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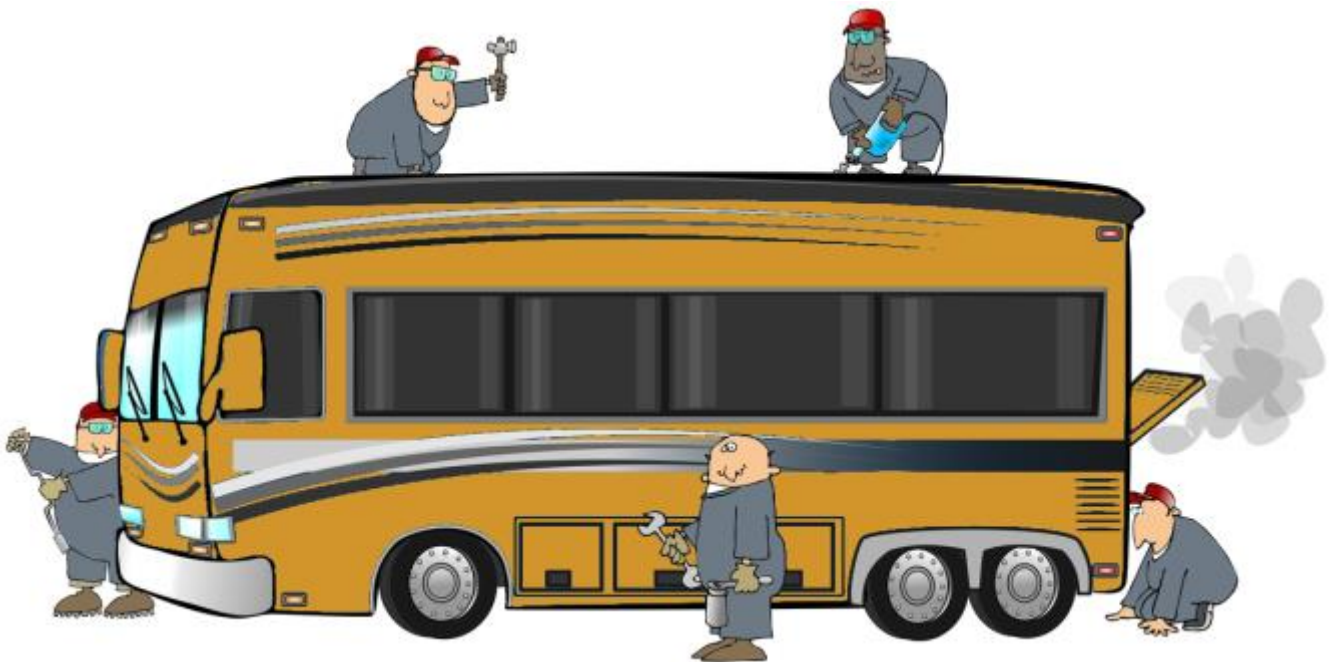


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*REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
COMMITTEE HANDOUT*

MEMBERS ONLY

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Purpose:

The RV Club Repair and Maintenance Committee prepared this document for the intended and exclusive use by its members. We hope that it simplifies the use and improves the operation of your RV. Your input is welcome. Any comments, updates or additions to future editions can be directed to *Dale Kitchen, JudiUnDale@AOL.com.*

Section I - RV Arrival & Setup Checklist

This checklist is intended for motor homes such as Class A, Class B, and Class C, and it includes steps necessary during arrival and setup of the RV.

Please use this checklist as a guide and customize to your specific motor home and your own needs. Review the Owner's Manual supplied with your RV to ensure that you complete all necessary steps for the safe operation of your RV.

Many items on this list may be completed out of sequence. Some items may not apply to you or may not be necessary for every type of RV camping.

Trip Information



Title:



Date:

Arrival & Checking In



Park RV near entrance or office as indicated by signs, doing your best not to block other traffic, turn engine off.



Check in



Ask if discount is offered for RV club members such as the Good Sam Club, or AAA (generally 10% to 15% discount on daily rates)



Request a map of the park and directions on best way to drive to your Site



Request directions to park facilities of interest, including entry codes, if any



Ask if Internet access is offered and details on how to use it (Wi-Fi SID and password, check if internet is included in current fees.)



If arriving after office is closed, look for after-hours check in instructions posted near entrance or office

Locating RV Site



Find your Site on park map and determine entry and exit paths



Walk or take alternate transportation to RV Site before driving RV into park (Strongly recommended for large RV's to avoid potential tight spots.)



