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## ***President's Message***



### **Streamers - Happy Spring!**

There's something about trees budding, flowers blooming, and birds chirping that makes me want to hitch up and head out camping. Lately, I've been reflecting on why I value belonging to our club so much. Without a doubt, the number one reason is the people. Being part of Airstream Club International has introduced me to so many new and interesting friends. People who are drawn to Airstreams clearly have excellent taste! But

beyond that shared appreciation, we have a spirit of adventure, a love of travel, and a deep enjoyment of the outdoors in common.

More often than not, when I meet someone new in our club, there's an instant connection. We discover shared interests, similar stories, and kindred enthusiasm. For me, those abundant connections are priceless.

Another gift this club has given me is the opportunity to go places I might never have discovered on my own. Our members are wonderfully creative when it comes to rally ideas. We've gathered in destinations I had never even heard of before joining. Serving as Region 10 President has made that even more meaningful. One of my responsibilities is installing officers in each of our seven local clubs, which allows me to travel throughout the region, explore new places, and meet even more incredible members. It is both an honor and an adventure to serve in this role. *(continued on page 2)*

**President's Message** *(continued from page 1)*

Of course, there is one small drawback – how much my new friends cost me! So many great ideas for things to buy. (Just kidding... mostly.) I truly love that part. Sharing tips, tricks, and inspiration is part of the fun. We're never alone on this journey, especially when we need a helping hand.

In the end, it's you – my fellow Streamers – who make this club such a joy. Our rallies feel like one big traveling slumber party, and the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes are truly the heart and soul of this organization.

Thank you for letting me gush a little. I'm grateful for each of you.

See you soon down the road,

**Susan McPhee**  
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## Editor's Desk ~ Carolyn White



**Get ready for the Region 10 Rally, June 24-28, 2026 in Hood River OR** by ordering logo wear and merchandise from Tee Public! All the products can be ordered [here](#).

Hint: If you sign up for Tee Public's newsletter, you will be the first to know about sales. All proceeds go directly to your Region 10.

## Contributions Wanted!

Our Region 10 Newsletter is all about you, our members. Here are several suggestions for you, the reader, to contribute to our Region 10's newsletter:

**Top Tips for My Town** - Let fellow Airstream travelers know of great places to visit around your area. Do you have a local attraction? Do you have a favorite eatery?

**Potluck/Social Hour Recipes** - Do you have a favorite recipe for a large group? Any favorite "One Pot Wonders" recipes? Do you have a picture of your creation and/or the group that enjoyed eating what you made? Check out the "One Pot Wonder" on page 15.

**Intra-Club Activities** - Are there rallies or gatherings planned for the Intra-Clubs in Region 10, i.e. Vintage, Classic Airstream, Amateur Radio Club, Indie Streamers, Grapes & Grains, or Future Streamers? The newly formed Fly Fishing Intra Club has shared their September rally happening in Region 10. (see page 5)

**Rally Reports** - Tell us what a great time you had at a unit rally and share pictures. Are you going to the Region 10 Rally in Hood River, Oregon? Will you be at the International Rally in Fargo, North Dakota? Share your adventures with your Region 10 members who weren't able to attend these rallies.

**Caravans** - Recount your adventures on a caravan in Region 10. Did you have a favorite stop or campground? Do you have pictures of stops along the way?

**Adventures Along the Road** - Have you experienced challenges in your travels along the road? Have you found gems of service and supplies come your way when needed the most? Check out page 13 where Patricia Robertson shares their Airstream repair adventures along the road.

**Best upgrade to your Airstream** - Have you made any additions to your Airstream that improved the quality of your travels? On page 7, John Richardson shares his recent upgrade/repair.

**Maintenance and Repair Questions** - Region 10 is fortunate to count among its members Ray Putnam, who is a great resource for all things Airstream maintenance and repair. This month, Norma Massier submitted an excellent Airstream-related maintenance question for Ray. Norma will be receiving a Region 10 sticker!

