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We took two short RV trips to shake out the cobwebs and make sure everything in an on the RV is operating properly. During these trips I make a “to do” list of things that need attention, like repairing the fan in the bathroom and replacing the screen door handle.

It seems like there are always some small items that need repairs, and making a list while you’re out on a camping trip helps you remember what needs to be done when you get back home.

I am dedicating this issue to all those small things we sometimes overlook or forget about, to help you ramp up for this year’s camping season.

RV trips are much more enjoyable when you don’t have to worry about the RV not working properly.

Have a great 2013 camping season,

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The other day I was doing some preliminary planning for some upcoming RV trips. Simple preparation and planning can go a long way in making your trip more enjoyable. For example, after prepping the RV for another great camping season I decided to review some of the paperwork I keep in the RV. I’m glad I did because I noticed that our Emergency Roadside Service plan expired the end of last year.

I thought to myself what a pain it would be to have a flat tire in the middle of nowhere and no ERS plan to assist in getting the tire replaced. It just goes to show how easy it is to overlook things sometimes. With that said, and another adventure-packed camping season right around the corner, I thought a good topic for an article would be some RV trip planning reminders.

The first step to a successful RV trip is to plan the trip you are taking. Travel guides, magazines, state tourism boards and Internet sites offer valuable information to help plan your RV trip. Route your trip on a map or from an Internet trip planning website. Here are a couple helpful links for fuel cost calculations too.

Fuel Cost Calculator
Local Gas Prices in the USA

Always keep an atlas or maps in the RV or tow vehicle. Driving or towing an RV can be stressful, especially if you don’t know the route you will be traveling. A GPS designed for RVs can make traveling much less stressful.

Here are my top RV trip planning reminders:

- Plan your itinerary and give a family member or friend a copy of your itinerary along with contact information.
- Make campground reservations in advance especially during the busy travel season.
Try to limit your daily driving to 350 miles a day or less. Not only will your trip be more enjoyable, but this will allow plenty of time to get set-up at the campground before it gets dark and too enjoy some of the amenities the campground has to offer.

- Make sure your emergency roadside service plan is up to date. If you don’t have one you should get one prior to leaving on your trip.

- Conduct pre-trip checks on your RV each day you travel in your RV. Check out our Checklist’s for RVers e-book for all kinds of useful checklists and reminders.

- Check and refill any medications you will need. If you are under a doctor’s care take a copy of your medical records with you.

- Make sure you have the following: credit card, ATM card, cell phone, emergency contact numbers, a spare set of eyeglasses or reading glasses, a spare set of keys, RV owner’s manuals & warranty information and passports (if necessary and check the expiration dates).

- Check the weather conditions where you will be traveling each day. Take a weather radio receiver with you or upload a weather app for your smart phone. Don’t travel in bad weather or during periods of high winds.

Now, double check that everything is loaded in the RV and hit the road. Have a great time exploring this wonderful country we live in. ~ RV101
RV Tool Box Tips

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RV Water Connection Tip

If you connect the pressure regulator directly to the city water connector on the RV high campground water pressure can cause the hose to expand and burst. Always connect it directly at the water source.

RV Battery Maintenance Tip

Hot temperatures and overcharging kills batteries. During hot weather or during high usage check the batteries frequently. Checking the electrolyte levels and adding distilled water as required can save your lead acid batteries. But keep safety in mind when you work around batteries. Lead acid batteries contain sulfuric acid which is extremely corrosive and can cause severe burns or even blindness. The hydrogen gas that batteries produce when they're charging is very explosive. When you work around batteries you need to wear goggles and gloves, remove all jewelry and do not smoke or use any open flames.
**Q: I have a question about the ladder on my Class C Motor Home. One of the supports for the ladder is no longer connected to the ladder itself, and I want to replace whatever connects it to the Motor Home. I am not sure if it is one long bolt or if I need to replace the support arm too. Can you please reply and give me some insights on how to make the repairs to my RV ladder.**

**A: This is pretty simple to do. The bolt that goes through the ladder into the support arm is just a long threaded bolt that screws directly into a threaded insert. If you only need to replace the bolt spray a lubricant on it to help loosen the bolt and remove it. In this case you simply replace the bolt and leave the support arm in place. These ladders use stainless steel hardware.

