc. I suspect something is unplugged, but I don't know where to start looking. Someone told me to get behind the panel along the windshield and follow the wires, but I hesitate to do this until I know more. Someone else told me they are like Christmas tree lights — when one goes out, all of them go out, and I should replace them one by one. I doubt that is correct.

BILL THOM | DENVER

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lights and are required on large vehicles. First, check for 12-volt DC positive at the lights themselves, with a test light or voltmeter, running a wire to a good ground for the negative (ground) side. If you have 12V positive, then check the bulbs and the condition of the sockets for corrosion. If no 12V positive is getting to them, you could run a new wire from a front parking light, as this is the same circuit. They are not wired in series like old Christmas lights, but they all get power from the headlight switch and fuse box via one wire. Sometimes clearance lights all use one common ground wire, which if it doesn't make a connection at either end could cause them all to not work.

COLD-RUNNING CAT TIP

This is in regard to the letter "Cold-Running Cat" in the April issue. I also have a 2005 350-HP Cat C7 in my Alfa Leisure See Ya! Having been a mechanic, I know that these diesel engines need TLC. The manual states that the thermostats need to be changed every three years and a lot of owners don't know that. I just had my C7 serviced by Cat. The coolant (ELC) was changed and both thermostats were replaced. One was bad, the cause of overheating in summer from going uphill (they can stick open or closed). Oh, and remind owners to change the two filters on the 3000MH Allison transmission. You'd be surprised how much better it shifts. I hope this helps.

MIKE GRUDT | SIMI VALLEY, CALIF.

Thanks for writing, Mike. I'm sure these items get overlooked on a lot of coaches.

LONG-TERM STORAGE

I own a 2007 Tiffin Phaeton QSH 40-foot motorhome with a 350 Cat engine and Allison T3000 transmission. Due to economic reasons, I'd like to sell the coach. What should I do to protect the unit while it sits? The oil has 4,351 miles on it, but was changed more than a year ago.

MOE PLANTE | CATALINA, ARIZ.

It's not good to leave used oil in an engine for extended periods, because moisture in the crankcase causes rust, it may form sludge and the acids in it can etch bearings, etc. Therefore, you should store it with fresh oil. Also make sure the batteries are kept filled and charged and

ETHANOL-FREE FUEL SOURCES

Higher ethanol content can cause early failures of some fuel-system, engine and emissions components that weren't designed for the fuel. In older motorhomes, items such as gaskets, seals and fuel lines can fail sooner with gasoline containing ethanol. However, about 70 percent of all gasoline in the U.S. contains 10 percent ethanol (E10), and in some regions of the country you can't find any gas that isn't E10. The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to introduce E15 this year, as cars built in 2001 or newer have been approved for the higher-ethanol fuel. However, heavy-duty vehicles of all types should also not use E15. Ethanol also has a greater propensity for attracting moisture that can cause problems in vehicles that aren't used regularly. Pure-gas.org offers a list categorized by state of stations selling gasoline that doesn't contain ethanol.

the factory-recommended coolant is still fresh. Cover the tires.

KEEPING CONNECTED

I own a 2000 Four Winds Infinity motorhome and camp in one spot for seven or eight months at a time. Should I disconnect the chassis battery while plugged into an electrical outlet at a campground for an extended time? Also, when I run the engine and generator for 30 minutes every two weeks should I unplug the motorhome from the electrical outlet?

SUSIE PICKENS | DALLAS

The coach is required to have a transfer switch (which prevents generator power from feeding into shorepower) so it wouldn't matter if you unplug or not. If it doesn't have an automatic transfer switch, then you need to manually move the plug inside the compartment from shorepower to genset power, so you can put a load on the generator. Once a month should be sufficient, but you should drive it, not just idle in place to circulate the oil in axles, move the tires and brakes and fully warm up all systems. The chassis (engine-starting) battery doesn't

