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**facebook**



It seems it was only yesterday that I, like most of my friends, family and colleagues, managed to survive without a computer, a cell phone, YouTube, iTunes, GPS and text messages infiltrating most of my waking hours.

Today, things couldn't be further from that quaint time. My cell phone, for example, functions as a personal digital assistant that delivers weather reports, the latest stock quotes, Internet access, music, directions, e-mail, videos and a digital camera. And I'm still a novice. My phone is packed with lots applications I haven't even figured out. Regardless, I can't imagine driving to the store without it, let alone starting off on an RV trip.

One of the newer digital developments (for me, anyway) is the phenomenon of social networking, which thrives on online services like Facebook, Twitter, Eons and more. Originally, I joined Facebook because I wanted to keep track of my kids—certainly a mortifying prospect for both of them. At first, I was reluc-

tant to log on. Then, suddenly, a whole new world opened up. I found classmates from high school and college. I connected with friends and family who live all over the world. I discovered that my children and their friends actually wanted to communicate with me via this medium.

Then Good Sam joined the party. A couple of months ago, we formed the Good Sam Facebook Fan Page, where we post daily updates and information about our club activities, new benefits and news. Today, we have thousands of "fans," and that group is growing every day. You can visit the Good Sam Facebook page to read lively chats about RV trips, club events, RV maintenance, local chapter activities and Alaska travel, just to name a few topics. RVers come here regularly to ask each other about great campgrounds, kayaking hot spots, fun hikes, excellent restaurants and more.

Shortly before I wrote this, for example, we posted a comment about campgrounds that prohibit pets. Two hours later, 28 Good Sam members had posted comments on the issue, resulting in a spirited online debate. Indeed, as

more people share information and opinions, the zest for RV adventures and this lifestyle just becomes more apparent.

Some of our local chapters and state and provincial organizations have also joined the Facebook phenomenon. The Maine Good Sams, for example, logged more than 2,000 visits to their profile page in its first five weeks, generating a lot of interest in their state Samboree.

Betty Minger, wife of Tennessee state director Terry Minger and one of my Good Sam Facebook friends, says her connection to this thriving online world began when she bought an iPhone earlier this year. "I like Facebook mainly because of the connections you can maintain with all of your friends and fellow Good Sam members. On a personal note," Betty continues, "Facebook has provided me with a quick way to send pictures of our new twin grandsons to family and friends."

One my more prolific friends, Sambassador Esthermay Brooks from Maryland, joined Facebook for reasons similar to mine. "With us being on the road so much, it's easy to log on and check where the kids are, what they're doing and if everything is okay with them," she says. "Likewise, they can keep up with what we're doing. Some of our friends are living vicariously through our travels."

We're excited about the way our Facebook network is taking off. We hope you join us. It's easy (and free) to create your profile, and you can begin communicating with fellow Good Sam Club fans and members with no hassles. Simply log on to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and join the fun! You can find our fan page by searching for "Good Sam Club" or by going directly to [www.facebook.com/thegoodsamclub](http://www.facebook.com/thegoodsamclub). ●

Taking issue with the digital divide and nurturing a retirement nest egg



## Online Issues

**I WAS DELIGHTED** with *Highways*' July all-digital edition. I'd personally like to see more publications go online to reduce resource consumption, cost and snail-mail overload. Thank you for your very well-

done online edition.  
Ted Starr  
RESCUE, CALIFORNIA

**AS AN ENGINEER,** I sit in front of computers all day. The last thing I want is to sit in front of one at home to read a magazine. I want a printed issue that I can carry around and read while sitting by the pool or simply rip articles or letters out of for future reference.

Martin W. Petersen, HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

**I LIKE THE FORMAT** of July's digital issue. Pages are wide and short and fit nicely on the computer screen. I can read the articles without zooming or micro-moving the document to see the top or bottom of pages.

Sandi Billingsley, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

**KUDOS TO ALL** who made this digital format easy to read and navigate. I just finished reading the entire publication and enjoyed it very much. My only concern is the amount of time it takes to download.

Dave Morgen, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

**I FOUND A FLAW** in *Highways*' digital magazine. Some of us have dial-up Internet access. To download the magazine in its PDF format would take me a long time. I live in the country, far away from cable and satellite, so costs for these services are prohibitive.

Jean Mareno, WINTON, CALIFORNIA

*Many of you wrote and called to let us know your opinions on the July digital-only magazine—pro and con. Thanks for the feedback. The printed magazine returned to members' mailboxes in August, and the companion digital issue is posted on [www.goodsamclub.com/highways/digitaledition](http://www.goodsamclub.com/highways/digitaledition), along with previous digital issues. Give it a click. If you're concerned about the speed of downloading the PDF digital editions, try reading the editorial content of current and past issues on the *Highways* homepage, [www.goodsamclub.com/highways](http://www.goodsamclub.com/highways). Just click on the feature or department you'd like to read, and the text will pop up quickly in your Web browser.—Editors*

## Golden Nest Egg

**I WANTED TO COMMENT** on the retirement advice in July's "Riding off into the Sunset." The writers opened one paragraph with the words, "If you have three million dollars..." I almost choked. I'm sure that a few Good Sam members have that kind of nest egg, but I'm also sure that many more are like me, a person who's worked hard all his life and saved all he could. In my case, I tucked away 10 percent of my income early on, 15 percent later and 20 percent still later.

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Overall, the July *Highways* was a good magazine—and it was great to get it in digital format. But let's have some good financial advice for those of us who work hard but have never made a six-figure salary.

Wayne Perry  
MILLIBROOK, ALABAMA

## Texas Terminology

**JUST A NOTE** regarding your "Texas Double Feature" cover stories in the July *Highways*. For future reference, it's always "South,"

"Southeast" or "Southwest" Texas. Never, never say, "Southern" Texas. Gripes aside, I still love the magazine and the Good Sam Club.

Gordon Brown, KELLER, TEXAS

## Size Does Matter

**THANKS FOR YOUR ARTICLE**

on RVs and bicycling, "Your Other Recreational Vehicle," in the July issue. The feature gave a pretty good overview for RVers wanting to start riding. You provided great expla-

nations on all types of bikes. But one area was left out.

One of the keys to enjoying bicycling is proper fit. Bikes purchased at big-box stores typically are sized for average riders. However, cyclists who are short, tall or heavy have special needs, and if a bike isn't sized correctly, it won't be comfortable.

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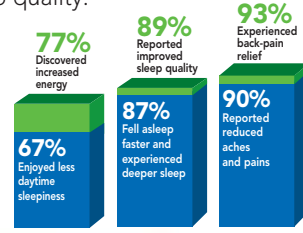
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Judy Garner  
CEDAR ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA

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### KEYSTONE SWEEPSTAKES

## And the Winner Is...

Two Good Sam members drive off in a free RV

Good Sam members Mackie and Gail Daniels are riding high this summer with a new travel trailer that didn't cost them a cent. The Fitzgerald,

Georgia, couple won a \$26,000 Springdale trailer through Keystone's Live Your Dreams Sweepstakes.

Not surprisingly, the couple was floored by the news. "When my wife received the phone call, we were skeptical," says Mackie Daniels, a retired telecommunications worker. "What are the odds?

But when I returned the call, I realized this is real."

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## Getting Off Track

Follow the Ezgur family on a five-month road trip

Faced with grim economic prospects, legions of North Americans opted to vacation close to home this summer. Good Sam members Michael and Wendi

Ezгур took the opposite approach. Michael, a real estate developer, and Wendi, a marketer, saw the lull in their once-busy professional lives as a chance to hit the road.