If for any reason you need to remove and/or replace the support arm the four screws going into the RV go into a reinforced block behind the wall. I recommend rotating the flange so you don’t use the same mounting holes again. Fill the old holes with silicone and use putty tape behind the flange for a good seal. Once installed put a bead of clear silicone on the top half of the flange where it contacts the RV wall to assist with water repelling of, as opposed to penetrating behind the sealed surface. If you replace the 4 screws use stainless steel screws that are the same length as the original screws.
Let's take a look at my top RV safety reminders for a new camping season. **Number one** on my list is tires. I could easily write an entire article on this topic alone, but I will try and sum it up in a few sentences. There are many reasons for tire failure on RVs. In addition to overloaded and under-inflated tires there is the concern for aged tires. Tires are designed and built to be used. The rubber used in tires ages faster when they are not in use, so more use results in longer tire life. The problem is lots of RV tires don’t get used as often as the tires on our automobiles do. When tires are manufactured compounds are added to help protect the rubber from weather cracking and ozone damage. For these compounds to work effectively the tire needs to be rolling down the road, heating up and flexing, so the compounds can work their way to the surface of the tire and help protect the rubber from damage. When tires sit idle for periods of time they start to dry out, causing them to age faster. If your RV tires show signs of weather cracking or checking, or if the tires are more than 6-years-old you should have them inspected by a tire professional. A simple tire inspection could save you lots of time, money and headaches.

**Number two** is weight issues and concerns. This is another topic I could write an entire book on. Lots of RVs traveling down the road are overloaded, especially older motorhomes. To avoid becoming a statistic in relationship to overloaded RVs it is important that you understand how to properly weigh your RV. Always keep in mind that weighing your RV is a snapshot in time. Weights can and do change.
according to how you load and distribute the weight in your RV, and based on many other factors. You should get in the practice of weighing your RV periodically to stay within all weight ratings, and whenever an overload condition exists resolve the problem before using the RV. The easiest way to sum this important safety topic up is to direct you to a site where you can download some informative brochures with easy to understand worksheets on weighing your RV.

Go to www.bridgestonetires.com and click on the “Brochure & Catalogs” tab and then on the “For RV Owners” tab. Now you can download the PDF file and head to a set of scales.

**Number three** on my list is Carbon Monoxide safety. Carbon Monoxide (CO) gas is invisible, odorless, and deadly. Carbon Monoxide is created when any fuel is burned; this includes gasoline, propane, natural gas, wood, & coal. It is extremely serious when combustion by-products are not vented outside. Carbon Monoxide is the number one cause of poisoning deaths in the United States each year. As for RVs CO gas can result from exhaust leaks from the vehicle engine or generator, improper use of portable gas powered heaters, improper adjustment of LP gas fired appliances and/or somebody else’s vehicle or generator when camping in close proximity to you.

**Some important reminders about Carbon Monoxide:**

- Inspect the generator exhaust system before using the generator, every time.
- Avoid leaving windows down and roof vents open when in close proximity to vehicle and/or generator exhaust.
- Follow all directions and safety cautions and warnings when operating gas powered heaters.
- Never use the range burners or oven to heat the RV!
- When cooking with the range burners use the range fan & always leave a window cracked open for fresh air and ventilation.
- Have the LP gas system inspected by a professional annually, or whenever a repair is made to the system.

**Number four** on my list is RV fire safety. For starters it’s a good idea to have more than one fire extinguisher available in your RV. I keep an additional fire extinguisher in an outside compartment of our RV just in case. Try and get in a habit of inspecting your fire extinguishers periodically and before each trip. Look to see if the arrow is pointing in the green area in the sight gauge. If it reads empty or needs charging replace it or have it recharged immediately. Inspect all components of the extinguishers to make sure they are in proper operating condition. Inspect
the safety pin, handle or trigger, sight gauge indicator, inspection tag, hose or nozzle, tank, and labeling. Once a month you should turn dry powder extinguishers upside down, tap on the bottom of the extinguisher and shake it so any powder that settled on the bottom is released. If the powder is packed in the bottom of the extinguisher it may not discharge properly, or at all, when you need it.