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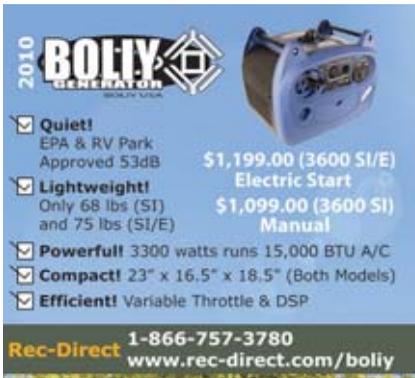
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RIALTA TIRE REPLACEMENT

I have a 2003 Winnebago Rialta motorhome. The front tires are Continental 195/65R16C, which are no longer manufactured. The Rialta owner's manual states not to use any other size tire because of clearance problems. I've found a tire that is close in size (205/60R16) that might work, however if I have an accident I'm concerned that the insurance company might decline a claim. Do you have any suggestions?

BILL ABBEMA | VIA EMAIL

I contacted Continental and confirmed that the tire is discontinued, but I spoke with Winnebago's Owner Relations Department (800-537-1885) and was told that the tires are still in stock as Winnebago part no. 13760301000. So if you can't find a dealer who has them in stock, you'll need to have them order the tires and get them shipped there. A quick Google search also found several brands selling this size, including Nokian, Vredestein and Goodyear.

PARKING BRAKE PROBLEMS TIP

I am responding to Dieter Lobermeier's letter "Parking Brake Problems" in the February issue. The description of his brake problem is identical to the problems I experienced with my 2003 8.1-L Workhorse chassis. I had to disconnect a wire to get home from our winter vacation in Arizona two years ago, but as you explained, not even the transmission in PARK would keep the motorhome from rolling with the ignition on. When we returned home, I immediately replaced the transmission neutral/backup/autobrake switch on the side of the transmission, only to find that it didn't solve the problem. I finally found a relay (replacement part Omron no. 12077866 or equivalent) taped into a large wire loom running along the left valve cover, near the front of the engine, not very easily accessible on my engine. I found it by tracing all the wires to the transmission switch. In an emergency, this relay can be temporarily replaced with a nonessential

one with the same number taken out of the fuse box on the outside of the engine compartment on the driver's side of the radiator. Hope this will save other folks with the same problem a bunch of grief.

JERRY KOZELISKI | CORVALLIS, MONT.

Thanks for the hard-learned tip. A Google search brings up several sources for these five-pin, 25-amp relays.

PARKING BRAKE PROBLEMS TIP II

In the February issue, the letter "Parking Brake Problems" described issues with the Auto-Park system on the GM and Workhorse P-chassis. After my first trip, during which I had trouble backing the motorhome without it locking up (when hot) I did some research, saw the many inherent problems with this system and disconnected the clevis pin for the hydraulic system/servo assist to the driveshaft brake drum. I still had the other mechanical cable system capable of applying the brake. I have since used the mechanical application without a failure. In effect, the coach is locked into position because of the mechanical application of the brake pedal.

You indicated that there is only one pin and no mechanical application of the brake is possible. That is erroneous. Owners should, of course, have the brake adjusted and test the braking power before they rely on the system. They can also chock the wheels to further ensure that the coach isn't going to move. GM should be taken to task for using this fault-filled system. There is indeed another cable that will apply the brake and bypass the fault-filled hydraulics.

**RICHARD VARA SR.
SAN JACINTO, CALIF.**

Thanks for writing. My intention was to educate and inform readers on how this system basically works in a limited amount of space. It was not my intention to tell folks how to bypass the system, or continue to drive the coach when there is a partial failure. I don't want anyone to get hurt, and in this litigious society we have to emphasize safety. ♦

