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**On The Cover:** The 2013 Fleetwood Excursion gets a workout within Southern California's Joshua Tree National Park (see test on page 46). Photo by Chuck Campbell.

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# POKING FUN



**L**et's face it; if we're going to be motorhome enthusiasts, we're going to make some mistakes. Hopefully, our mistakes and mishaps won't lead to extensive (and costly) repairs.

Fortunately, many of our mishaps while on the road, and particularly in camp, are pretty humorous when we look back at the stupid things we've done. So it only makes sense that our third annual RV Oops Awards have become so popular.

Throughout the year, author Larry MacDonald collects stories about things that have gone wrong and presents the awards as featured on page 38. I'm sure you'll agree that finding fodder for this article is not difficult and that most of us — whether we're seasoned RV owners or neophytes — can relate to the stories.

I'll be the first to admit that I've had my share of misadventures. One of my favorites was a dumping incident back in the 1970s while on a cross-country trip. We stopped for gas in the middle of Iowa. Our holding tanks were pretty full and luckily there was a dump station on the premises. Before we left our Southern California offices, a new company sent me a product it thought was destined to revolutionize the process of dumping holding tanks: a lightweight plastic disposable hose.

I was excited about the prospect of pulling a dump hose out of a tissue-sized box and throwing it away after use — albeit not environmentally friendly, but those concerns were in their infancy during the 1970s, so we were a little cavalier when considering the potential impact on our landfills.

We hooked the hose up in normal fashion, pulled the black valve handle first, and in shocked disbelief watched the seam of the hose open during the heaviest part of the dumping process. By the time we got the valve closed, the entire concrete pad adjacent to the gas pumps was

covered with sewage. The convenience of having a dump station next to the pumps was definitely working against us.

With a sheepish look on my face, I asked the station owner for a long water hose that I could use to clean up the mess. I spent the next 20 minutes putting on a show that rivaled slapstick comedy. My wife, Lynne, and our friends who were traveling with us had quite a belly laugh, after they got over the disgusting aspect of the incident. Needless to say, that Disposa-Hose didn't get my endorsement.

I have many stories to tell like that dumping faux pas. Most of them are only revealed while sitting around the campfire with other RV owners when such stories become the evening entertainment.

The mishaps experienced by most of this year's winners were caused by absent-mindedness, and hopefully everyone involved got a good laugh after things settled down. Leaving your wife on the road is pretty funny, but I'm sure our reader paid the price for that one! Hearing crunches and scrapes is very disconcerting, and this year's RV Oops Award winner took those sounds to the extreme.

I know the scraping and crunching sounds — and that sinking stomach feeling — all too well. I have found myself in a number of precarious situations while exploring unproven (and unpaved) roads. One of my favorite stories chronicles the time we took the wrong dirt road in a 33-foot Class A and ended up teeter-tottering on the edge of a cliff right above a mobile home park. That experience was a lot funnier when we finally got towed out and into the right camp area.

It's amusing to poke fun at ourselves, and no doubt we'll get plenty of entries for next year's "honors." Here's hoping you don't win. ♦

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from OUR READERS



## WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MODERN MOTORHOME EXTERIORS — CLASSY OR OVER-THE-TOP? IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE DESIGN-WISE?

That's the question we asked in our April issue, and here are some of the replies we received.

### NOT A CARNIVAL WAGON

Regarding Bob Jones' letter and the April P.O. Box question, I agree with Jones! Many of the swoops and swirls on coaches look like they would be more at home on a carnival sideshow wagon. I recently refinished the exterior of our 18-year-old Bounder, and chose to duplicate the original stripe pattern. After spraying the stripes, I clear-coated the entire exterior surface. It looks as good as it looked from the factory. The big surprise is the number of compliments I get from owners of swoop-and-swirl-painted rigs. Also, I wonder how much an insurance company would have to shell out to match these new patterns should they suffer damage. Newer is not always better.

**JERRY RIGBY | ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.**

### THIS ISN'T THE CIRCUS

I completely agree with Bob Jones — enough with the swirls! I'm not interested in driving a colorful stock car anymore than a circus wagon. Our homes away from home should be as appropriately decorated as our homes. I hope swirls don't start in my neighborhood anytime soon!

**KATIE MILO | CHICO, CALIF.**

### BRING BACK THE CLASSICS

I agree with Bob Jones' comment. The current lavish exterior paint designs have no relationship to the form and function of a motorhome. It violates the elements of good industrial design, and it seems more related to modern graffiti. I love the simple, tasteful exterior of our 1994 25-foot Class A Winnebago Warrior. I urge a return to classic, functional design.

**GEORGE HERMACH | EUGENE, ORE.**

### KEEP IT SIMPLE

While the fashion may be for statements in a motorhome's exterior, I prefer an understated scheme that doesn't make the unit stand out like a red rose in a field of yellow daffodils. Our unit, a 1995 Bounder, has a tan exterior with striping decals. If I had my druthers, I would prefer a simple neutral color with highlights around the exterior physical features.

Since we're talking fashion, I think the trend toward extreme luxury (marble floors, glass cabinet doors, stone counters)

seems a bit much. It would be nice if manufacturers offered the features of a larger coach in the finishes of a lower price unit. I'm happy with vinyl floors, laminate counters and such.

**PETER SMITH | QUINCY, WASH.**

### SAY GOODBYE TO SWIRLS

I agree with Bob Jones about swirls, but the obvious question is, what instead? I'm surprised we haven't seen a couple of old hippies go into business and take the VW love bus look a step further into the 21st century. With that much surface area just think of the potential. I've seen a lot of motorhomes owned by musicians and entertainers and most of their coaches have airbrushed paint jobs that will take your breath away. Of course, the price tags may do that, too, but bikers and classic car owners express themselves through their rides and the paint is always a huge part of the look. Why not motorhomes? Imagine a motorhome show like that!

**MICHAEL FISHER | SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.**

### PLAIN, PLEASE

I would like to see motorhomes go back to plain old white with just one or two other colors. They stay cleaner looking and also cooler when the sun beats on them like here in Arizona. The dark colors and swirls take much more work polishing and more painting if you need to repair a section. No decals. They don't last very long and need to be peeled off. Not a fun thing to do.

**RUSTY MASON | SURPRISE, ARIZ.**

### GIVE US OPTIONS

I enjoy the swirls and colors of today's RV paint schemes. A plain white motorhome looks cheap. It screams that this unit is either a mobile business or a basic entry-level model. The first thing people comment on about our motorhome is the beautiful swirls of color. We had plain boxes on wheels in the past, and much prefer something interesting and exciting like our current rig. But I can understand that a few boring, unimaginative folks prefer boring, unimaginative coaches, so I think manufacturers should continue to produce the beautiful paint jobs of today, but also offer an option of a plain unadorned white coach, along with a plain beige cloth interior for those who dis-

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like the patterns and leather. After all, I hate today's athletic shoes with all the flashy stripes and straps and colors; I prefer plain unicolor shoes and am pleased whenever I can find a pair to buy, even if they are considered unfashionable.

**RICK BOLDMAN | VIA EMAIL**

**ENJOYING OUR EXTERIOR**

I have a Tiffin Phaeton, and the entire exterior is painted. Yes, it has swirls, but the swirls break up the design of what otherwise would be a huge brick on wheels. The appearance is nice, and Tiffin doesn't use cheap decals. The Tiffin logo and the model of the coach are applied with a silicone-based attachment. They look great and don't peel. Maybe Jones needs to trade in his coach.

**J. PEREIRA | LAWTON, OKLA.**

**PREFER DISTINCTIVE DESIGNS**

Last year I bought a Monaco Vesta. For those not familiar with the Vesta, it is very distinctive and a cross between a retro and modern sleek design. Whether you like the styling or not, you can always tell what it is at a glance. One thing that bothers me about motorhomes is the tendency toward sameness. For most units, if they didn't have a nameplate you wouldn't know what brand they are. There are exceptions to this. One of my favorite designs was the old GMC, which you could recognize from two miles away. The fact that manufacturers are putting some emphasis on exterior design is a good thing, especially if the results are improvements in the motorhome's aerodynamics and MPG.

**DAVID DEMERS | VIA EMAIL**

**SWIRLS HIDE BOX-LIKE LOOK**

My second motorhome was a 1970s, 30-foot silver Revcon with maroon accents. It was simply a showstopper. But in addition to the simple paint design, it had a streamlined appearance. Today's motorhomes are essentially boxes on wheels and without some special paint designs the box-like appearance would be more prominent. The swirls must be working since the more a coach costs, the more dramatic the paint. Take a look at Liberty Coach's Prevost models — if you have a couple million dollars lying around.

**ED HAWLEY | STUART, FLA.**

**WHY WE PARK AT WALMART**

It's not my habit to write to magazines, let

alone start a letter war, but I felt compelled to point out a different point of view in response to the P.O. Box "Cheapskates" letter from Mary Jo Williams in the April issue. I have a suspicion the letter writer might be the same type of person who'd complain about someone arriving late in a campground, making noise while positioning and hooking up their rig, only to make the same rude noises when they unhooked and left early the next morning.

There are a lot of us RVers who haven't reached retirement age. My wife and I are 59, and I still work, but we love to travel in our rig as much as those who are without time restrictions. When we're short on time, we often put in a lot of miles in a day. On those days, a motorhome-friendly Walmart looks like an oasis in the desert. In the morning, we restock groceries, take a shower and head out refreshed. We didn't disturb any campers on the way in, we contributed to local commerce and we felt safe. Is a Walmart parking lot a destination? Never. (Though we humorously but respectfully refer to them as "Walmart State Parks.") But is a Walmart (or other RV-friendly establishments like Cracker Barrel) a welcome relief for a quick rest after long hours on the road? You bet. Kudos to those establishments. We're far from being cheapskates.

**CHICK AND DIANE LEWINSKI | VIA EMAIL**

**A WAY TO SAVE**

Cheapskates, my eye! Am I the only one who finds that those who can spend \$25 to \$35 a night for 500 square feet of cement a bit annoying? Twenty-five dollars per night for half a year for 10 good years equates to \$45,000. How many people have Walmart and Cracker Barrel enabled to enjoy the RV lifestyle that otherwise could not afford it? How many people who saved for years for a \$50,000 coach were able to upgrade to a nicer coach because of the savings afforded by boondocking? Might these campground lovers be happier if we all camped in tents so they could look down their noses at us?

**DICK ZEITER | TOLEDO, OHIO**

**CONVENIENCE COMES FIRST**

Regarding the "Cheapskates?" letter, we have a motorhome and we stay overnight at truck stops, Walmarts, Cracker Barrels or any other place we are allowed to stop at. They have good security, are clean and are fast to check in to. Those who object don't under-

stand the concept. Many times, official campgrounds are five or 10 miles off the highway. They could take an hour to check in and unhook, as compared to the five minutes it takes at one of the places I listed above. And these places are next to the highway. This is also cost effective and saves fuel. If you need a playground or a pool, go to the campground. I tend to not spend money or visit places that are not RV friendly. The Flying J truck stops are RV-friendly. They have dump stations and places for RVs to park overnight. So RVers, support the places that are good to you.

**JEFF MCCLURE | DARIEN, CONN.**

**SMART WALMART STOP**

Every year we leave Massachusetts for a month-long stay in Florida at Fort Wilderness at Disneyworld. We accept the hospitality of Walmart and park overnight in a Walmart lot in Emporia, Va., which is about a 12-hour ride and gets us half way to our destination. This Walmart is right off the highway. We arrive at about 7 p.m., and while my husband checks the motorhome I head into Walmart. We don't set up our outside grill, open the awning or put any outside lights on. We simply sleep for five or six hours and, as quietly as possible, leave our "campsite" and continue on our way. While at Walmart, I buy all of the food we will need for our month-long stay, plus other items that are cheaper to purchase at Walmart than in Massachusetts. Cheap? No. Smart? Yes.

**JOAN M. JONES | VIA EMAIL**

**PRIVATE PROPERTY**

In the April P.O. Box, Judy Foster said we should overlook people walking through our site ("Try A Little Kindness"). Yes, I have a darn good life and worked hard for every penny of it. One thing (war veterans or unemployment) has nothing to do with other people's property. It is a matter of respect and good manners. When I pay for a site it is a private area for the time I paid for it. As a full-timer and a part-time campground host, my privacy is valuable to me. If I invite you in it is because I want to get to know you; if not, please respect that I want to be left alone. If you feel that it makes me shallow and selfish that is your problem.

**DON MURROW | VIA EMAIL**

**REMEMBER THE ROCCC**

I enjoyed Chris Hemer's April article ("These

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### P.O. BOX

Sprinters Three") about Sprinter-based motorhomes. One thing needs to be emphasized: the realistic occupant and cargo carrying capacity (ROCCC). For the ERA, the ROCCC is 2,310 pounds. Great! For the View, it is 1,150 pounds. OK, but weight needs to be a consideration if more than two people go. The Reyo has an ROCCC of 790 pounds. Overloading could be a very real problem. I have about 1,500 pounds in my Class C, and I have to watch it at times. If there was a way to safely add about 1,000 pounds to the Reyo's ROCCC, it would be a real winner.  
**DON MILLER | LEESBURG, FLA.**

### BUT CAN THEY TOW?

I appreciated the article on the three Sprinters as I am in the market for something new. Unfortunately, there was no mention in the article of how well these vehicles will tow a dinghy — a pretty important consideration for many of us. The smaller engine that is in the Sprinter has given me pause about this, and I was hoping your article would help.

I don't like single-digit gas mileage, but I do like to know that my motorhome will be responsive even with several thousand pounds of car trailing along behind. If possible, checking response and handling with a dinghy would be a useful addition to your testing procedure.

**DON SIMMONS | VIA EMAIL**

### KIA MODELS NOT TOWABLE

I received *MotorHome's* 2012 Guide to Dinghy Towing. It states on page 21 that the Kia Sportage and Sorrento with automatic transmission and 4WD or AWD are flat towable. I have checked with three dealers and they looked at the owner's manual and it states that it can be done in an emergency, but not otherwise. They will not honor any warranty claims unless the owner's manual allows towing. Who is correct? I will not purchase a vehicle unless I have it in writing from the manufacturer that I can flat tow the car.

**AL HAHN | VIA EMAIL**

*Editor's note: The 2012 Guide to Dinghy Towing contains incorrect information regarding the Kia Sorrento and Kia Sportage vehicles. According to information in the owner's manual and confirmed by Kia, these vehicles should only be towed in an emergency situation. MotorHome acknowledges and regrets the error.*

### ENGINE ERROR

Chris Hemer wrote an interesting review of the Thor Motor Coach Serrano 34M in the April issue. However, he needs to learn the difference between a pusher and a puller.

The Serrano uses a front-engine diesel, not a rear-engine pusher. Having had both a front-engine gasser and now a diesel-pusher, the visual clues were obvious: the radiator grille, the far forward placement of the front axle and the long rear overhang that will cause fits on steep driveways. And finally, the doghouse is clearly visible on the floorplan and in the cockpit photo.

**PAUL THORPE | GIG HARBOR, WASH.**

*Editor's note: Good catch, Paul. You are right; the coach is a front-engine diesel, not a diesel-pusher as reported. MotorHome acknowledges and regrets the error.*

### HOLD THE SLIDEOUT, PLEASE

I may be in the minority, but I wish motorhome manufacturers would go back to designing a coach without slideouts.

I have owned three Class C motorhomes, and the feature I treasured most on all of them was a rear window that I could see out of while driving. At night I knew if someone was behind me and there was some sort of old-fashioned plastic piece, that when attached to the rear window enabled me to see what was behind me, by reflection. With that window and my mirrors, backing up was a breeze.

It seems that slideouts today are no longer optional, but standard equipment, and when not extended, they block passage as well as the view. To me, slideouts are just one more thing that can break, cause problems and add a hefty additional dollar amount to the price tag of a coach. I like the amenities that make camping a bit easier and more comfortable, but I don't need or want a five-star hotel room on wheels.

**Laurie Nevins | Amityville, N.Y.**

### QUESTION:

**Could you live without a slideout on your motorhome or would the lack of one be a deal-breaker?**

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# life on the road

by JOE AND VICKI KIEVA

## PRIORITY MAIL

**M**otorhome travelers can easily arrange to have their mail forwarded to them while they are on the road by using the U.S. Postal Service's Priority Mail.

The first and most important step is to find a reliable person who is willing to retrieve your mail from your home mailbox, put it into an envelope and then send it to you on the road.

Ideally, the person who is looking after your house will also be willing to forward your mail. Tell them you will call periodically to let them know where it should be sent.

When you are ready to receive your mail, identify a town you will be staying in or passing through in about five days. We suggest choosing a small town. You will have an easier time locating the post office (there may only be one) and you will probably have an easier time finding a parking space for your motorhome. Our experience is that small town post offices seem to keep better track of general delivery mail.

Keep in mind that not all post office branches will receive and hold general delivery mail. Once you have selected the town where you would like to receive your mail, call USPS customer service at 800-275-8777. They will tell you which post office branch in that town is set up to receive general delivery mail. They will also provide you with that post office branch's ZIP code,

street address and, in some cases, directions on how to get there.

The U.S. Postal Service's website ([www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)) will also provide the location and ZIP codes of the post office branches but, for some reason, it does not identify which branch will receive general delivery mail.

We suggest you have your mail forwarder send your mail in a Priority Mail Flat Rate envelope or box. The Postal Service claims Priority Mail will arrive at its destination within the United States in two to three days. Our experience is that it usually does.

Be sure to use the Priority Mail envelopes that have the words "Flat Rate" printed on them. Your mail forwarder can stuff the Priority Mail Flat Rate envelope with as much mail as it will hold

and send it to any town in the United States for the 1-pound postage rate regardless of weight and distance. Remind your mail forwarder, however, that security regulations require any envelope weighing more than 13 ounces be personally handed to a postal employee.

By the way, for a small fee your mail forwarder can have the post office add a tracking number to the envelope they are sending you. If the envelope goes astray, the tracking number will make it easier for the post office to locate it.

You can make life easier for your mail forwarder by providing a supply of Priority Mail Flat Rate envelopes and sufficient stamps or money for postage. Priority Mail Flat Rate envelopes are free and available at most post office branches. Prepaid (stamped) Priority Mail Flat Rate envelopes can be ordered online at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) for the price of the postage.

When you are ready to receive your mail, ask your mail forwarder to put the items into a single envelope and address it as follows:

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c/o General Delivery  
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The receiving post office will hold your mail for up to 30 days before returning it to the sender. Retrieving your mail is simply a matter of going to the post office and showing the clerk your personal identification.

You might be able to have your mail sent to the park where you're staying. Before you make arrangements, however, call the campground and ask if it has a procedure in place for handling guests' mail. If the campground does not have a procedure — or if it's one that doesn't inspire confidence — you will want to make other arrangements. It is a good idea to have your mail forwarder make a note of your arrival date on the lower left corner of the envelope, just in case the envelope arrives at the park before you do.

Visit the Kievas' website at [www.rvknowhow.com](http://www.rvknowhow.com). ♦

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# escapes

by LAURA MICHAELS

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## A SHORE THING

FIND MORE THAN SUN AND SAND WITHIN INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE

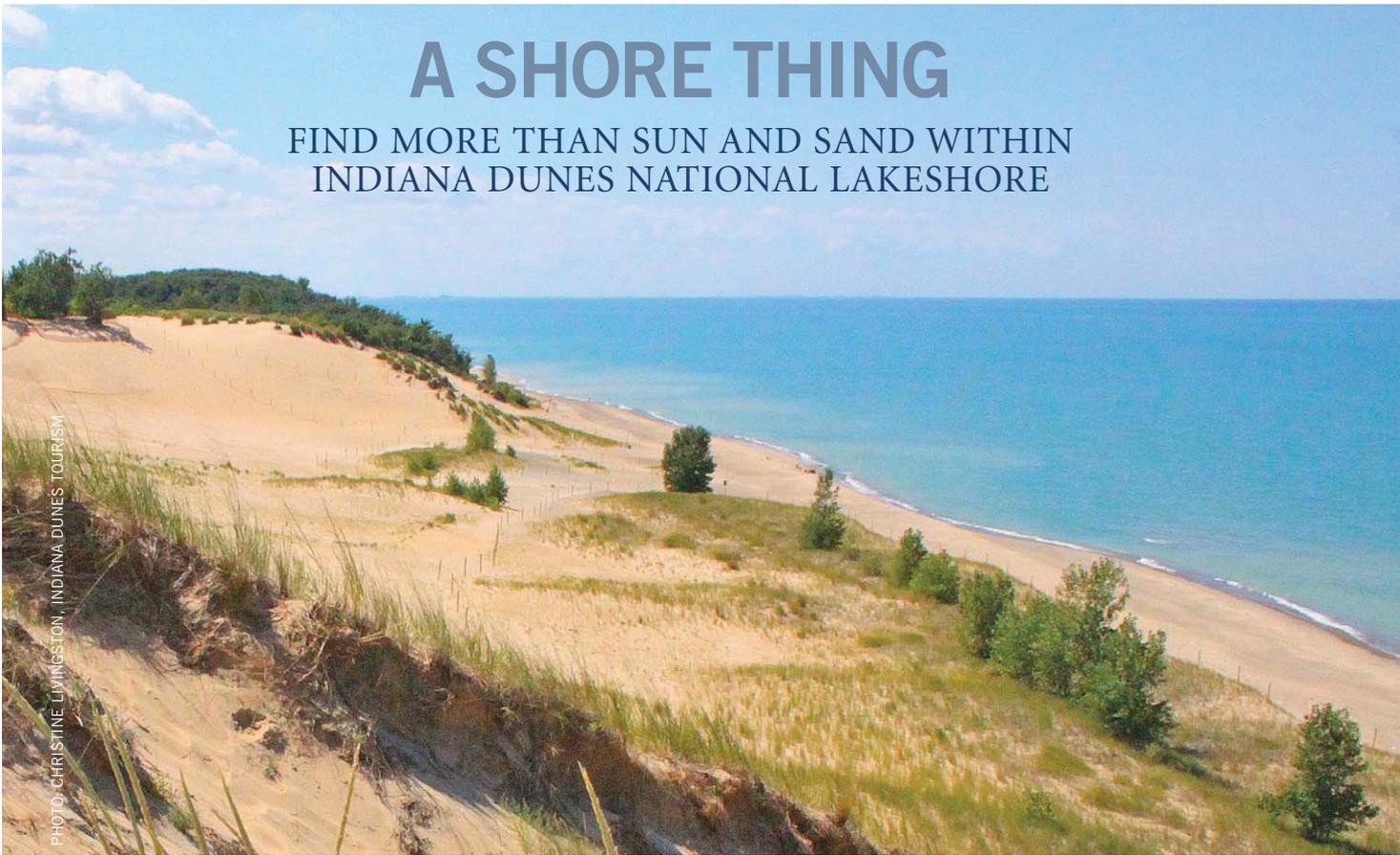


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**Its 15-mile coastline boasts 10 of Lake Michigan's** swimmable beaches with more than enough raw material for even the most ambitious sand castle builder. It's a hot spot for summer fun in the sun, but beyond the picturesque shoreline of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore lie countless treasures just waiting to be discovered.