Last spring, the Chicago residents purchased a 35-foot Georgetown motorhome from Forest River and took their kids—Aidan, 11, Charlie, 8, and Rosie, 6—out of school for the trip of a lifetime.

"We realized that you have one chance to have this time with your kids," says Wendi. "You never get it back."

The Ezgurs initially drove south in search of warmer climes before heading west then north and circling back home. Through it all, Michael and Wendi have integrated "road schooling" into the journey.

"Charlie does budgeting, and Aidan puts together music and video of our trip," says Wendi. Their young daughter draws pictures and writes books, documenting their travels. "They've all learned that work and play can coexist," she adds.

For her part, Wendi is putting her marketing expertise into the family's trip. She's created a website, [www.familyofftrack.com](http://www.familyofftrack.com), along with a Family Off Track logo. She's even acquired corporate sponsors for their journey and hopes to put her combined RVing and business skills to use for RV companies eager to win new customers.

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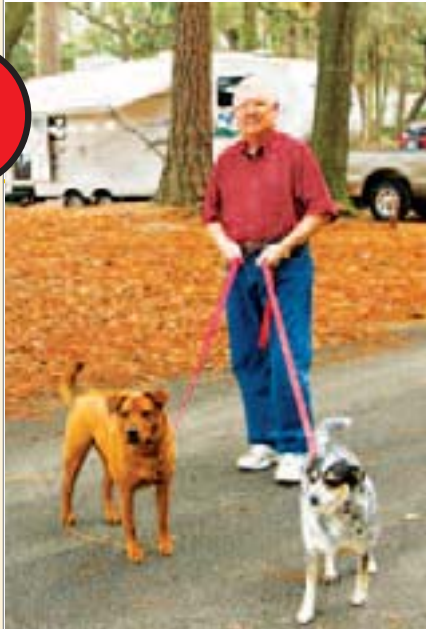
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RVER OF THE YEAR

Good Sam Role Models

Vote for the 2009 RVer of the Year

After rescuing a stray dog from a South Carolina campground, Good Sam

Club member Richard Daniels (pictured above) was inspired to take up a crusade to save homeless animals across the continent. In recognition of Daniels' extraordinary efforts, the club honored him with our first-annual RVer of the Year award, presented at the 2009 Rally.

Now it's time to select this year's Good Sam Club RVer of the Year. After receiving lots of suggestions from *Highways* readers at our [rveroftheyear@goodsamclub.com](mailto:rveroftheyear@goodsamclub.com) e-mail address, we've nominated five Good Sam members who've gone the extra mile to help their local community and the world at large.

To cast your vote, click on the *Highways* homepage below, go to "RVer of the Year" and read about the five nominees, then mark the online ballot for the member whose story inspires you the most. We'll profile the 2009 RVer of the Year in the January 2010 issue of *Highways*.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

# On the Front Lines

Oregon Good Sam chapters support America's veterans

In commemoration of the Oregon Good Sam organization's 40th anniversary, chapters throughout the state are volunteering for the Veterans Fund, which coordinates visits, entertainment and events at Veterans Administration medical centers and veterans' homes. Chapter members have visited veterans throughout Oregon and delivered more than 650 handmade lap robes.

"This program is intended to emphasize 'Every Veteran, Every Day,' which means one-on-one contact, being there and



reaching out in friendship first," says Oregon State Director Wayne Swanson.

To learn more about the Oregon Good Sams' support of the Veterans Fund, visit [www.veteransfund.com](http://www.veteransfund.com). For more information about Good Sam Club chapters, click on the website below and select Chapters.

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# Defunct Manufacturer? Don't Worry

Good Sam expands our Extended Service Plan coverage

As more RV manufacturers close their doors, the Good Sam Club has expanded the protection available from the Good Sam Extended Service Plan to include the time normally covered by the manufacturer.

Previously, the Extended Service Plan excluded items that were still within the manufacturer's warranty time frame. Now, when the manufacturer is unable to honor that protection, even if the warranty hasn't expired, the Good Sam Extended Service Plan

immediately provides coverage (see "What the Plan Covers" on the right). The benefit is available exclusively through participating Good Sam Authorized Dealers and from the Good Sam Club for anyone in the market for a new or used RV. There's no additional cost to the consumer.

To get more information about the program or to find an authorized Good Sam Authorized Dealer, go to Member Quick Links on the website below.

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## ROAD REPORT



### What the Plan Covers

The Good Sam Extended Service Plan covers parts and labor for the transmission, the differential and the engine, as well as hundreds of RV systems including accessories and appliances. Additionally, the plan's travel benefits help pay for rental-car, hotel and dining expenses while your motorhome, trailer or tow vehicle is being fixed. ●



# Wander Wisely

Sage advice for a simpler travel routine



## Dear Joe and Vicki:

We've used our RV only for weekends and vacations at nearby campgrounds. This year we want to spend our three-week vacation traveling around our neighboring states. This will be our first RV-travel trip. Any advice?

**JOE:** Consider traveling during the “shoulder” months of May, June, September and October. These months experience mild weather and fewer travelers across most of the continent.

Plan your trip using detailed road maps with time and mileage indicators. Keep in mind, though, that traveling in an RV generally takes about 10 percent longer than the time indicated on maps. When choosing your roads, try to avoid the heavy traffic of big cities and the engine strain of steep mountain passes. Use a highlighter pen to mark your route.

Most RVs are designed to maintain a comfortable cruising speed of 55 miles per hour. Many RVers drive faster, but by the end of the day most drivers generally average 45 to 50 miles per hour. No matter how fast you drive, when planning your travel day, figure that you'll average about 50 miles per hour on the main highways.

Many new RVers have a tendency to drive 10 or more hours a day, just as they did when traveling in a car. These impatient folks zoom from destination to destination, intent upon driving as many miles as possible. They don't see much along the way and are too tired to enjoy much when they reach their camp-

ground. Seasoned RV travelers, on the other hand, have discovered that driving between four and six hours on any given day is a much more comfortable pace. It allows them to stop at interesting spots, enjoy a leisurely lunch and arrive at their destination in a relaxed frame of mind.

Time your travels to avoid getting caught in commuter traffic. Every major population center has its rush hour. And don't overlook the

leaks and check the condition of your tires. Make sure the trailer hitch and connections are secure.

**VICKI:** Make your lunch break a fun part of the travel day. Roadside rest areas are convenient, but a city park or playground will give kids the opportunity to work off some pent-up energy and adults more incentive to really stretch out their legs. Historic sites have plen-

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possibility of heavy weekend traffic if you travel late Friday or Sunday afternoons.

Drive during the early hours of the day. Your mind is fresh and clear. You'll avoid the heat of the day, and winds will be less of a problem. Driving across hot deserts and climbing up mountain grades during the cool early hours of the day will also be easier on your vehicle's engine and transmission.

Take a break every couple of hours and walk around your rig. Look underneath for

ty of parking spaces and give you an opportunity to walk. We like to combine lunch with a visit to a tourist attraction or a factory that offers tours.

Your lunch break is also a good time to open your *Trailer Life RV Parks, Campgrounds and Services Directory* and line up a couple of overnight camping destinations.

Most states provide visitor welcome centers near their borders. Look for them in rest areas as you cross from one state to the next.



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Welcome centers usually have racks of informative brochures placed there by tourist attractions, campgrounds and other destinations. Go to the counter in the welcome center and ask for a state road map, a state parks directory and any other specialized information you can't find on the racks. The best stuff is often located behind the welcome center's counter.

Check out a travel plaza when it's time to refuel. Once known as truck

stops, travel plazas are courting the business of RV travelers. They offer gasoline and diesel fuel, convenience stores, restaurants and restrooms. One nationwide chain, Flying J Travel Plazas, has even installed dump stations and easy-access RV fuel islands.