Now, it's up to our readers to keep asking an Airstream-related maintenance question of Ray. If your question is accepted for the Tech Talk Times in the Summer 2026 issue, we will send you a genuine Region 10 sticker as well! Please submit to [airstream355@gmail.com](mailto:airstream355@gmail.com) and I'll forward to Ray.

The deadline for newsletter submission is June 15 for the Summer issue. Email [airstream355@gmail.com](mailto:airstream355@gmail.com) with your newsletter contributions.



## Fly Fishing Airstream Club

The Fly Fishing Airstream Club brings together those who love the art of fly fishing and the freedom of the open road. Traveling in our iconic Airstreams, we seek out the country’s most scenic waters, driven by a shared respect for nature and the simple joy of the cast. We honor conservation, support local communities, and practice thoughtful angling. Through fellowship, learning, and stewardship, we deepen our connection to the water and to one another. Whether beside a mountain stream or around a campfire, we embrace the journey, the tradition, and the stories that flow from every catch.

We are a new intra-club, started in 2025. This year we have four rallies across the USA in Michigan, Tennessee, California and our own Puget Sound. Come join us in our own region!

### Puget Sound Fly Fishing Rally - September 21 - 27

This rally is intended to give attendees multiple fishing opportunities. We have reserved 10 spots at the **Washington Land Yacht Harbor (WLYH)** just outside Olympia, WA. The WLYH is ideally located in the South Puget Sound region with nearby access to local rivers and lakes plus numerous salt-water public beaches for wading and using your flotation devices.

Multiple Fly Fishing guide services are located within close proximity as well. At least three guide services have already been contacted. Detailed daily activities and schedules are TBD but will include daily fishing opportunities with or without guided services (boat, kayak, and wading), on-sight educational presentations, and daily happy hour/meal gatherings.

Many of us self-identify as beginners and enjoy learning every time we hit the water. Nearby Points of Interest (POIs) included National Recreation Areas (e.g. Mt. Rainier NP, Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge), multiple museums, as well as local tourist attractions.

You do not have to be a member of our intra-club to join the rally. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## Motion Sickness Quick Relief Tips

Airstreaming involves driving, often over long and winding roads. Motion sickness can occur even for the most seasoned driver and more often, for their passengers. Here are two effective acupressure points that can alleviate these sensations. Point #01 also relieves heart palpitations, often a component of giddiness. Before a road trip, remember to eat a light, familiar meal and stay hydrated during the trip.



## LA28 Olympic Games National Event Rally - Region 10 Members Invited!



10 is gearing up for an unforgettable Airstream adventure, and we're excited to share early details about the **LA28 Olympic Games National Event Rally!** This once-in-a-lifetime experience will bring Airstream Club members together at the **2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games**, blending world-class sport, community celebration, and the spirit of the open road.

The rally is planned for **July 13-20, 2028**, perfectly timed with the Olympic Opening Ceremonies on July 14. Our home base will be **Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort & Campground in San Dimas, CA**, a full-service RV resort located about 40 minutes from major Olympic venues.

As planning continues, **Region 10 is looking for enthusiastic caravan hosts** interested in leading groups of Airstreamers to Southern California for this special event. If you enjoy organizing travel, building community, and helping fellow members make memories, we'd love to hear from you.

If you are interested in serving as a caravan host, please contact our Region 10 caravan chair **Mark Babcock** via email [MarkBabcock21@icloud.com](mailto:MarkBabcock21@icloud.com) or phone 559-801-1433.

More details about rally registration, volunteer opportunities, and Olympic ticketing will be shared as they become available. For now, we encourage members to register for official LA28 ticketing updates at [la28.org/ticketing](https://la28.org/ticketing).

Let's make Region 10 shine in 2028 – and start the journey toward an Olympic-sized Airstream adventure!