Located within Porter County, Indiana, the Indiana Dunes offer more than 70 miles of trails that traverse 15,000 acres of beach woods, marshes and prairie. The new Great Marsh Trail presents views of this recently restored wetland and, farther inland, find Pinhook Bog, Indiana's

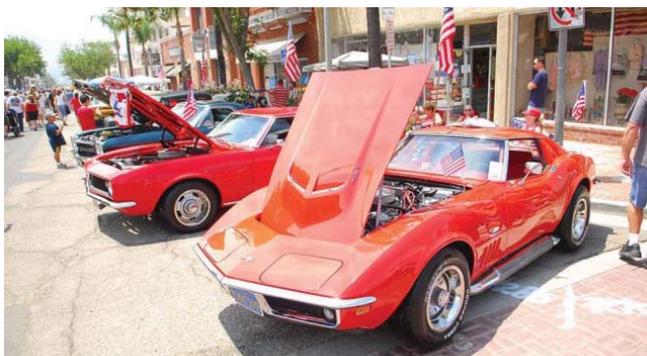
only true bog. During a ranger-led tour, step along the boardwalk placed over this floating mat of sphagnum moss for a look at what life-forms can tolerate the highly acidic water. And don't miss the view from atop Mount Baldy, the largest "living" dune in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore at roughly 125 feet tall. It moves about 4 feet every year, burying everything in its path. Nearby Indiana Dunes State Park offers 140 campsites, all with 50-amp service.

Learn more about Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore at [www.indianadunes.com](http://www.indianadunes.com) or call Indiana Dunes Tourism at 219-926-2255.

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## EVENTS

by AMANDA LEPINSKI



### JULY 4

If you're looking for a hearty lunch and a view of classic cars, head to the **Fillmore Chili Cook-Off & Car Show** in

Fillmore, Calif. The event offers live entertainment, train rides, delicious food and, of course, fireworks after sunset; 805-524-0351, [www.fillmorecarshow.com](http://www.fillmorecarshow.com).

Elizabeth, Colo., have put on the **Elizabeth Celtic Festival** for 19 years. The success stems from the variety of entertainment offered: traditional Scottish Highland Games, the Medieval and Renaissance Fest, a British Dog Show, rugby games and the Colorado State Haggis Tossing Championships; [www.elizabethcelticfestival.com](http://www.elizabethcelticfestival.com).

**JULY 26-28** More than 13,000 people head out to Clute, Texas, for the annual **Great Texas Mosquito Festival**. In its 32nd year, the festival features a 26-foot Texas mosquito wearing cowboy boots and a hat, along with food, arts and craft booths, carnival, contests and live musical entertainment; 800-371-2971, [www.mosquitofestival.com](http://www.mosquitofestival.com).

**JULY 26-28** Established in 1928, the **Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo** held in Grand Isle, La., is billed as the "oldest fishing tournament in the United States." Arts and craft vendors, tasty Southern food stands and live entertainment will be included if you're not a fishing enthusiast. Admission is free but competing in the fishing contest requires registration and a \$40 fee; 504-615-0099, [www.tarponrodeo.org](http://www.tarponrodeo.org).

**JULY 28** Held at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, the **Back Mountain Wine Festival** in Dallas, Pa., was designed to celebrate the lazy days of summer. Featuring wine tastings courtesy of Pennsylvania wineries and beer tastings from local pubs, breweries and beer clubs, guests will also enjoy food, live entertainment and handcrafted items; 570-836-5253, [www.upstatewinecountry.com](http://www.upstatewinecountry.com).

**JULY 18-21** For those with a passion for art, the 53rd annual **Ann Arbor Street Art Fair** is a must-see event. Join more than 500,000 visitors from across the country in Ann Arbor, Mich., to enjoy this outdoor festival featuring the best

in fine arts and crafts. Live street corner entertainment and artist demonstrations add to the festivities; 734-662-3382, [www.theguild.org/art-fairs/ann-arbor-art-fair](http://www.theguild.org/art-fairs/ann-arbor-art-fair).

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Organization and clutter containment are key for motorhome owners as they make the most of limited space and aim for ease in loading and unloading cargo. Systemize storage and keep cords in check with Q Knot, a new product from **UT Wire**, a manufacturer of cord organizing systems. These colorful, reusable multipurpose ties help maintain order with a self-locking design that is stretchable and flexible to bundle multiple objects safely and effectively, according to the company.

The Q Knot has built-in, non-slip gripping teeth to provide a secure hold that's also easy to release and retie. The Q Knot Original comes in colorful primary colors, while the Q Knot Pro, with its slanted triangular teeth for a hard grip for heavy-duty tasks, is available in neutral colors. The Q Knot Original, sold in packages of 12 (MSRP \$5.99) and 25 (MSRP \$8.99), and the Q Knot Pro, also in packages of 12 (MSRP \$6.50) and 25 (MSRP \$9.98), can be found at home improvement stores nationwide.

**UT Wire, 877-838-2040, [www.ut-wire.com](http://www.ut-wire.com)**



## GOODBYE TO DYE

Eco-Smart Free & Clear holding tank deodorant is the latest addition to **Thetford's** line of products for those sensitive to dye and perfume. Developed by Thetford's

chemistry staff, Free & Clear does not contain fragrance or dye and is designed specifically for RV holding tanks. The product provides odor control and waste digestion, is formaldehyde free and is 100 percent biodegradable, according to the company. The liquid deodorant is available in 36- and 64-ounce bottles with an easy-to-use, integrated dosage device. Find this product at Camping World stores and online at [www.campingworld.com](http://www.campingworld.com). The 36-ounce bottle retails for \$13.99 and the 64-ounce bottle for \$23.99.

**Thetford Corp., 800-543-1219, [www.thetford.com](http://www.thetford.com)**



## GAME ON

Add some friendly competition to your next motorhome getaway with a new lawn game that combines the best of bocce ball, horseshoes and bowling. In the game **Rollors**, created by Minnesota native Matt Butler, players roll wooden disks — similar to oversized hockey pucks — toward a color-coded goal 25 feet away. Points are awarded to the player/team that positions their disks closest to the goal. Butler, who came up with the concept while deployed with the Air Force in Iraq and Afghanistan, noted Rollors is a game for people of any age and is perfect for RVers because it's played in the great outdoors. Rollors features professionally crafted hardwood pieces and a carrying case. The set retails for about \$26 and is available at Menards, Target, Toys R Us and other specialty game stores.

**Rollors, 478-501-2003, [www.rollors.net](http://www.rollors.net)**

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CRUISE OF A DIFFERENT KIND

Adventure-seekers and those looking to go beyond the typical vacation now have an extreme RV option to consider. With the opening of an office in Bend, Ore., EarthCruiser, a popular Australian expedition vehicle company, has brought its all-terrain RV to the United States.

The EarthCruiser is a self-contained adventure RV built on the Mitsubishi Fuso Canter 4x4 chassis and is capable of negotiating everything from long-distance desert crossings to frigid snow-covered terrain and miles of challenging rock-covered mountain trails. The goal of the U.S. office, according to the company, is to provide Americans with the opportunity to explore the country's remote regions like never before. The EarthCruiser is popular among



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wildlife photographers, hunters, rock climbers and other adventure-seekers, and is also used by international volunteers for delivering medical supplies to remote villages, teaching children and repairing endangered reefs. EarthCruiser models start at \$195,000. **For more information**, visit [www.earthcruiser.com.au](http://www.earthcruiser.com.au).

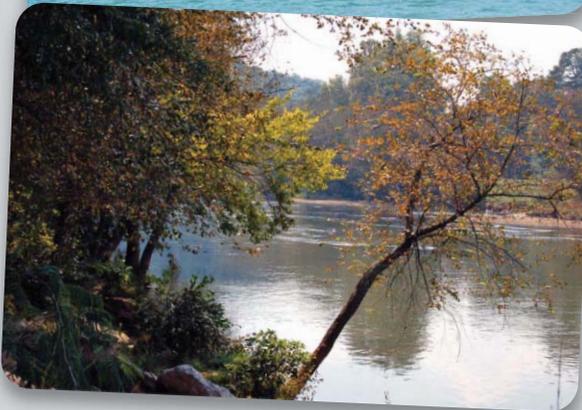
NATIONAL WATER TRAILS SYSTEM PROMOTES HEALTHY RIVERS

Georgia's Chattahoochee River Water Trail is the first river to be designated as a National Water Trail, a new system aimed at increasing access to water-based outdoor recreation. The National Water Trails System will also encourage stewardship of local waterways and promote tourism that fuels local economies.

The Chattahoochee water trail travels through 48 miles of river within the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. The park serves 3.2 million visitors annually. The park and new water trail contain 18 developed public access points and connect with other local city and county parks.

The National Water Trails System is administered by the National Park Service.

To learn more, visit [www.nps.gov/nts](http://www.nps.gov/nts).



News Briefs

Get easy access to national park websites and keep your own life list of the parks you visit with the **National Park Service's (NPS)** new app. Developed by the NPS' nonprofit educational partner, Eastern National, the National Park Finder app provides links to all 397 national park websites for quick access to trip planning. The app also allows users to keep track of the parks they've visited and add photos and descriptions of the trip. Users can also make a wish list of parks to check out. Every park on the list gets a red pushpin on the app map. The app is designed to complement Eastern National's popular Passport to Your National Parks program by helping users find passport stamp cancellation stations in parks so they can record the location and date of their visit. The app is a free download at the iTunes store. It is currently available for iPhones and iPads. An Android version will be added later, as will additional features.

The **RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum** has restructured its financial obligations with its secured investors and is now on a path to long-term stability, thanks primarily to the generosity of the family of longtime benefactor Boots Ingram, according to Chairman of the Board Bill Garpow.

The hall has been facing a collective obligation of \$4 million with the majority of it due in mid 2012. The restructuring plan allows for the bulk of the obligation to be paid over a term that reduces the monthly payments to what the hall can afford. First Source has significantly lowered its interest rate and restructured its agreement. The Ingram family forgave overdue interest obligations, agreed to forgo any payments or interest on its loan until after the bank is fully paid in 2016 and has agreed to donate one dollar for each two dollars of principal that is retired each month by the scheduled payments beginning in August of 2016 or by prepayments.

As operational costs cause some RV dumping facilities to close, **Sani-Star** is expanding its business by providing fully automated RV dump fee collection systems. More than 300 Sani-Star facilities are in use throughout the United States and Canada. The Sani-Star system uses a patent-pending locking sewer cap that opens after payment and re-locks after dumping. No attendant is required, which allows for 24-hour operation. The system is in use at all Pilot-Flying J Travel Center RV dump stations across the United States.

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**The United States of America** turns 236 years old on July 4, and the country's first president is hosting quite a party. There'll be smoke over the water as historic Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, salutes America with a spectacular made-for-daytime fireworks display in patriot colors fired over the Potomac River. The Virginia plantation's annual Independence Day celebration continues with military re-enactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, visits from General and Mrs. Washington and, of course, free birthday cake. The day also includes a naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens and visitors will have a rare last chance to view Martha Washington's hand-written recipe book, "Booke of Cookery," on display through July 5. Mount Vernon will also kick off the wheat harvest season with wheat-

treading demonstrations at the George Washington: Pioneer Farmer site. All events are included in regular estate admission: adults, \$15; children ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free.

Located on the banks of the Potomac, the Mount Vernon estate encompasses Washington's mansion, a museum, gardens and a forest trail, a distillery and gristmill, Washington's tomb, and a slave memorial. Don't forget to stop by the Shops at Mount Vernon and experience the colonial charm of the Mount Vernon Inn restaurant.

**For more information**, call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

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flowers to colorful summer blooms or fall's bright earth tones.

Flowers and scenery aren't the only attractions. The garden offers events throughout its open season including a kite festival, Japanese cultural activities, a traditional tea ceremony and a 45th anniversary celebration on July 14 complete with cake!

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— *Amanda Lepinski* ♦

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LAUNCHING A CENTRAL FLORIDA ADVENTURE



Above: On April 28, 2011, the Kennedy Space Center was crowded with people eager to watch the end of the space shuttle era. With less than 24 hours to countdown, everything looked good to go. The launch was later moved to May 16. Right: The Singing Tower at Bok Tower Gardens houses a carillon with 60 bells ranging from 16 pounds to nearly 12 tons. Carillon concerts can be heard daily at 1 and 3 p.m.

# LAUNCHING A Central Florida ADVENTURE

FROM COAST TO COAST, THE SUNSHINE STATE IS FULL OF  
ACTIVITIES SURE TO AMAZE YOU *by Mary Zalmanek*

**W**hen April 19, 2011, was announced as the date for the final launch of the space shuttle Endeavour, my husband, Jim, and I made plans to watch from Florida's Space Coast. As anyone who has followed a launch knows, patience and flexibility are musts; the date was moved to April 29 before we even left.

But it was this initial 10-day delay that afforded us a more

leisurely journey and we used the extra time to enjoy central Florida from coast to coast. For 140 miles from Crystal River on the west coast to Titusville on the east, we explored natural and man-made wonders.

Fed by springs that flow at a constant 72 degrees Fahrenheit, the Crystal and Homosassa rivers are winter havens for West Indian manatees. Between 400 and 700 of these endangered aquatic mammals — they have a population of about 4,480 — call the rivers home from October through mid-April. When the Gulf waters warm up in the spring, most of the manatees venture out to their coastal homes.

Manatees are gentle

creatures that enjoy interacting with humans. Even though only 30 to 40 manatees stay in nearby Kings Bay year-round, more than 20 companies in Crystal River and Homosassa offer swim-with-the-manatee tours and we were hopeful for an encounter when we slipped into our wetsuits. Captain Che of Crystal River Water Sports watched ripples and bubbles on the water's surface to find manatees that might be receptive to visitors. He stopped a respectable distance away; we entered the water and started swimming.

Soon I felt something — I assumed my husband — nudging me. I turned to find a manatee snuggling up to me. Amazed, I watched it swim away, undulating as only a 10-foot, half-ton of tenderness can. Another gentle giant swam under us, turning back to look us in the eyes.



Above: Lotso and Buzz Lightyear from the "Toy Story" series greet visitors at Epcot's entrance. Right: Flamingos gather at Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.



In the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, you can see manatees without donning a wetsuit. The 210-acre park is a rehabilitation center for injured or orphaned manatees. A 45-foot-deep natural spring, headwaters of the Homosassa River, provides the perfect habitat for recovering manatees. An underwater observatory allows close-up views of manatees and freshwater and saltwater fish attracted by the spring. The park is also a showcase for Florida's native wildlife, such as alligators, wood storks and pink flamingos.

Our adventure continued as we headed east, with a stop to bike part of the 46-mile paved Withlacoochee State Trail. This former railroad bed was converted in the early '90s to a recreational trail suitable for biking, hiking and skating. Our mostly shaded, 14-mile round trip started at the Inverness Trailhead and went south to Floral City. Suncoast Bicycles, located near the Inverness Trailhead, rents bicycles, recumbent bikes and adult trikes by the hour or by the day.

Onward inland we drove, to Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake, our home base while we explored attractions in and around Orlando. Run by the City of Orlando, this 178-acre park has 14 RV sites with full hookups for \$23 per night and another 22 with water and electric for \$19. Not only is it centrally located to many popular attractions, but the park also has plenty of on-site activities. There are biking and walking trails, two 18-hole disc golf courses, a fishing pier and a swimming pool. We stayed at four other RV parks

while touring central Florida, but this one was our favorite.

Even though we didn't know a thing about disc golf, we decided to give it a try. After renting the necessary discs for \$4 per set, we watched a man who clearly knew his way around the course. He made it look easy, just missing a hole-in-one on a par 3. Our own feeble attempts made us realize just how talented this guy was. Nevertheless, on this hot day, we had fun playing the shady holes, skipping the ones in full sun.

Ready for activities that didn't require much skill, we headed to the Orlando Visitor Center, just a short drive from Bill Frederick Park. After perusing the brochures, we bought discounted tickets for Walt Disney World's Epcot theme park and the Blue Man Group.

Our timing could not have been better for Epcot, as we arrived when the park's colorful gardens were in full bloom. Epcot is divided into Future World and World Showcase. Future World explores topics such as space, energy and imagination. In the Mission: SPACE Pavilion, we performed our assigned aeronautical duties in a simulated space flight to Mars. At the Universe of Energy Pavilion, we learned about energy from a film starring comedian Ellen DeGeneres. Inside the Imagination! Pavilion, Michael Jackson and a cast of intergalactic characters starred in the 3-D musical "Captain EO." Soarin', a simulated hang-gliding flight over California, is one of Future World's most popular attractions. If you want to soar, get to the Land Pavilion early in the day, before your toler-

ance for an 80-minute wait wears out.

Over in the World Showcase, the culture and cuisine of 11 countries are represented. In the Canada Pavilion, "O Canada!" a CircleVision 360-degree movie of Canada's cities, scenery and people, left us longing for a road trip to visit our northern neighbors. In the Morocco Pavilion, we ate shish kebabs at Restaurant Marrakesh and watched a talented belly dancer. An hour before sunset, people began securing their places around the lagoon to watch "IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth," a nightly show utilizing fireworks, pyrotechnics, laser lights, fire and music. It was a magnificent ending to an amazing day.

There's a lot to see at Epcot. You may want to peruse Walt Disney World Resort's website before you go to make the best of your day.

The creativity continued as Blue Man Group took the stage at Universal Orlando Resort. Who would have thought three bald-headed, blue-skinned, wide-eyed men could be so funny without saying a word or breaking a smile? They entertain people of all ages with wild musical instruments and props like neon paint, marshmallows and rolled paper.

More imagination-inspiring sights were discovered as we drove down International Drive and noticed a building that looked like it was slipping into a giant sinkhole. Ripley's Believe It or Not Odditorium was even wackier on the inside. We saw man-made oddities such as a portrait of Beyoncé made entirely



LAUNCHING A CENTRAL FLORIDA ADVENTURE

Above: The Canada Pavilion at Epcot showcases the culture, character and atmosphere of Canada. Right: Traveling in a flat-bottomed airboat, visitors can see alligators, bald eagles and purple gallinules.



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of candy, a phone book carving of John Lennon and a three-quarter-scale model of a Rolls Royce 1908 Silver Ghost made with more than 1 million matchsticks. There is a double-eyed man who had two pupils in each eye, a two-headed calf and a human unicorn with a 13-inch horn in the back of his head.

If these oddities leave you with doubt, you're not alone. Wayne Harbour, a postal worker from Iowa, also refused to believe. He spent 26 years trying to prove Robert Ripley wrong, writing more than 22,000 letters to people highlighted in Ripley's Believe It or Not! cartoons. Harbour never received a single contradiction to Ripley's claims.

One thing you won't find in the Odditorium is a live alligator, but don't worry, they're out there. After several locals recommended a swamp airboat tour, we decided to give one a try and chose a 60-minute ride through the pristine headwaters of the Florida Everglades on Lake Kissimmee. Even though it wasn't the closest tour to Orlando, the smaller six-passenger airboats with Kissimmee Swamp Tours made it worth the drive. Captain Rob pointed out bald eagles, egrets, boat-tailed grackles, whooping cranes and purple gallinules. Just before he took us upstream to see a momma alligator and her young'uns, he told us if we got stuck the women had to push.

Back on land, we took the long way to Orlando so we could visit Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales. Edward Bok was the editor of *Ladies' Home Journal* (1889-1919) and a Pulitzer Prize-winning author. In 1921 he spent the winter in Lake Wales and decided to preserve this hilltop and create a bird

sanctuary. He commissioned famous landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. to change the arid sandhill into "a spot of beauty second to none in the country."

Architect Milton Medary designed and built the Singing Tower that houses the carillon, a musical instrument consisting of at least two octaves of bells and played from a keyboard. Bok's carillon has 60 bells ranging from 16 pounds to nearly 12 tons. Carillonneur concerts can be heard every day at 1 and 3 p.m.

Surrounded next by the sounds of excited visitors, we joined the crowd at the Kennedy Space Center the day before the planned launch. The Shuttle Launch Experience gave people a chance to see and feel what astronauts encounter, and we attended a pre-launch briefing. With less than 24 hours until countdown, everything looked good to go.

On April 29, dignitaries gathered to watch the launch. We booked a kayak tour to see this historic event from the water, but with just hours until liftoff, we heard the news that the launch had been scrubbed.

The launch was moved three times during the next 10 days. Finally, when the date was moved from May 10 to "at least May 16 pending additional troubleshooting and repairs," we made a tough decision. We had planned to celebrate my mother's 82nd birthday with her in a few days, so we bade the Sunshine State a fond farewell.

