

SECURITY CAMERA

Recreational vehicle travel is a wonderful experience, giving you that “take your home with you” liberating feeling. But we don’t actually take our home with us. What we leave behind is a house with memories of several years to several decades. But what is contained in the house is even more precious— a lifetime of items we have chosen to purchase, collect, and treasure. Some of these have special meaning but are of little monetary worth (pictures etc), while others have little meaning but greater monetary value (stereo, television, etc.).

When we leave home for a weekend rally, a two-week summer vacation, or a caravan or extended trip covering several months, we are concerned about the security of the house during our absence. To protect the house from robbery we install deadbolts that key-lock from both sides, striker plates with 2" screws so the door can’t just be kicked in, extra window locks, and motion-sensitive night security lighting. We ask the neighbors to keep an eye on our house during our absence and to park one of their cars in our driveway, so the house has a lived-in look. We stop our mail and our newspapers. Some people even install an expensive security system. All of these actions are designed to discourage a potential thief from choosing our house for his next breaking-and-entering exercise.

As an additional theft deterrent Larry Jones, WBCCI # 9805, suggests using a simulated security camera mounted near your door(s). While it does not record or capture any images, the potential thief will think it is real. It is available from your local Radio Shack store as item 49-2569, or online at <http://www.radioshack.com> for \$20.00, and is visually the same as those seen at convenience stores or high-security areas. With its red blinking power-on light it should attract attention and effectively discourage thieves. It can be mounted indoors or outdoors and will flash approximately 4 months with its two “C” batteries. Sometimes the appearance of security at your door will encourage thieves to ply their trade at another residence that is not so protected.