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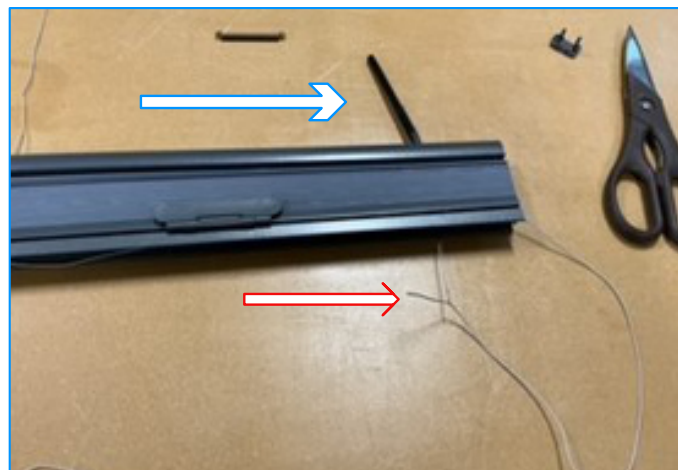
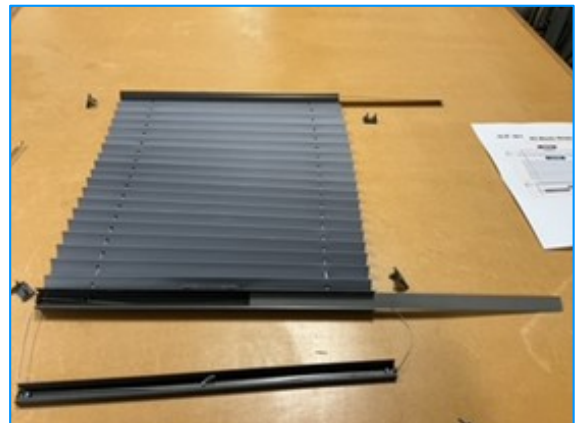
### Blinded by the Light: Tech Tip ~ John Richardson BRN 4682

Manfred Mann's earth Band sang a song written by Bruce Springsteen called "Blinded by the Light" and this summer that is exactly what happened to me. Nothing to do with the nonsensical lyrics of the song but rather the morning Sun light coming in the skylight above the bed.

You see, the cord that runs through the blind broke and the blind could not be closed! I took the blind apart and in the middle rail where the cord was supposed to go through the smooth grommet the grommet had dislodged itself, allowing the cord to rub against the sharp metal of the rail until it finally broke.

I was able to tie the broken cord together using a trust boy scout reef knot but that only allowed me to have the blind in the closed position. Since I knew it was going to be hard to find a replacement blind, especially since you can not buy blinds with exposed cords in Canada due to children and pet chocking hazard, I started looking to see if I could buy replacement cord.

After checking out some of the local shops without success I looked an Amazon, and they had Aupoko RV Pleated Shade Repair Kit for \$22.99 with two-day delivery. The page on Amazon about the repair kit had instructions on how to restring



the blind, I have modified one of the diagrams at the bottom of this piece to show how mine was strung.

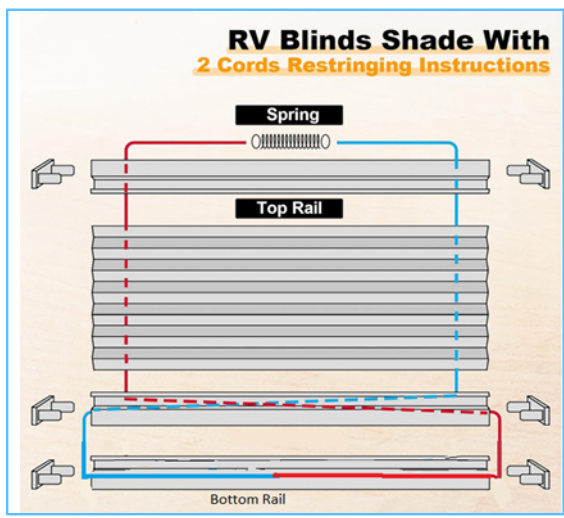
The kit comes with cord, extra grommets and a tool to help you string the cord through the blind. You can see the tool to the left, (blue outlined arrow) long pencil like handle with a thin wire loop (red outlined arrow) to catch the cord and pull it through the blind.

