

TAKING THE SCENIC ROUTE

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Happenings in this edition!



Summer Recap



Tech Tip



Next Meeting

RV Wheeler's "Summer Travel Reflections" Slideshow



Please take a few minutes to help Kevin compile a fun and informative presentation of our summer excursions. Include some of the interesting locations you visited, favorite aspects of the trip, travel recommendations, maybe some lessons learned along the way and up to 5 notable photos of your journeys.

Forward your summer adventures to kevinclover@mac.com by September 1st.

Tech Tip of the Month



Did you pack on a few extra pounds during the summer months? Recent studies indicate the 52% to 85% of trailers and/or motorhomes were found to be riding over their legal weight limit!

SAFETY: Being overweight puts undue stress on your axles, tires, the frame, and even the engine, which can lead to component failure, poor handling characteristics or tire blowouts.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE: Exceeding weight limits is illegal, and being found overweight after an accident can lead to denied insurance claims. That's bad.

CAPACITY ASSESSMENT: Manufacturers provide a dry weight for trailers (or a UVW for motorhomes), but you need to weigh the **loaded** vehicle to know the true weight with occupants, fluids, and gear to stay within your cargo carrying capacity. If you've added items like solar panels, awnings or interior accessories, weighing lets you know if you're still within legal limits.

Load it up with everything you travel with. Weigh your rig with all your camping gear, occupants, and supplies, including full fresh water tanks, and propane then head over to the scales.

Find a public scale. Compare your measured weights to the vehicle's GVWR and individual axle ratings (GAWR) found on the manufacturer's certification label. You could be in for a big surprise.

Remember that a remarkable number of RVs can be **significantly** overweight without much effort. Whether that be a motorized rig or a towable, overloading is a big problem, with serious consequences. Don't let it happen to you. Stay safe.

Who wants ice cream?



The monthly Wheeler's meetings will return on Thursday September 11 at 6:30p in clubhouse 1. I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Ice cream for everyone. Come early to get a good seat for Kevin's special presentation and get ideas for your own future travel destinations. See you there.

"Life is short and the world is wide."