Plan on checking into your campground well

before nightfall. RV parks and campgrounds have more vacancies in the early hours. You can set up camp in the daylight and still have time to go for a walk or take a swim.

Finally, take advantage of campground laundry rooms. There's an excellent chance that the person washing clothes next to you has just come from the

direction you're heading. Some of the best tips and money-saving advice we've received have come from people we've met in laundry rooms. ●

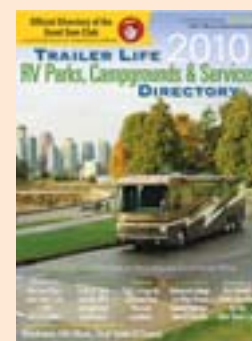
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BY BOB BLUMER



In 1982, participants in Hilton, New York's annual Apple Fest baked an 18-foot-wide apple pie.



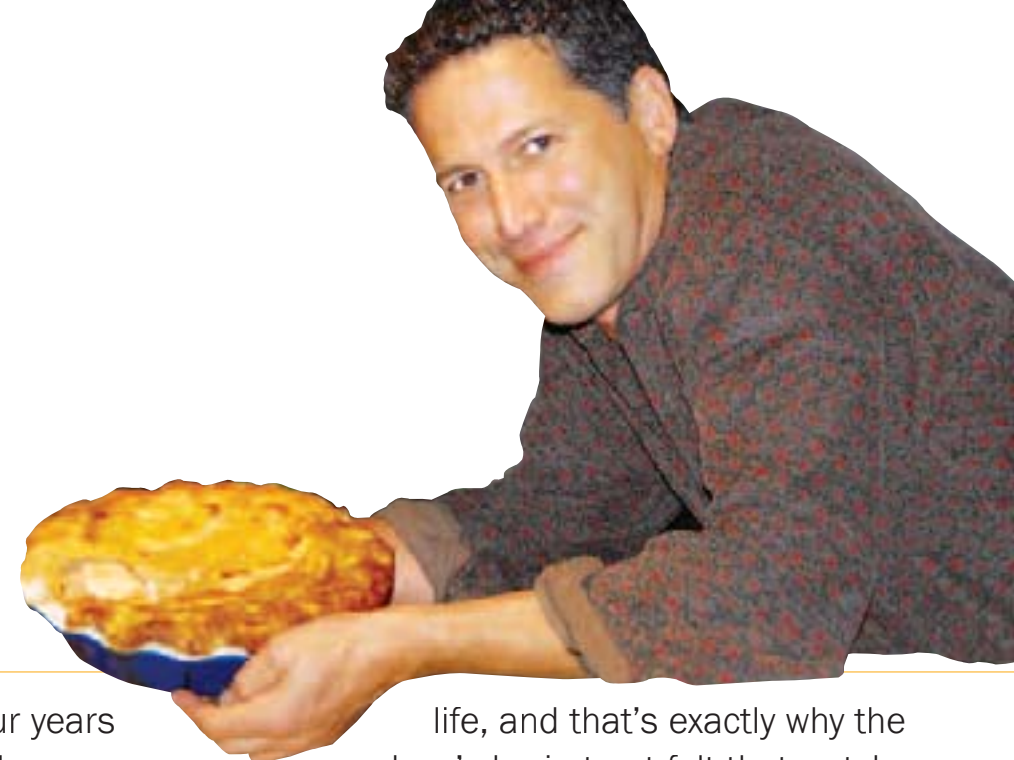
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Bob Blumer is the creator and host of the Food Network TV shows *The Surreal Gourmet* and *Glutton for Punishment* and the author of five cookbooks. When not at home in California, Bob can be found traveling in his Toastermobile, an Airstream trailer customized with a stainless-steel professional kitchen and topped with two 8-foot slices of toast.

# Lord of the Pies

Better with bacon: America's classic apple dessert takes the cake



Last September, I jumped the jet stream to Shelburne, Vermont, along with the crew from my TV show, *Glutton for Punishment*. We came to bask in the firestorm of autumn leaves and compete in the Shelburne Apple Pie Competition.

You may have noticed that in the four years I've had the privilege of writing this column, I've never featured a recipe involving baking. That's because in the culinary world, there are those who cook and those who bake, but few who do both. In fact, when I arrived in Shelburne, I'd never baked an apple pie in my

life, and that's exactly why the show's brain trust felt that watching me face off against 29 apple-pie baking fanatics would make for excellent television. After all, what's the sense in calling a show *Glutton for Punishment* if the host doesn't occasionally get spanked (figuratively speak-

## Apple Pie in the Sky

### FOR THE CRUST

- 1/4 cup bacon fat, chilled until solid
- 9 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup ice water

### FOR THE FILLING AND TO FINISH THE PIE

- About 10 large, fresh-picked McIntosh apples
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 6 tablespoons white sugar
- 6 tablespoons granulated maple sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup apple brandy
- Egg wash made from 1 egg whisked with 3 tablespoons of milk



**CRUST:** In a large bowl, whisk together flour and salt. Dice cold bacon fat and butter into 1/4-inch cubes and work into flour mixture using a pastry blender or two table knives until the fat is the size of small peas. Sprinkle 4 tablespoons ice water evenly over flour and toss mixture with a fork until flour is moistened. Add more ice water gradually until a handful of dough comes together when squeezed. Do not overwork dough. Gather dough into a disk and refrigerate in plastic wrap at least 30 minutes while preparing filling.

**FILLING:** Peel, core and slice apples about 1/8-inch thick. (You should have about 10 to 12 cups.) In a large bowl, whisk together cinnamon, nutmeg, white and maple sugars, flour and cornstarch. Toss apples in mixture to coat. Add apple brandy to a small saucepan and heat over medium heat until it bubbles. Remove pan from heat, stand back and carefully light alcohol on fire with a long kitchen match or grill-starter. Let it flame until it burns >>

ing) by the competition?

I put myself through rigorous training, and just when it appeared that I was going to be sauced by the competition, I had a revelation. Why not apply my cheffy instincts to the baking arena? I went back to my test kitchen with a renewed sense of purpose and

immediately ground my own fresh cinnamon and nutmeg and replaced the sugar with maple sugar.

Then I started playing dirty. Because every chef (and Southern cook) knows everything is better with bacon, I rendered a half-pound of bacon, chilled the fat and replaced half the butter in the crust with

said fat. And if things are better with bacon, they're brilliant with brandy—especially if it's apple brandy, which I used to flambé the apples before adding them to the pie.

The result was a pie that made me proud. I didn't exactly win, but I did come in third, beating all of my mentors and upsetting the apple cart, so to speak. ●

## Apple Pie in the Sky CONTINUED

out. Pour brandy mixture over apples and toss to coat evenly.

**PIE:** Preheat oven to 450 degrees with a pizza stone placed one rack below the top slot.

Remove chilled pie dough from refrigerator and divide it in half. Form each half into a disk. Rewrap one and refrigerate. Using a dusting of flour on your rolling surface and your rolling pin, roll dough into a circle about 11 inches in diameter, rolling from the center out. Pick up dough and rotate it frequently to prevent sticking. Dust with flour as needed but use as little as possible. Drape dough over rolling pin to transfer to lightly buttered pie plate.

Pile filling into piecrust, pressing down to fill crust well.



Roll out second ball for top crust and cut 4 to 6 vents. Lay top crust over filling, trim edge with kitchen shears and crimp decoratively. Add cutouts made from trimmed dough if desired. Brush top of pie with egg wash, making sure not to paint vents shut (recut them if necessary). Use a long, thin piece of foil to fashion a protective border for your crust edge.