**Some important reminders about RV fire safety:**
- If a fire starts get everybody out of the RV and away from the fire safely and have someone call 911 for help.
- Most importantly, do not risk your personal safety. If you cannot extinguish the fire in the first minute or so let the professionals handle it.
- Remember the word PASS. PASS is an easy way to remember how to use a fire extinguisher, especially during an emergency. **PASS stands for Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep.**
  - In the event of a fire always remember you save lives first & property second!
  - Test smoke alarms monthly & before each trip.
  - Replace the battery in smoke alarms twice a year when you change your clocks for daylight savings time.
  - Instruct everybody in the RV on an emergency escape plan in the event of a fire.

**Number five** is LP gas safety. Your RV has an LP gas leak detector to assist in leak detection. LP gas leak detectors are located close to floor level because LP gas is heavier than air. Before each trip make sure the LP gas leak detector is operating properly.

**If you ever smell LP gas or if the leak detector audible alarm goes off you should:**
- Extinguish any open flames & pilot lights.
- Do not smoke or touch electrical switches.
- Evacuate the RV & turn off the main gas supply.
- Leave the door open & do not return until the odor clears.
- Have the system checked out by a qualified technician before using it again.

**Number six** is your emergency escape plan. What do you do in the event of an emergency and everybody has to get out of the RV quickly and in an orderly fashion. The National Fire Protection agency requires that RV’s have emergency escape windows. Make sure everybody knows where the escape window is located and how to use it. It’s a good idea to practice using it so you are familiar with how to get out of the RV in case of an emergency. You should have an emergency escape plan for the front of the RV and the rear of the RV.
Emergency escape plan safety reminders:

• Time is your biggest enemy. It only takes one minute for smoke to fill the RV.
• Design an escape plan specific to the needs of the individuals in the RV.
• Sketch your plan on paper and indicate which windows and doors can be used to escape.
• Review the plan with everybody.
• Instruct people on where the emergency escape window is located and how to use it.
• Practice your escape plan so everybody can get out of the RV in case of an emergency.
• Designate a meeting place outside where everybody will meet.

Last but certainly not least you need to thoroughly understand and practice these safety tips and reminders. In an effort to assist you with your RV safety training we are offering everybody a free 13 minute RV safety E-Course.

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I have an RV friend who lives in Brazil. His name is Jose Adauto de Souza. Adauto is a Petroleum Geologist/Geophysicist and he is close to retirement. Since 1978 he has been a camping enthusiast, starting with tents, then a pop-up, travel trailers and now has a Class A motorhome. (I have been through the same RV progression, and around the same time frame as Adauto).

He is a member of a regional RVing group in Rio de Janeiro State called “Amigos do Rio RV Group (Rio’s Friends) (Brazil)”. Adauto researches and compiles free RV information for other RV enthusiasts in Brazil, since they do not have a bibliography about RVing in Brazil. He wrote to me recently explaining that in Brazil you don't buy RVs directly from manufacturers, especially motorhomes. You must have a contract with a RV industry manufacturer and wait 6-8 months for the entire RV to be built. The owner can design all the arrangements, lengths and select the equipment that will be installed in the RV. He said you buy a truck chassis (with no cabin), send it to the factory (really a manufactory) where all the structure is mounted. It is an art, where every piece is built on-time.

Adauto explained that in the RV he is having built they are planning (him and the factory) to mount a battery bank with 2 serial banks.

1) One serial bank with 2-100Ah automotive batteries (standard chassis DC supply)

2) One serial bank with 2-200Ah stationary batteries (DC house batteries)
RV Split Air Conditioners Powered by an Inverter

A lot of RV owners would like to travel in motorized RVs with the windows closed and the air conditioning on, mainly during the summer months and when traveling in hot regions.