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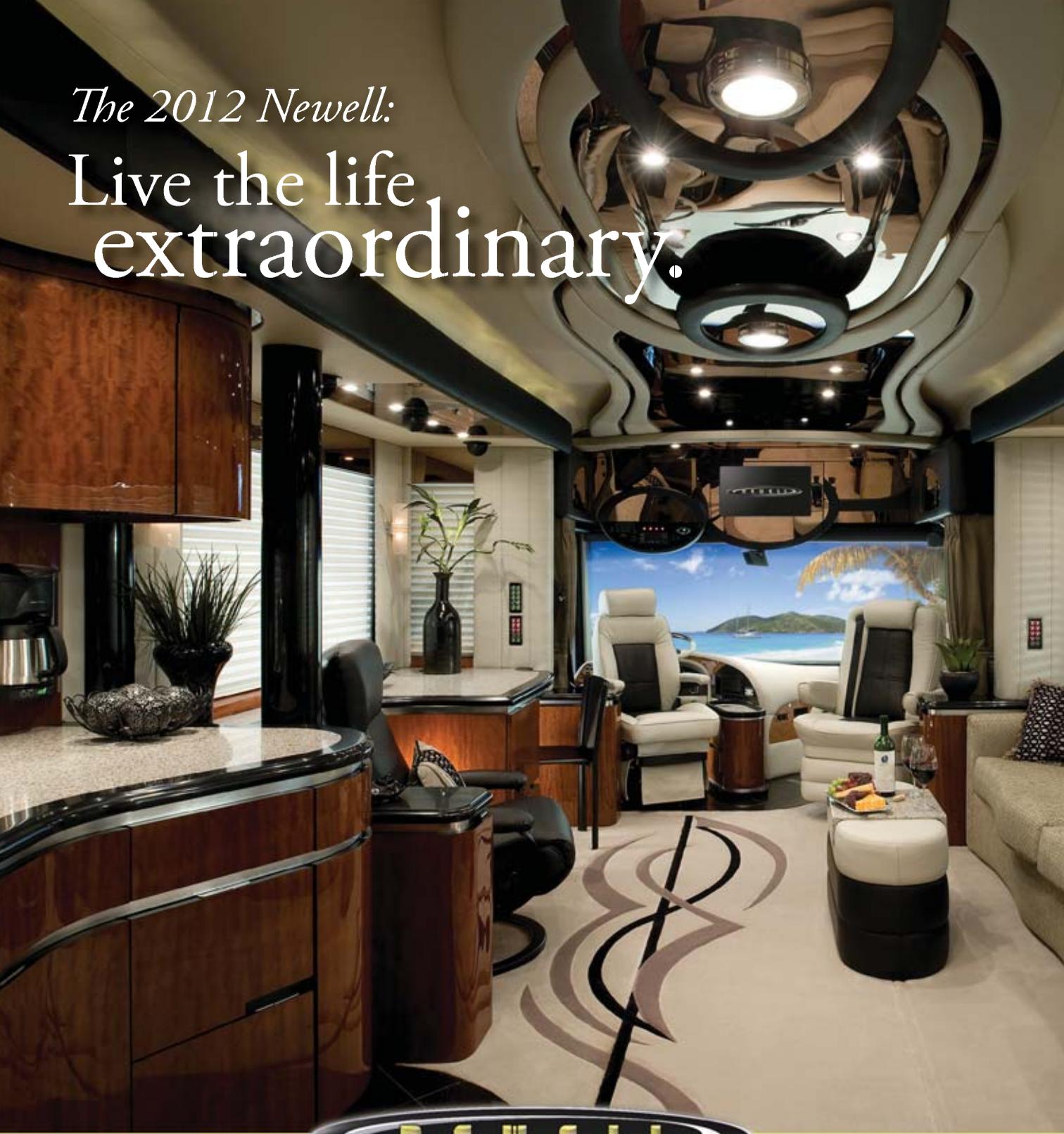
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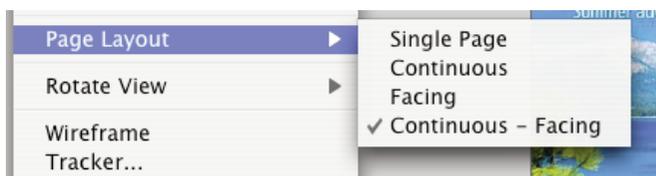


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