Bake pie on preheated pizza stone for 12 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for another 45 to 50 minutes, removing foil edge protector about 20 minutes before end of baking time. Pie is done when crust is golden and

apples give to a sharp knife when checked through a vent. Cool for about one hour before serving.

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## Bubbling in the Fridge

**I have an older fifth-wheel trailer and I'm attempting to get it ready for a short camping trip. I've tried to run the refrigerator on both electric and propane, but it won't cool on either. I can hear something making a bubbling sound in the unit. Can you give me any suggestions on what to do?**

Bill Lovett, CROSSVIEW, TENNESSEE

**BOB:** Bill, your cooling unit is likely blocked. The fluid is pumped to the blockage and then returns, making that bubbling sound. I'm afraid you need a new cooling unit. I'd seriously consider installing a new refrigerator, since the cost of a new cooling unit is pretty comparable to the price of the whole shebang. Later-model refrigerators have more features and work more efficiently than those of yesteryear.

## The Right Pressure

**AFTER MUCH RESEARCH** without results, I hope you can answer my question. I have a 2006 F-350 dually Ford that pulls a 33-foot Jayco Designer 3220 fifth-wheel trailer. The truck has Continental tires, size 245/75R17. The manufacturer's suggested tire pressure is 64 psi.

What's the suggested tire pressure for my truck when towing my fifth wheel, which has a kingpin weight of about 2,100 pounds and a trailer GVWR of around 13,500 pounds? I've searched the Continental Tire and Ford websites and have talked to the dealer. No one can answer my question.

Real Morin, ENFIELD, NOVA SCOTIA

**BOB:** Finding a tire guide for your particular

brand of tires is almost an exercise in futility. I spent a bunch of time searching the Internet (as you did) and found nothing. Further checking via e-mail and phone with Continental Tires yielded nothing. I was finally told by one of the company's representatives to check with the dealer, because Continental does not supply inflation tables.

I found your size tire listed in Goodyear's and Toyo's inflation tables, which are easily accessible via the Internet. At 65 psi, your tires should be rated (based on industry standardization) to handle 2,535 pounds as duals and 2,755 as singles. At 80 psi, these tires are rated at 2,910 and 3,195 pounds as duals and singles, respectively.

My best suggestion is to weigh your combination, loaded for a typical trip, including the passengers in the truck. If you can find a place that can weigh the wheels/tires individually, great, but you should at least get individual axle weights. The next step is to do the math and match the weights up with the inflation table. While the ride solo will be more comfortable with lower tire infla-

tion (if your actual weight allows this scenario), I've found that I get the best longevity by running the tires at maximum inflation values, as specified on the tire's sidewall.

## Hard-Lighting Oven

**THE OVEN IN** my 2009 Keystone Montana trailer is a bugger to light. Once you open the oven door, you have about 16 inches between the oven door and the kitchen-sink cabinet. Now you have to lie on the floor and be a contortionist to hold the match, push the pilot button and hold a flashlight in your mouth to see. Is there a retrofit igniter for such ovens?

Greg Adkisson, ELY, MINNESOTA

**BOB:** Greg, I can relate to the picture you're presenting very well. Lighting an oven seems to be a Stone Age procedure by today's technology standards, but at this point, I don't know of any aftermarket igniters that will work.

**My best suggestion is to weigh your combination, loaded for a typical trip, including the passengers in the truck.**

You might be able to limit the time you remain contorted by lighting the top burners first, making sure all of the air is out of lines. Or you can use the microwave and forget the oven.

## Surface for Storage

**WE'D LIKE TO** store our trailer at our home and want to prepare a good base for it. Can you tell me what the best base is? Should it be gravel, cement? Does it matter?

Carol Titran

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

**BOB:** Carol, the jury's been out forever on this one. Some experts will tell you that gravel is better because the water

designed to keep the tire isolated from moisture. Some tire manufacturers recommend this procedure if you're storing your RV for a long period of time, and some say tires will not be affected by moisture.

I use plastic insulators on concrete.

## Drippy Showerhead

**WE RECENTLY PURCHASED** a 2009 Keystone Everest fifth-wheel trailer and

# The shower in our fifth-wheel trailer drips cold water when you shut off the hand-held shower. The manufacturer stated that it was "the nature of the beast."

can drain more efficiently. Cement that's been sloped properly also will work fine and will be tidier. There are tire insulators on the market

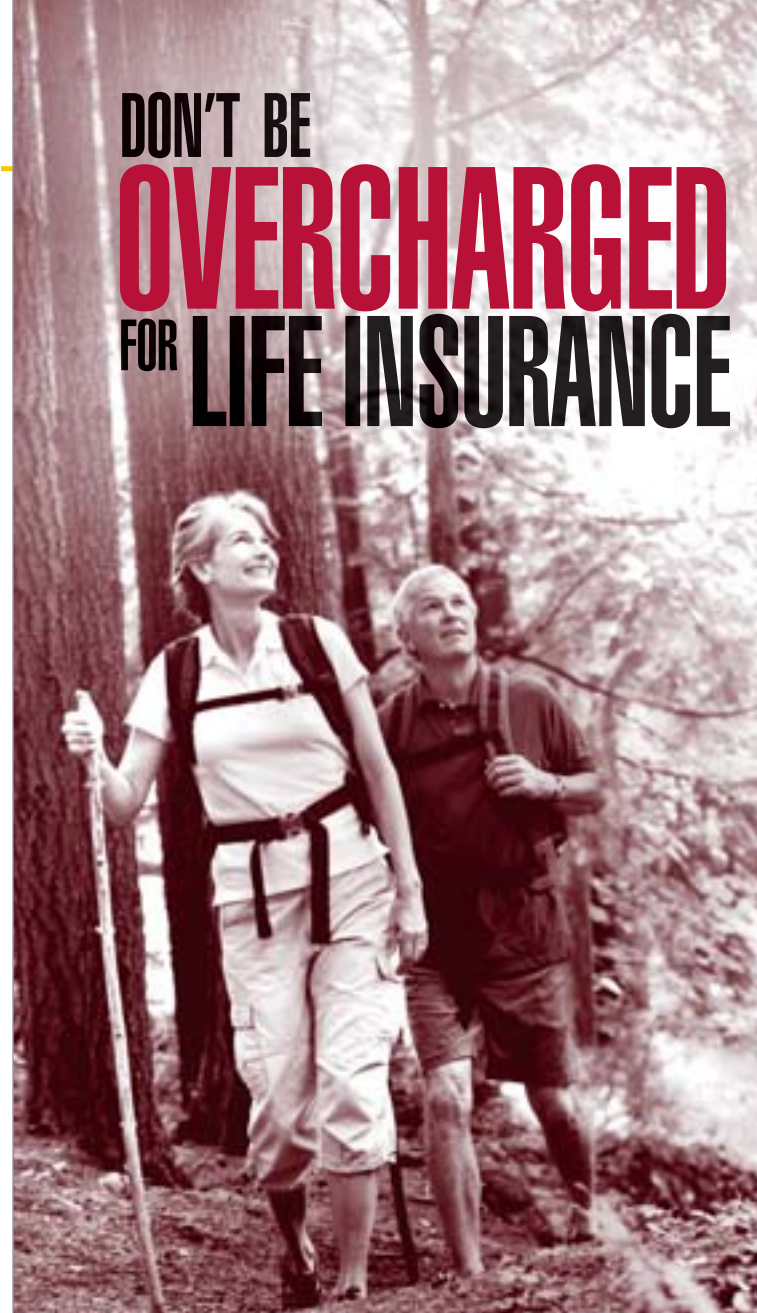
have been pleased with the unit except for one thing, which seems major to us. The shower drips cold water when you shut off the hand-

held showerhead. We've had several RVs with similar shower arrangements, but all would hold the set temperature when the head was turned off to the drip position. We've contacted the manufacturer via phone, and they were sympathetic but stated that it was "the nature of the beast."

