

TAKING THE SCENIC ROUTE

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Happenings in this edition!



Need Repairs?



Tech Tip



Next Meeting

Redhawk Auto Service—Mission Viejo

Are you looking for a shop to perform maintenance on your RV? Several Wheeler's have recently used Redhawk Auto Service with great reviews. They perform the following services:

Brake, suspension, oil changes, battery/charging system diagnostics, cooling system/radiator maintenance, chassis AC/heating system repairs, and trailer hitch/tow component inspections.

Mention that you are a member of the Laguna Woods RV Wheelers and receive a 10% discount, up to \$300 (sorry, discount does not apply to tires :() Call Brain to schedule an appointment at (947) 457-0614.

Tech Tip of the Month



Smokeless campfire? Is it even possible?

A smoky fire can have a number of culprits, including poor air flow, a low fire temperature, or wood that is not properly seasoned. **Get your fire hot and use dry wood.** Smoke is mostly moisture that is unburned. The hotter the fire, the less smoke. Using a well seasoned oak, maple or even cedar wood are a huge plus. Grocery store wood bundles are never a good option. They are rarely dry enough for optimal burning, and the bark is a huge culprit in creating smoke. Avoid construction lumber like pine, and firs. While this type of wood is usually dry, coniferous woods are naturally smoky softwoods.

Proper fire setup is just as important as the right choice of wood. Remember that airflow is your friend. Raise your embers off the ground and onto a pile of rocks or metal grate. This allows the oxygen to flow under the fire, leading to better combustion. A "Lincoln log" arrangement or "tepee lay" using a larger rock in the middle of your fire in which to lean the burning firewood against also encourages oxygen flow. Which ever method you choose, placing a large flat rock upwind of a campfire works as a backstop for the smoke, allowing it to flow in over the fire which guides it upwards.

When all else fails, listen to the campfire guru **Snoop Dogg** and just get a Solo Stove. Go smokeless!

Save the date?



The monthly Wheeler's meetings is on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30p in clubhouse 1. This month's topic is "Safety and Risk Management for RV's". Should be a hoot. Don't forget to purchase your 50/50 tickets at the door. See you there.

"I don't need therapy, I just need camping."