If towing a trailer or vehicle, determine if it needs to be unhitched before entering Site



Before driving RV into park, determine if park roads can safely accommodate RV entry and exit (keep an eye on narrow roads, sharp corners, low trees, etc.)



Before driving RV into park, determine if RV will fit into Site and if all slides can be deployed (keep an eye on trees, fences, utility poles, picnic tables, etc.)



Confirm that Site has expected facilities (electricity with correct amperage and plugs, water, sewer, etc.)



Test water faucet, especially in freezing weather



Plan RV approach path and angle, especially if this is a back in Site

Driving In & Parking



If Site has no sewer facilities, drive to dump station and empty waste tanks, if needed



If Site has no water, drive to water source and fill fresh water tanks, if needed



Perform a two-way radio or cell phone check, if using a spotter



Drive RV into Site and position as desired (be considerate to your neighbors by not crowding too close to their space)



Confirm that all necessary facilities are reachable from this position (electric, water, sewer, cable TV, etc.)



Walk around RV to confirm position allows deployment of slides and other RV features without obstruction (consider slide positions as deployed, awnings, steps, decks, etc.)



Check for high obstructions such as tree limbs (even small limbs almost touching RV can cause noise and damage slide covers in wind)



If towing a trailer or vehicle, unhitch it from the motor home If carrying a heavy load on hitch

platform, unload it (motorcycle, etc.), if not done previous to this point.



Set the parking brake.



Place blocks under leveling jacks (to prevent sinking and marking paved surface)



Use manual or automatic leveling jacks to level RV laterally and lengthwise



If RV cannot be leveled with the leveling jacks alone, place leveling blocks under the appropriate wheels to level



If trailer, chock wheels

Setting Up



Deploy steps and hand rails



Unlock inside slide mechanism, if required



Deploy slides (from inside RV, confirm that slides are fully extended)



Deploy decks and other heavy external features



Check if RV is still level in both directions, and repeat leveling procedure, if necessary



If you have an electric outlet tester, use it now



If you have an RV surge protector, plug it into the outlet



Connect electricity and make sure breaker is turned on



Connect cable TV or setup satellite dish if available.



Connect water hose and water pressure regulator



If Site has sewer: Connect sewer hose and make sure both ends are secure



If Site has sewer: Open gray tank valves



If Site has sewer: Empty black tanks, only as needed. Close black tank valves (to prevent odors escaping through roof vents)



Turn on propane and check for leaks



Turn on propane water heater, if needed



Turn on water pump, if no external water source is available



Confirm that refrigerator is turned on and running on AC (or inverter)



Turn on air conditioners or furnace and set thermostat, as needed



Return all items to their normal locations



Raise roof-mounted TV antenna if required



Raise roof-mounted satellite dish if required/available



Consider disconnecting chassis battery, if available (to prevent engine-starting battery from draining)

Section II – RV Repair and Maintenance List

For those of you that surf the web and all that, the following are a couple of good, 'free' sites for a variety of tips and other guides to Checklists, Maintenance, etc.:

<http://www.themotorhomeguide.com>

<http://rveducation101.com>

<http://www.funroads.com>

If assistance is needed regarding any of the services / service providers, please feel free to contact any of the following Committee Members:

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The following is a list generated by RV users in the Club. As the disclaimer states: This is for the Club's use only and the recommendations appearing herein are solely the opinion of the provider(s) and do not represent an official sanction or endorsement by the RV Club or its members(s):

Business Name	Address	Telephone / Hours	Service Provided	Notes from Members
American Auto Glass/The Glass Connection	762 Vella Road Palm Springs, CA 92264	(760) 321-7200	Mobile vehicle glass service, repair and replacement	Fully qualified and capable
Benlo RV II	84-420 Cabazon Center Road Indio, CA 92201	(760) 342-0978	RV General Service, Hitches, Tow Bars, RV accessories, parts	General RV Repair