The local dealer stated that the shower was not designed to drip and recommended that we replace the showerhead. We've also discussed our problem with several Keystone RV owners and discovered that this apparently is a common issue and most folks just leave the showerhead on all the time. This solution works, but uses a lot of water and fills the tanks fast. I've insulated the hot-water lines but with only marginal success. Any help you can provide would be appreciated, especially in the morning.

Carl Roberts

GRAEAGLE, CALIFORNIA



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**BOB:** Showerheads typically leak a small amount of water—on purpose. I think the primary reason is to let the user know the water is still on; some people will tell you it's to keep the water at a more constant temperature. In any case, replacing the showerhead is not the answer.

Over the years, I've covered this subject and

diverter valve. Many of these valves on the market today are designed to maintain constant temperature.

## Scrunching Tires

**I PARK MY** 32-foot tandem-axle fifth wheel in a very tight spot with the help of a Power Caster dolly. Recently, while moving the rig through a sharp turn into the stor-

## The rims are not designed to flex, and, as a matter of fact, binding is really not good for the tires.

received numerous solutions to preventing the showerhead from giving you a shot of cold or extremely hot water when turned on. Many of these "solutions" revolved around pipe routing, pipe length, check valves, etc.

I solved 90 percent of the problem by installing a high-quality home-style

age spot, I noticed that one of the trailer's wheels appeared to tuck under the trailer while the other wheel appeared to bend in the opposite direction. When the trailer straightened out, both tires return to alignment. Are the rims made to flex, or should I consider remodeling the hitch adapter so the trailer weight is shift-

ed to the front wheels?

Jim Cummings  
WINNETKA, CALIFORNIA

**BOB:** Jim, when you back up a tandem-wheel trailer or fifth wheel tightly, the tires twist violently and go into a condition called "binding." In most cases, the driver simply pulls forward until the tires are out of a bind and backs up straight. It's important to make sure the tires are not in a bind when parked, because it's possible for the tires to "spring" forward or backward, which can be dangerous if anyone is in front or in back of the trailer at the time.

The rims are not designed to flex, and, as a matter of fact, binding is really not good for the tires. It's always best to reduce the severity of the turn when backing, if possible. Using a Power Caster or similar device allows you to maneuver the trailer in more radical angles; that's why people use them to position trailers into tight spaces at

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home or their storage facility. Try to make wider turns, and if that's not possible, make sure you pull forward to eliminate the bind before finally storing your trailer.

## Broken Shades

**WE ALWAYS SEEM** to have problems with the day/night shades in our 2005 Itasca Spirit motorhome. We've replaced two shades in the past couple of years. They fall down and don't

www.dirtyblindman.com. This company markets the RV Shade Repair Kit along with very precise instructions for making repairs and restringing your shades.

## Potty Talk

**AS A NEW** RV owner, I have three questions I'm sure you can answer

First, I'm thinking of installing a macerator system, since we park where there may be a toilet near-

## I think you'll be sold on the RV stuff after you test both types of toilet paper.

retract. Now two strings are broken. Can these be repaired?

J.P. Renze, SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA

**BOB:** Day/night shades can definitely be problematic. Make sure the string tensioners are relatively tight, but you can't go overboard, because the shades will not be able to move freely. Check out

by but no dump facilities. What are the downsides of the systems?

Second, should we be using quick-dissolve toilet tissue?

And last, in June's Tech Topics column, you discussed an auxiliary dump valve. Where would it be located? Is this at the end or the beginning of the hose hookup point? A

diagram would be worth a thousand words.

Gary Weaver  
PALMS, CALIFORNIA

**BOB:** Macerator systems work well as long as you follow the procedures. Make sure you use the hose that was provided with the kit, and if you use an extension, it must have a large-enough diameter to allow the contents to flow freely. Most manufacturers recommend at least a 1-inch hose, although I have friends who use 3/4-inch hoses successfully. I'd stick with the 1-inch version.

It's important that you don't put anything into the holding tank except for body wastes and toilet paper. Foreign articles can case the pump to jam, which isn't pretty. No doubt, macerators will become more popular as time goes on.

I prefer to use RV toilet paper. You can also use single-ply household toilet tissue, but it doesn't break down as fully as its RV counterpart. You can do a simple test to see for

yourself. Fill a peanut-butter-size jar (clean, of course) half full with water. Add a couple squares of toilet paper and shake. I think you'll be sold on the RV stuff after you test both types of paper back-to-back.

The valve I described in the June issue is an auxiliary twist-on valve with an independent handle. It attaches to the dump pipe in the same manner that a dump hose connects. It's designed to provide a backup on systems that use remote cables to open and close the dump valves. Many of these cables bind up, preventing the valve from closing fully, allowing contents from the holding tanks to leak into the dump pipe. When you remove the cap, you get a handful. This add-on device provides a secondary valve that restrains the leaking content while removing the travel cap and connecting the dump hose.

Camping World sells these twist-on valves for around \$20. ●

## GOT A QUESTION?

Tech Topics columnist Bob Livingston has spent countless hours exploring the inner workings of RVs and finding ways to make life on the road easier for all RVers, particularly Good Sam members. Got a question about your rig? Send an e-mail to [techttopics@goodsamclub.com](mailto:techttopics@goodsamclub.com).



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## House Battery Boondoggle

**Holiday on Wheels in Panama City, Florida, performed annual service on our Discovery motorhome at the end of 2008. They replaced the four house batteries after discovering that they were on the point of failure.**

**We took the coach home and found the refrigerator had stopped working and the interior lights emitted only a soft glow. I looked at the inverter and saw a low-**

house-battery-voltage indicator light on the power panel.

We took the rig to Camping World, and they informed us that the four new house batteries had been incorrectly wired. This caused the Xantrex inverter to fail, along with the battery-charging system. They charged \$300 for the necessary repairs.

I contacted the Holiday on Wheels shop, and the owner offered us \$200. He said that the \$300 Camping World charged was too high. This was close to Christmas, so I decided to get back in contact with the owner after the busy holiday season. I then discovered that the shop had been sold on December 29.

We'd like to recover all or at least a portion of the money we've put into our motorhome for a mistake that clearly was not ours.

David Soderberg, VERNON, FLORIDA

**ACTION LINE:** After sending a petition to Holiday on Wheels, we received the following update from Good Sam member David Soderberg:

I want to thank Action Line for your petition on my behalf. The matter was resolved almost immediately after Holiday on Wheels received

the correspondence from you. The new owner provided us with a \$300 credit.

## Burned Circuit, Big Deductible

**DURING A STAY** at a Thousand Trails park in Medina Lake, Texas, last summer, our fifth wheel's air conditioner stopped working.

I called Class A RV Repair in Pipe Creek, Texas, and the technician said the thermostat needed replacing. Five days later, he came back with the new thermostat. The original thermostat was made by Atwood, and he replaced it with a Coleman unit. After the repair, the air conditioner was cooling again.

In December, we set out on a trip in our fifth wheel to Llano, Texas. While there, a cold front came through, the temperature

dropped to minus-34 degrees, and

the heater wouldn't come on. The next day we continued to Alamo, Texas, to stay for three months. I called Dale's RV Service to get the heater checked. Dale called Atwood and found out that a Coleman thermostat would not work on an Atwood heater. He also told us that when the Class A RV technician hooked up the

Coleman thermostat to the Atwood heater it sent 12 volts direct to the heater and burned out the circuit board. Dale had to replace all the circuit boards and put in a new Atwood thermostat.

