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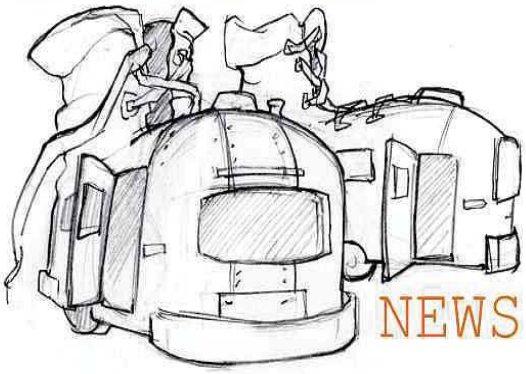

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Welcome to December! It is hard to believe that the year is coming to a close and we are in the midst of getting everything organized for the Holidays. The fun part is that all the RV shows are just around the corner with the many different products Airstream has to offer. Enjoy the Season!

This and That

Have you been to Airstream's website recently? www.airstream.com It is the one stop shop for everything Airstream; product information, items to purchase for the Holidays and the answers to questions regarding vintage Airstreams (http://service.airstream.com/).
Check it out, there is something for you.

Airstream,earns green certification! http://www.tragreen.com/

Here is a sample of the new label that will be installed on the trailers when released.

T.R.Arnold Inc. of Elkhart, Ind., has awarded Airstream an overall "Gold" rating to Airstream's travel trailers and has designated the Jackson Center, Ohio, based company as a "Certified Green Capable Manufacturer" after evaluating its production facility.

Airstream's signature 'silver bullet' has always had a hint of green. The identifying aluminum exterior is unique and stunning. Yet, it is also made of recycled aluminum. All of Airstream's RVs utilize LED exterior lighting. Both the carpeting and hard flooring used are environmentally friendly. They even use a flat screen TV that is Energy Star rated! The production facility also recycles water for the water test booth and all cardboard from shipping packaging. These are just a few of the things that helped Airstream earn Green Certification.

Did you know?

WD-40 is great for removing the adhesive left from stickers or tape residue. It even will assist in removing road tar from your vehicle in addition to lubricating squeaky hinges.

WD-40 has an official list of over 2000 official uses and even has a Fan Club.WD-40 was developed in 1953 by a company called Rocket Chemical Company, they were working on creating products for rust prevention and solvents for the Aero Space Industry. It took them 40 attempts to get the water displacing formula worked out. The same secret formula is still used today. The name WD-40 stands for Water Displacement perfected on the 40th try. It is a great product to have in your traveling tool box.

Customer Questions

How can I protect the tires on my Airstream over the winter months? I do not have inside storage?

Good question. In a perfect world you would store your Airstream in side a building with a concrete floor. Not everyone has that luxury, so here are my thoughts: separate tires from the ground by pulling your Airstream up on wooden planks or blocks. Clean tires and wheels; then coat the wheels or hub caps with a wax and a use protectant for the tires (inside and outside). Then inflate tires to maximum tire pressure to help support the tire during storage. Once those items are completed cover the tires to reduce the exposure to UV rays by using tire covers or wrap with a tarp.

External mounting of spare tire on 1970 Airstream 23'

Does anyone know if the original configuration for this model included a way of mounting the spare tire on the exterior? I don't see any place on the shell for doing this. Also, I don't see a place underneath the chassis that this would be possible. In the several Airstream photos I have looked at, I don't see an externally mounted spare tire in any of them.

Starting in 1969 the frames came with mounting nuts for installing a below floor spare tire carrier behind the "A" frame. You would cut the underbelly aluminum out along the "A" frame rails back to first cross member. The aluminum you cut out can now be attached to the bottom of the plywood floor along with the insulation; once attached to floor, caulk around the edges. Then attach your spare tire bracket to frame rail nuts and locate front mounting bracket on "A" frame and then mount your spare.

What size tire replaces my 7.00 x 15 ?

- ST 225-75 R15 LRD

What is the bolt pattern spacing of my 15" 6 bolt rim?

- 5.5" on center

Bad puns

Shotgun wedding –a matter of wife or death.

A hang over is the wrath of grapes.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

Have a great month and we will see you on down the road!