

Roundtable: Airstream Entertainment Options
2018 WBCCI International Rally

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Roundtable Topics (Options upon Options)

- Main entertainment goals /FAQs
- Video entertainment options
 - Video streaming hardware ecosystems
 - Video streaming services
- Typical overall costs
- Decision tree when on the road
- Audio entertainment options

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Can I use my Amazon Echo/Dot/FireTV in my trailer?
2. I want to use my AppleTV device in my trailer; how do I do this?
3. I use Google Chromecast at home; how can I take this into my trailer?
4. How can I watch Netflix when travelling? Both on my laptop and my trailer TV.
5. Is it cheaper to “cut the cord” and stream my content (at home and travelling)?
6. Can (should) I use RV park WiFi? And is it secure?
7. What about satellite providers: DishTV, Sirius/XM, etc?
8. How much do these boxes cost?

Video Streaming Boxes (one time costs)



- AppleTV 4K: \$180
- Google Chromecast: \$35
- Roku Ultra: \$100
- Amazon Fire TV 4K: \$70

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Popular Video Streaming Services



- Basic Hulu: \$8/month
- Hulu Live: \$40/month (and up)
- YouTubeTV: \$40/month
- Amazon Prime with Instant Video: \$13/month
- HBO Go/Now: \$15/month
- Netflix: \$8 to \$14/month
- PBS: Free (!)
- XfinityStream: included with cable tv subscription

Typical Overall Costs: No great savings...

Option #1: Traditional Basic Cable TV (~\$70 - \$100/month)

- Internet + TV package (“double-play”)
- 100+ channels
- 50-100Mbps internet bandwidth

Option #2: Cord cutter (~\$100/month)

- Hulu Live: \$40/month (and up!)
- Netflix: \$10/month
- 50-100Mbps internet: \$30/month

Option #3: Satellite TV (~\$70/month)

- DishTV: 150+ channels

Option #4: Over-the-air Broadcast (HD often) with Airstream antenna

- Free!
- Excellent video quality

Decision Tree when on the Road

- 1) Do you have reliable, reasonably fast internet?
 - a. **No:** Use satellite TV, broadcast TV, offline-stored content
 - b. **Yes:** Use anything you want (!)

- 2) Do you have a smartphone, tablet or laptop?
 - a. **No:** Use Airstream TV, connected to satellite or broadcast TV
 - b. **Yes:** Use previously downloaded content
 - i. Netflix and Amazon downloaded content on smartphone/tablet
 - ii. Xfinity mobile content on smartphone/tablet
 - iii. iTunes content on laptop
 - iv. Some cloud-DVR services (if you have internet)

- 3) Do you have a data plan on your mobile device?
 - a. **No:** Use WiFi services from RV Parks, downtowns, etc
 - i. Download your content if possible (rather than trying to watch live)
 - ii. Best times are in early mornings, late evenings, maybe mid-days
 - b. **Yes:** Use your mobile device "4G/LTE" data
 - i. If you have cellular coverage
 - ii. Keep track of your data usage!

Audio Entertainment Options

- Smartphone content (pre-downloaded is ideal)
- Sirius/XM
- ???

Additional Options

- 1) Use HDMI output from mobile device / laptop to drive Airstream TV.
- 2) Share a "mobile hotspot"
- 3) Watch directly on smartphone/tablet/laptop (vs. larger screen)
- 4) Audio Podcasts
- 5) Read a book!