One possible option is to use the dash air conditioner powered by the vehicle’s engine. This of course affects your fuel economy and is inefficient because it is not capable of cooling the entire RV’s interior. The dash air conditioner is only practical for the driver and passenger seated in the cabin area. So what about the passengers?

The use of the onboard generator is another option. A properly sized generator is capable of powering one or more air conditioners. But we must consider that RV generators are expensive to buy, require maintenance, are noisy, and consume fuel, again affecting your fuel economy.

What about inverters? Are inverters capable of powering air conditioners? The answer is clearly yes, since high power inverters are available in the marketplace. So, why it is unusual to see inverters powering air conditioners? It is unusual because the inverters are energy dependent on batteries, with low energy storage capacity.

A very important change is happening now in air conditioner technology: The downsizing and use of electronic components in Split Air units reduce the amount of power required to run the air conditioners. The required amount of power dropped from 1500 w/h to 800 w/h for (9000 BTU) units and to 600 w/h for (7000 BTU) of split air conditioning units. Also the use of inverter technology in split air units lessened the energy peak required to start the air compressor.

A bank with 2-12V/150 Ah batteries have 3600w total charge with a possible 1800w available to be consumed (50% of total charge for chassis batteries) or 2700w for auxiliary batteries (80% of total charge). In both cases, these battery banks will be completely discharged in less than 2 hours when powering the 1500w air conditioner. If you recharge the battery using the vehicle’s alternator (600 w/h) the bank will run the air conditioner for an hour longer (2-3 hours).

See figure 1 next page. The 7500 BTU power consumption with battery recharging active. Clearly 2-3 hours of run time is not acceptable.
In the same figure 1, look at how the split air units (9000 and 7000 BTUs) lowered the consumption: in the case of auxiliary batteries and one 7000 BTU split air conditioner, the system will operate for 16 hours, and after that amount of time you still have a reserve of 2960 watts. In all cases in figure 1 it was considered an 85% inverter efficiency (losses due to DC to AC conversion).

In Brazil there are some motorhome manufacturers starting to apply this new battery/air conditioner architecture. The amount of feedback from RV owners is still minimal, but we expect positive results about using inverters to power split air conditioning units. In closing there are three important things to mention:

1) battery banks lose efficiency with time, so old banks may not support this architecture.
2) To stay in the safe area, use new stationary battery banks combined with 7000 BTU air conditioners.
3) The owner must check the alternator recharging frequently, since recharging is an important part of total process.
4) The air conditioner energy consumption increases with increasing average temperatures, so you must check the equipment energy demand as it relates to your geographical area.
Just about every RV campground or RV Park you visit will have a list of rules they request visitors to adhere to, just like the rules you probably have for your household. Another list of rules, not necessarily written in stone, is referred to as campground etiquette. These are rules that RVers learn over-time and practice out of respect for other campers, campground owners and the environment. When you arrive at the campground you should always observe the following campground etiquette.

**Quiet Hours**
Campgrounds have quiet hours and you and the other people with you need to observe these quiet hours. During quiet hours you shouldn’t hear generators running or loud parties next door. If you arrive at the campground early in the morning or late in the evening, try to limit the amount of noise and light while parking and setting-up.

**Police your Area**
In the military, “police call” meant to go through an area and pick up any trash, and to keep your area looking clean and presentable at all times. This is a good rule for campers. Your neighbor, who sometimes is only 15 feet away, doesn’t want your trash to end up in their area. Try to keep your campsite organized and keep the trash picked up. Trash and food left outside can also attract some unwanted guests like ants, mice, squirrels, raccoons, and even bears.