I only needed the cord as I was able to reinstall the dislodged grommet. There was enough cord to repair 8 blinds of the size that fit my skylight.

I measured the old cord and cut a piece of cord the same length for restringing. Using the tool made it very easy to restring and the one piece of cord gets connected to a spring in the top rail.

Adjustment of the cord tension can be done at the spring end by either shortening or lengthening the cord. The blind was reinstalled in the skylight and is working as good as it did when it came from the factory and as the lyrics go at the end of the song, "Gonna make it through the night."

The blue and red cord lines are all one piece, just used two colours to better show the path of the cord.

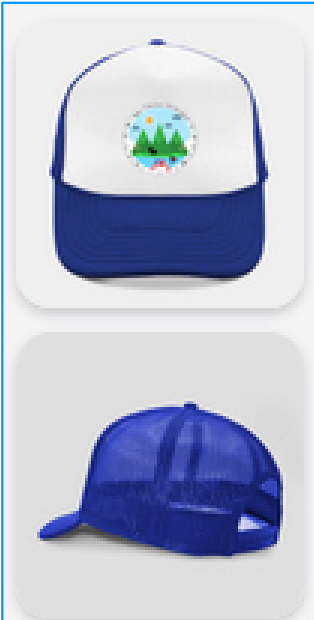


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All of our Region 10 products are sold and shipped by TeePublic, with a "Satisfaction Guarantee." TeePublic ships internationally so our Canadian clubs can shop as well. If you sign up for a newsletter, you will receive updates on sale prices, which are often up to 35% off retail.

For each sale, your Region 10 receives a commission. The income from sales of merchandise will be used to support officer travel to attend installation rallies for the seven clubs in Region 10.

When you visit the storefront [here](#), you will see several designs listed with options for different size logos. Scroll down for other product options, such as magnets, stickers, tote bags and travel mugs. Three styles of hats are now available and can be found in the accessories section! The "Trucker" hat (left) has a mesh back and plastic adjustment strap. The "Dad" hat (right) is all fabric with an adjustment buckle.



Check out the new baseball cap hat style, complete with the **2026 Region 10 rally logo**, available [here](#).

At this time, we have the Alberta-Saskatchewan Unit's logo for all the products, which you can view [here](#), the Oregon Airstream Club's logo [here](#) and Idaho's [here](#).



TeePublic has excellent "fitting review" information and great customer support. Check out all the design options. Apparently the women's classic Tee shirts are now more true to size.



We now have an official Region 10 flag. The 3' x 5' flag is two sided and is available through Amazon for about \$24 plus shipping. If you would like a custom Region 10 flag, please contact me at [airstream355@gmail.com](mailto:airstream355@gmail.com) and I will send you the artwork, the Amazon link and instructions for uploading and ordering. I would love to have more pictures of our Region 10 flag flying at a rally.

## The Region 10 Tech Talk Times ~ Ray Putnam



### Condensation in Your Airstream

The subject of this quarter's Tech Talk Times comes from Norma Massier - "Why is condensation a problem for Airstream campers . . . What damages can condensation cause, and how to prevent and control it."

I, your editor, forwarded this inquiry to Ray Putnam, our Region 10 Tech Talk Times author. Ray curated the following two articles from his archives. Although Ray did not write either perspective, he reviewed them for accuracy and clarity.

Norma will be receiving a Region 10 sticker as a thank you for her question and the answers which will be helpful to lots of Airstreamers.

