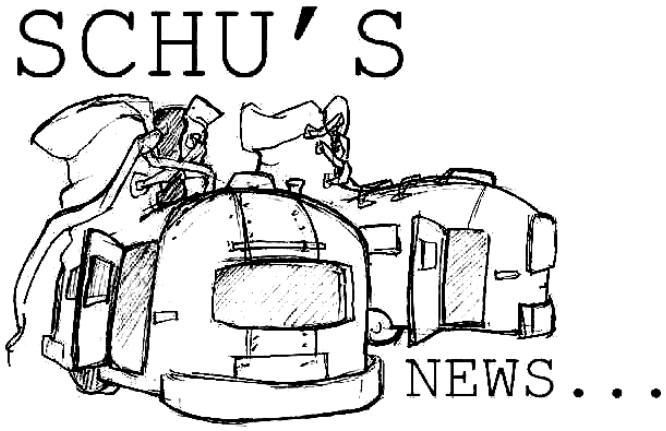

Dave Schumann, General Manager
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Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great time in Oregon at the International Rally. After 12 glorious days in Salem, Oregon, I am back at the mother ship in Jackson Center, Ohio working to find my desktop. The International Rally was successful for our Airstream Parts Store as well as on site service personnel; we want to thank everyone that supported these operations at the Rally. The one thing that seems to remain constant at the International Rallies is the temperature; even in a state with average June temperatures in the 70's the temperature rose to as high as 106 degrees. It's got to be the aluminum thing!

Electric/Gas Hot Water Heater

I recently had a gentleman ask a question about his electric/gas hot water heater. He uses his water heater on electric (110V) instead of gas to save on the cost of LP gas. His question was, is it safe to leave it on electric all the time. He stated that the water seems to reach a very high temperature...he feels that when it is on electric it just keeps heating.

The Atwood combination gas/electric water heater can be operated on gas or electric or in combination. The current model water heaters have a thermostat that is set at 140 degrees; the same thermostat is used to control both gas and electric. Earlier models (prior to 2003) had two separate thermostats, the gas thermostat was located on the outside of the tank below the pressure relief valve and the electric thermostat was located on the back of the tank.

The thermostat will shut off when temperature reaches 140 degrees and start the heating process when temperature drops below 115 degrees. If the thermostat should fail the water heater also has an ECO (energy cut off device) that will shut the heater down at 170 degrees. Also the water heater has a pressure relief valve that will open at approximately 210 degrees or between 125/150 PSI.

It is safe to use your water heater on 110V only with no adverse affects. You may also use both gas and electric at the same time to reduce the cycling time of heating cold water, it can typically take up to 40 minutes to heat water to 140 degrees using 110V and that time can be reduced to about 20 minutes by using both heat sources.

If you do not feel your water heater is operating properly please contact a Certified Atwood Service Center.

If you have not operated your water heater on gas for several weeks you may want to check your main burner tube and flue tube for obstructions before firing up the heater. Spider webs, insects and other debris can accumulate causing problems with the gas flow in the tubes.

LED Lights

LED taillights were a big hit in the store at the International Rally. There are two types that are available for years 1994 and newer trailers, they can be ordered through your Airstream dealers. Also clearance lights are available in LED for non-tear drop clearance lights in amber and red.

Part no. 511973 Kaper 2 LED Taillight hardwire - takes 4 per trailer
Part no. 84410W Bargman LED Taillight screw in bulb type end -takes 4 per trailer
Part no. 84411W-01 Bargman Amber LED Clearance light
Part no. 84411W Bargman Red LED Clearance Light

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To the Point

Dr. Cutter is the local Veterinarian, known for his wry humor. He surpassed himself one summer day when a city dog was brought to him after an encounter with a porcupine.

After almost an hour of prying, pulling, cutting and stitching, he returned the dog to its owner, who asked what she owed.

"Fifteen dollars, Ma'am," he answered.

"Why that's simply outrageous!" she stormed. "That's what's wrong with you Maine people, you're always trying to over charge summer visitors. Whatever do you do in the winter, when we're not being gypped here?"

"Raise porcupines, Ma'am."

I hope everyone is having a great summer, and we will see you on down the road!

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