When the Endeavour launched on May 16, we were 1,000 miles away. We saw the liftoff as we had countless others, glued to a TV. This time there was more to it than seeing the blast and hearing the TV

commentators.

This time I imagined the feeling when the shock wave hit the shore, hearing the cheers of 500,000 spectators, sharing a swell of patriotism with other Americans. This time, tears of pride welled in my eyes.

Sometimes it's more important to participate in life's ordinary moments than to witness the extraordinary ones. Even though we didn't see the launch, we did swim with manatees, visited Epcot, laughed with the Blue Man Group and rode an airboat in the Kissimmee Swamp. Best of all, we celebrated a very special mother on her birthday. ♦

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# CACTI, COACHES AND COUNTRY MUSIC

GOOD TIMES WERE HAD BY ALL WHO GATHERED IN PHOENIX FOR THE FIRST GOOD SAM RALLY OF 2012

by STUART BOURDON



**T**housands of happy Good Sam Rally guests from all over the United States and Canada were treated to a taste of Arizona's warm early spring weather, intriguing history and culture, some fabulous entertainment, and the chance to make new RVing friends. The sparkling Arizona sun shone down on 3,370 RVs as they spent March 22 through 25 at Phoenix International Raceway during the first of the 2012 Good Sam Rallies, presented by DISH.



**ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS**

Opening night on Thursday featured none other than Bowzer of Sha Na Na, who arrived cruisin' down the track in a 1952 Kaiser convertible. Bill Cosby captivated the Friday audience with his tales and philosophies of life. Contemporary country superstar Martina McBride had the audience movin' to the music during Saturday evening's outstanding feature performance. And on the final night, the audience sang their favorite Beatles' tunes with the tribute band, Ticket to Ride.

**EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS**

During the day, Rally guests and day-pass visitors could spend their time attending the 130-plus Rally seminars, viewing the new motorhomes on display and shopping at the giant onsite trade show. Whether Rally-goers were seasoned RV veterans or newbies, there were educational experiences for everyone.

*MotorHome* and *Trailer Life* Publisher Bob Livingston offered RVing 101. The RV Safety Education Foundation led classes on electrical system safety, RV air brakes and LP-gas safety. Guests were also invited to learn more about the beautiful host state of Arizona through a series of seminars presented by the Heard Museum. Former Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr. and Arizona's official state historian, Marshall Trimble, were the guest speakers. Rally guests also participated in craft projects that included making bear claw paper quilts and a Zuni fetish.

**FUN & GAMES**

Many of the traditional programs took place, including the 8th Annual Rally Dog Show, followed by a pet parade, and Camping World's Match & Win contest, but there were also some new additions. More than 500 veterans marched in the new Veterans' Salute, separating into their particular branch of service. David Woodworth, America's leading RV historian and the owner of the world's largest collection of historic RVs, was on hand to display his 1931 Model A Ford Roadster and 1931 Covered Wagon travel trailer. Both were manufactured in Detroit. Covered Wagon was in its third year of production that year and would go on to become a major player in



the budding travel trailer manufacturing industry during that decade. Guests were also thoroughly entertained and amused by Dr. Buck's Wild West Variety Show.

While enjoying themselves during the gorgeous weekend in Arizona, Rally guests also gave back, with volunteers cleaning up the nearby Tres Rios Wetlands project, donating nearly \$10,000 to Dogs for the Deaf, and lovingly making and donating more than 500 blankets for Project Linus. That's just the kind of people a lot of RVers like to be.

If you missed Phoenix and couldn't make it to the second Rally in Louisville, Ky., don't worry, the final 2012 Good Sam Rally is just around the corner. RVers will take over the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona, Fla., November 2-4. Country music superstar Reba McEntire is one of the Rally headliners scheduled to perform. Guests can register by visiting [www.therally.com](http://www.therally.com), or calling 877-749-7122. ♦

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR READERS

As an RV owner, you understand the importance of being prepared. No doubt you have heard about Good Sam Roadside Assistance or have received numerous invitations in the mail or by email to enroll, but I wanted to write you personally. One thing I feel strongly about and have a passion for is our Roadside Assistance product. As a member of the Roadside program myself, it is obvious to me why this is the best product available. This letter is not a sales pitch, it's just an explanation of the facts. Whether or not you enroll in our roadside assistance program is entirely your decision. But whatever you decide, please know that on average, more than 1 in 3 RV owners will experience a roadside emergency this year! I did myself on the way from Chicago to Traverse City! I am asking each of you to not put yourself, your family, your rig, and your belongings at risk by having no emergency road service at all.

Since roadside assistance is something most people would rather purchase and then not have to worry about, it's very important that you carefully review – on an Apples to Apples basis – what you are really getting for your money. We have worked very hard to enhance and improve this product. I am proud of the results.

Good Sam, guided by our management team, current members and Insurance experts around the country has re-designed a road service program that uniquely meets the needs of RV owners like us. We handle other vehicles as well, like autos, trucks, and all household vehicles, but no one can match our expertise when it comes to RVs. Compare that to another popular product, Coach-Net®, which is commonly available through dealers. Unlike Coach-Net®, Good Sam Roadside Assistance has been helping RV owners since 1984 with over 1.6 million roadside rescues, while servicing a customer base of close to 500,000 families.

That's why I am suggesting you take a moment to review the benefits and compare them to any other product available. On the following page, I have summarized the most critical emergency service standards. I think you'll see that Good Sam Roadside Assistance is the right choice.

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Marcus Lemonis  
Chief Executive Officer

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Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park commemorates and re-creates an ancient Hawaiian settlement on Big Island's Kona Coast that once served as a place of refuge for those who violated religious taboos.



HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND



# GO BIG & YOU WON'T WANT TO GO HOME

RVING ON HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND PUTS THE POWER OF NATURE ON DISPLAY

by DAVE G. HOUSER

**I**t is surprisingly warm early in the morning as my friend, Vicky, and I stroll along Crater Rim Trail flanking Kilauea Volcano's smoldering Halema'uma'u Crater in Big Island's Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Viewed through a smoggy veil of sulfurous gas and steam, Kilauea is this day living up to its reputation as Hawaii's most active volcano. It has been continuously erupting since 1983. You've undoubtedly witnessed its periodic lava flows on the evening news, sliding relentlessly down the volcano's southern slope, or *pali*, engulfing everything in sight along its 36-mile course to the sea.

Last year, a spate of earthquakes rattled the region, reactivating a surface flow of lava from Pu'u'O'o crater in the park's southeast corner, which on March 5, 2011, sent molten lava crashing over the last home standing in the one-time residential development of Hawaiian Gardens. These seismic tremors have also boosted the volume of gas and steam emitting from a vent in Halema'uma'u Crater. They've stirred up the crater's lava lake bottom as well, producing a vivid orange glow clearly visible at night from viewing areas along Crater Rim Trail and the Jaggar Museum.

Periods of increased volcanic activity greatly enhance the Kilauea visitor experience, but also present some potentially serious risks. Volcanic gas and steam can deliver dangerous levels of sulfur dioxide, which can cause heart and respi-

Top to bottom: Visitors gather at Kilauea Overlook, adjacent to the Jaggar Museum, to observe volcanic gases billowing from Halema'uma'u Crater. Located on the rim of Kilauea caldera, Jaggar Museum features state-of-the-art exhibits that help visitors interpret one of the world's most active volcanoes within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Pu'uuhonou o Honaunau National Historical Park preserves this ancient fishpond, which indicates that early Hawaiians employed aquaculture to supplement food supplies.

Photos: Dave G. Houser



## HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND

Top to bottom: The Kila Kila Kai, part of a fleet of VW campers available for rent from Happy Campers Hawaii, is seen here at Namakani Pai'o Campground in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. At Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park visitors can learn about and appreciate the richness and depth of ancient Hawaiian history and culture.



ized, as all visitors should, the danger of ignoring such warnings. Still, we were able to view quite a lot of the wondrous and enormous caldera and its fuming Halema'uma'u Crater.

We hiked back to the Visitor Center — a must-stop for park exhibits, displays and up-to-the-minute trail/road access information — and drove a short distance to Jaggar Museum, which stands on the caldera rim just above Halema'uma'u Crater. Named after scientist Dr. Thomas Jaggar, who came to Kilauea in 1912 and devoted his life to the study of the volcano, this is where we really gained some understanding of the geologic wonderland before us. The place is loaded with displays, interactive exhibits and real-time feeds of instrumented readings of volcanic activity taking place just beyond the museum doors. Admission is free.

Our next move, a drive down the 18-mile Chain of Craters Road, which tracks historic lava flows down Kilauea's eastern flank to the sea, was thwarted as well thanks to road repairs, which reduced traffic to a single lane. Growing impatient with our stop-and-go progress and ready for lunch, we backtracked to Volcano House, the park's only dining and lodging facility, located across from the Visitor Center. But, alas, it was closed for renovation. It was becoming clear to us that our timing for a park visit wasn't the best. Our situation reminded us that Mother Nature is clearly in charge here and we humans had best take heed and pay homage.

For native Hawaiians, including Vicky, homage is precisely what is paid in these parts to the legendary (outsiders might say mythical) goddess of the island's volcanoes, Pele. This capricious female deity, pictured with flowing raven-black hair, is believed to reside somewhere within the fiery inferno of Kilauea and is viewed by natives as responsible for volcanic activity.

Driven now by serious hunger pangs, we hustled off to Volcano Village, a rustic residential and commercial center on Highway 11 just beyond the park entrance that serves as home to many park employees. Kiawe Kitchen was the first eatery to catch our eye and proved a good choice, serving up a tasty lunch of pastrami sandwiches and Caesar salads.

Our three-day Big Island camping adventure had originated earlier in the morning in nearby Hilo, Big Island's capital and largest city, where we'd arranged the rental of a vintage 1987 VW Westfalia camper van from Happy Campers. I'd owned a couple of the venerable Westys in my earlier years, and the opportunity to again get behind the wheel of one of the compact little campers seemed a given choice, not only from a nostalgic standpoint but for the Westy's suitability in negotiating the island's mostly narrow, two-lane roads.

Our immaculately preserved and maintained Westfalia — with its name, Kila Kila Kai (meaning majestic ocean), emblazoned on its rear side windows — is one of a fleet of 15 of the popular pop-top camper vans, mostly from the 1980s, offered by Happy Campers. This enterprising mom and pop — or rather mom and son — operation is the brainchild of Teri Kelli and sons Cody and Jake. The Kellis, a family with a long-time affinity for the compact and cleverly designed Westfalias, presented Kila Kila Kai spotlessly clean, ready to go and fully stocked, right down to bedding, pots and pans, and beach towels; a complete package and quite a good value for the daily rate of \$125.

While it's not a major RV travel destination, Big Island is dotted with campgrounds, most of which have RV spaces, although sans such amenities as hookups. Following lunch, we made a beeline for Namakanipaio Campground, nestled within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on Highway 11 about three miles west of the park entrance.

This is a lovely little campground, shaded by giant eucalyptus trees and, best

ratory problems, especially among those diagnosed with such deficiencies, the young, elderly and pregnant women. An experienced corps of National Park Service rangers and interpreters maintains a constant vigil over geologic and weather conditions and capably control access to potentially risky trails and roadways throughout the 230,000-acre park.

During our visit, for example, Crater Rim Drive, which under normal conditions allows visitors to drive around the five-mile-wide Kilauea caldera, was temporarily closed because portions of it were shrouded in gaseous fumes owing to shifting wind conditions. Our trek along the 11.6-mile Crater Rim Trail, which began at the trailhead near the Kilauea Visitor Center, was blocked as well after little more than a mile (at Trail Stop 10, approaching Waldron Ledge Overlook) for the same reason as the road closure. We real-



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**Top to bottom: Featuring a beautiful beach embraced by magnificent kiawe trees, Spencer Beach Park on Big Island's Kohala Coast boasts the island's finest camping location and facilities. A statue of the great Hawaiian King Kamehameha I stands in Hilo, Big Island, Hawaii.**

of all, it's included in the park's \$10 per car entry fee. No reservations or registration is required. Spaces are available on a first-come basis, first-served however, so we figured the earlier the better to secure a spot for Kila Kila Kai. Luck was with us and we had our choice of several idyllic spaces, flanked by a fire pit and picnic table. Nāmakanipaio features well-maintained, wheelchair-accessible restrooms but no showers. A group of camping cabins sits near the entrance and we learned they're connected to the nearby Volcano House and will reopen simultaneously with the lodge and restaurant.

Although it was quite warm during our visit to the crater, the temperature plunged shortly after sunset, dropping to 45 degrees Fahrenheit during the night and sending us scrambling for heavier clothes to supplement our provided blanket. A damp mist ensued, and I have to admit it wasn't all that comfortable for us — a reminder that we were situated at 4,000 feet.

Eager for some beach time and a dose of that fabled Hawaiian sunshine, we headed south on Highway 11 to Punalu'u Beach Park, near Big Island's southern tip. Centuries worth of overlapping lava flows have produced black sand beaches along most of the island's southern shores and Punalu'u is without a doubt the most beautiful of the lot. Its ebony sands are home to a number of endangered sea turtles and we were fortunate to observe one of the creatures emerge from the ocean to bask in the sun just yards away from where we were sitting. We could have spent the day here but we'd reserved a space for the next two nights at Spencer Beach Park on the Kohala Coast, a drive of several hours (including a few mandatory stops) along the island's western shore.

The nearby town of Na'alehu, notable as the southernmost town in the United States (Lat. 19.063N), marked our first stop, for brunch at renowned Punalu'u Bake Shop, which bills itself as home to Hawaii's finest sweetbread, not to mention its position as the nation's southernmost bakery. Seated in the shop's tropical garden patio,

we washed down tasty bites of sweetbread with fresh-roasted Kona coffee.

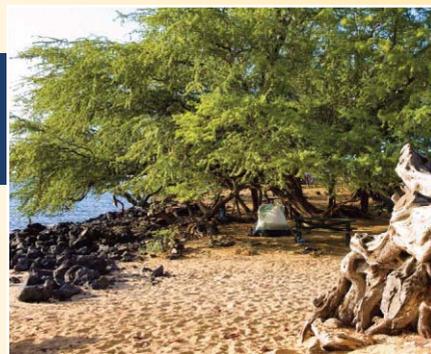
We paused for photos at several dramatic viewpoints along the lava-crusted Kona Coast and spent an hour or so perusing Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, an authentically restored settlement, once home to ancient Hawaiian royalty. Situated along a stretch of black lava flats flanked by a coconut grove and a network of well-engineered fishponds, the park consists of a dozen or so reconstructed thatched buildings, canoes and religious sites — all protected by a pair of larger-than-life warrior-guardians carved from native hardwood.

Pushing on in hopes of reaching Spencer Beach by sunset, we managed to arrive just in time to catch the fading rays of golden light spreading across one of Hawaii's most picturesque beaches. We grabbed a couple of beers from the cooler and took a grandstand seat for the event on the gnarled trunk of a fallen kiawe tree. Just as this was the finest beach we'd laid eyes on all day, the park itself was superb as well, nestled next to the sand with plenty of paved parking spaces for RVs and nicely equipped with restrooms and showers. Spencer is within a state park, requiring advance reservations and a \$12 nightly fee, which seemed to us a pittance for a parking spot in paradise.

Aside from a brief hike up to Pu'ukohola Heiau, an impressive stone temple built around 1790 by the last of Hawaii's great kings, Kamehameha I, which stands atop a hill adjacent the park, we spent the rest of the day at Spencer, barely budgeting from our beach towels.

The next morning we packed up Kila Kila Kai for the long drive back to Hilo, hardly saying a word — reflective, I'm sure, of our regret over having to leave this special place.

In all likelihood, you've probably never given thought to an RV adventure in our distant 50th state — but please, take my advice and think again. ♦



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# 2012 RV OOPS AWARDS

FROM GETTING STUCK ON THE ROOF TO LOSING IT, HERE ARE THIS YEAR'S TOP 10 MOTORHOME MISHAPS

by LARRY MACDONALD

**“What’s the dumbest thing you’ve ever done while motorhoming?”**

“Well, to be honest,” replied one fellow when I asked him this question, “in 19 years of motorhoming, I’ve never done anything stupid ... until this year.” He then proceeded to tell me his woeful tale. Nearly everyone I asked could recall one or more mishaps they wish hadn’t happened to them. I recorded these mishaps and ranked them on a 10-item scale from dumb (No. 10) to dumbest (No. 1). Usually, dumber things are more costly. Readers may recall last year’s winner (*Motor-Home*, August 2011) totaled his coach by driving into a tollbooth with a slide extended.

A wise person once said, “Experience is the best teacher.” Maybe so, but a wiser person noted, “It’s better to learn from other people’s experiences.” So let’s have a look at this year’s list to find out why these dumb things occurred, and how you can avoid having them happen to you. Most of these motorhome owners would probably agree that nothing spoils a perfectly fine day like an avoidable blunder.



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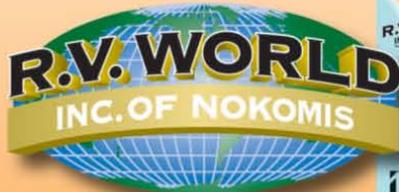


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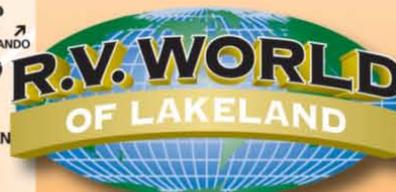


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**THE DUMB**

**No. 10: Ladder of Shame**

Alan decided it was time to clean the roof of his motorhome while it was parked in the driveway. Since his model did not have an attached ladder, he propped his extension ladder against the side and climbed up with a hose and cleaning supplies. While spraying down the roof, his hose caught the ladder and knocked it down. OOPS! Alan's wife was not due home for another six hours but quite a few cars were passing by in view of the motorhome. He figured he would just wave and someone would stop to help him. For more than an hour he waved. The few motorists who noticed him waved back and kept on driving. Finally, a man stopped and put the ladder back up. Alan sheepishly thanked him and decided to clean his roof another day.

When Alan reported this mishap to me, he still had not figured out how to prevent a recurrence. I suggested several options: use a distress wave (crisscrossing arms above the head) rather than a friendly "Hi there" wave; carry a cell-phone aloft to call for help; tie a rope to the ladder and secure the other end top-side; or clean the roof for six hours until his wife got home.

**No. 9: All Aboard!**

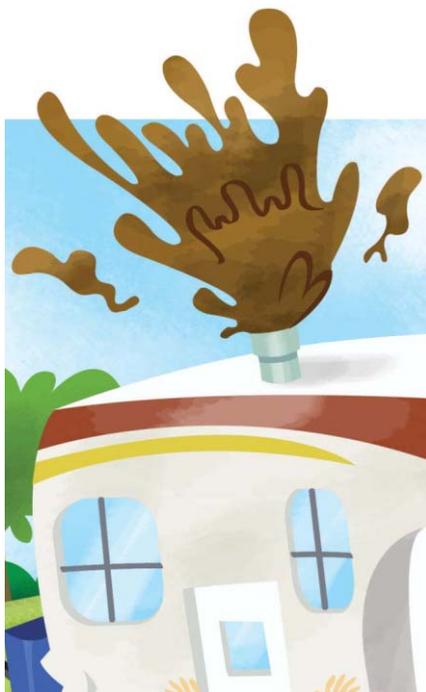
Tim and his family were returning home on the freeway after a camping trip when traffic came to a standstill, the result of an accident. During the next hour, each passed the time in his or her own way: Tim read a book; his wife took the dog for a walk; and their daughter did her homework. When traffic finally began to move, the dog was curled up in the front seat and Tim assumed his wife was taking a nap in the back of the motorhome. Fortunately, before getting up to speed he glanced in the passenger-side mirror and saw his wife running along the shoulder of the road, yelling and waving her arms (hopefully, in a crisscross fashion above her head). Tim quickly stopped the coach, allowing her to catch up and come aboard, totally out of breath. She had gone for another walk ... without the dog.

Tim has since expanded his departure checklist: Antenna lowered? Cabinets secure? Lights working? Wife aboard?

**No. 8: Dippy Move**

During his family's first cross-country trip in their new Class C motorhome, Bob was taking no chances of doing anything stupid that might qualify for an RV Oops Award. He always used checklists and even left himself notes to check his checklists. Part way through their journey, Bob noted it was time for an oil change and proceeded to drive from the road to the parking lot of a lube shop. Noting a distinct dip in the curb, he decided to reduce sway by lining up for a direct-in approach. Bad decision. As the front end leveled off and the rear wheels approached the dip, he heard a loud, horrid scraping sound and immediately lost forward motion. The hitch receiver had gotten stuck on the road, suspending the rear wheels over the dip. Fortunately, the lube crew offered their assistance by jacking up the rear end and placing boards under the wheels, allowing Bob to continue into the shop for his oil change.

When exiting, Bob chose a more angular track through the dip. The only damage was to the wiring harness and to his pride (his kids were laughing hysterically). I suggested to Bob that he might want to add "Dips" to his underway checklist.



**No. 7: Gray-Water Woes**

After a week of camping in his brand-new motorhome, Rick decided to use his black-water tank cleanout

sprayer for the first time. Following the directions in his operator's manual, he pulled the valve handle to "Ensure the black-water valve is open." He then hooked up the water hose to the appropriate tank-flush intake and turned on the faucet. About 10 minutes later, his wife began yelling frantically from inside: "Rick! Come quickly! Toilet water is running all over the carpets!" It was also running out of the vent pipe on the roof. OOPS! Rick's mistake was simple but troublesome — he had opened the gray-water valve instead of the black.

Rick quickly shut off the faucet, opened the black-water valve, and spent the next few hours cleaning carpets and washing down the outside. His now used motorhome was almost like new again, except for the lingering smell of disinfectant.

Helpful hint: Since motorhome manufacturers haven't seen fit to install gray handles on gray-water valves, consider painting those handles gray and leaving your black-water handle black.