**First Perspective:** The windows get moisture on them from the heat in the trailer and the cold outside. But when the moisture goes away it collects in the windows between the glass and screen frames. It gets bad enough that the water runs out of the frame onto the inside of the trailer causing wet walls or floor. Is there some way to eliminate the water collecting in this area? Our trailer is equipped with two furnaces, and we had been turning the bedroom one off during the day and closing the hallway door. Is this a possible cause of the extreme moisture on the windows - as it is the area affected? Any suggestions?



If you are using your Airstream in the winter, you probably have your trailer sealed tight from air leaks. So, what can you do to vent or circulate the air and moisture produced from breathing, cooking or showering and eliminate having the problem of condensation?

Moisture from cooking, washing and just breathing raises the humidity inside your Airstream. When the exterior temperatures drop, this moisture condenses on the cooler interior surfaces such-as: window frames, glass and doors. The best way to prevent condensation is to avoid introducing excessive moisture into the air. It is important to use the range hood or ceiling vents when cooking and the bathroom vent when showering. This will draw most of that moisture out of your Airstream. It may be necessary to keep a roof vent open slightly (or run range exhaust) to provide some ventilation and keep condensation in check.

Hang high-capacity dehumidifiers or similar in closets, bathroom, and any other small, enclosed space (Even storage containers). Some of those little tubs of desiccant crystals may be necessary. Covering or insulating (such as aluminum bubble foil) exposed surfaces that tend to collect moisture will also help. A small dehumidifier may be necessary depending on the size of the RV and how much cooking, showering, etc., you do. Monitor humidity levels; the ideal indoor humidity levels in your RV would be between 30% and 50%. I recommend covering some of the bedroom windows with foil insulation and open or run ceiling fans occasionally. Separating the front and back may also be adding to moisture build up as a lot of the warm air is probably still getting into the back but the air is not being properly circulated by the furnace since door is being closed. *(continued on page 10)*

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**Second Perspective:** My wife and I have been Airstreaming for about ten years. We love our Airstream, currently a model 28 Flying Cloud. We also love camping in the Northwest. Our daughter and family live in Portland, Oregon. We have all heard, 'It rains all the time in Portland.' This isn't exactly true. The rainy season is from October through May. But if you are camping there in the 'rainy season,' condensation inside your Airstream is a big problem. We had water condensate in the windows. It would then drip and accumulate in the window channel, flow through the latch opening and end up dripping down the wall and under the linoleum where it could rot the floor and grow mold.

We also had moisture accumulate under our memory foam mattress, between the mattress and the wood platform. The result was mold growth on the wood platform as well as on the mattress cover. This prompted me to research the issue for solutions to our high humidity. This is my attempt to share that experience with you.

**What is humidity?** Humidity is the term we use to describe the amount of water vapor in the air. We normally express this as a percentage.... 45% for example.

**What is condensation?** Condensation of water vapor occurs on surfaces when the temperature of the surface is at or below the dew point temperature of the atmosphere. This is what we notice as sweat in our windows or when our cold mug of beer drips on our wife's favorite coffee table.

**What is dew point?** The dew point of an air parcel is the temperature to which it must cool before water vapor in the air begins to condense. The more saturated the air, the higher the humidity and the higher the dew point. Hot air can hold more moisture than cold air. So, the dew point varies with the amount of moisture in the air. If warm moist air contacts a cool surface, the dew point is easily reached, and the moisture drops from the air leaving droplets of water (condensation) on that surface.

Even if you are not in Oregon during rainy season, condensation can be a problem. Condensation in the windows (sweating) may seem somewhat harmless. Water dripping from the new ducted air outlets may seem like an annoyance. But these are signs that the humidity inside your trailer is too high. If humidity is too high, mold can grow, which can lead to poor air quality and health problems. If undetected, and not corrected, it can rot the floor of your Airstream.

The Airstream trailer is an aluminum can (a nice can). It can be very airtight, especially in the winter or cold-weather camping, when you have your RV closed and the heat on. This is when high humidity is at its worst because the dew point is also high, and water can easily condensate, even where you cannot see it.