**Be a Good Neighbor**
This is a big one and it encompasses many areas surrounding your stay at the campground. When a campground gets busy it means more people, more RV’s, more children, and more pets which equates to less personal space for everybody. One of the reasons we enjoy getting away in our RV is to get some peace and quiet. Not everybody likes getting up early or staying up late, so you need to be considerate of other campers around you.
Washing Vehicles
Sometimes when we’re at a campground I see people washing their RV and other vehicles. I too, am frustrated by all of the dead bugs on the front of our RV when we arrive at the campground, but before you drag out the bucket and hose check with the campground staff to make sure it’s okay to wash vehicles. Some parks pay a premium price for their water.

Fires and Fire Pits
If there is a fire restriction where you are staying never start a fire, even if there is a fire pit. Avoid putting trash in the fire pit too; if it isn’t wood it shouldn’t go in the fire pit. Trash in the fire pit can attract more unwanted guests. Never cut branches from a live tree, or the tree itself to use for fire wood. In many public campgrounds gathering firewood is strictly prohibited. Check with the campground rules about fires and firewood. Many public and private campgrounds sell firewood to use for a campfire. Always make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the area unattended, or retiring for the night.

Instruct Children on Campground dos & don’ts
Children just want to have fun, but it shouldn’t be at the expense of other campers. Instruct your children not to run and ride bikes through somebody else’s campsite, or to take a shortcut to the swimming pool or the game room. You are in essence renting the space you are in and it should be just that, your space. You should also explain to children that they need to be extremely careful when riding bikes, skateboards, scooters and running through the campground. There is constant traffic in and out of a campground, especially when it’s busy and not everybody is watching for small children.

Security
Even though the majority of campgrounds you visit are for the most part safe and secure you shouldn’t leave your guard down too much. Leaving valuables sitting around the campsite unattended, or leaving your door open or unlocked is asking for trouble. Not everybody is as honest as you may be. Unsecured bicycles, scooters, video games, hitch work and other valuables can be an easy target for the not so honest camper.
Control your Pets
Pets and RVs just seem to go together, but keep in mind not everybody is a pet lover. If you have pets at the campground it is your responsibility to control them. First make sure you understand the campgrounds rules as it pertains to pets. Your dogs should never be outside unless they are on a leash. And even when they are on a leash you need to keep them out of other camper’s campsites. Use the campgrounds designated area for pets, if there is one, and always clean up behind your pets. Control your dogs barking. I have seen instances where people leave their pet at the campground while they go on a day trip and the dog barks non-stop all day. It is your responsibility to control a barking dog. Don’t be surprised if you are asked to leave if your pet is out of control.

Respect the Environment
There are a lot of beautiful places for us to visit with our RV’s and it is up to us to protect these areas during our stay. Don’t litter or put trash into the streams, rivers and lakes. Don’t start a fire if there is a fire restriction, even if there is a fire pit. Never empty your gray or black water tanks anywhere except in specified dump stations and campground sewer systems. Always leave the campsite in the condition you found it or in a better condition than you found it.

Reporting Problems
Campgrounds have camp hosts and campground managers who are available on site. If you have a problem with another camper or a campground staff member you need to address the problem with the camp host or manager and let them resolve it.

This article is an excerpt from my RV Campground Basics E-book ~ RV 101
Recently I had the opportunity to sit down and talk with Tim Custer, who is the General Manager for RVTrader. RV Trader offers the widest selection of classified RV ads available on the Internet. I was interested in learning more about the benefits that shopping for RVs online had to offer, so I went right to the source. Here’s how our conversation went.

**MP:** Hi Tim, good to see you again and thanks for taking some time out of your busy schedule to talk with us.

**TC:** Hi Mark. Thank you, I appreciate the opportunity.

**MP:** We’ll get right to it. I know shopping for RVs online has become more and more popular because it’s convenient and it allows the consumer to thoroughly research the RV. What seems to be the most popular RV searches on your site?

**TC:** Over the past few years, we’ve seen a huge shift toward travel trailers. We have significantly more travel trailers listed on our site than any other RV. They are searched for more on our site than any other type of RV. Currently, travel trailers make up about 45% of all RV’s on our site!

**MP:** That’s interesting. I’ve noticed a trend towards travel trailers, especially lightweight units, myself the last couple years. Why do you think that is?