**No. 6: Dinghy Disaster**

Before leaving a campground, Don hooked up his dinghy to the motorhome, something he had done many times over the years. After about 100 miles of freeway driving, he pulled into a rest stop and noticed the left front tire of his dinghy was in shreds. The right front tire was also damaged but not as badly. Assessing the situation, Don realized he had forgotten to unlock the steering wheel by turning the ignition key to the appropriate position. After installing his spare, he drove home unaware that he had forgotten to release the parking brake on his dinghy. As a result, both rear brakes burned out. Don lamented, "I was not a happy camper," a phrase often associated with oops events. The cost of two tires, wheel alignment and rear brakes came to more than \$500.

Since this mishap, Don has prudently added "steering wheel" and "parking brake" to his departure checklist.

**THE DUMBER**

**No. 5: Parking Brake Panic**

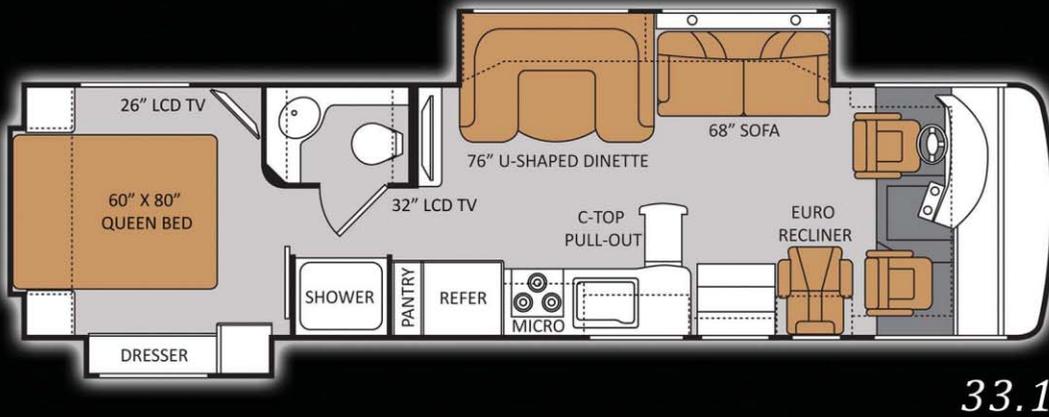
Stew and his wife got a late start in their Class A motorhome and darkness fell before they reached their next campground.



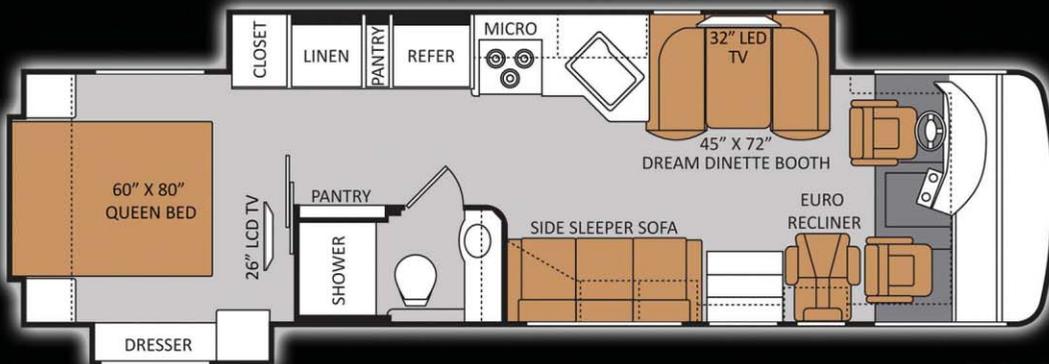
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Misinterpreting directional signs, they found themselves driving into the mountains on a narrow two-lane road in the pitch dark. Coming to a large pullout on the opposite side of the road, Stew attempted to make a U-turn. When the front end of the coach was at the edge of a drop-off, the dinghy was still across the road. In a moment of confusion, both he and his wife got up to unhitch the car so they could back up the motorhome. Opening the door, she noticed the ground moving slowly beneath the

steps and yelled, "We're moving!" Stew ran back up front and put on the parking brake, but it was too late. The front wheels of the motorhome went over the edge, causing the front end of the dinghy vehicle to rise 4 feet in the air. Fortunately, the brakes of the coach prevented them from going completely over the embankment.

Shortly thereafter, a woman came along who called the police and explained the predicament. A tow company arrived with two trucks. After disconnecting the

dinghy, they grabbed the motorhome from behind and pulled it back on level ground while a sheriff controlled traffic.

What happened here? In his panic, Stew said he simply forgot to apply the parking brake or put the gearshift in PARK. He may have moved it to NEUTRAL, he didn't know for sure. The bill included a \$500 deductible to cover towing charges as well as the cost of replacing a broken step and tow bar. It could have been much worse.

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## No. 4: Backup Blues

Considering that backing into things is the most common mishap reported by motorhome owners, I felt it appropriate to include this year's incident. Mike bought a new motorhome and was attempting to back it out of his driveway without a spotter. Just as his back tires neared the opposite curb, he felt a lurch and heard a loud CRUNCH. Thinking he had just bumped

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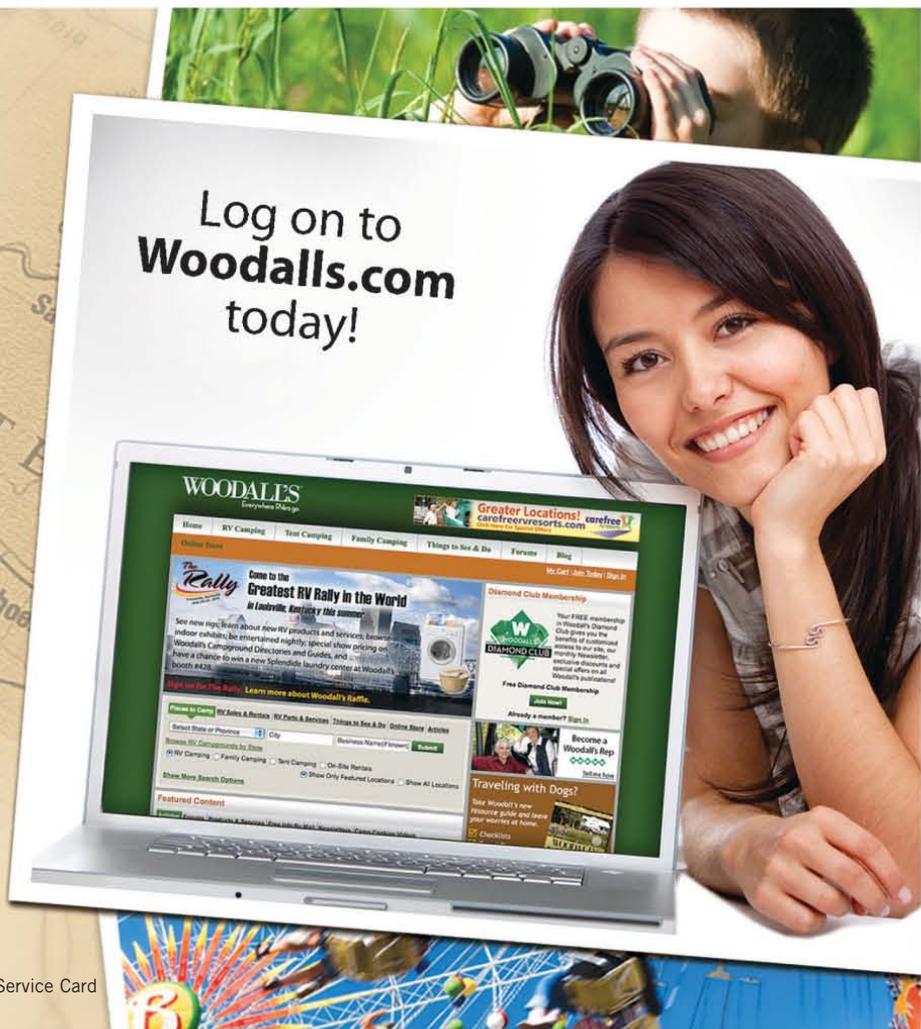
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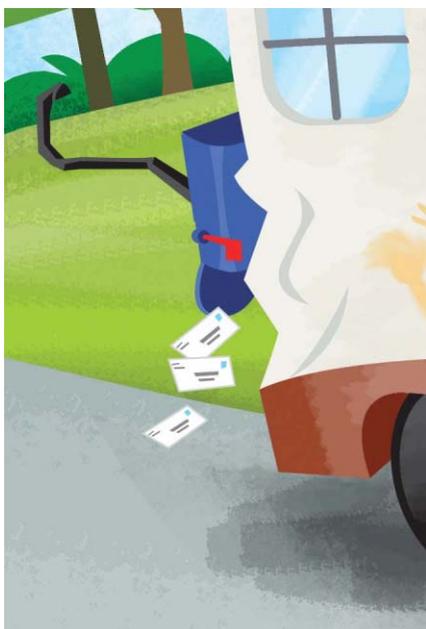
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into the mailbox across the street, Mike angrily and hastily pulled forward. Not a good move. Yes, the mailbox had been knocked off, but worse, the 4-by-4 post embedded in concrete was pushed down well under the rear quarter. The forward movement resulted in an even louder CRUNCH when

the post, acting like a spear, pierced the motorhome's flooring and tore out portions of the rear bedroom, exhaust system and rear wall. The repair bill came to \$3,000.

Helpful hint: If you happen to back into something, immediately stop and assess the situation. Often, more severe damage occurs in the process of pulling forward. Better yet, avoid backing into something by always using a spotter.

### No. 3: Costly Road Conditions

After a relaxing winter on the sunny beaches of Baja, Mexico, Ron joined a caravan of motorhomes heading for the U.S. border. The northbound lane was quite narrow — 9.5 feet of pavement — with a 6-inch drop off onto a “shoulder” littered with rocks and other debris. Along the way, an impatient motorist attempted to pass but was forced to cut in sharply to avoid an oncoming truck. To prevent being sideswiped, Ron moved over off the road and onto the rocks, eventually stopping after a very scary and bumpy ride. Fortunately, no one was injured and he was able to continue with the

caravan for the remainder of the trip. At home, after repairing a bent frame and numerous dents and scratches, an RV dealer handed Ron a bill for \$10,000.

In this instance, Ron did most of the right things, including traveling in a caravan when in Mexico. Had he not moved over or lost control on the rocky shoulder, the outcome might have been disastrous. For that he is to be congratulated. On the other hand, this mishap could easily have been avoided. Ron was driving his large Class A motorhome on a narrow road with a severe drop off and inadequate shoulder. Talk about living on the edge! In our search for adventure, we must always be aware of road conditions — too narrow, soft, wet, slippery or steep — that may be unsafe for large, heavy motorhomes. Avoidance is always the best option.

### No. 2: Tail Swing Setback

Art and his wife were driving south for the winter when they decided to overnight in the parking lot of a big-box store. They circled the lot and were driving parallel to a

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retaining wall on the passenger side when Art noticed a suitable parking space to his left. As he turned sharply, a loud RIPPING sound came from behind. Looking over his shoulder, Art could see directly out the back of his motorhome. The right rear corner had gotten caught on a protruding angle iron, opening up the back end like a can of sardines. After a sleepless night, he drove slowly to a nearby RV service center where he had the back wall pushed into position and secured with brackets and screws. Continuing on to their destination, Art had it fixed properly by another dealer to the tune of \$20,000.

Tail swing can be problematic for motorhome owners. The longer your overhang from the rear wheels, the farther your rear end swings out when turning. It's been estimated that every 3 feet of overhang results in potentially 1 foot of tail swing. Since motorhomes can have up to 15 feet of overhang, tail swing can be as much as 5 feet. I hear numerous reports of rear sections hitting objects, often in campgrounds and fuel stations where space is tight. Most result in minor dents, but Art's experience nearly earned him a top spot in this year's awards.

Helpful hint: In an open parking lot, position your motorhome so the right side is lined up with a straight line such as a paint stripe. Then turn the wheels sharply left and move forward very slowly, until the right rear corner reaches the maximum distance from the straight line. You may need a helper to tell you when to stop. Most drivers will be amazed at how far out their tail swings from its initial position.

**THE DUMBEST**

**No. 1: Major Bridge Blunder**

Dennis was on one of his annual trips south in his Class A motorhome. This time, he decided to take some unfamiliar backroads and had started down a grade that became rather steep. As his speed increased, he looked ahead and saw to his amazement a low-clearance bridge. His first thought was that he may get stuck under the bridge and stop traffic. In a moment of panic, he de-

ecided to floor it. Imagine for a moment the sound of a locomotive driving on top of your motorhome! That's what Dennis heard as steel bridge girders ripped off two air conditioners, five vents, the shower skylight, TV antenna, numerous trusses, and pieces of plywood and rubber roofing. When he finally stopped and walked back to the bridge, half of his roof was strewn about the road. Dennis confirmed, "Oh, yeah, I did stop traffic," and "Oh, yeah, it was costly."



Helpful hint: New GPS models designed for motorhomes allow drivers to program in the height of their coaches, thus providing advance warning of low-clearance situations. Get one if you're planning to travel unfamiliar backroads.

Well, there you have it: The top 10 dumbest things that motorhome owners reported to me in the past year. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their story, either verbally or by email, so that others can benefit from your experience. Of course, names were changed to protect the integrity of the winners.

If you personally have done something equally dumb or dumber, send me an email at [CaptMac@shaw.ca](mailto:CaptMac@shaw.ca) and tell me what occurred, the outcome and how it might have been prevented. Your mishap may well make next year's list and serve as an example of how not to spoil a perfectly fine day of motorhoming. ♦

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by CHUCK AND TERESA CAMPBELL

**S**izes of motorhomes, including Class A gas and diesel units, have been trending downward for a multitude of reasons, including the quest for better fuel economy, improved access to camping locations and mobility in increasingly congested driving environments. With thoughts of shorter diesel floorplans in mind, Fleetwood RV of Decatur, Ind., has aimed its latest efforts at this market segment with a new iteration of its familiar Class A diesel Excursion line.

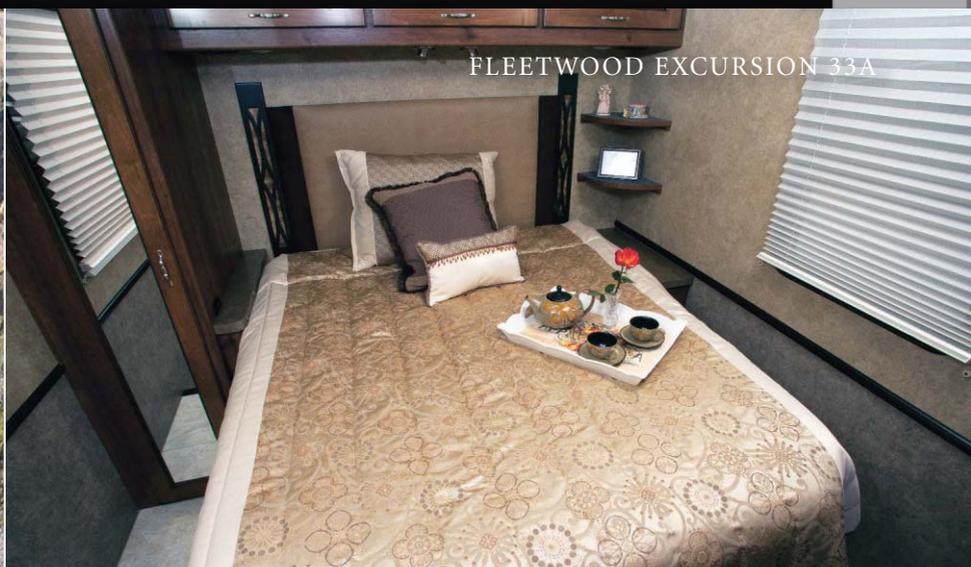
Our 2013 test coach is one of three floorplans offered on the new Excursion. It boasts a forward living room/galley with 30-inch-deep flush floor streetside slideout, mid-coach bathroom and rear bedroom with walk-around 60-by-75-inch queen bed. The design also replaces the forward bus-style entry with a mid-coach door.

Several unique residential embellishments should also appeal to users, including an optional drop-down 60-by-80-inch second queen bed in the forward compartment, and a space-saving streetside L-shaped convertible sofa with adjustable dinette table for added convenience.

The test coach wore Fleetwood's edgy, Gold Starfire ebony and silver full-body paint, and has a noticeably lower profile than the average Class A at 11 feet 10 inches (intended to lessen drag and improve fuel economy). With air bags deflated, a reduced height of 11 feet 7 inches even allows the vehicle to fit beneath a 12-foot garage door opening.

Fleetwood has seen to it that construction on the Excursion is solid for its class. Aluminum framing reinforces vacuum-bonded wall, floor and ceiling segments that are all held

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FLEETWOOD EXCURSION 33A



Top: The rear bedroom has a 60-by-75-inch bed with adequate walk-around space of 23 inches curbside and 12 inches streetside. Above: Interior amenities in the Excursion include a drop-down 40-inch LCD TV in the galley, an adjustable pedestal table in the dining area and a residential style transformer sectional sofa.

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securely together with interlocking joints. Exterior skin and end caps are crafted of fiberglass; there's polystyrene bead block foam insulation throughout, while the crowned roof is finished with resilient thermoplastic polyolefin.

Sporting many upscale interior and exterior amenities as standard equipment, the Excursion has a suggested base retail price of \$175,747, which can be viewed as quite a bargain in the diesel-pusher field. Items packed in at this price include a solid surface counter in the galley, a drop down 40-inch Sony LCD TV mounted behind a galley cabinet that deploys for viewing with the flip of a switch, an electric patio awning, and 6.0-kW generator, to name just a few.

Options on the coach consisted of, but were not limited to, the drop-down Hide-A-Loft bed (\$2,002), a Splendide washer-dryer housed in a rear bedroom wardrobe closet (\$1,716), an exterior pro-

### WHAT'S HOT

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### WHAT'S NOT

Cargo doors had sharp edges, drop down TV needs limiting switch to prevent hitting galley countertop, shorepower electrical cable compartment overcrowded with components, no right hand safety rail when exiting coach, dash panel and gauge surfaces are dark tan and black respectively, and difficult to view under certain lighting conditions.

tective front mask (\$1,251) and a 32-inch LCD TV in the bedroom (\$858). For these options and a few others, the final suggested price as tested totaled \$184,401.

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faces and daunting commercial truck traffic, to wind-prone passes and crazy motorists, this route will definitely test the mettle of any motorhome and its driver.

For the most part, Fleetwood's new Excursion with Freightliner XCS Series diesel chassis, 300-hp Cummins ISB 6.7-L engine with exhaust brake, and six-speed Allison 2100MH transmission gave a spirited account of itself throughout our test.

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When I got behind the wheel, the first thing I noticed was the excellent forward visibility offered by the expansive, single piece windshield, and a uniquely sculpted dash layout that provides extra space to the copilot area. The cockpit is comfortable and well appointed, with electrically adjustable Ultra-leather captain's seats.

Arrayed in front of the driver is an instrument cluster that includes a backup camera screen with good visibility and logical placement. And because of the way the dash is curved forward into the front of the cab ahead of the copilot, Fleetwood engineers have managed to provide unusually generous foot room, and an optional convertible captain's seat that has an adjustable footrest for optimum comfort.

A seeming tradeoff for designing the dash in this way is that curbside passengers have little upper dash surface on which to place anything. And for that matter, there is scant room for the likes of a pullout desktop platform for things such as laptops and other portable devices.

On smoother-surface highways, the Excursion scudded along smoothly and quietly as if this was to be the norm. Unfortunately though, when the road surface got rougher the coach's suspension seemed to telegraph a large part of the commotion from irregular highway surfaces back up to the interior in the form of noise and vibration — unusual for an air-bag-suspension chassis. Considering that the test unit was a prototype, it's hoped these issues will have been ironed out on production models with air bag and tire pressure adjustments.

Though we encountered some very irregular highway stretches, it was easy to maintain good lane position thanks to the chassis' effective steering architecture. It was likewise accurate when maneuvering between lanes, and entering or exiting freeways thanks to positive steering feedback.

We also experienced a lot of busy sur-

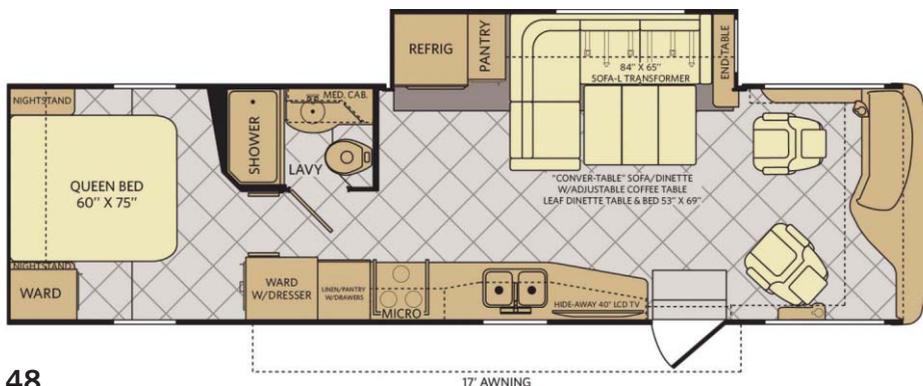
face street traffic and had to make some unexpectedly quick stops at signals, and other abrupt slowdowns. In these instances and many others, the motorhome exhibited superb braking ability above and beyond what you might expect in a coach of this weight and size.

With a wet weight of 21,860 pounds, this unit is no hot rod off the line, even with a 300-HP engine. This was attested to in early time trials, resulting in 0-to-60 MPH speed runs averaging 23.9 seconds, with 40-to-60 MPH intervals of 11.3 seconds. Once momentum is picked up, however, and this motorhome starts rolling, it can easily keep up with and even surpass the flow of traffic when need be. Power is especially evident in the mid-range areas where needed the most.