Colton Truck and RV	863 East Valley Blvd. Colton, CA 92324	(909) 825-4080	Major Mechanical Repair, Tune-up, RV repair	Gas or Diesel
Dent Masters	Mobile Service	(760) 320-7092	Dent removal, minor collision repair	Owner: Jerry Mayton
Dynamic Collision Center of Coachella Valley	42-900 Madio St. Indio, CA 92201	(760) 775-9990	Paint and Collision repair. Leather/Vinyl repair dynamiccollisioncenter.com	Paintless dent removal
Exotic Mobile Detail	Mobile Service	(760) 250-8432	Interior cleaning	Lefty "Lopez"
Gertrude's Draperies	46879 Madison St. Indio, CA 92201	(760) 342-1262	Restring and/or repair night/day blinds	Fast Service @ good price
Gordo's RV Mobile Detail	84923 Avenue 48 Coachella, CA	(760) 559-8724	RV Wash and Wax	Fantastic!
Gosch Ford	150 Carriage Circle Hemet, CA 92545	(951) 658-3181 (800) 883-3673	General Automotive Repair Services	E350 and E450 Motor Homes
Hector's Auto Care	81237 Palmwood Dr. Indio, CA 92201	(760) 296-6184	Mobile Car & RV Wash Power wash, Window Cleaning	
Indian Wells RV Detailing	Call for Appointment	(760) 275-6763	Wash, Wax, Wheel polishing and Roof Treatment	Bryan Anderson
Inland Power Equipment	81-405 Hwy 111 Indio CA 92201	(760) 347-3155	Generator Service	Generac Units
Joni Upholstery	74-804 Joni Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92260	(760) 568-1884	Upholstery	
Lesley's Upholstery	34900 Date Palm Dr Cathedral City, CA 92234	(760) 770-6971	Bed Spreads, Draperies, Head Boards Cornice Boxes,	Boats, Cars & RV's
Manny's RV Wash 'N' Wax	Mobile Service	(760) 660-1433	RV's, Auto's and Trailers	Lowest rates!
Mobile Lube Express	We Come to You	(760) 399-9773	Gas and Diesel Engines, Allison Transmissions and Onan Generators	Excellent service & "They Come To You!"
Mobile Satellite Solutions	74-882 Joni Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92260	(760) 401-4000	Sat. Dish install/ repair. Dish & Direct TV authorized	Spends a lot of time with you
Muffler World	82-541 Indio Blvd, Indio, CA 92201	(760) 347-1124	Exhaust Systems and Shock Absorbers	Welding Service Available
Pacific II Brakes and alignment	83-260 Indio Blvd. Indio, CA 92201	(760) 347-6440 M-F 7:30-5:00	General service, Oil change, Alignment, Steering, Brakes	Octavio or Danny Gonzalez

Parkhouse Tire Inc.	72171 Varner Road, Thousand Palms, CA 92276	(760) 343-1018	Full Service Tire Center	All sizes
Pavilion RV Storage	84350 Cabazon Ave. Indio, CA 92201	(760) 342-1606	Large Indoor Storage 50' and up pavilionrvstorage.com	Tom Lorenz - (626) 512-8927 Jeff Laddusaw - (760) 831-5529
PrepRV	Mobile Service	(888) 506-5885	Concierge Services www.Preprv.com	Pickup, Clean, Detail (inside & out) & Return
Rudy's RV's	Mobile Service	(760) 863-6028	Mobile Was, Wax and Detailing	
RV Stripes, Graphics & More	5055 N Hallmark Pkwy. San Bernardino, CA 92407	(909) 880-3057	Striping, Graphics, full renovations, Carpeting & Flooring, Roof services, Awnings	
Smog Dog	42098 Washington St. #B Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203	(760) 360-6000	RV Smog Check	
SMOG STOP	74-991 Joni Drive #4 Palm Desert, CA 92260	(760) 341-9703	They smog cars, trucks, motorhomes - gas and diesel	
Sun Air Alignment	36-640 Perez Rd. Cathedral City, CA 92234	(760) 328-1914 M-F 8:00AM - 5:00PM	Complete Auto/Truck and RV Alignment and Repair.	Large RV Facility with pull thru area for large RVs.
Sun Bird RV	83-237 Requa Ave. Indio, CA 92201	(760) 342-2442 M-F 8:00AM - 5:00PM	RV repair and Supplies, Plumbing, Hitches, A/C, Electrical Repairs	Open Saturday - Owners: Ron & Anne Tucker
Sundance Custom RV Mobile Service	41-800 Washington St. B105-312 Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203	Cell: (760) 408-2836	RV Appliance and Electrical Specialist www.sundancecustomrv.com	List of services provided on line. Owner: Kevin Bell
The Blind Man	Mobile Service	(760) 574-0067 (760) 568-9430	Window Coverings - New installations & repairs	David Husband Owner/Operator