

Tow Bar Binding

Ever found the pins (picture 1) that disconnect the towed vehicle from the motorhome tow bar to be stuck? After removing the security lock, the pin will not move! Most of the newer tow bars, that stay attached to the motorhome when not in use, have a locking lever (picture 2) that snaps in place when towing begins. That lever theoretically can be pressed down after towing to free the tension and therefore the pins. But there are times when hand pressing the lever will not move it. Hitting it with a hammer is not indicated and would surely shorten its useful life. A **Blue Ox** representative at a recent rally knew about this problem and had a solution. Get in the car and start the engine. Turn the steering wheel right as far as it will go, then left, then right, then left. Shut the engine down, making sure the transmission is in park. This will have shifted the car so the tow bar is no longer binding and the pins can be pulled out easily.