**TC:** The best part about travel trailers is that they are reasonably priced, and families and couples can simply hook-up the travel trailer to a pickup truck for a weekend getaway. We've seen more and more RV manufacturers starting to build lightweight travel trailers too, and some can even be towed by smaller SUVs. This convenience and lifestyle is attractive to many RVers, and because travel trailers are affordable, we will probably only continue to see their increasing popularity in the years to come.

**MP:** I totally agree. When a new RV buyer starts researching RVs how can that customer easily find what they are looking for on RV Trader?

**TC:** Good question Mark. It is easy. Anyone interested in buying an RV can search on our site. They simply go to www.rvtrader.com and start
searching in the box at the top. You can filter by manufacturer, model, year, zip code, and mile radius. Once you click "Search", you can also refine by using the tool to the left of your search results to plug in additional details on the RV you are interested in finding.

**MP:** That sounds super easy, and it gives the new customer a multitude of convenient search options. It’s no wonder folks enjoy shopping at RV Trader. Mobile is becoming more popular than ever before too. Can RV enthusiasts shop on your site on a mobile device?

**TC:** Absolutely Mark. We have a mobile site at m.rvtrader.com, that will work for any mobile device. Anyone can search easily using our mobile site, just as they can on a desktop computer. We wanted to make sure we had a great mobile experience for anyone interested in looking for RVs on the go!

**MP:** What about on an iPad?

**TC:** Absolutely again. We also have a tablet site at t.rvtrader.com. We love our tablet experience and encourage shoppers to check out our site on their iPad.

**MP:** Let’s talk about selling an RV for a minute. What is the best way for someone to sell their RV, if they are looking to upgrade or downgrade?

**TC:** Another good question Mark. RV Trader has a place for current RV owners to sell their RV. It’s only $14.95 to place your RV for sale online with us for two weeks, and you can include up to four photos. We also have some upgraded packages, for those interested in placing their RV for sale online for longer periods of time. Because we have over 2 million visits to our site each month during this peak time of the year, there are lots of RV shoppers and buyers out there looking for their next RV.

**MP:** Before I let you go Tim, what is your number one piece of advice for first time RVers?

**TC:** Do your research! Top priorities for the research phase would be to determine your budget and also what you want to use the RV for, and how often. If you are going to be RVing full-time and are retired a Class A option might make more sense for you. If you have a small family and want to use the RV for weekends away, a pop-up camper or travel trailer is a better option for you. There are so many kinds of RVs out there - I know everybody can find exactly what they are looking for. So do your homework, find your RV and safe travels!

**MP:** Thanks so much for talking with us today, and providing some insight on what RV Trader has to offer the RV buyer.

**TC:** You are more than welcome, I enjoyed it.
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Camping Recipe: French Onion Soup

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Here is our easy and delicious French onion soup recipe. Easy to make in an RV kitchen or easy to make at home and freeze in portions to reheat in our RV when we are on the road. After reheating, we add the croutons and cheese to the hot soup. Bon appétit!

FRENCH ONION SOUP
(Makes 4 to 5 servings)

3 to 4 large, mild onions, peeled
2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
4 cups (1 L) beef broth
1 bay leaf
1/2 cup (125 ml) red wine
2 tsp (10 ml) Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) black pepper
1 beef bouillon cube

croutons
grated Parmesan cheese or shredded white cheddar

1. Thinly slice the onions into rings. Cut the rings into quarters.
2. Pour the olive oil into a large soup pot. Add the onions. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until the onions are tender and translucent.
3. Combine the beef broth, bay leaf, red wine, Worcestershire sauce, and black pepper in a bowl.
4. Add the mixture to the onions. Stir well. Bring the soup to a boil.
5. When the soup is hot, crumble the bouillon cube into the pot. Stir until it is dissolved.
6. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Cook for 20 to 30 minutes to blend the flavours.
7. Remove the bay leaf.
8. Ladle the soup into individual bowls. Top the hot soup with croutons and cheese.

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