When Class A RV installed the Coleman thermostat in July, I had an extended warranty with Platinum Travel Trailer Plus, so I paid \$50. I also have ESP with Good Sam and paid a \$100 deductible. I'd like to be paid back the \$150. Class A shouldn't have installed a Coleman thermostat in my fifth wheel.

J. Tyler Smith, MAGNUM, OKLAHOMA

**ACTION LINE:** After a petition was mailed to the repair shop, Action Line received the following response from Sue Dobson at Class A.

It's correct that a Coleman air conditioner, if tied to an Atwood furnace, has to use an Atwood thermostat. The replacement part was given to the technician by the parts department, and he went back out to the job

## The four new house batteries had been incorrectly wired.

site to finish the repairs. Unknown to him, the wrong part had been pulled. He installed the thermostat and checked to make sure the Coleman air conditioner was cooling to specs.

We apologize for this mishap and will be happy to resolve this matter with you. A check for \$150 is attached. ●

# Reunite at Disney World

From the Magic Kingdom to Fort Wilderness, the Happiest Place on Earth puts a smile on the face of every member of your family

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There are things about daughters and granddaughters that men will never understand. High among these is the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique in Cinderella's Castle at the Magic Kingdom.

This is where we started our weeklong blitz of Disney World near Orlando, Florida.

The Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique specializes in making every little girl the princess of her dreams. Girls can choose to be Snow White, Cinderella or a variety of other Disney princesses. Once the choice is made, the girls are clothed in their new dresses and shoes, then set in a beauty salon for the full treatment—hair, nails, you name it. Trust us, you really don't want to know what this costs.

The entire transformation

takes about an hour, and—*bibbidi-bobbidi-boo!*—out pops your little princess, or princesses in our case, as two of our five grandkids, Amber and Alyssa, got this treatment courtesy of their mothers.

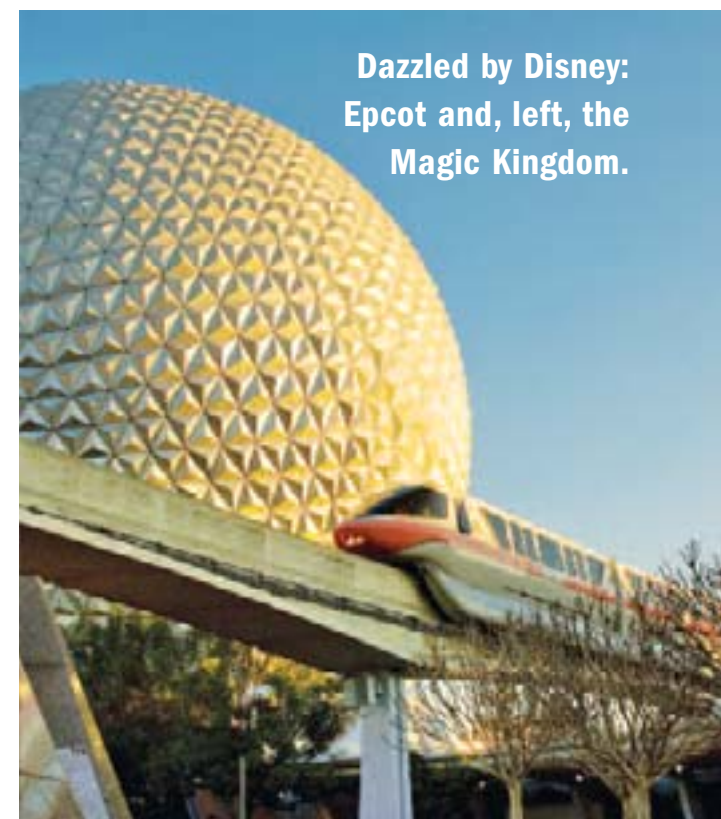
Of course, during the hour we were in the boutique, the clouds hinting at rain when we arrived made good on the threat, and our new princesses spent the rest of the day becoming more and more bedraggled as they rode the rides and visited with Disney characters, though their smiles never sagged.

## Making It Happen

Our Disney adventure was the brainchild of my kids. They decided it would be a great place for a family reunion in early February: Grandma and Grandpa in their motorhome; son Eric

with wife Christy and two kids, Amber, 3, and Bonnie, 1, in their camper; and daughter Tiffany with husband Drew and their three kids, Taylor, 14, Anthony, 4, and Alyssa, 2, sleeping in a nearby timeshare.

We stayed at Fort Wilderness, the campground resort on the Disney property, primarily to take advantage of the extensive bus, boat and monorail transportation system starting just steps away from where we parked our rigs. If you'd prefer a Good Sam Park, [www.goodsamclub.com](http://www.goodsamclub.com) shows at least five within a 30-mile radius.



Dazzled by Disney: Epcot and, left, the Magic Kingdom.

For us, with four kids under age five, Fort Wilderness worked out well. Campfires with singing, dancing and s'mores were a nightly feature, there are plenty of playgrounds, and staying there made getting around this huge resort easy. And did we ever need the "get-



available, is family-friendly, like most of Disney's attractions, and probably does a better job of catering to children's needs than the more upscale hotels at the resort.

ting around" part. Thanks to Tiffany's strategic planning, every hour of every day was crammed full as we tried to do it all with five days worth of park passes.

### Camping at Fort Wilderness

Fort Wilderness, an 800-site RV park with several hundred rental cabins also

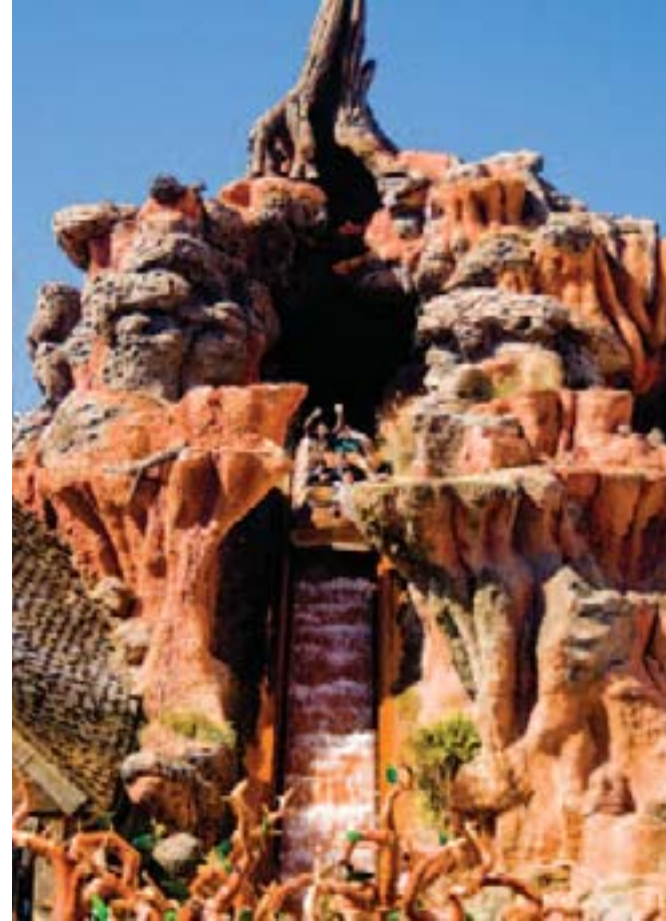
After all, what could be better than mixing kids, parents, grandparents, camping and the outdoors? And the sites are carefully placed so you feel as if there's plenty of space around you.

Once you're on one of the resort properties, getting around to all the Disney World sites is simply

a matter of hopping a bus, boarding a boat or taking a monorail train.