What about camping in Florida in July you ask? Well, it may be extremely humid, but you will probably have the air conditioner running. The air conditioner will pull the humidity from the air and discharge it outside the trailer.

We are most concerned with high humidity when it is cool or cold and the trailer is closed-up tight and we are showering, cooking and just breathing... living in our trailer.

### **Sources of moisture we put into the air inside our trailers may consist of:**

- Cooking
- Propane stove - a by-product of burning propane is water vapor
- Showers
- Refrigerator (1.33qt per day)
- Human Perspiration & Respiration (1.33qt per day per person)
- Humid air entering the trailer from outside

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## The Region 10 Tech Talk Times ~ (continued from page 10)

If you want to control the humidity, you have two options. You can control the amount of moisture we put into the air and/or you can control the amount of moisture you take from the air.

Limiting any of the causes listed above can help reduce the humidity in your trailer. However, I am certain you are going to cook and take showers. Even if you were to reduce your use of these things, it is worth noting that an average human puts about 1.33 quarts of water vapor into the air each day. If there are two people in your trailer, they add over a half gallon of vapor to the humidity in your trailer each day. So, there is only so much we can do to limit the water vapor we put into the air of our small living space.

Yes, we can turn the bath fan on when we shower and turn the kitchen fan on when cooking. Vent the moist humid air directly out of our trailer immediately. You can even turn on the Fantastic Fan or open the vent to allow humid air to escape. Hot air will rise and carry with it the warm humid air replacing it with cool air from outside your trailer. Remember the cooler air outside holds less moisture than the warm air inside. Your heating bill may go up, but your humidity will go down.

Now let's look at the other option to control humidity by removing moisture from the air - dehumidification. It has been suggested that if you wipe down the windows, you will reduce the moisture and avoid further condensation. This may be partially true. The question is, "What did you do with the wet towel after you wiped down the window?" If you place it in the trash inside the trailer, you simply move the moisture from the window to the trash. It will be back. But if you were to remove the wet towel from the trailer, you also removed the moisture. If you were to wring the towel out and drain the water from it down the sink, you again have succeeded in removing the moisture. The bottom line is that the moisture must be removed from inside the trailer, not simply relocated.

Dehumidifiers are used to remove excess moisture from air and reduce the humidity. The solution is simple, right? It is until you start thinking about your small living space, possibly limited power, and the noise factor of traditional dehumidifiers. Anyone of these factors may be a deal breaker. Traditional dehumidifiers utilize a compressor, just like your air conditioner. They are heavy, bulky, noisy and not very efficient. These were all deal breakers for me.

I then came across a line of dehumidifiers known as desiccant dehumidifiers (pictured to the right) which are light, quiet, great at lowering the humidity and relatively energy efficient. They have no compressor. Unlike a compressor style unit, their effectiveness does not drop as the temperature drops. This is important. Ratings on a compressor type unit will vary dependent on temperature. As the temperature drops, so does its ability to remove moisture from the air. A unit may be rated at 20 pints/Day at 86 degrees and 80% relative humidity. The same unit may only be rated at 10 pints/Day at 80 degrees and 80% relative humidity. 80 degrees is not the room temperature we typically maintain. A compressor type unit rated at 30 pints a day will seldom deliver that performance at 65 or 70 degrees. (continued on page 12)



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Conversely, a desiccant model is unaffected by the air temperature. It is worth noting that a desiccant model will warm the air passing through it by up to 15 degrees. This is a good thing because we are usually camping in colder conditions.

Proper humidity is between 30 to 50 percent with the ideal being 45 percent. With desiccant dehumidifiers, the desired humidity level can be selected, and the unit will work to maintain that level.

