

Streamin' on the Strand 2023

Leveling Recommendations

Welcome to Streamin' on the Strand 2023 Rally. This document is to provide you additional information regarding the surface where you will be parking your Airstream.

You will be parking your Airstream on the city streets within Galveston's Historic District. The streets we are parking on are asphalt paved in good condition with concrete curbs.

1. THE SITES:

- 1.1. All sites are not the same size, but we have insured that your trailer will fit within your assigned site with 1 to 2 feet clearance between your hitch and the trailer's bumper in front of you.
- 1.2. Our sites are laid out on 20th Street between the Strand and Mechanic Street,
- 1.3. Along both sides of Mechanic Street from 20th to 25th Street,
- 1.4. And on 22nd, 24th and 25th Streets at their intersections with Mechanic Street.
- 1.5. Your trailer will be positioned parallel to the curb with your door opening into the street.
 - 1.5.1. Most of the curbs are 6"-8" high although a few sites have taller than 8 inches.
- 1.6. The streets slope **approximately 4 inches** from the outside limit of the parking spaces to the curb side wheels.
 - 1.6.1. If you don't want to be sleeping on a slope you should plan on bringing your preferred supplies to level your trailer for approximately 4 inches of difference across the width of your wheels.
 - 1.6.2. If your trailer's stabilizers are linked such that each stabilizer can't deploy independently, you will need to have blocking for your curb side stabilizers as well as your curb side wheels.
 - 1.6.3. Please note that the road surfaces are not perfectly clean. They have sand, dirt, small pebbles, and other debris which concentrates along the curbs where your leveling activities are taking place

2. OUR LEVELING SUGGESTIONS:

- 2.1. The **Fabricated Leveling Ramp** was the most efficient leveling method we witnessed last year.
 - 2.1.1. **Pros:** The most effective leveling method we witnessed last year was a ramp built from 2x8 or 2x6 lumber.
 - 2.1.2. The Ramp was by far the easiest to deploy and the safest because once it is placed against the tire your guide just moves out of the Danger Zone and tells the driver when to stop pulling onto the ramp.
 - 2.1.2.1. **Cons:** You have to build your own.
 - 2.1.2.2. The Ramp take up a lot of room while transporting it to and from the Rally

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2.1.2.3. See last page for full size drawing



2.2. The **Lynx Levelers** interlocking blocks are the Second most efficient leveling method.

2.2.1. **Pros:** The interlocking blocks are stable on the road surface while pulling up on them.

2.2.2. They are easy to build your ramp one layer at a time making moving your trailer up gradually.

2.2.2.1. **Cons:** You will need two (2)-Ten Pack bags to level a tandem axle trailer.



2.3. The least favored method was the **Anderson Camper Leveler with their Rubber Pad Accessory** to prevent them from slipping while pulling onto them

2.3.1. **Pros:** They are easy to deploy when used with the rubber pad accessory.

2.3.1.1. **Cons:** They are not recommended without the **Rubber Pad Accessory**.

2.3.1.2. On Tandem Trailers without the Rubber Pad Accessory, they tend to shoot out from one tire as the other one starts to rise.

