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I would like to start off by thanking everyone from Regions 8 and 9 for their hospitality during my attendance at their recent Rallies. Even though the weather was challenging at times everyone maintained their enthusiasm and had a great time. Thanks again!!

This and That,

Wheel Balancing

I frequently have the question of tire balancing come up and customers want to know if their tires and wheels have been balanced on their Airstream trailers.

Airstream has two sources for tires and wheels, the Greenball Corporation and Credit Tire and Wheel Company, both companies spin balance the tire and wheel assemblies and balance them to approximately 1/4 ounce. They use lead weights and they are normally mounted on the backside of the wheel.

Disc Brakes

Airstream now produces Classic trailers with Actibrake electric-hydraulic actuator and Kodiak disc brakes.

Disc brakes can be retro fitted on older units in our Factory Service Center and at various dealers. Approximate cost for a double axle trailer retrofitted at our Service Center in Jackson Center is \$2200. Below is a picture of the retrofit package.



303 Aerospace Protectant

Have your windows and vents been closed all winter? If they have been you probably have had difficulty in opening them. 303 Protectant works great to prevent sticky rubber substances from adhering to the glass or vent cap. With regular use it can help slow down the harmful effects caused by UV rays on the gaskets and seals. Works well in restoring the shine to vinyl products, gelcoat and great for your tires too!

Wireless Internet Access

Airstream will be making Wireless Internet Access available to customers at our Factory Service Center. Starting the first of June service will be available in the lobby and in the Terra-Port.

2006 Model Trailers

The 2006 model trailers will be rolling off the line and headed to the dealerships the end of May. Some of the items include doorbells on Classic trailers, optional 19" flat screen TV, wireless speaker for exterior speaker package and LED taillights on Classics. Go to your dealer to see what additional items are available for 2006.

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Every month as I gather information for this column I read numerous articles and review RV forums for ideas. If I use someone's ideas it is only to share information and not to take credit for them.

In an article from June 2004 I shared information on how to keep your holding tanks smelling fresh, this information was obtained from an article by Charles Bruni Renton, Washington called the Geo Method. I apologize for any problems this may have caused.

The mechanic and the heart surgeon

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a class 'A' motorhome when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his RV when the mechanic shouted across the garage "Hey doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorhome. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."
Courtesy of RV Jokes.com

Have a great month, and I'll see you on down the road.

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