As an example, there were many Class A gas motorhomes, including those laboring up the 5-to-6 percent Whitewater grade in the Cabazon area, that saw the backside of our unit as we passed by at 60 MPH and 2,200 RPM in fourth gear. Previously, the Excursion demonstrated its uphill prowess even more on the 7 percent Conejo Grade in Ventura County, logging 54 MPH and 2,600 RPM in third gear. Overall, the unit's power on all roadways was fluid, impressive and reassuring.

The test coach was no slacker either in negotiating the tighter layouts of campgrounds and parking lots at a slower pace. On one stop at a shopping center in Yucca Valley, we found the unit's positive steering, impressive 55-degree wheel cut and good maneuverability to be helpful when threading through crowded, angularly configured shopping center aisles.

We experienced much of the same excellent lower-speed steerability inside Joshua Tree National Park when crawling through Jumbo Rocks Campground searching for a spot that would accommodate our full-figured unit. Though most sites were obviously for smaller RVs, we were able to identify sev-



SPECIFICATIONS

**PERFORMANCE**  
**FUEL ECONOMY:** 12.9 MPG  
**ACCELERATION:**  
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 40-60 MPH: 11.3 SEC

**CHASSIS**  
**MODEL:** FREIGHTLINER XCS POWER BRIDGE  
**ENGINE:** CUMMINS ISB 6.7-L TURBODIESEL  
**SAE HP:** 300 HP @ 2,800 RPM  
**TORQUE:** 660 LB-FT @ 1,600 RPM  
**TRANSMISSION:** ALLISON 2100MH 6-SPEED  
**AXLE RATIO:** 5.13:1  
**TIRES:** 255/70R22.5  
**WHEELBASE:** 208"  
**BRAKES, F/R:** DRUM AIR ASSIST WITH ABS SUSPENSION, NEWAY AIR BAG  
**FUEL CAP:** 90 GAL  
**WARRANTY:** 5 YRS/100,000 MILES

**COACH**  
**EXT LENGTH:** 33' 11"  
**EXT WIDTH:** 8' 6"  
**EXT HEIGHT:** 11' 10"  
**INT WIDTH:** 8' 0"  
**INT HEIGHT:** 7' 0"  
**CONSTRUCTION:** ALUMINUM FRAMING, FIBERGLASS SKIN, THERMOPLASTIC POLYOLEFIN (TPO) ROOF, POLYSTYRENE BLOCK FOAM INSULATION  
**FRESHWATER CAP:** 88 GAL  
**BLACK-WATER CAP:** 32 GAL  
**GRAY-WATER CAP:** 60 GAL  
**WATER-HEATER CAP:** 6 GAL  
**LP-GAS CAP:** 28 GAL  
**AIR CONDITIONER (2):** 13,500 BTU  
**FURNACE:** 34,000 BTU  
**REFRIGERATOR:** 8 CU FT  
**INVERTER:** 1,200 WATT  
**BATTERY (4):** 2 12-VOLT AGM CHASSIS, (2) 6-VOLT DEEP-CYCLE COACH  
**AC GENERATOR:** 6 KW  
**BASE MSRP:** \$175,747  
**MSRP AS TESTED:** \$184,401  
**WARRANTY:** 1 YR/15,000 MILES

**WET WEIGHT**  
 (WATER AND HEATER, FUEL, LP-GAS TANKS FULL; NO SUPPLIES OR PASSENGERS)  
**FRONT AXLE:** 7,460 LBS  
**REAR AXLE:** 14,400 LBS  
**TOTAL:** 21,860 LBS

**CHASSIS RATINGS**  
**GAWR, F/R:** 10,500/17,500 LBS  
**GVWR/GCWR:** 26,000/30,000 LBS  
**ROCCC:** 4,140 LBS  
 (DEDUCT WEIGHT OF PASSENGERS FOR NET CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY)

**GAWR:** GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING  
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eral locations that we could fit into nicely, thanks to the coach's shorter floorplan. Similarly, we appreciated the tight wheel cut and narrower turning radius it afforded when making a U-turn on the main two-lane highway in the middle of the park, when we needed to quickly reverse course.

During our test we traveled on level interstate freeway for the most part, but we did experience several grades, gusting headwinds, and of course restricted speed on surface streets. Despite these driving challenges, we still managed decent fuel usage of 12.9 MPG. Coupled with the unit's impressive 90 gallon fuel tank, the numbers indicate the maximum operational range of this coach on a single tank of fuel could be upward of an impressive 1,000 miles under optimum driving conditions.

**RESIDENTIAL LARGESSE**

Tossing travel gear into the Excursion's exterior holding compartments before heading out, we liked its side-swing, bus-style cargo doors and sizeable bays, including one full pass-through type. With this coach, you can expect approximately 174 cubic feet of exterior storage space. About the only criticism in this area was that the edges of the cargo doors seemed to be rather thin and sharply finished.

Interior décor was Fleetwood's upscale Tuscany Toffee package that reflected brown and beige earth tone colors. It also included subtly radiant, Classic Cognac hardwood cabinetry and other accent pieces that tied in well with the overall interior treatment. Counter surfacing in the curbside galley is Fleetwood's Volcanic Series — solid surface material with a polished, beige-flecked finish that blends nicely with the rest of the décor and is also complemented by a black glass tile backsplash.

The entire counter surface in the galley is quite a sight at 114 inches long and averaging 23 inches in depth for two-thirds of its length. With removable inserts for the three-burner gas range and dual stainless steel sinks, the counter offers a generous average of 17 square feet for meal preparation and other culinary tasks.

Floor surfacing throughout the coach is lightly hued, tile-patterned vinyl, with the exception of an apron of gold-toned carpet tucked around the dinette area. Also evident is a soft vinyl ceiling headliner that accents the rig's substantial interior height of 7 feet.

After a challenging day of motoring around the interior of Joshua Tree, we were glad to finally pull in at a Good Sam RV park in Twentynine Palms for a bit of rest and relaxation. The standard four-point hydraulic jacks leveled the coach flawlessly with one touch of a button, and the living room/galley slideout glided open to create a forward primary lounge area with room to spare.

Since we arrived near dinnertime, we quickly assembled a meal with the assistance of the microwave oven and gas stove.

FLEETWOOD EXCURSION 33A

The broad countertop was unbelievably helpful in laying out menu items and utensils, and is located immediately across the aisle from a unique, residential style transformer sectional sofa, and adjustable 31-by-33-inch pedestal table.

Interior storage in the unit is enough to easily support a couple and several guests for an extended period. Besides overhead cabinets in the forward coach and galley areas, there is also a voluminous, curbside 20-by-45-by-21-inch adjustable shelved closet

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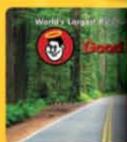
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with three lower drawers adjacent to the cooktop. And contributing further to the galley's storage effectiveness is a convenient streetside three-shelf pullout pantry, which can hold even more supplies.

For our needs, we utilized the pedestal table in its default position, which provided just the right amount of surface area for two to comfortably share a meal. If guests are along, the table can be expanded with a third leaf, and also be slid back and forth to accommodate different sizes and numbers of diners. The table is also capable of being telescoped up and down, and can alternately serve as a coffee table.

When dinner dishes had been cleared and washed, we sat back on the couch for a bit of conversation before enjoying a movie. For this activity, Fleetwood has pulled another rabbit out of the hat with a nifty drop-down, 40-inch Sony LCD TV hidden behind the galley's curbside cabinetry. When the TV screen is desired, the mere flip of a switch causes it to glide down to its post above the countertop. This provides great viewing angles for those on the couch, as well as potential viewers in the front captain's chairs,

which can be turned to face the rear.

Bathing in this floorplan's modestly configured lavatory is easy enough in the 20-by-38-inch shower stall with 82-inch overhead. The area is also appointed with a composition-surfaced washstand with stainless steel sink, and overhead medicine and storage cabinets to stash toiletries. And not to be ignored, the porcelain toilet has 16 inches of foot space for ease of access.

For the most part, we enjoyed several nights on the coach's 60-by-75-inch queen master bed in the rear bedroom. The mattress was comfy enough, with adequate walk-around room of 23 inches curbside, and 12 inches streetside and at the foot.

About the only nit-pick here is that the 6-foot member of our test team ended up with his toes dangling off the end of the mattress. This seems to be an ongoing aggravation for taller users of RV bedrooms furnished with short queens. The bedroom was also suitably appointed with a 32-inch LCD TV attached to a forward wall, and the washer-dryer in the bottom half of the primary curbside wardrobe closet.

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Shown is a typical motorhome battery bay that houses the four 6-volt deep cycle batteries in front wired in series and parallel to yield 12 volts to the coach. Then in the back you can see the two 12-volt starting batteries wired in parallel to also yield 12 volts to start the coach.

# PUT POWER IN ITS PLACE

## FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO REPLACE YOUR MOTORHOME'S BATTERIES

by E. Don Smith

**A**s a motorhome owner you either already have experienced a low voltage situation from your batteries or you will at some point. It's just part of the ownership experience and sooner or later it will catch up to you just as it did on my motorhome. Some coaches produced today are factory equipped with sophisticated battery charging devices such as the Xantrex inverter/charger that was installed by Tiffin on my Phaeton to keep the house batteries charged. For charging the chassis batteries, the coach came with a BatteryMINDER Plus charger. These devices do a great job thanks to their multistage chargers, but this coach was put into operation almost five years ago and the chassis (starting) batteries were frequently showing the dreaded "Low Voltage" notice on the Freightliner display. Another sign of their impending doom was the inability to operate the electric jacks because of a low voltage alarm.

If you need new batteries for your motorhome, you have a lot of choices to make. The first is what type of batteries to purchase and where. Then you have to decide if you are going to do the work yourself or leave it to the pros. Although the batteries are heavy (50-85 pounds each), this is a project most people can do themselves with a little help. Frankly, the hardest part of this project is the lifting of the old batteries out of the motorhome and installing the new ones. This particular coach has two group 31 commercial starting batteries for the chassis and four 6-volt house batteries feeding power to the invert-

er and to operate the 12-volt DC accessories and lights. Some motorhomes have only two house batteries and some have six or more.

Batteries within a bank should not be mixed with other types of batteries nor should you mix new and old batteries. So if you need a new one it is generally preferred to change all of them unless the others are of the same type (absorbed glass mat — AGM — gel or flooded) and in the same general condition. For example, if you have a bank of batteries that are nearly new it is acceptable to replace only one, but if they are three or four years old then it is best to replace them all with new ones.

After deciding to tackle this as a DIY project, the next step was choosing what brand and type of battery to use. Since I had great service on a previous motorhome with Trojan deep cycle batteries I decided to use them again. Trojan is one of the largest suppliers of 6-volt deep cycle batteries as well as 12-volt starting batteries, so this decision was an easy one. The next thing to decide was what battery type to use for the starting batteries and for the coach batteries.

After a lot of research and discussion with several sources, I decided to use flooded lead acid batteries for the motorhome because of their lower cost, longer life cycle and the drop-in replacement size, which fit the battery bay easily. Then I used AGM batteries for the chassis battery.

While doing research for this project we noted that battery prices vary from one area to another and even within an area at different retailers. So rather than quote you a price that may not apply in your area, we thought it was best to let you do the price shopping on your own. Each battery type offers strengths and weaknesses for each application, so carefully consider your needs and compare those to the characteristics of each battery type that you are considering.

If you decide to install the batteries yourself, you can follow our step-by-step instructions to get you through the process. If you have someone who can help you lift the heavy batteries in and out you will save yourself a lot of pain and suffering. Remember to lift with your legs, not your back!



**If you are starting to experience low voltage alarms (or seeing consistent low numbers on your digital readout, even after charging) there is a good chance you already have an issue. It became a frequent event for our motorhome even though it was plugged in to shorepower when not in use. We later found that one of the 12-volt DC starting batteries had a bad cell resulting in the battery only producing slightly more than 10.5 volts.**

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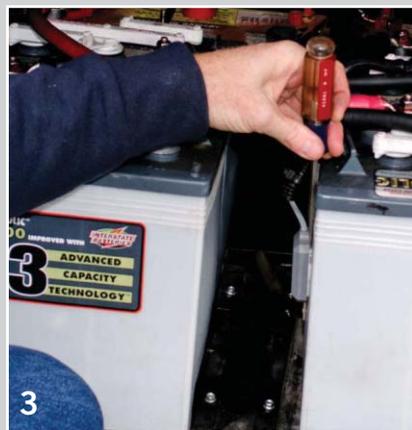
Step 1. Any time you work with batteries you need to wear eye protection. In addition, batteries produce highly flammable gases, so work only in a well-ventilated location away from ignition sources. Before you start, make sure the coach's 12-volt DC disconnect is turned off and that all devices requiring 12 volts are turned off. In this photo you can see that both the coach and chassis disconnects are turned off. Some coaches also have switches inside the motorhome to disconnect the 12-volt DC power to the entire coach.



Step 4. As a safety precaution, and to help reinstall everything exactly as it was before, I took a photo and labeled the battery terminals and wiring. This will help to simplify the placement of the new batteries and cables in this somewhat complicated series/parallel-wiring arrangement.



Step 2. On this motorhome the 6-volt batteries were held in place with a metal bracket that must be removed before the batteries can be taken out. You will need to locate the screws and remove them to allow the bracket to be detached.



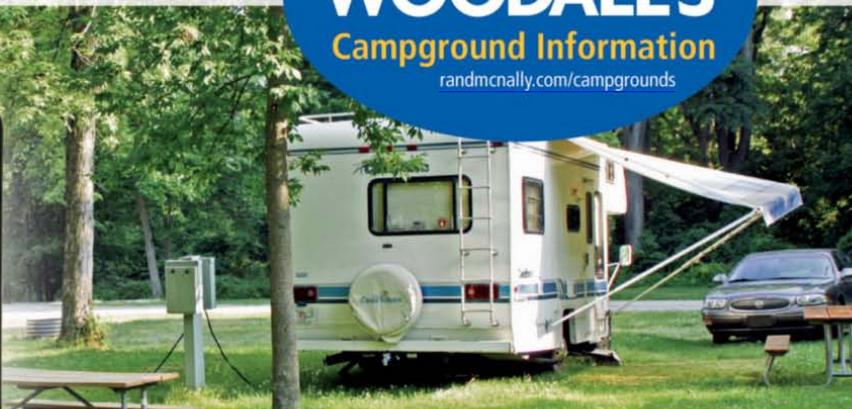
Step 3. If your coach is equipped with a battery temperature monitor for the charger you will need to remove it. I used a small flathead screwdriver and gently pried it from the battery housing.

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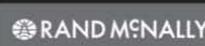


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**Step 5.** It is important to notice the cables used and their placement for reassembly later. This cable has a red band on one end and a black band on the other to denote that the red goes to a positive terminal of one battery and the black goes to the other battery as required in this series/parallel wiring arrangement.



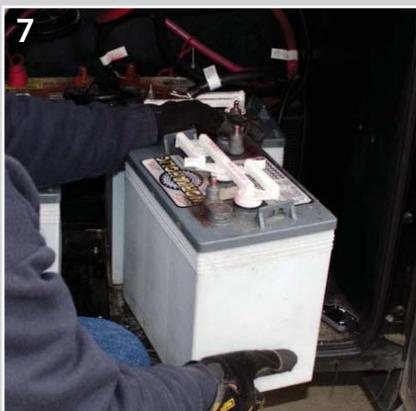
**Step 8.** After the 6-volt batteries are out you can turn your attention to the 12-volt chassis batteries. As you can see, these batteries have a tie-down to secure them, which must be unbolted to remove the batteries.



**Step 6.** Begin disconnecting each battery by removing the terminal nuts one at a time. Remove the negative (ground) terminal first because the wrench can't spark if it touches a metal chassis component that is already grounded. It could still short out if the wrench is long enough to reach the positive terminal or an exposed connector on the positive cable. Even with the ground disconnected, it's still a good idea to exercise great care when removing the positive terminal nuts. There is no way to turn off a battery so these terminals are always hot as long as the battery is charged.



**Step 9.** Next you will remove the cables from the starting batteries. You should first disconnect the negative black cable connected to the coach, then the red positive one connecting the battery bank to the coach. Then you can remove the negative cable connecting the two batteries together, and then finally remove the red cable connected to the two positive terminals on each battery.



**Step 7:** After the 6-volt battery cables are removed you can start unloading the batteries from the bay. Take the old batteries to a recycling facility for proper disposal.

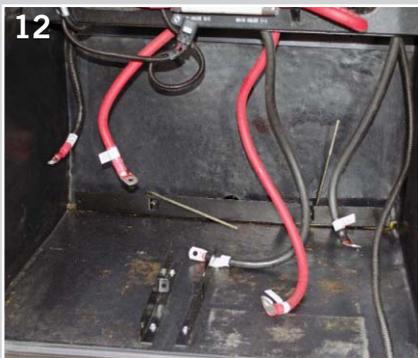


**Step 10.** After the cables are disconnected from the starting batteries remove them from the battery bay for recycling.

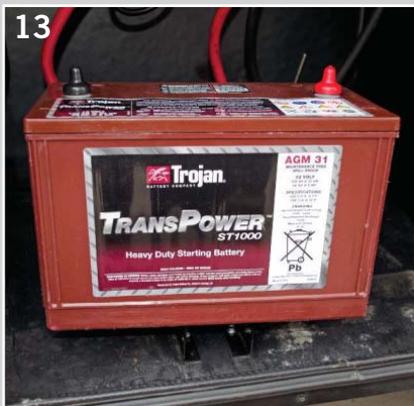


**Step 11.** After nearly five years of use, the battery compartment was very dirty, so a good cleaning was in order. Tiffin's bays, thankfully, are made from a non-metallic/non-corrosive material so there is virtually no corrosion to contend with. If your battery bay is contaminated with corrosion from out-gassing of the old batteries, this is a great time to get some battery corrosion cleaner or baking soda and water and clean all metallic surfaces and connections. You may need to paint if you have rusty metal exposed in the bay.

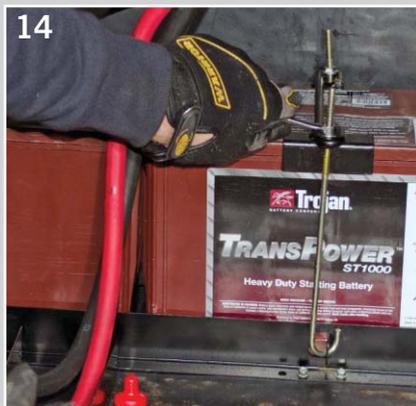
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Step 12. After a good cleaning the bay is ready for the new batteries.



Step 13. For the starting batteries we used a pair of Trojan TransPower ST1000s, which are AGM batteries that equal the 1,000 cold cranking amps (CCA) at zero degrees of the old batteries. The group 31 battery is a drop-in replacement so all the brackets and tie-down bolts were a perfect fit. This made-in-the-USA battery is backed with a 48-month warranty and has a heavy-duty plate design made specifically for the rigors of commercial duty in large trucks and motorhomes.



Step 14. After placing both batteries in the bay you will need to bolt them down to prevent movement during travel. Notice that one of the batteries is turned backward to allow the two negative terminals to end up facing each other in the center. This will allow the original cables to fit perfectly.



Step 15. It is always a good idea to protect the battery terminals with petroleum jelly or an automotive spray made for the terminals. We chose the latter method and purchased a can of protective spray at Camping World. Next, you need to connect the negative terminals of the two batteries together with the short black cable. Your location and cable may be slightly different than this one, which is why making a photo or a sketch before removing the original batteries is critical. After that, you will install the red positive cable to the positive terminals on each battery, which joins the two batteries together.

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Step 16. After the two batteries are strapped together you'll need to connect the negative cable from the chassis to the negative post on the battery bank. This cable was marked by Tiffin to show that it is a chassis negative cable as opposed to the house battery cable, which we will connect later. Make sure you know the difference between the cables that connect to the chassis battery and the coach batteries before you begin the project.



Step 17. Finally, you will locate the red positive cable for the chassis batteries and connect it to the threaded post shown on the right. As before, make sure you protect the cable connector with anti-corrosive battery spray or petroleum jelly.



Step 18. After tightening all the bolts, which were supplied with the new batteries, you can reinstall the battery terminal caps if your motorhome had them. Now you are ready to move on to the house batteries.



Step 20. When placing the 6-volt house batteries, make sure you orient them exactly the same way as the original batteries with regard to the post locations. This will require that some be turned with the labels facing in and some with the labels facing out. This is necessary because the post location determines the cable length and the cables are precut to fit your coach. If you place the batteries incorrectly the cables will no longer fit and your photo or sketch will not serve its intended purpose.



Step 21. Once all the batteries are in place you can start connecting them together using your original sketch or photo. Make sure you also protect the terminals with petroleum jelly or battery terminal spray.



Step 19. For the coach/house batteries we chose a model T-125 flooded lead acid battery from Trojan. It has a one-year warranty and a 240-amp-hour capacity at 20 hours, which is slightly higher than the original batteries. Plus, they are the same physical size, which means they fit perfectly into the existing brackets and space. This battery has Trojan's new T2 technology, which is said to offer a longer life cycle while maintaining the original capacity over more discharge/recharge cycles.



Step 22. After connecting the batteries properly and tightening the terminal bolts, reconnect the bracket that secures the batteries within the bay. This is one more reason to choose batteries of the same physical size; otherwise you may have to fabricate a new battery bracket.



**Step 23.** If your inverter/charger has a temperature sensor, make sure you apply it to the new battery as we are doing here using automotive grade double-sided tape.



**Step 24.** At this point you can turn on the chassis and house disconnect switches to restore the power to the coach. If you aren't 100 percent sure of your wiring, use a voltmeter to check the terminals to be sure you have 12-volt power at the house and chassis terminals inside the battery bay.