### Don't-Miss Attractions

If you have kids, the Magic Kingdom is a must. It offers something for children—and adults—of all ages. Our grandson, Anthony, was tall enough to go on the really exciting rides, and he had a blast



the two times we visited. Because of a cold snap and the time of year, we had the place almost to ourselves with short lines for the popular rides like Splash Mountain, Space Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain Railroad. Granddaughter Alyssa went through It's a Small World time after time after time until her dad couldn't take it any more. The only exception, it seems, was Peter Pan's Flight. For some reason, this ride always has a line.

You can get around waiting in lines by using Disney's Fastpass system. Go up to any major attrac-

tion with a long line, insert your ticket in the Fastpass kiosk near the entrance, and the machine will spit out a pass guaranteeing you the opportunity to walk to the head of the line at some point later in the day. If you visit during crowded periods, taking advantage of this system is essential.

The Animal Kingdom is another great bet for the kids. Get there early for the Kilimanjaro Safari ride (there's more acreage covered here than in all of the Magic Kingdom). The African and Asian animals populating this attraction are most active and visible early in the day. Also in the



Soaring on the Magic Carpet, plummeting on Splash Mountain, top, and camping at Fort Wilderness, left.



Donald, Minnie and Mickey parade in the shadow of Cinderella's Castle.

Animal Kingdom is perhaps the most exciting roller-coaster-type ride in the entire resort, Expedition Everest. Anthony had to do this one again, so we got off, ran around and got right back on.

With the exception of a couple of wild rides at one end of the park, Disney's Hollywood Studios tends to be a little more laid back than the Magic Kingdom or Animal Kingdom. Not that your young ones will be bored. Besides enjoying the rides and an awesome playground, you can watch reenactments of stunt sequences from an

Indiana Jones movie and take in a variety of other performances. Young kids will be particularly enthralled by Playhouse Disney, which features most of Disney's key characters on stage.

We didn't spend a lot of time at Epcot simply because we had so many young children in our party. Epcot doesn't offer the kind of kid-centric, nonstop action prevalent at the Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom, though there are still plenty of fun things for everybody to do.

Beyond the resort are a number of other attractions, with Sea World

being one of the best. It offers rides, performing whales, dolphins and more. Since the Disney World Resort opened in 1971, all manner of other attractions have sprouted up in the region.

### Best Time to Visit

Late January and early February fall into the category of slow times at Disney World—"slow" being a relative term, as there's always plenty going on. This is a great time for a family reunion with your kids and grandkids, if you can arrange things with the children's schools. You'll really get your money's worth inside

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the park instead of spending hours waiting in line.

Needless to say, the place is packed during summer, spring break and the year-end holidays. Avoid weekends anytime of the year, if you can. And if you plan on staying anywhere on the resort—the Disney hotels or Fort Wilderness—reservations are a must. Make them far in advance. Even during the slow time last February, only a few tent sites and small RV pads were vacant.

### Crowd Control

Nobody handles crowds better than Disney, whether it means moving them, feeding them or arranging for their fun. Even the lines are generally bearable. There are, however, a few things to be aware of in the grand scheme of things.

Most of the fast-food-type eating places offer a limited menu, which means

the cooks simply do a few things over and over and over again. If, as happened to us, you're dining with a grandchild who dislikes hamburgers and sandwiches and you wind up in an eatery with a menu limited to hamburgers, tuna sandwiches and turkey wraps, said grandchild isn't going to be happy.

The food also tends to be expensive, but the good thing about Disney World is that you can bring your own lunches into the park. Particularly during the hot-weather months, you should plan to pack at least a couple of bottles of water. Even though cold drinks are available almost everywhere you turn, if you're waiting in an hour line for a ride on a hot day, a water bottle close at hand will be much appreciated.

Rain ponchos or jackets are another good idea. Thunder-

**The authors' five grandkids—Alyssa, Taylor, Anthony, Amber and Bonnie—do Disney World.**

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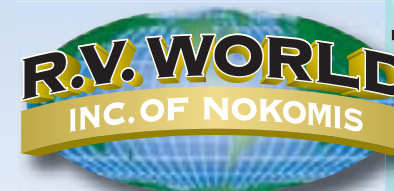
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storms are common in the summer, and steady rain like we had on our first day can occur, too. Again, if you get caught in the park without a raincoat when the sky opens up, one of the gift shops—there's always one nearby—will sell you a lightweight poncho with a picture of Mickey Mouse on it.

### Making Memories

Perhaps the greatest rewards from family reunions anywhere are the memories. And you'll make some very special ones at Disney World. For example, while we were eating lunch in Cinderella's Castle, the various Disney princess characters came around passing out free plastic

toys—swords for the boys and magic wands for the girls. Amber, though, was having none of the magic-wand business. If Anthony was getting a sword, she wanted one, too, and she made her wishes known. A few minutes later Jennifer took a picture of her using the sword to challenge a suit of armor to a duel.

Some of the best memories came from our time together in camp, which is what the RV lifestyle is all about. We had just as much fun there as we did when we were frantically dashing through the amusement parks.

After the trip, the memories are still magical, especially for the young ones. A couple of weeks after leaving Disney World,

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# COULD

Hot tips for helping your RV weather the winter

STORY AND PHOTOS  
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As the days get shorter and temperatures cool, snowbirds in North America's cold regions head south in search of warmer climates. But not everybody has the luxury of chasing the sun during winter. Some of us store our rigs away for the season, and that entails emptying the holding tanks, draining the water system and possibly adding RV antifreeze to the water lines. Of course, doing the job right is a little more involved.

Here, then, are a few tips to help your recreational vehicle make the transition from winter to spring without suffering damage that low temperatures and long storage periods can bring.



Get set for the season (left to right): Before storing your RV, make sure your awnings are dry and cover the tires. To keep pests out, place fabric-softener sheets beneath the tires. Check the wheels to ensure stability. Folding trailers should be thoroughly dry before closing up for winter.

## Location, Location, Location

The mercury hasn't plummeted yet, but it's never too early to plan for year-end storage. The first step in preparing your rig for low temperatures is finding a suitable winter home. At the top of the list is an indoor climate-controlled structure. If you're lucky enough to have access to this type of facility and can afford the fee, jump at it. Parking your rig in a heated, sheltered environment eliminates many of the tasks that are required for winter storage.

Don't have access to a cozy shelter? One notch down is unheated indoor storage. This eliminates the need for exterior protection, but you may still have to perform a number of winter-storage tasks to prevent damage caused by low temperatures (more on this below).

Covered outdoor storage is next, followed by parking the RV outside and unprotected. When parking outdoors, seek a location near a windbreak and avoid parking beneath trees, even if you plan to cover the unit.

Varying levels of winterization are required, depending on which storage option you choose.

## Sealed for Your RV's Protection

Regardless of where you store the RV, consider all of the things you should do to ensure the unit's exterior is protected. First, wash the rig thoroughly and check all seams and sealants for voids or cracks. Reseal as needed with the appropriate RV sealant.

Fabric condition is critical. Extend all awnings and open pop-up campers to check that the fabric is dry, clean and in good repair. If it requires cleaning, let the fabric dry thoroughly before closing.

Also check and lubricate all door and storage compartment hinges and locks with the appropriate lubricant.

To keep the tires healthy, place a wooden plank or other insulating barrier beneath each. Inflate the tires to the maximum cold pressure listed on the sidewall and, if storing outside, protect each tire with an ultraviolet-ray-resistant cover. Wheels should be chocked.

According to most experts, it's not necessary to remove trailer tires and store them inside or to jack up the RV to lessen the weight on the tires.

