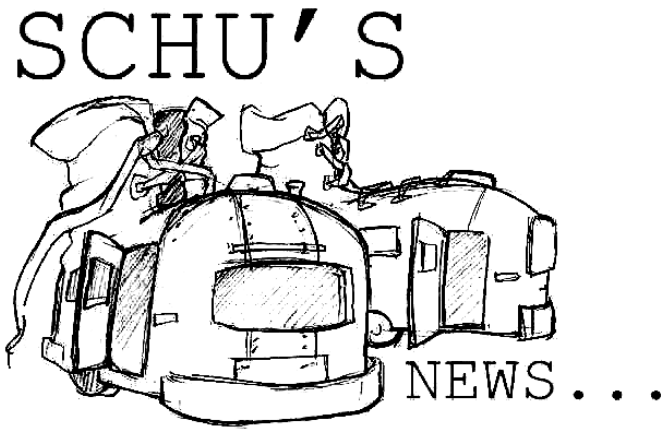

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ELECTRIC STABILIZERS

Well I hope everyone has their Airstream ready to hit the road for another summer of travel and adventure.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Region 9 Rally in Glen Rose, Texas and I would say from the 200 plus units in attendance, that you are off and traveling. It was good seeing friends and having the opportunity to answer questions.

Airstream Parts and Service is in the planning phase for the International Rally in Salem, Oregon. Our goal is to have our Parts store and our Service techs available starting on June 23rd and will be available through noon on July 1st. We hope you can come join us!

An Airstreamer was at our Service Center in Jackson Center recently and indicated that a good topic to cover in an article would be to discuss the **electric stabilizers** we use on the Limited and Classic trailers with slide out option.

Airstream uses the **Ultra 5000 Power Twin** manufactured by Ultra Fab Products located in Elkhart, Indiana.

The Ultra 500 Power Twin is designed for leveling and stabilizing of your Airstream only. It is not intended to raise the trailer off of the ground to change your tires.

Taking Care of your stabilizers

Your Power Twin leveling system is relative maintenance free, but there are several ways to help keep them operating trouble free.

Keep the leveler free of excess dirt and road chemicals by periodically hosing off stabilizer and spraying entire system (including the jack screw assembly) with a light coat of WD40 or similar product (do not use heavy grease or lubricant that will hold dirt).

Lubrication

The motor gear assembly should be re-greased periodically through the grease fitting which is located on the clutch gear housing at the motor assembly. Fill the gear cavity with a heat resistant grease (the same type used to

lube cars) until the grease just begins to flow out of the grease cavity relief indicator hole. Wipe off excess grease.

Never use pneumatic-powered lube equipment as it can damage the leveler unit. Use hand operated grease gun only.

Maintenance

Also you may want to check to make sure all bolts are tight on footpads or where stabilizers are attached to frame, frequent use can cause bolts and nuts to loosen.

You may want to also consider carrying some extra **30 amp slow blow fuses** with you when traveling. (If you operate both leveling switches at the same time when actually lifting your trailer you may overload the motor causing the fuse to fail). The fuse holder is located next to the operating switches.

Always make sure you know where your emergency hand crank is so you are not left high and dry if the jack motor should fail to operate.

Your leveling system should never be totally immersed in water and always remember to retract system before moving your trailer.

Miscellaneous

Another question ask recently was, what size generator is needed to run a 13,500 BTU air conditioner?
A roof air conditioner draws approx.14 amps

Dometic says a 3500 watt generator is required in order properly operate the AC. While a 2800 watt generator may the run AC a 3500watt generator is recommended due to the initial load during start up. Both Honda and Yamaha make good quiet generators in this category.

Did you know?

The annual retail value of RV shipments is $14 billion.
Approximately 8.2 million RVs are on the nation's roads.
More RVs are now owned by ages 35 to 54 than any other age group.

Travel with a horse

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond. Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. "Well... Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"
-courtesy of aha jokes .com
Have a great month and we'll see you on down the road.

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