**Step 25.** One of the complaints about using lead acid batteries is that they require distilled water additions on a regular basis. If you have a large bank of batteries or if they are in a difficult-to-reach location, this is a major issue, which is why Trojan developed the Hydrolink system for filling the batteries. This system consists of a new battery cap that contains a built-in float valve in each cell. Once installed, if electrolyte is present at the proper level the float valve is closed. If not, the float valve is open, which allows easy filling of the entire battery bank all at once.



**Step 26.** The system includes a master hose with a sealable cap. A siphon hose is connected to the master fill line using a quick-connect fitting.



**Step 27.** The siphon makes it easy to fill every cell of the batteries all at once.



**Step 28.** The cap also has an eye that allows you to check each battery to make sure it has water. The dark eye indicates that the battery is properly filled. ♦

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# SLOW YOUR ROLL

PRODUCTS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE STOPPING POWER OF YOUR MOTORHOME AND DINGHY VEHICLE COMBINATION

by KRISTOPHER BUNKER

**A** motorhome is a virtual sea of technology. From the exhaust system to the drivetrain to the engine cooling — not to mention the appliances, audiovisual components and heating/cooling units inside — much of the motorhome's performance we take for granted falls under the responsibility of high-tech gadgetry and cutting-edge ideas.

The braking system in your motorhome, however, has seen few changes over the years, essentially falling under one of the disc/drum/air categories. While these brakes are more than capable of stopping several tons of motorhome within a reasonable distance from high speeds, once you add a dinghy vehicle to the mix, the stakes change considerably. So it makes sense to supplement the coach's stopping power once you add a few thousand pounds to the hitch receiver.

Adding a supplemental braking system to your motorhome/dinghy combination will not only improve the stopping performance, it will also ease the stress on the braking components, tires, transmis-

sions, etc., of the motorhome and the dinghy. Oh, and it's required by law in nearly every state.

A quick look at your home state's towing laws (or the 2012 Trailer Life Directory's "Towing Laws" section) will show that state requirements for "trailer" weights (in our case, the weight of the dinghy vehicle) requiring operable braking systems vary from 1,500 to 5,000 pounds. But keep in mind those values change the very second you cross over a state line. Essentially, the legal limit in one state may decrease by nearly 4,000 pounds in another, meaning the supplemental braking system is a must-have to stay on the road.

All dinghy-braking systems perform the same function. Be it via an air-driven cylinder and/or compressor mounted in the dinghy vehicle, an electric motor coupled to a screw jack or even a hitch-receiver mounted master cylinder that activates when the dinghy vehicle pushes against it, dinghy braking systems are designed to work in tandem with the existing brakes whenever the coach brakes are activated.

The type of system (direct or proportional) and its mounting options (perma-

nent or temporary) you select will vary based on your needs. Permanent-mounted systems require little adjustment once properly set up, but do require that you make body and/or cab modifications to the dinghy vehicle. Temporary-mount systems are generally easy to install and are lightweight for optimum portability, but require setup each time you want to hit the road. Keep in mind that both mounting options usually require a control unit to be mounted in the cab of the motorhome. Some systems also have a control panel in the cab of the motorhome that allows you to manually turn off the system, which is especially helpful in the event of a blowout on the dinghy vehicle or for short back-up emergency situations.

Included in these pages are several models, which should help get you on the right track. Remember that when deciding to tow a dinghy vehicle, never exceed the motorhome's gross combination weight rating (GCWR) — the maximum permissible weight of a fully loaded motorhome and fully loaded dinghy vehicle — regardless of the presence of an auxiliary braking system.

**Blue Ox — Patriot ▼**

The Patriot is an all-electric self-powered proportional unit that contains its own battery. The Patriot utilizes a DC motor to depress the dinghy's brake pedal, meaning there are no pumps, storage tanks or hoses. From the cab of the motorhome, users can monitor all brake functions or manually apply the brakes using the wireless remote control that continuously communicates with the braking system. The Patriot weighs 15 pounds and features a convenient carrying handle, designed to make it easy to use in different vehicles. MSRP: \$1,595.

**Blue Ox:** 800-228-9289,  
[www.blueox.com](http://www.blueox.com)



**Hopkins — BrakeBuddy ▲**

The BrakeBuddy is a self-contained inertia-activated system that uses an air cylinder to depress the dinghy brake pedal. A built-in 12-volt DC compressor supplies the air. A wireless controller allows users in the cab to keep an eye on operations. BrakeBuddy also features a breakaway system that is designed to bring the dinghy to a complete stop in the event it detaches from the motorhome. BrakeBuddy's new Vantage Select option allows users to choose between full or proportional braking while on the road, as well as fully automatic one-touch startup. MSRP: \$1,499.

**Hopkins Manufacturing:** 800-470-2287,  
[www.brakebuddy.com](http://www.brakebuddy.com)



**Danko Manufacturing — Rvibrake ▼**

Danko's Rvibrake is a fully proportional portable braking system that weighs only 8 pounds, requires no installation and can be transferred from vehicle to vehicle in minutes, according to the company. The Rvibrake features One-Touch Auto Positioning technology that automatically positions the housing on the floor of the dinghy vehicle. The Rvibrake also comes with a wireless monitor that plugs into the motorhome's 12-volt DC receptacle. MSRP: \$1,250.

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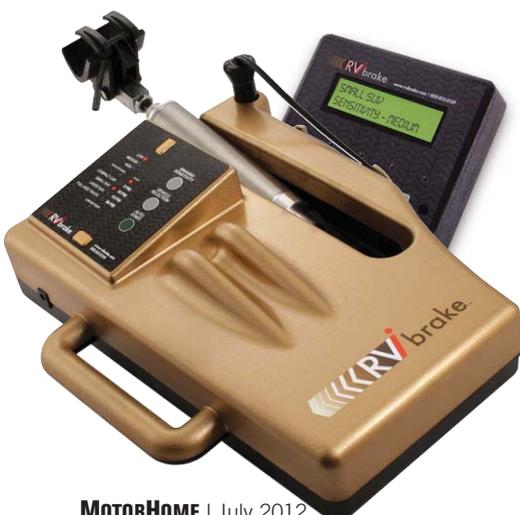
**NSA RV Products — ReadyBrute Elite Tow Bar ▲**

The ReadyBrute Elite is an 8,000-pound rated all-aluminum tow bar with integrated ReadyBrake braking system. ReadyBrake uses the weight of the towed vehicle to stop the vehicle. When you activate the motorhome brakes, the force of the dinghy vehicle pushes the tow bar forward into the ReadyBrake. This force is then transferred into the lever on top, which activates the dinghy brakes via an aircraft cable. MSRP: \$984.

**NSA RV Products Inc.:** 800-933-3372,  
[www.readybrake.com](http://www.readybrake.com)

**Roadmaster — BrakeMaster ▲**

The BrakeMaster is a direct proportional braking system that connects to the motorhome's air or hydraulic braking system. Once the initial install is completed, it connects and disconnects from the dinghy vehicle in less than a minute, without any tools; simply attach the brake pedal clamp, secure the unit to the floor or the seat adapter, quick-connect the air hose and you're on your way. There are three types of BrakeMaster units: The 9100 (for motorhomes with air or air over hydraulic brakes), MSRP: \$619.52; the 9160 (with breakaway system, for motorhomes with air or air over hydraulic brakes), MSRP: \$883.85; and the 9060 (with breakaway system, for motorhomes with hydraulic brakes), MSRP: \$1,304.68.



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### Even Brake ▼

Roadmaster's Even Brake is a direct-proportional portable system featuring an air cylinder and a built-in 12-volt DC compressor that plugs in to the dinghy's battery. A wireless display monitor in the motorhome notifies users of a litany of diagnostic alerts (including a low dinghy vehicle battery), and the results of these diagnostics are immediately available on the in-cab monitor. Even Brake is also designed to adjust itself to varying terrains. MSRP: \$1,555.60.



### InvisiBrake ▼

The InvisiBrake by Roadmaster is a progressive braking system that utilizes the dinghy's electrical harness to command it to brake when you hit the coach brakes. The unit does this by tapping into the same electrical signal that activates the dinghy's brakelights. The unit can be mounted under the driver's seat and includes an LED monitor for a visual reference of braking activity from the cab of the motorhome. After the initial three- to five-hour installation, there is no prep work required to use the InvisiBrake. Plus, it charges the dinghy battery while on the road, meaning it will never run down the dinghy battery, according to the company. MSRP: \$999.99.

Roadmaster Inc.: 800-669-9690,  
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### Safe-Tech — ToadStop Qi ▲

The ToadStop Qi features a receiver-mounted switch that activates when the motorhome slows down and the dinghy moves (pushes) forward. Brake actuation is performed using a vacuum-powered motor that depresses the dinghy brake pedal. The ToadStop's ProPort Control allows dinghy vehicle brake action only when there is push from the dinghy vehicle on the motorhome. This helps prevent over braking on the dinghy — commonly referred to as the tail wagging the dog — that can cause excessive brake use on the dinghy vehicle. The major components of the ToadStop — the actuator, reservoir and vacuum motor — are mounted in the engine compartment, while only the Toad Test Trigger is placed in the driver area, freeing the space from clutter. MSRP: \$899.99.

Safe-Tech Solutions: 800-478-7883,  
[www.safe-techsolutions.com](http://www.safe-techsolutions.com)

### SMI — Air Force One ►

Designed primarily for diesel-powered motorhomes, Air Force One uses a small amount of air from your motorhome's brakes to create a vacuum that activates the dinghy vehicle's powered brakes. A signal from the dinghy's brakelight switch is used to alert owners in the motorhome that the towed vehicle's brakes are being applied. The unit mounts under the hood of the dinghy (permanent installation) and the brake actuator mounts on the dinghy's brake arm. Once installed, the company says the system requires absolutely no setup or teardown. MSRP: \$1,199.95.

SMI's Stay-IN-Play Duo is a similarly featured braking unit designed primarily for gas-powered motorhomes. MSRP: \$1,099.95.

SMI Manufacturing: 800-893-3763,  
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**US Gear — Unified Tow Brake ▲**

The Unified Tow Brake employs the dinghy vehicle's power brakes to stop in tandem with the motorhome's brakes. A solenoid mounted beneath the driver's seat actuates the dinghy vehicle's brake pedal via a small cable that is hidden underneath the carpet. Vacuum is supplied by the unit's 12-volt DC pump, which is mounted inside the dinghy vehicle's engine compartment. By modulating the current of the solenoid, the Unified Tow Brake can regulate the amount of stopping power to the dinghy vehicle on a stop-by-stop basis. MSRP starts at \$836.85 and varies based on the type of brakes the dinghy has and your particular towing setup.

US Gear: 800-417-2477, [www.usgear.cc](http://www.usgear.cc)



**VIP Enterprises — VIP-Tow Brake ▼**

The VIP-Tow Brake features a DC-powered screw-drive that depresses the dinghy vehicle's brake pedal, either automatically or manually from the cab of the coach. The VIP plugs into the dinghy vehicle's power supply and will charge the battery while in operation. The wired monitor in the motorhome cab features an easy-to-read red light/green light status update, and will also alert users should the dinghy's brakes become too hot. The company claims the VIP is easy to install and remove, and can be used with more than one setup of motorhome/dinghy vehicle combo. MSRP: \$888.

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by LAURA MICHAELS

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In Class B motorhome ownership, compromise comes with the territory. Owners often trade room and some amenities for better mileage and manageability, and they've come to expect effective use of space.

As a leader in the Class B motorhome market for more than 20 years, Roadtrek knows a thing or two about design, engineering and functionality — and according to the company, the 210-Popular model is the ultimate fusion of all three. With the Chevrolet Express extended van as its base, the widebody 210-Popular is stretched to almost 22 feet, creating room for more of just about everything. The 210 boasts more space in its permanently enclosed bathroom, 74 inches of headroom throughout and more storage — 74 cubic feet of it. For easier loading and better air circulation, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada-based Roadtrek retained the Chevy's side entry door.

The 155-inch wheelbase provides for a smooth ride and easy handling, according to Roadtrek, and the body is made of fully painted, steel-cage-reinforced fiberglass. Fuel economy is another area where the 210-Popular does more, as Roadtrek Co-chairman Jeff Hanemaayer said owners report getting around 15 MPG on the highway.

When it comes to options for the 210, the list is surprisingly short — but that's only because the list of standard features is so long. Starting up front, this well-equipped



## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>CHASSIS:</b> CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	<b>EXTERIOR HEIGHT:</b> 8' 9"
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<b>GVWR:</b> 9,600 LBS	<b>GRAY-WATER CAP:</b> 23 GAL
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Class B comes with a removable turn-by-turn GPS navigation system, iPod and Bluetooth phone interfaces, and a backup camera with remote and motorized 4.3-inch LCD screen. These features are in addition to the in-dash AM/FM satellite radio and CD, MP3 and DVD players.

Comfort also comes standard, as the 210 includes a 120-volt AC Dometic air conditioner and heat pump, box awning for those who like to entertain and faux leather seating for five.

The galley boasts granite countertops,



The 210-Popular's optional power sofa converts into a king bed.

stainless steel sink, recessed two-burner stove with flush cover, a microwave/convection oven and 5-cubic-foot refrigerator; a built-in coffeemaker is optional.

The 210's bathroom offers complete privacy. It features a foot pedal flush toilet, vanity sink with storage cabinet, mirror and 120-volt AC receptacle. Use the shower sitting down with the door closed or as a stand-up shower in the aisle.

The rear offers a dinette or optional power sofa, which converts into a king-size bed or two twins. It's also an ideal place from which to view the standard 19-inch flatscreen TV and enjoy the home theater system with surround sound and dual center speakers. Other interior options include an armoire with adjustable shelves and drawers, drawer storage over the cab and a 2.8kW Onan MicroLite generator.

Elsewhere, another standard feature on the 210-Popular is the four exterior drawers or doors for easy access to the two 6-volt AGM deep cycle batteries, external connections and storage. ♦

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## END THE BATTERY DRAIN GAME ▲

After many dead engine battery episodes on my motorhome, I installed a marine-style cutoff switch in the storage area adjacent to the battery compartment. Putting the cutoff switch in the storage compartment makes for convenient access. I close and lock the RV door, let the steps retract, and then turn the cutoff switch and close and lock the compartment — reversing the procedure when it's time to get it out. I had a service center run the hot wire from the battery to the cutoff switch, and then up to the engine. You must put the cutoff switch on the hot wire to get complete cutoff. This is so much easier than finding all the parasite battery drains! Oh, don't forget to also engage the coach battery cutoff, if so equipped.

**JON GRUNZWEIG | MISSION VIEJO, CALIF.**

## SCREEN SOLUTION ▼

When we traded in our 2001 Winnebago Suncruiser for a 2007 Winnebago Journey, we were thrilled. It has two slides instead of one, a washer and dryer, a double-door refrigerator and a diesel engine. Wow! However, on the new floorplan the entrance door is in front of the passenger seat, instead of behind it. When the door is closed, so is the screen door, so you are looking through the screen to see out the window.

On our first cross-country trip we discovered we could not see the scenery well enough to take pictures through the screen door. It was also hard to enjoy the scenery. When we returned home my husband had a great idea. He looked in the phone book and called a local mobile screen company, which came out to our home and installed a window screen that retracts up like a roller shade.

Now we have a crystal clear view out our entry door. When we are parked and want to leave the entrance door open we simply pull the screen back in place.

The cost was about \$175 and was well worth every penny.  
**ROBETTA VANDYKE | OAKDALE, CALIF.**



## CAPTAIN'S CHAIR STORAGE ▼

We have a Class A on a Ford chassis with a sloped doghouse. We wanted a place to store things between the two captain's chairs so we bought an inexpensive bed serving tray, and simply folded one leg up and out of the way. You could attach it to the doghouse with clamps, but we like it to be portable. You may need to add rubber tips to the bottom of the extended legs to keep the tray from moving while you drive, and a brace on the legs to keep them from folding back in. It's cheap and works great.

**GARY SCHOELEN | TEHACHAPI, CALIF. ♦**



## DOUBLE-DUTY AWNING ▼

We often camp in areas where the dirt is very hard to penetrate. Putting solar lights in the ground can be a trying experience. Recently, we started putting them in the bottom brackets of our awning legs.

Each of the two holes holds one plastic-based solar light. It looks very attractive and is easy to put away when breaking camp.

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## GOODBYE BUGS

Love Bug Eraser sponge makes short work of removing the little critters with just soap and water

Summer brings the weather that makes us want to jump in the motorhome and head out on the open road. It also brings out all the bugs. Most motorhomes have flat windshields and large frontal areas that naturally collect copious amounts of squashed bugs. You know the routine: Get to camp; grab the bug remover and the necessary accouterments to clean off the mess. If you want to keep your coach looking good, this process is an everyday ritual. And unless you're an entomologist, this is not fun.

Over the years, I've tried lots of bug remover products and protectants. Many do a decent job, but most require too much work. The Love Bug Eraser (Awesome Products Corp.) is an amazingly simple product that will change the way you tackle bug removal. What looks like a cross between a thin sponge and a scrubbing pad, the Love Bug Eraser is made from non-abrasive, space age fiber polymers and measures 6-by-9.5 inches. Not sure what "space" has to do with the design of the sponge, but it's destined to allow owners to throw away most of the tools in their cleaning arsenal.

The people who manufacture this product are uniquely qualified in this segment of the car-cleaning field. They hail from Florida where bugs are the size of small birds. They market a product that removes bugs, road tar, brake dust and, of course, dirt from all vehicle surfaces, including paint, glass and plastic.

Using the Love Bug Eraser couldn't be simpler. Just dip the sponge in a bucket of soapy water and clean away. It takes virtually no effort to remove anything in its path, and the sponge can be used over and over, even after it becomes soiled and frayed. While the company recommends using soap and water, I tested it on a motorhome that was covered with bugs using only water to verify the claim that no other chemicals are needed. It worked amazingly well, removing all the bugs in just a few minutes. There's no need to bear down on the sponge while cleaning, especially if the surface is painted. It's important to keep the sponge clean — you don't want to get debris embedded into the fibers by dropping it on the ground.

The Love Bug Eraser sells for \$4.99, but you can get three for \$9.98. Reaching tall surfaces can be accomplished by using



PHOTOS: BOB LIVINGSTON

one of the company's two flat holders, which will screw onto a threaded pole, if you prefer not to use a step stool or ladder. Plastic hook and loop material is used to stick the sponge to the holder. The larger holder has a curvature that conforms to rounded corners and flattens out by applying light pressure. The smaller one stays flat and can easily get into nooks and crannies. Various kits sell for \$27.98 to \$39.98. The sponge is available online or at Publix and Winn-Dixie stores under the Boss Sponge name. It's made in the U.S.A.

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# When it Rains, it Pours

ATTEMPTING TO GET A MANUFACTURER TO RECOGNIZE WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE A VALID WARRANTY CLAIM, A READER ASKED US TO GET INVOLVED. HE WROTE:

Last August we were camped in our Gulf Stream Tour Master motorhome, which has an A&E Systems WeatherPro power awning, when we encountered a sudden rainstorm. The storm only lasted 30 minutes, but it dropped an inch of rain. I was in the coach when it started to rain, and before I could get out to close the awning it collapsed in the middle.

If water builds up on the awning, the left arm is supposed to automatically lower the awning height approximately 9 inches. I have attached a copy of the brochure information from Dometic. The side that was supposed to dip didn't, and the weight of the water caused the awning to bend in half and pull it out of the sides of the coach. I contacted an RV repair shop and they called Dometic (the manufacturer of the A&E awning) and advised the company of the circumstances causing the damage. Dometic's response was that the damage was weather related, and not covered by its warranty.

I went ahead and replaced the awning at a cost of \$2,450.37, and I am requesting reimbursement from Dometic in that amount. Hot Line's assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

**DENNY MCCLELLAND**  
**LIVINGSTON, TEXAS**

*We accept McClelland's explanation of the circumstances surrounding his awning failure. However, we must point out the brochure McClelland refers to states, "Caution: The WeatherPro awning is extremely durable and can be operated during light rain and wind conditions. However, when periods of heavy rain or wind are expected, or you leave the awning unattended, the awning should be closed. Damage caused by wind and rain is not covered by warranty."*

*Though we filed an inquiry with Dometic on McClelland's behalf, the company was not receptive to our request for*



*further consideration. Dometic responded to McClelland as follows:*

We are in receipt of your letter to *MotorHome* regarding your Dometic awning. Dometic Corp. strives to manufacture high-quality, trouble-free products. Unfortunately, some unforeseen problems do occur, as in your situation.

The nature of the damage described is consistent with the type of damage that is caused by an external force or inclement weather. As a result, we will not be able to extend warranty coverage. As stated in your letter, 1 inch of rain fell in 30 minutes. As stated in the owner's manual, the awning can be out in light rain or light wind. It is not designed to be used in downpours or high wind. The warranty on your awning specifically states we do not cover weather-related damage.

We understand that having your new awning damaged is frustrating and disappointing. We also understand how easy it is to believe the manufacturer should pay for anything that goes wrong with a new product while under warranty. However, we cannot absorb the cost of awnings damaged by environmental situations for which the awnings were not designed for. It is our understanding that insurance frequently will cover such incidents. Thank you for allowing us to take the time to address your concerns.

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**BLOWOUT BLUES**  
*Distressed over a coverage issue with his service-contract provider, a reader asked Hot Line for help. He wrote:*

My wife and I purchased a 36-foot 2003 Fleetwood Southwind motorhome last March. In July, we took a trip from New Jersey to Yellowstone National Park. On our way back home, just after leaving Yellowstone, we had a double tire blowout on the rear passenger side. It was 9:30 p.m.

and we were not in an area where our cell-phones worked. We were able to get a text message to a friend who then contacted Good Sam Club and the Wyoming Highway Patrol. Good Sam Club paid for the service call and we paid \$966.25 for the tires.