I do not wish to endorse any manufacturer, but you can search for “desiccant dehumidifier” and find them easily. When selecting a unit, first determine how much water vapor it should be capable of removing from the air each day. It is better to have capacity you may never need than to have too little capacity all the time. If the unit is unable to remove enough moisture, it is worthless. I would recommend a unit rated to remove at least 15 pints per day.

I mentioned earlier that you may experience condensation dripping from the air conditioner discharge outlets. This, to my knowledge, is mainly on the newer Airstreams with ‘ducted’ air conditioning but can occur on any model when conditions are right. This occurs because your interior air is so humid that when it contacts the cooler material around the AC discharge, condensation occurs and water begins to drip. The solution is to dehumidify the air inside your trailer. The dew point will be lowered and condensation avoided.

I must also revisit some previous comments such as condensation under the mattress. If air cannot circulate, any dehumidifier is useless. Moisture can form and cause problems in areas where air cannot circulate. When I found moisture and mold under our mattress, my quick solution was to put shoes under the mattress every morning and hopefully remember to remove them when we went to bed. Thus, the air could circulate and dry the area under the mattress.



Since then, I have added a layer of “HyperVent” under the mattress (pictured to the left). HyperVent is a spun or woven polymer mat that allows airflow through it. You can find it and similar products online. Here are the links for [Aire-Flow](#) and [HyperVent](#).

There are other solutions to the issue of condensation under the mattress such as drilling holes in the base or putting slats under the mattress. A better idea would be to prevent condensation in the first place.

Insulation is your friend. It is the lack of insulation and a vapor barrier that allows the moist humid air (with a high dew point) to contact the cold surface in a window that creates the condensation. The same is true on the condensation under our bed mattress. The difference is that we can insulate better under our mattress to keep that warm moist air from contacting a cooler surface and compensating. Not only did I put a woven mat under our mattress, but I also added insulation. If you desire to do likewise, you have many choices. Just remember to have a vapor barrier on the interior side of the insulation. Otherwise, moist air may flow through the insulation and come into contact with the colder outer surface and condense there.

## Streaming to the Southwest ~ with a Little Help from Airstream Dealers

~ Patricia Robertson, Washington Airstream Club BRN 18242

We Airstreamers love to travel, especially when everything goes “without a hitch,” and we arrive safe and sound at our destination. But sometimes life throws a wrench in your gears, and you need a little help to make your trip go smoothly. Fortunately for us, we have some wonderful people working in Airstream dealerships in many places, and when you call on them to help solve a problem, they are there for you. I have two stories of mishaps with our trailer my husband and I experienced in the last couple of years, and the intrepid Airstream employees who helped us to get through them.



George & Patricia Robertson

### **MISHAP NUMBER ONE**



A little over a year ago we towed our 2008 Safari from our home in Lacey, Washington to Arizona to enjoy some winter sunshine. We had been experiencing snowbird life for a number of years before Covid hit, and this was our first year back in the desert after a hiatus of two years. We spent a few weeks boondocking near Quartzsite (pictured left) and found that it was not so warm that we couldn't get by without air-conditioning as long as we opened a few windows and let the breeze blow through our silver bullet.

We were scheduled to go to Phoenix to visit my sister, so we got ourselves organized to leave Quartzsite, but I had failed to add one important tip to our Ready to Tow Checklist – “Latch all windows.” So off we drove to the dump station, oblivious to the fact that the wind had picked up considerably, and the window that had been our source of a pleasing flow of air had popped open. I remember the horror I felt when I looked up while outside filling our water tank and saw, not a window, but the bent metal rods which make up the structure that had held the window, so lately torn from its mooring by the wind! “Uh, George, the window's gone...” I whined, and we sat down to ponder how to solve this dilemma.

Fortunately, a quick internet search revealed that the closest dealer was in Chandler, Arizona, and we were lucky that it was still early enough on Friday that we were able to reach their service department on the phone. The employee we spoke to was quite sympathetic – it was cold at night in winter, even in Arizona, so having a wide-open space where the window had been would lead to some pretty uncomfortable sleeping arrangements. He asked me to send him a picture of the gaping hole, took down details of the year and model of our rig, and checked with their parts department. Not only did they have a replacement for our window (only one, mind you), but he was able to fit us into their service schedule for the next morning. We were grateful for only one night spent with a sheet of cardboard over the opening, and only an hour or so of waiting for the window to be replaced.