2.3.1.3. They tend to shoot out at high velocity posing a danger of injury to bystanders or other trailers.

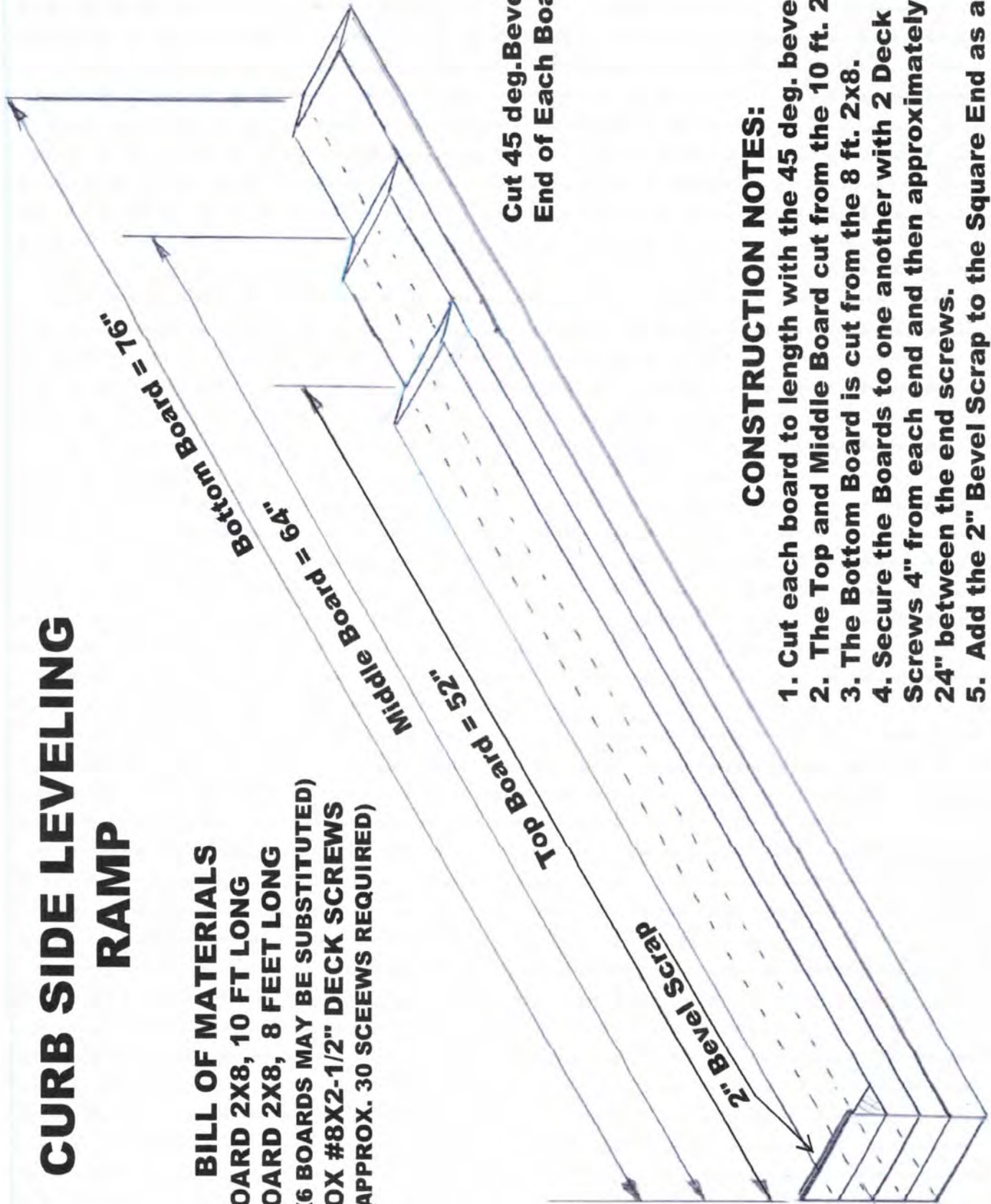
2.3.1.4. They took longer to deploy than the other methods.



CURB SIDE LEVELING RAMP

BILL OF MATERIALS

- 1 BOARD 2X8, 10 FT LONG
- 1 BOARD 2X8, 8 FEET LONG
(2X6 BOARDS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED)
- 1 BOX #8X2-1/2" DECK SCREWS
(APPROX. 30 SCREWS REQUIRED)



CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

1. Cut each board to length with the 45 deg. bevel.
2. The Top and Middle Board cut from the 10 ft. 2x8.
3. The Bottom Board is cut from the 8 ft. 2x8.
4. Secure the Boards to one another with 2 Deck Screws 4" from each end and then approximately every 24" between the end screws.
5. Add the 2" Bevel Scrap to the Square End as a stop.