When storing the recreational vehicle out-

side, place a cover over the rig to help keep it clean and dry. Commercially manufactured custom-fit covers made of lightweight, breathable materials are designed to resist the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays while preventing moisture that can lead to the growth of mildew and mold. A standard tarpaulin (common blue tarp found at most discount stores) shouldn't be used because it can trap moisture and may damage the exterior surface, especially body paint.

If you can only park under a canopy or carport, you may want to enlist the use of a cover to protect the RV from bird droppings and other airborne elements.

When using a cover, leave one or two of your roof vents cracked open to promote the exchange of air. If storing outside, protect air-conditioner units with covers designed for that purpose.

## RV Storage, Inside-Out

Like the exterior, the inside of a recreational vehicle being readied for winter storage should be thoroughly cleaned. Defrost, clean and dry the inside of the refrigerator-freezer. Place a container of baking soda inside the fridge and one in the freezer compartment to absorb odor, secure the doors open and leave the unit and all other appliances turned

off and, if possible, unplugged.

Close the windows and draw the shades. If storing your RV outside without a cover, consider placing insulated, reflective sunshades in the windows. Retract the slide-outs.

Condensation can be a big problem, especially for RVs stored in humid climates. Use a dehumidifier to remove harmful moisture from the rig's interior. You can use a power-free product like Dri-Z-Air moisture-absorbing crystals or, if an outlet is available in storage, one of the dehumidifiers that operates on 120-volt AC power.

Before closing up, make a list of the items that remain. Photograph the interior and exterior of the rig; the inventory and photos will come in handy if your RV is burglarized or damaged while in storage.

## Fluids, Fuels and Power Sources

The term "winterize" is often interpreted as simply draining water lines and holding tanks and adding RV antifreeze. These tasks are required regardless of the type of RV.

For basic winterizing, drain and flush the black- and gray-water tanks. Next, drain the freshwater system, including the water heater and icemaker feed.

Most RVs have low-point drain valves for the water lines, and water heaters have a standard drain plug, which should be left out during storage. Opening faucets aids the draining process.

If you live in an area where the temperature dips below freezing, you'll need to bypass the water heater if using non-toxic antifreeze. This is done via a water-heater bypass mechanism. Some RVs are equipped with a bypass valve from the factory, making this task as simple as rotating a handle. For the many RVs that don't, bypass kits are available at RV-supply stores. Installation is relatively easy.

Protecting the RV's water system with non-toxic antifreeze requires pumping in two to six gallons of the fluid. Never use automotive antifreeze. This is usually accomplished by using a bypass hose from the inlet of the water pump that's inserted into the antifreeze container. Turning on the pump and opening one faucet at time will route the antifreeze through the system. Make sure you also protect the toilet and the washer/dryer, if the rig is so equipped.

Another way to protect the system is to purge the freshwater using compressed air. In this case an air-blowout adapter (using a Schrader valve) is screwed into the city water hookup fitting so that com-

pressed air with pressure at 45 psi or lower is routed into the system. As the air is fed into the lines—which can be done solo using a clamp-on air chuck—each faucet is opened individually (hot and cold sides) until all the water is purged.

In addition, you should pour a cup or two of non-toxic antifreeze down each drain to keep the P-traps from freezing.

Winterizing an RV water system isn't difficult, but it does take time. Therefore, many RVers have this work performed by professionals at an RV-service facility.

Batteries also require attention. Make sure they are topped off with distilled water, cleaned and all power draws have been turned off. It's best to use a battery cut-off switch. One can be easily added, if such as switch was not provided by the factory.

Most experts recommend removing the RV's batteries if the rig is stored in freezing temperatures. Battery condition should be

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checked monthly and recharged as needed.

To prepare the RV's propane system for storage, make sure the main valve on the tank or valves on the cylinders are shut off.

Motorized RVs require an additional level of winterization. Prior to storage,

## Place a fabric-softener sheet anywhere you think a critter might launch an entry attempt in your RV.

perform standard engine service, including changing the oil and filters, and lubricate the chassis. Add fuel stabilizer, then fill the fuel tank and run the engine and AC generator for a few minutes to ensure that the stabilized fuel circulates fully.

If you're storing the motorhome in extreme temperatures, make sure you're using windshield-washer fluid that won't freeze.

### Keep Pests Where They Belong

As snowbirds begin the journey to warmer climes, critters and insects begin looking for winter homes, and your stored RV will appear quite alluring. There's no surefire way to bar pest entry into your unoccupied RV, but you might try combining a few simple remedies that have protected many an RV.

Begin by restricting access into your

vehicle. Inspect the underside of the unit for openings big enough to accommodate your pinky or larger, and fill the apertures with steel and/or aluminum wool, or consider using expanding insulation, if the application makes sense.

Fabric-softener sheets, which emit scents that pests can't stand, are unlikely

but effective weapons against invasion. Place a sheet anywhere you think a critter might launch an entry attempt. That includes stuffing a couple beneath each tire and in vent openings. There are also a number of commercial products on the market

that help uninvited pests. These are usually available and farm supply stores.

A Tin Cat mousetrap, available in many hardware stores, can be placed adjacent to each tire. This has helped many RVers keep mice from using the wheels as footholds for entry. It's a small investment to protect your RV from these potentially harmful pests.

You should guard against smaller pests, like ants, as well. Many people find that ringing each tire with Comet cleanser protects against an ant invasion. And there are commercial products on the market that work in a similar fashion as the Comet cleanser.

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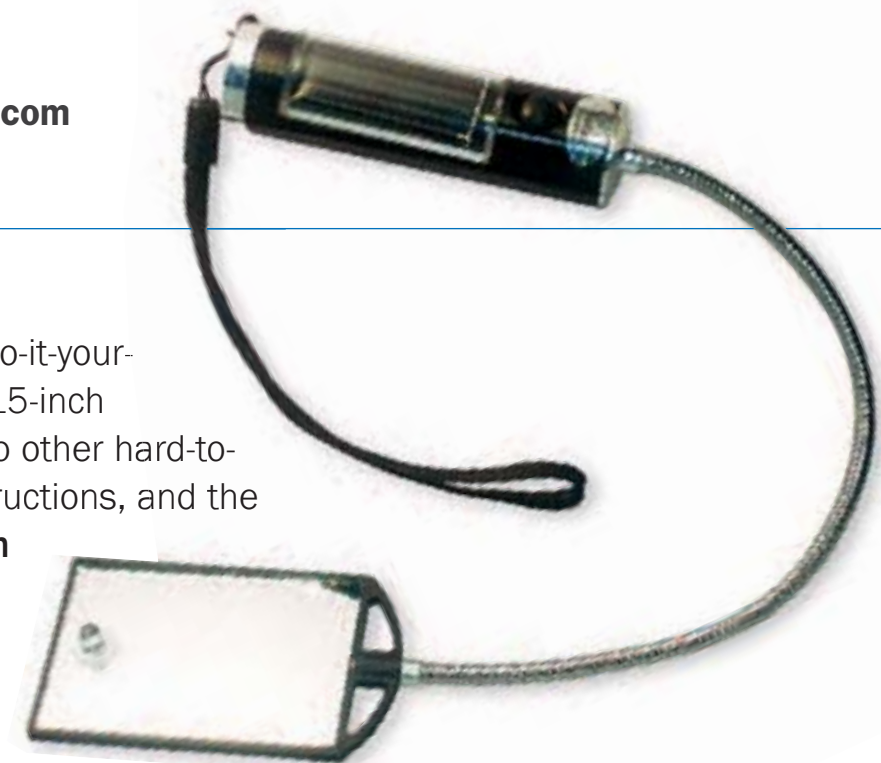


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