

# PHRED SEZ.....

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## Air Conditioner Louver Fix

Dave Brett, WBCCI # 1315, of the Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit, suggests a quick and easy fix that worked on the air conditioner louvers on his 88 Excella. "The louvers would not stay in place and were driving me crazy. I pulled down the cover several times before I noticed there is a small o-ring on one end of each louver. I'm guessing they were intended to provide some friction for the louvers, but 18 years later they have dried out and lost their grip. The louvers will pry out with some effort and Auto Zone had an eight pack of 1/4 x 1/16 o-rings for less than a buck. I put a new ring on both ends of each louver and they stay in place like they were new. I've noticed other folks using tape or jamming cardboard to keep them open - must be a common problem."

## Reading Lamp

Do you like to read in the Airstream but the lights can't be pointed correctly and/or aren't bright enough? To solve this problem a search of our local office supply stores yielded a halogen swing arm desk lamp that was the answer to all of our needs. The swing arm design, shade that rotates up/down and left/right, and the intense halogen bulb make a superb reading environment. The base is weighted and it resists movement while traveling, although for security we limited any potential movement with an eight inch bungee cord attached to a screwed-in eyelet. The lamp is available at Office Depot stores as Item #681-591 for about \$19.00.



The CD book, Phred Sez - the First Ten Years, has been well received and is in its third printing. It is available on computer CD (written in Microsoft Works and also Microsoft Word). Order by mail for yourself or for loved ones by sending a check for \$15 each (Includes shipping) to the address below.

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