We have an extended warranty through Protective, which includes a tire and wheel program that covers blowouts. In the policy book it states "prior notification is required before any tire repair or tire/wheel replacement can be made." Because of our location, we were unable to call, but we did call as soon as we got home. At that time I was told to send my documentation within 30 days of the incident, which I did.

Later, I was told the claim was declined because I didn't call at the time of the blowout. I explained there was no cell service and they said my claim would be re-examined. I still haven't heard anything from Protective — I don't even have a claim number! I paid \$5,874.30 for this warranty and I need Hot Line's help.

**TOMMY GROSSMAN**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN, N.J.**

*Grossman's case mirrors many complaints received by Hot Line. It essentially shows how urgent circumstances often motivate people who have service contracts to act without prior authorization. Unfortunately, when taking such action, people are placing their claim reimbursement at risk. In this case, our request for further consideration brought the following favorable response from Protective Administrative Services:*

Upon review of the above referenced matter, an accommodation will be provided to reimburse the \$966.25 cost of the tires. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused and hope this matter is satisfactorily resolved.

**CLARA SALEGIO**  
**COMPLIANCE/LEGAL SUPPORT**  
**PROTECTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES INC.**  
**BANNOCKBURN, ILL. ♦**

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# Shifting Advice

I am planning a trip through Colorado, Wyoming and Montana this summer. I have a 2001 Class C Coachmen on a Ford E-450 chassis with a V-10 Triton engine and an automatic transmission. I will be towing a KIA Spectra on a tow dolly. My question concerns the manual shifting of the gears for climbing the mountains. I don't want to burn up the transmission by putting a heavy load on it. The unit does not have a tachometer. I would appreciate your advice as to when to shift to lower gears.

**ED DEYOUNG | DALLAS, TEXAS**

*You don't need to manually select gears on uphill grades. If the transmission starts to "hunt" between gears, then yes, shift down to avoid hunting. Otherwise, let the transmission shift; that's what it was designed to do.*

*On the way down the hill, one rule of thumb is to use the same gear that you used to climb the grade on the way down. That assumes that the percentage gradient is about the same both up and down. For example, if the transmission automatically downshifted to third gear, then manually select third gear going down the same gradient. This helps prevent the brakes from being overheated trying to slow the coach to maintain a safe speed downhill. The transmission's computer controls will not let the engine over-rev, it will not allow you to downshift if it will cause engine overspeed, and it will force an upshift before you reach redline, so a tachometer is not essential.*

*When you are towing a dinghy vehicle on steep grades you also need to be sure that you have good operative brakes on your dolly. Additionally, the most frequent cause of automatic transmission failure is excessive heat, and this type of service works it to the ragged edge in summer. You should monitor transmission temperature and not exceed about 275 degrees Fahrenheit, as measured in the sump pan. Changing to synthetic fluid is also a good idea.*

## ABS WARNING LIGHT

The March issue had a letter from Don Marino about an ABS light. I had the same problem on a 1999 Georgie Boy motorhome with a Ford F53 chassis. I took it to a truck repair facility and they diagnosed it as a rear-wheel sensor. They got one from another dealer and had it installed. It is reached from the outside and not internally in the differential housing. I have traveled thousands of miles since, and no light comes on (although when I first start up it shows it is being checked by the computer and then goes out). I hope this helps someone else.

**BUD PEARSON | INDIANAPOLIS, IND.**

*It is normal for the anti-lock braking system (ABS) to go through a self-test sequence following each engine start, where it illuminates the warning light. In fact, if it doesn't do that, have it checked. The coach must be driven several feet so the computer can confirm it is receiving satisfactory signals from the wheel sensors before it turns off the light. Some manufacturers get their rear-*

*wheel speed signals from the differential rather than out at the wheels. This is less expensive than having two sensors, and two separate ABS circuits controlling the left and right sides individually, but it is not as sensitive or precise in controlling wheel skid. Still, it is better than not having it. Many ABS problems are due to sensor problems. Owners should keep in mind that brake fluid absorbs moisture, which lowers the boiling temperature of the fluid and causes corrosion and expensive damage in the brake system. Brake fluid should be replaced and the system flushed every two years in most climates. Failure to do so can lead to dangerous failures and costly repairs, especially to the ABS controls.*

## DINGHY DISCUSSION

I have a 2001 GMC Yukon SLT with two-wheel drive. Can I flat tow this vehicle behind my diesel motorhome? If so, what special procedures are involved?

**WAYNE THOMPSON  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.**

*MotorHome provides an annual Guide to Dinghy Towing that lists models approved by their manufacturers for flat towing. Nearly all rear-wheel drive vehicles, including yours, are not towable as is. If they are towed any significant distance, the transmission will be severely damaged because of lack of lubrication. (The owner's manual also provides information on towing.) This is because the transmissions are designed so that the front pump in an automatic transmission circulates oil only when the engine is running. (With manual transmissions the input gear drives the cluster gear, which brings oil up as it turns.) When the engine is not running and the transmission is driven instead by the rotating driveshaft, the bearings and other components can run dry of lubrication. To prevent this you can either disconnect the driveshaft or install a lube pump. Remco ([www.remcotowing.com](http://www.remcotowing.com)) specializes in such products.*

**YOU DON'T NEED TO MANUALLY SELECT GEARS ON UPHILL GRADES.**  
IF THE TRANSMISSION STARTS TO 'HUNT' BETWEEN GEARS, THEN SHIFT DOWN TO AVOID HUNTING.



**COACH & POWERTRAIN**

from neither a Ford nor a GM/ Workhorse fan. I am considering buying a used 2005 or newer motorhome and would like an honest opinion about which engine is better on both flat and mountainous terrain (Ford 6.8-L or GM 8.1-L). I don't think the Ford has enough torque for the mountains.

**MIKE MATHIS | VIA EMAIL**

*Anytime we have a GM versus Ford question, we're bound to get a lot of comments, but here it goes. High torque at low RPM is helpful for getting a heavy load moving away from a stop. With an engine, you can't have torque without RPM, and you can't have horsepower without torque. However, horsepower is the unit of work that can best be used for comparison for hill-climb speed capability. Horsepower (HP) is a measure of work over time:  $HP = \text{torque} \times \text{RPM} / 5252$ . The 2005 Ford F-Series Super Duty 30-valve SOHC V-10 is rated 362 HP at 4,750 RPM and 457 LB-FT of torque at 3,250 RPM. The 2005 Vortec 8100 V-8 16-valve pushrod engine is rated 330 HP at 4,200 RPM and 450 LB-FT of torque at 3,200 RPM.*

*Both engines are fairly close in specs, but the Ford's three-valve-per-cylinder SOHC design is a little more rev happy, while the pushrod two-valve-per-cylinder Vortec reaches its peaks at lower RPM. Assuming that two engines are pulling the exact same loads, and their gearing is ideal for the task, the engine with more true HP (not brochure HP) will get you up the mountain faster. But in real-world comparisons, the engines don't always have gearing perfect for operating conditions, and there are other factors like fuel mileage, engine sound in the cab and engine feel to the driver. Therefore, I suggest you test drive motorhomes with both engines and decide for yourself which one you prefer.*

**BATTERY MAINTENANCE**

I recently replaced the battery in my motorhome. I keep the new battery on a trickle charger when the coach is not in use for a month or more. I have heard it's good to let the battery discharge to about one-third of full strength and then put it on a regular charger to get it back to fully charged. The theory is this will help it last a few days longer when dry camping. What are your thoughts?

**NICK HOVSEPIAN | BANDON, ORE.**

*Letting it remain discharged reduces its power via sulfation. You also shouldn't keep it on a regular trickle charger either, because they don't have a float mode and tend to overcharge batteries when left on for long periods. Instead, it needs to be on a multi-stage maintenance charger designed for storage, such as a Battery Tender.*

**SPEEDOMETER SALVATION**

We have a 2004 Winnebago Minnie 32-foot Class C on a Ford E-450 chassis with a V-10 gas engine and 18,000 miles on it. Recently, the speedometer stopped working, but the odometer still works. I tried bumping the glass to see if the needle was stuck. I also checked the fuses. Someone told me to take it to a Ford dealer. I was hoping you might have another idea. Thanks.

**TOMMY CONNER  
NORTH FORT MYERS, FLA.**

*The fact that the odometer still registers mileage indicates the vehicle speed sensor (VSS) is still working. The VSS is located on the rear portion of the transmission and provides the signal to the speedometer that it uses to calculate speed and distance. It also tells me that the wiring going to the speedometer is intact, and that there is power going to the speedometer. Therefore, the speedometer unit itself is most likely faulty. A Ford dealer should be able to do the repair, but they would probably want to install a new unit. If you prefer, an independent service facility that specializes in automotive electrical problems should also be able to remove and reinstall the instrument cluster. I suggest you check for a speedometer repair specialist in your area. They can usually do the removal, repair and installation, saving you a lot of money.*

**COACH BATTERY CHANGE OUT**

I have a 2008 Holiday Rambler Endeavor and I need to replace the house batteries. The existing four 6-volt batteries are four years old and leaking acid. I would like to replace them with two sealed, 12-volt batteries of the AGM type. I do very little dry camping and if I am dry camping I use the genset for power. Is there any reason that I could not, or should not, replace the existing batteries with 12-volt AGMs? Are there any adjustments or changes that need to be made concerning the inverter/charger?

**TOMAS HUGHES | VIA EMAIL**

*With limited current demand, a pair of 12-volt AGM batteries should work.*

*Regarding charging the AGM batteries, they have slightly different voltage needs. Check with the manufacturer of the inverter/charger to see if it is designed to properly charge AGMs.*

**DISCOVERY DIFFICULTIES**

I have a 2000 Discovery motorhome with a 275-HP Cummins diesel engine. The heater and air conditioner blower motor has quit working. The fuses in the panel all check out good. What should I do next? Also, the ABS light came on recently. I was told to take the battery cable off for a few minutes, but it was no help.

**HAROLD ELLIOTT | VIA EMAIL**

*If the fuses are all intact, it indicates there is not a short circuit, but rather an open circuit. With everything on (use defrost position), test for voltage (nominal 12-volt) at the blower terminals. If there is power, but the motor doesn't run, check for a faulty ground. If it has power and ground but does not work, the blower motor is faulty. If it isn't getting power, it could be a wide variety of control problems, and I suggest you have an auto air-conditioning specialist check it.*

*Disconnecting the battery will erase stored trouble codes, but if there is a persistent problem, the warning light will*

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*come right back on. In that case, the ABS needs to be checked with a special tester available at the chassis dealer. This will direct the technician to the problem area.*

**SIMPLE DINGHY TOWING, TOO**

In reference to the "Simple Dinghy Towing" letter in the March issue, I also tow a Chevy Malibu and I could not be more satisfied. There is one fuse to remove under the hood and that takes about 30 seconds, then set the start switch to ACC, place the automatic transmission in NEUTRAL and you're ready to go. I've towed this vehicle more than 500 hundred miles in a day without starting the engine. I've never run down the battery, and it starts up every time. No need to stop every 200 miles to run the engine to lubricate the transmission. I have 96,000 odometer miles on this vehicle and about 35,000 miles being towed behind a motorhome. I'm convinced I will be able to continue using my Malibu as my dinghy and my everyday vehicle for several more years. I've met numerous Malibu owners who claim the same success. The Chevy HHR appears to have similar results from what I've heard from other coach owners.

**MARC JACQUES | ROCHESTER, N.H.**

*Thanks for writing, Marc. Your experiences may help guide some readers who are considering which model to tow. However, we do need to point out that Chevrolet recommends that when dinghy towing a Malibu the vehicle should be run at the beginning of each day and at each fuel stop for about five minutes. This will ensure proper lubrication of transmission components. The company also notes that during towing, speed should never exceed 65 mph or the vehicle may be damaged. The 65 mph speed limit also applies when flat-towing a Chevrolet HHR.*

**LEVELING JACK AND ENGINE BRAKE TROUBLES**

Larry Kuhns' "Leveling Jack and Engine Brake Troubles" letter in the April issue mentioned he was having trouble with a leveling jack warning signal. I have a 2008 Gulf Stream Independence with an HWH leveling system. I had the same problem on Interstate 75 between Macon and Atlanta. The light blinked and the buzzer went off. I pulled over, turned off

the engine, checked the jacks, found nothing wrong and proceeded on. Within 10 minutes, it started again. I pulled into a truck stop and looked in the manual. It stated there was a float in the hydraulic reservoir that signals a low oil level in the reservoir and has to be calibrated at the factory. I checked the level with a dipstick and everything was full. I unplugged the wire coming out of the reservoir and since then I have had no more problems and the jacks work great.

**LOUIS JENKINS | GUYTON, GA.**

*Thanks for writing, Louis. I've heard from several readers who have had similar experiences, and some who found that adding a small amount of fluid solved the problem, too. So it's a good idea to check these items before going into more-complicated diagnostics.*

**SHIMMY AND SHAKE II**

Regarding the February letter "Shimmy and Shake," I agree that the primary cause of the vibration is harmonic oscillation. Loose components in the steering system and suspension will let this be more apparent, but I think the primary contributor is tire balance. It can be difficult to find someone who understands balancing and is willing to do a good job. Dynamically balancing tires, especially large tires, is worth the effort for your comfort, increased tire life and less strain on you and your front-end components. Put a 1-ounce sinker on a 2-foot string and twirl it and you will feel the force it creates. Large tires can require as much as a ¼ pound to balance, that can relate to a lot of push and pull in the wrong direction.

**JOHN MASON | SANTEE, CALIF.**

*Thanks for writing John. Well-balanced front tires are certainly a good thing, and I recommend having them dynamically balanced. However, I know of an F53 chassis that went into extreme front-end oscillations after hitting bumps, even though the front wheels were properly balanced. The problem has been consistently cured with steering dampers. ♦*

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## BACK TO BASICS Spare Parts

### Finding an RV repair shop while you're on the road

can be a challenge. While RV repair shops are numerous and can be located via an online search or by perusing a paper directory, they're not as common as general automotive repair shops and parts houses. Therefore, in addition to the usual maintenance hardware, it's prudent for a motorhome owner to pack along a few specific items that may be tough to locate on short notice. It's not practical or advisable to carry an extensive complement of spares because of space and weight limitations, but the following is a list of several that are pertinent for consideration, along with comments on what to do if you don't have a specific spare.

#### DEMAND WATER PUMP PARTS:

Impeller parts or an overhaul kit can be handy if debris causes malfunction in one of the pump valves. If the pump motor won't run, check the fuse and electrical source to make sure power is available at the pump. If you choose not to carry spare parts and the pump fails, you can temporarily use the low-point drains or tank drain to get water in a bucket or pan for everyday needs, including toilet flushing. \$20 to \$30.

#### WATER PRESSURE REGULATOR:

This item is important to avoid water system damage from excessive pressure while connected to city water. In lieu of a replacement regulator, just fill the tank and use your on-board water pump. \$11.

**THERMOCOUPLES AND ELECTRODES:** More essential in cold weather, these spares for a water heater and furnace might save a trip. Universal thermocouples are available to fit water heaters as well as furnaces, but electrodes are specific to the appliance. Thermocouples \$7 to \$10; electrodes \$13 to \$40. (See Repair Handbook entry.)

#### 12-VOLT DC FUSES:

A good selection of fuses is essential, because you might blow two or three while testing what appears to be a short circuit. The special fuse-extraction tool is a useful item to have on hand as well. \$10 to \$15.

#### 12-VOLT DC LIGHT BULBS:

Carry two or three spares for the most common incandescent lights. For fluorescent lights, replacement bulbs are fragile to

store and you might just wait for replacement at the next parts supplier. \$8 to \$10. If your coach uses a proprietary headlight bulb that's not commonly available, that's a must-carry as well.

#### SEWER DRAIN CAP:

It's good to have an extra one if you forget to secure it and it flies away. \$4.

#### OIL:

Always carry at least a quart of motor oil. A quart of transmission fluid also is desirable for periodic topping off. \$3 to \$5.

#### REPAIR HANDBOOK:

A printed guidebook, such as *The RV Repair and Maintenance Manual* (available at [www.campingworld.com](http://www.campingworld.com)), requires no electricity to operate and it can tell you exactly what to do with the thermocouple, water pump repair kit and so on. It's great to have the parts available; it's even better to know how to use them.

#### OTHER ESSENTIAL OR HANDY RV ITEMS:

Flashlight batteries, nylon cable ties, silicone or other sealant, duct and electrical tape, and a set of tools for the level of maintenance/repair of which you are capable.

To find spare parts, check local RV dealers and parts/accessory houses. Numerous mail-order sources also are available via the Internet by searching for a specific component part.

On the road, dealerships for your specific brand may be the first choice (the only choice if the warranty is still in effect); independent RV repair shops can address many non-warranty issues.

Parts for gasoline-powered motorhome chassis are available at specific-brand dealerships or at RV dealers authorized to perform warranty work. Diesel-powered chassis usually can be serviced at name-brand truck repair shops (i.e. Cummins or Caterpillar), or at some full-service RV dealerships.

Along with spare parts, essentials should include reference material that could be helpful, such as an appliance manufacturer's troubleshooting guide and a parts list for your specific water heater, refrigerator and furnace. These usually can be downloaded from the manufacturer's website.

And don't forget to perform recommended maintenance on schedule to minimize component failures. ♦



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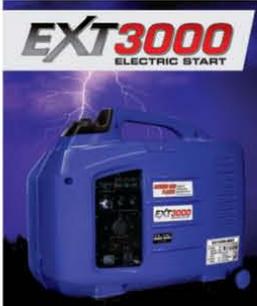
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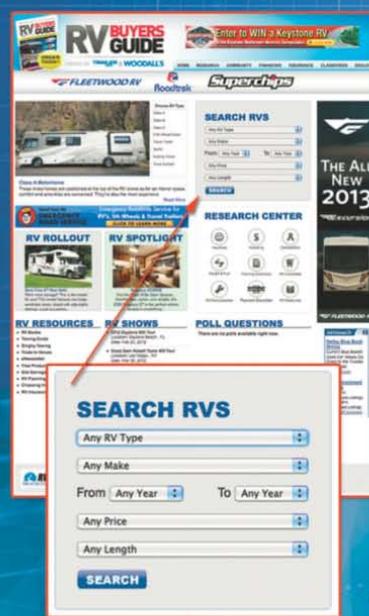
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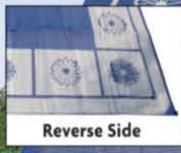
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**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 28U LIST PRICE \$99,122 NOW \$65,995** SAVE \$33,127 (888) 331-1595 Santa Clarita, CA STK# AMRV21831 VIN# BDA16759



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 26BE MSRP \$98,624 NOW \$68,900** SAVE \$29,724 (888) 844-1758 New Braunfels, TX STK# SW10009



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 28U MSRP \$93,806 NOW \$68,995** SAVE \$24,811 (888) 542-3819 Mesa, AZ STK# MES13706



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 28U WAS \$92,697 NOW \$68,995** SAVE \$23,702 (888) 902-8565 Tallahassee, FL STK# TAL40451



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 28U WAS \$91,810 NOW \$68,995** SAVE \$22,815 (888) 692-9016 Myrtle Beach, SC STK# MB125107



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 28U WAS \$91,499 NOW \$68,995** SAVE \$22,504 (888) 848-7312 Columbia, SC STK# COL19903



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach FOUR WINDS 31A WAS \$95,954 NOW \$69,523** SAVE \$26,431 (888) 682-3036 Churchville, NY STK# CHU70170



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 26BE WAS \$102,995 NOW \$69,771** SAVE \$33,224 (866) 673-0250 Statesville, NC STK# STA125896



**USED 2004 Coachmen CROSS COUNTRY 354MBS WAS \$99,665 NOW \$69,858** SAVE \$29,807 (866) 673-0250 Statesville, NC STK# STA126315



**USED 2006 Winnebago VOYAGE 38J WAS \$97,999 NOW \$69,858** SAVE \$28,141 (888) 457-4801 Colfax, NC STK# CFX3838



**USED 2009 Fleetwood ICON 24A NOW \$69,995** (877) 834-0429 Bakersfield, CA STK# SLV22323 VIN# 89373247



**USED 2001 Newmar MOUNTAIN AIRE 40 WAS \$129,995 NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$60,000 (866) 775-0682 Roanoke, VA STK# ROA18332



**USED 2009 Forest River GEORGETOWN GTX 3600** WAS \$119,877 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$49,882 (888) 860-8684 Strafford, MO STK# STR15316A



**USED 2000 Safari CONTINENTAL PANTHER 425** WAS \$109,995 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$40,000 (888) 474-1330 Bartow, FL STK# DCW8442B



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 23S** WAS \$104,970 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$34,975 (888) 454-1707 Kissimmee, FL STK# KS8201



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 28U** WAS \$92,697 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$22,702 (888) 475-5918 Robertsdale, AL STK# RD40016



**USED 2008 Gulf Stream BT CRUISER 5291** WAS \$99,995 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$30,000 (888) 474-1330 Bartow, FL STK# DCW8927



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach ACE EVO29.1** WAS \$94,056 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$24,061 (877) 450-7415 Island Lake, IL STK# CRV5938



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 31R** MSRP \$91,408 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$21,413 (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK# LC15714



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 28U** WAS \$90,790 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$20,795 (888) 484-3906 Spartanburg, SC STK# GR125106



**USED 2008 Four Winds HURRICANE 34B** WAS \$90,790 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$20,795 (866) 610-5049 Akron, OH STK# SRV19221



**USED 2007 Forest River GEORGETOWN 370TS** WAS \$89,999 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$20,004 (888) 865-1507 Hamburg, NY STK# BUF70988



**USED 2008 Gulf Stream BT CRUISER 5291** WAS \$89,888 **NOW \$69,995** SAVE \$19,893 (888) 672-5049 Syracuse, NY STK# SYU68548