***Thank you, Airstream Chandler!***

### **MISHAP NUMBER TWO**

This winter (2025-26) we once again embarked on a trip to the southwest and *(continued on page 14)*

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headed south via the coast route through the Redwoods. It's a long drive, but George prefers that to the risk of snow in the Siskiyou mountains going down I-5. It's also prettier, and less boring. But there are a lot of stops – for lunch, for bathroom breaks, for coffee or ice cream, etc. So, we put the stairs down every time we stop and get into the rig, then put them up again when it's time to roll.

At one point on our lunch break at a restaurant in a little town on our route, I went back to the trailer to get a jacket and forgot to put the stairs up when I left. We departed soon after, with the stairs still down. At some point during our drive, we must have gone too close to a high curb, and the stairs were torn loose. Still hanging

by a metal rod, but scraping the ground all along the way, they continued to get mangled, and we were completely oblivious, until we went over a bridge and I was suddenly aware of the scraping sound bouncing off the concrete at the side of the bridge. We stopped and viewed the horrible sight of one stair tread gone and the rest bent out of shape. (Damage pictured to the right)



Another internet search revealed that there was an Airstream dealer nearby, in Fairfield, California. Bay Area Airstream Adventures was kind enough to fit us into their service schedule that morning, and everyone we encountered was friendly and helpful. They outfitted us with a set of stairs that were serviceable but not the priciest of the ones available. We will probably have to have some more work done on the structural part of the steel that supports them, as it was bent beyond what their technicians could repair during this visit, but we drove away with a reasonable fix and were tremendously grateful.

***Thanks, Bay Area Airstream Adventures!***

### **WHEN IT IS HELPFUL, AND WHEN IT'S NOT**

Our experiences cited above were very positive, primarily due to the employees of these two Airstream dealers. They were friendly, professional, and skilled. They recognized the need of travelers to be given service as soon as possible and went out of their way to find the parts we needed. Though our mishaps were clearly the result of lack of care on our part, we never felt blame for our mistakes, only willingness to help us solve the problem.

This has not been true of the service department of every Airstream dealership we have encountered. At one that we went to with a problem with our black water tank valve, we were subjected to a haughty lecture about our lack of attention to proper care of the tank system from the head of the service department. Another employee there was kind enough to take us aside and suggested we use Tank Tech RX, a natural digester that keeps the tank operating smoothly. So, it really is all about the employees and their customer service skills. That dealership was lucky to have the technician who gave us that special customer service.

So, to all the Airstream technicians out there who keep our rigs rolling, with kind and knowledgeable service, our thanks go out to you and the dealers who employ you!

## One Pot Wonders - Easy Cabbage Slaw ~ Carolyn White

It's springtime and our menu choices start focusing on more salad choices. This easy one pot wonder only takes about a half hour to prepare and serve.

While there are loads of slaw recipes out there, this one, which serves six, is simple and straightforward, using only seven ingredients you probably already have on hand. A whole, unwashed cabbage can last up to a month or two in the refrigerator. Once you cut it, wrap tightly in plastic wrap or store in an air-tight container and use within 2-3 days.

### Ingredients:

½ head of green cabbage, shredded

½ cup sliced scallions

½ cup crumbled feta cheese

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

¼ cup white wine vinegar

¾ teaspoon kosher salt

¾ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

### Instructions:

1. Combine cabbage, scallions, feta cheese, olive oil, vinegar, salt, and black pepper in a large bowl.
2. Toss all ingredients until well mixed.
3. Set aside at room temperature for 10 minutes
4. Taste and adjust seasonings before serving.

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