

Saturday Seminars

Session 1 – Basics

10 AM to 11AM

11 -11:30 Q&A

Planning your trip

- How far each day

- Travel apps (Google Maps, Allstays, Campendium, Good Sam, Campsite Photos)

- Reservations (regional parks, state parks, national parks)

- Discounts (Passport America, GoodSam, AAA, AARP, Golden Eagle)

- Free Parking (Rest Stops, Walmart, Casinos)

- Keep a journal

Getting started

- Hitch setup

- Lining up the hitch ball and trailer

- Hooking up the trailer

- Checklist

- Tire pressure

- Remove chocks and store leveling pads

- Spare key

- LOOK UP, LOOK DOWN, LOOK AROUND

What to Bring

- Folding chairs

- Leveling blocks

- Wheel chocks

- Barbecue

- Propane campfire

- Utility Connections (electric, water, sewer, cable)

- Generator

- Folding Table(s)

- Exterior Lights (string, mat, Luci lights, flashlight)

- Generator and gas

- Portable solar panel

- Exterior mats

- Rubber gloves

- Tank sanitizer

Towing

- Mirrors

- How fast

- TPMS

- Sway Control

- Setting brake controller

- Weighing—CAT scales

Arriving

- Assess the parking spot (level, rocks, branches, posts, best way in, etc)
- Backing in (two people, hand signals, two way radios, slow is good. Note: the bigger the crowd the worse it goes ☺)
- You're in (leveling, chocks, unhooking, stabilizers, umbilical lines, awning)
- Set up (mats, chairs, tables—relax and have a drink).

Session 2 - Dry Camping; Interior Modifications and ideas; Tools to Carry

1 PM to 2 PM

2 to 2:30 Q&A

Dry Camping

- Opens up great campsites
- Water Management (waste water, fresh water, black water, grey water)
- Battery Management (Battery Monitor, solar, generator)
 - Load management (heater, sub woofer, T.V., inverter)
 - Recharge (solar, generator, tow vehicle)
- Waste Management (reuse cold water while sink and shower water heat up, use campsite bathrooms, dump gray water onsite if allowed)
- Coffee pots, hair dryers, and, ?
- Battering operated spotlights

Interior modifications

- Kitchen (collapsible pots, magnetic spice racks, suction hooks)
- Storage (adding shelves, utilizing dead space)
- Table modifications
- Remodeling to fit your lifestyle (a.k.a. "Glamping")

Manuals, books, magazines, websites, and organizations

- Owners Manual, other manuals for your specific trailer from Airstream
- Airstream Guide for Newbies* Rich Luhr
- The (nearly) Complete Guide to Airstream Maintenance* Rich Luhr
- Air forums, You Tube, rvsafety .com, WBCCI
- "Airstream Life" "Blue Beret", "Trailer Life"

Tools and spare parts to carry

- Tool kit (screw drivers, adjustable wrench, vice grips, knife)
- Torque wrench, 6point hex socket for wheel lugs
- Electric multi meter
- Fuses
- Latches (drawer, cabinet)
- Gorilla glue
- Duct tape
- Corrosion X
- WD 40
- Window release tool, silicon spray
- Emergency cones

Sunday

Session 3 - Heading Home

10 AM to 11AM

Packing up, raise stabilizers, check list

Dumping waste tanks, black water flush, tank sanitizers, storing hoses

Pull out and look around

Q&A