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 28U** WAS \$93,740 **NOW \$69,996** SAVE \$23,744 (888) 672-5049 Syracuse, NY STK# SYU71623



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach FOUR WINDS 31A** WAS \$101,734 **NOW \$69,997** SAVE \$31,737 (888) 463-3995 Colorado Springs, CO STK# KC211615



**NEW 2011 Jayco GREYHAWK 31FS** WAS \$100,445 **NOW \$69,997** SAVE \$30,448 (888) 463-3995 Colorado Springs, CO STK# KC211858



**USED 2009 Gulf Stream VISTA CRUISER 4232-MINI** WAS \$94,997 **NOW \$69,997** SAVE \$25,000 (888) 463-3995 Colorado Springs, CO STK# KC211041B



**USED 2006 Holiday Rambler VACATIONER 34PDD** WAS \$100,853 **NOW \$69,999** SAVE \$30,854 (877) 554-3516 Lakewood, NJ STK# LAK8899



**NEW 2011 Four Winds HURRICANE 32D** WAS \$109,032 **NOW \$70,995** SAVE \$38,037 (888) 674-0275 Gulf Breeze, FL STK# GB39167



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FREEDOM ELITE 28U** WAS \$92,697 **NOW \$72,985** SAVE \$19,712 (888) 471-3546 Chichester, NH STK# GRV507597



**USED 2011 Four Winds CHATEAU 298G** WAS \$105,000 **NOW \$72,998** SAVE \$32,002 (888) 457-4801 Colfax, NC STK# CFX4216



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach CHATEAU 31K** WAS \$95,904 **NOW \$74,995** SAVE \$20,909 (866) 610-5049 Akron, OH STK# SRV18848



**USED 2011 Damon DAYBREAK 34SS** **NOW \$74,995** (888) 801-3226 Byron, GA STK# MAC17098



**NEW 2011 Itasca IMPULSE SILVER 31CP** MSRP \$98,873 **NOW \$74,995** SAVE \$23,878 (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK# LC15673



**NEW 2011 Jayco GREYHAWK 31DS** MSRP \$96,963 **NOW \$75,995** SAVE \$20,968 (888) 315-7967 Tucson, AZ STK# TUC16147



**USED 2009 Fleetwood PULSE 24A** **NOW \$76,500** (888) 801-3226 Byron, GA STK# MAC17376



**USED 2007 Dynamax ISATA 254SL** **NOW \$76,888** (888) 696-2165 Savannah, GA STK# SAV16409



**USED 2011 Coachmen LEPRECHAUN 311** WAS \$105,000 **NOW \$79,858** SAVE \$25,142 (888) 457-4801 Colfax, NC STK# CFX4394



**NEW 2011 Jayco MELBOURNE 28F** MSRP \$119,527 **NOW \$79,995** SAVE \$39,532 (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK# LC15822



**NEW 2011 Four Winds FOUR WINDS SIESTA 24SB** MSRP \$111,289 **NOW \$79,995** SAVE \$31,294 (888) 542-3819 Mesa, AZ STK# MES16169



**NEW 2011 Four Winds HURRICANE 32D** WAS \$110,557 **NOW \$79,995** SAVE \$30,562 (888) 475-5918 Robertsdale, AL STK# RD39404



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach CHATEAU 31A** WAS \$107,397 **NOW \$79,995** SAVE \$27,402 (866) 754-7302 Greenwood, IN STK# GRW326378



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach HURRICANE 32A** WAS \$118,234 **NOW \$84,995** SAVE \$33,239 (888) 463-3995 Colorado Springs, CO STK# KC211631



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach WINDSPORT 32D** WAS \$116,628 **NOW \$84,995** SAVE \$31,633 (866) 610-5049 Akron, OH STK# SRV19480



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach DAYBREAK 34SS** WAS \$119,250 **NOW \$84,997** SAVE \$34,253 (888) 463-3995 Colorado Springs, CO STK# KC211634



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach HURRICANE 32A** WAS \$114,317 **NOW \$85,988** SAVE \$28,329 (888) 896-2801 Albuquerque, NM STK# ARV15945



**NEW 2011 Four Winds WINDSPORT 32V** WAS \$129,734 **NOW \$88,888** SAVE \$40,846 (866) 820-0335 Council Bluffs, IA STK# CBI11291



**NEW 2010 Winnebago VIEW 24A** WAS \$119,281 **NOW \$88,888** SAVE \$30,393 (877) 774-0328 Ocala, FL STK# OCA19183



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**USED 2010 Gulf Stream INDEPENDENCE 8367** **NOW \$89,864** (888) 696-2165 Savannah, GA STK# SAV16577



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**USED 2010 Gulf Stream CONQUEST 6341DK** **NOW \$89,995** (888) 614-5201 Draper, UT STK# ABRV40015



**NEW 2011 Damon DAYBREAK 34SS** MSRP \$129,754 **NOW \$89,995** SAVE \$39,759 (888) 542-3819 Mesa, AZ STK# MES13018



**NEW 2010 Winnebago VIEW 24A** WAS \$119,743 **NOW \$89,995** SAVE \$29,748 (888) 681-4635 Winter Garden, FL STK# WGA19116



**NEW 2010 Winnebago VIEW 24A** LIST PRICE \$120,387 **NOW \$92,159** SAVE \$28,228 (877) 834-0429 Bakersfield, CA STK# SLV22550 VIN# 89384037



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach DAYBREAK 34SS** WAS \$123,311 **NOW \$92,995** SAVE \$30,316 (877) 458-3214 Jacksonville, FL STK# JAX19956



**USED 2008 Holiday Rambler VACATIONER XL 38PLT** **NOW \$93,888** (888) 815-7523 Woodstock, GA STK# WDS17112



**USED 2005 Alfa ALFA SEE YA 40GOLD** WAS \$128,540 **NOW \$96,400** SAVE \$32,140 (866) 755-9604 Charleston, SC STK# CHN127514



**USED 2004 Alfa Leisure ALFA GOLD SYG40FD** **NOW \$96,876** (888) 641-0925 Kaysville, UT STK# KY38978



**USED 2010 Damon AVANTI 3106** WAS \$144,100 **NOW \$96,895** SAVE \$47,205 (866) 755-9604 Charleston, SC STK# CHN127280



**USED 2012 Thor WINDSPORT 32A** WAS \$126,430 **NOW \$97,995** SAVE \$28,435 (888) 450-7060 Dothan, AL STK# DOT41483



**NEW 2011 Itasca REYO 25Q** MSRP \$138,827 **NOW \$98,983** SAVE \$39,844 (888) 614-5201 Draper, UT STK# ABRV36387



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach CHALLENGER 32VS** WAS \$131,518 **NOW \$99,488** SAVE \$32,030 (866) 755-9604 Charleston, SC STK# CHN127899



**USED 2004 Tiffin ALLEGRO 38TGP** WAS \$131,798 **NOW \$99,850** SAVE \$31,948 (888) 848-7312 Columbia, SC STK# COL18539



**USED 2006 Alfa GOLD 40FD** WAS \$164,900 **NOW \$99,999** SAVE \$64,901 (866) 289-0113 Chattanooga, TN STK# CH7099



**USED 2005 Itasca MERIDIAN 39K** WAS \$127,988 **NOW \$99,995** SAVE \$27,993 (888) 475-5918 Robertsdale, AL STK# RD40283



**USED 2007 Damon ASTORIA 3773** WAS \$126,439 **NOW \$99,995** SAVE \$26,444 (877) 458-3214 Jacksonville, FL STK# JAX19977



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach CHALLENGER 32VS** MSRP \$142,380 **NOW \$102,900** SAVE \$39,480 (888) 844-1758 New Braunfels, TX STK# SW9965



**NEW 2011 Damon CHALLENGER 35SD** WAS \$136,172 **NOW \$106,995** SAVE \$29,177 (888) 484-3906 Spartanburg, SC STK# GR127898



**USED 2004 Winnebago VECTRA 40QD** WAS \$175,985 **NOW \$108,958** SAVE \$67,027 (888) 692-9016 Myrtle Beach, SC STK# MB124731



**USED 2007 Itasca MERIDIAN 36G** WAS \$143,889 **NOW \$109,858** SAVE \$34,031 (877) 458-3214 Jacksonville, FL STK# JAX19971



**USED 2008 Holiday Rambler VACATIONER 34SBD** WAS \$139,995 **NOW \$109,858** SAVE \$30,137 (866) 673-0250 Statesville, NC STK# STA125968



**NEW 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 31Z** MSRP \$149,141 **NOW \$109,888** SAVE \$39,253 (888) 348-5909 Avondale, AZ STK# AVO10470



**USED 2010 Winnebago VIA 25R** WAS \$152,759 **NOW \$109,900** SAVE \$42,859 (888) 681-4635 Winter Garden, FL STK# WGA23084



**NEW 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 33A** WAS \$163,457 **NOW \$114,610** SAVE \$48,847 (888) 682-3036 Churchville, NY STK# CHU70425



**NEW 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 33A** WAS \$170,756 **NOW \$114,994** SAVE \$55,762 (877) 450-7415 Island Lake, IL STK# CRV5955



**USED 2007 Holiday Rambler NEPTUNE 37BPD** **NOW \$115,000** (888) 641-0925 Kaysville, UT STK# KY40712



**NEW 2011 Itasca REYO 25T** WAS \$162,168 **NOW \$117,995** SAVE \$44,173 (888) 461-1123 Asheville, NC STK# ASH22784



**NEW 2011 Winnebago VIA 250** WAS \$151,902 **NOW \$118,559** SAVE \$33,343 (866) 775-0682 Roanoke, VA STK# ROA13986



**USED 2008 Gulf Stream SUPER NOVA GRAND HOTEL** **NOW \$118,776** (888) 479-3568 Vacaville, CA STK# VAC21204 VIN# H548287



**USED 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 31-Z** WAS \$152,321 **NOW \$118,895** SAVE \$33,426 (866) 755-9604 Charleston, SC STK# CHN127391



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach SERRANO 33A** MSRP \$175,289 **NOW \$119,995** SAVE \$55,294 (888) 801-3226 Byron, GA STK# MAC16339



**NEW 2011 Four Winds SERRANO 33A** WAS \$152,761 **NOW \$119,988** SAVE \$32,773 (888) 672-5049 Syracuse, NY STK# SYU73661



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach SERRANO 33A** MSRP \$176,341 **NOW \$119,995** SAVE \$56,346 (888) 815-7523 Woodstock, GA STK# WDS16344



**USED 2008 Gulf Stream CRESCENDO 40UL** WAS \$184,900 **NOW \$119,999** SAVE \$64,901 (866) 289-0113 Chattanooga, TN STK# CH6975



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach SERRANO 31V** WAS \$168,081 **NOW \$119,999** SAVE \$48,082 (866) 289-0113 Chattanooga, TN STK# CH6746



**USED 2007 Gulf Stream TOUR MASTER T40C** WAS \$169,900 **NOW \$123,670** SAVE \$46,230 (888) 489-5784 Knoxville, TN STK# KNOX19766



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach SERRANO 33A** WAS \$176,031 **NOW \$125,785** SAVE \$50,246 (888) 450-7060 Dothan, AL STK# DOT40447



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach SERRANO 33A** MSRP \$177,507 **NOW \$129,900** SAVE \$47,607 (888) 844-1758 New Braunfels, TX STK# SW10033



**USED 2003 Newmar DUTCHSTAR 4050** WAS \$170,800 **NOW \$129,995** SAVE \$40,805 (888) 454-1707 Kissimmee, FL STK# KSC2178



**USED 2007 Holiday Rambler AMBASSADOR 40FDT** **NOW \$139,777** (888) 727-2952 North Little Rock, AR STK# LIT18596



**USED 2008 Holiday Rambler AMBASSADOR 40 FDT** WAS \$183,497 **NOW \$139,995** SAVE \$43,502 (877) 450-7415 Island Lake, IL STK# CRV6158A



**USED 2008 Gulf Stream TOURMASTER 40B** WAS \$208,900 **NOW \$139,999** SAVE \$68,901 (866) 289-0113 Chattanooga, TN STK# CH6835



**USED 2007 Fleetwood REVOLUTION 40V** WAS \$199,999 **NOW \$149,858** SAVE \$50,141 (866) 648-5288 St. Augustine, FL STK# JAC38934



**USED 2010 Four Winds MONTECITO 40J** WAS \$199,000 **NOW \$156,995** SAVE \$42,005 (866) 996-3140 Calera, AL STK# CLE18956



**USED 2003 Blue Bird WONDERLODGE 40LX** NOW \$159,900 (888) 844-1758 New Braunfels, TX STK# SWC10000



**NEW 2011 Damon ASTORIA 40KT** WAS \$248,128 **NOW \$167,841** SAVE \$80,287 (877) 450-7415 Island Lake, IL STK# CRV5954



**NEW 2011 Damon ASTORIA 40KT** MSRP \$259,982 **NOW \$169,995** SAVE \$89,987 (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK# LC15757



**USED 2005 Fleetwood AMERICAN TRADITION 42R** WAS \$179,425 **NOW \$169,900** SAVE \$9,525 (866) 648-5288 St. Augustine, FL STK# JAC41836



**NEW 2011 Damon ASTORIA 40KT** WAS \$256,879 **NOW \$169,980** SAVE \$86,899 (888) 896-2801 Albuquerque, NM STK# ARV15953



**NEW 2011 Damon ASTORIA 40KT** WAS \$253,165 **NOW \$169,995** SAVE \$83,170 (866) 754-7302 Greenwood, IN STK# GRW326201



**NEW 2011 Damon ASTORIA 40KT** WAS \$256,101 **NOW \$169,999** SAVE \$86,102 (877) 554-3516 Lakewood, NJ STK# LAK8889



**USED 2009 Coachmen LEGEND 40QS** WAS \$208,765 **NOW \$169,995** SAVE \$38,770 (888) 461-1123 Asheville, NC STK# ASH22318



**NEW 2011 Damon TUSCANY 4051** WAS \$251,859 **NOW \$171,995** SAVE \$79,864 (866) 415-9726 Golden, CO STK# KC511239



**NEW 2011 Itasca MERIDIAN V CLASS 34Y** MSRP \$241,810 **NOW \$174,995** SAVE \$66,815 (888) 905-0490 Anthony, TX STK# LC15857



**NEW 2011 Itasca MERIDIAN V CLASS 39N** LIST PRICE \$276,536 **NOW \$175,614** SAVE \$100,922 (888) 480-3175 Sacramento, CA STK# SAC11441 VIN# M242602



**NEW 2011 Damon ASTORIA 40KT** WAS \$241,890 **NOW \$177,853** SAVE \$64,037 (888) 850-5575 Wood Village, OR STK# POR38323



**NEW 2011 Damon ASTORIA 40KT** WAS \$248,728 **NOW \$178,879** SAVE \$69,849 (888) 672-5049 Syracuse, NY STK# SYU67794



**NEW 2011 Damon ASTORIA 40KT** WAS \$247,769 **NOW \$179,892** SAVE \$67,877 (888) 903-6787 Harrisburg, PA STK# HAR70426



**NEW 2011 Itasca MERIDIAN V CLASS 34Y** LIST PRICE \$238,516 **NOW \$179,929** SAVE \$58,587 (888) 480-3175 Sacramento, CA STK# SAC15408 VIN# M243451



**NEW 2011 Winnebago JOURNEY 40L** WAS \$268,281 **NOW \$179,999** SAVE \$88,282 (866) 289-0113 Chattanooga, TN STK# CH6363



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach ASTORIA 40KT** WAS \$294,465 **NOW \$185,995** SAVE \$108,470 (888) 461-1123 Asheville, NC STK# ASH22782



**NEW 2011 Damon TUSCANY 4072** WAS \$271,260 **NOW \$189,995** SAVE \$81,265 (888) 378-1059 Lake City, FL STK# LAC21661



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach ASTORIA 40KT** WAS \$258,185 **NOW \$189,995** SAVE \$68,190 (888) 682-3036 Churchville, NY STK# CHU72084



**NEW 2011 Itasca MERIDIAN V CLASS 39N** WAS \$246,787 **NOW \$189,995** SAVE \$56,792 (866) 996-3140 Calera, AL STK# CLE18939



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**NEW 2011 Damon TUSCANY 3680** WAS \$269,439 **NOW \$189,998** SAVE \$79,441 (888) 484-3906 Spartanburg, SC STK# GR128112



**USED 2005 Monaco SIGNATURE CASTLE** WAS \$349,995 **NOW \$199,995** SAVE \$150,000 (866) 754-7302 Greenwood, IN STK# GRW326647



**NEW 2011 Winnebago JOURNEY 40L** MSRP \$280,333 **NOW \$199,995** SAVE \$80,338 (888) 727-2952 North Little Rock, AR STK# LIT14119



**NEW 2011 Damon TUSCANY 42FK** WAS \$315,937 **NOW \$217,995** SAVE \$97,942 (866) 415-9726 Golden, CO STK# KC511531



**NEW 2011 Winnebago JOURNEY 40U** MSRP \$282,612 **NOW \$218,860** SAVE \$63,752 (888) 696-2165 Savannah, GA STK# SAV16619



**NEW 2011 Damon TUSCANY 42FK** WAS \$313,863 **NOW \$219,850** SAVE \$94,013 (866) 775-0682 Roanoke, VA STK# ROA16310



**NEW 2011 Damon TUSCANY 42FK** WAS \$320,655 **NOW \$219,988** SAVE \$100,667 (888) 896-2801 Albuquerque, NM STK# ARV15739



**NEW 2011 Itasca MERIDIAN 40U** WAS \$285,053 **NOW \$219,999** SAVE \$65,054 (888) 471-3546 Chichester, NH STK# GRV507245



**NEW 2011 Damon TUSCANY 42FK** WAS \$317,818 **NOW \$224,995** SAVE \$92,823 (877) 289-0812 Las Vegas, NV STK# LVN38227



**NEW 2011 Damon TUSCANY 42FK** WAS \$321,742 **NOW \$229,895** SAVE \$91,847 (888) 692-9016 Myrtle Beach, SC STK# MB127317



**NEW 2012 Thor Motor Coach TUSCANY 42RQ** WAS \$344,588 **NOW \$238,788** SAVE \$105,800 (888) 484-3906 Spartanburg, SC STK# GR126488



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2007 Fleetwood JAMBOREE 22BR	FRV10853	\$36,995	<b>\$35,995</b>	(888) 568-2177
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2003 Winnebago MINNIE 31C	BAT73304	\$44,999	<b>\$36,995</b>	(866) 502-8238
2004 Forest River SUNSEEKER 3100	HIL39271	\$39,950	<b>\$37,950</b>	(888) 859-6653
2004 Winnebago MINNIE 29B	FTM21975A	\$40,250	<b>\$37,950</b>	(888) 625-5187
2006 R-Vision TRAILLITE M214	MB126062	\$47,645	<b>\$38,955</b>	(888) 692-9016
2007 R-Vision TRAIL LITE 235S	KC5CG1053A	\$48,995	<b>\$41,995</b>	(866) 415-9726
2004 Coachman LEPRECHAUN 317KS	BUF72671	\$49,995	<b>\$42,995</b>	(888) 865-1507
2008 Coachmen FREEDOM EXPRESS 21QB	CHU72848	\$49,996	<b>\$43,995</b>	(888) 682-3036
2006 Winnebago OUTLOOK 25F	LAC21906	\$49,995	<b>\$44,995</b>	(888) 378-1062
2005 Fleetwood JAMBOREE 29C	HIL40047	\$49,950	<b>\$46,950</b>	(888) 859-6653
2009 Fleetwood JAMBOREE 23B	LAK8830	\$59,057	<b>\$47,999</b>	(877) 554-3516
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2007 Itasca IMPULSE 31C	BAT73838	\$59,995	<b>\$49,995</b>	(866) 502-8238
2009 Forest River SUNSEEKER 3100S	SRV19575	\$56,790	<b>\$49,995</b>	(866) 610-5049
2010 Winnebago CHALET 31CR	TUC17979	\$53,999	<b>\$49,995</b>	(888) 315-7967
2007 Itasca IMPULSE 31	POR40788	\$57,950	<b>\$54,988</b>	(888) 850-5575
2006 R-Vision TRAIL LITE 28	HIL39422	\$59,000	<b>\$56,512</b>	(888) 859-6653
2007 Coachmen LEPRECHAUN 318DS	KNOX19736	\$72,900	<b>\$57,672</b>	(888) 489-5784
2010 Forest River SUNSEEKER 2600S	TAL41583	\$64,995	<b>\$58,995</b>	(888) 902-8565
2011 Forest River SUNSEEKER 3100SS	BAT74487	\$69,995	<b>\$59,895</b>	(866) 502-8238
2008 Jayco GREYHAWK 30 GS	KS9180A	\$66,400	<b>\$59,995</b>	(888) 454-1707
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2012 Thor Motor Coach FREEDOM ELITE 23U	LAC21270	\$81,119	<b>\$66,995</b>	(888) 378-1057
2011 Itasca IMPULSE 24V	CFX3780	\$84,714	<b>\$69,995</b>	(888) 457-4801
2012 Thor Motor Coach CHATEAU 28Z	COL18970	\$85,185	<b>\$69,995</b>	(888) 848-7312
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2003 Four Winds WINDSPORT 33SL	JAX19974	\$59,645	<b>\$49,995</b>	(877) 458-3214
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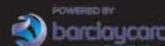
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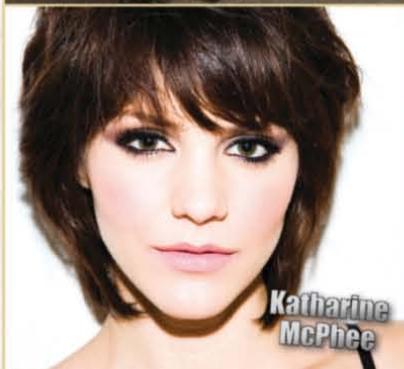
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