

2024

# RV LEARNING WEEKEND SEMINARS



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## RV LEARNING WEEKEND

MAY 24-26

Ol' MacDonald's Resort

**SATURDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

### **Your Poo & You (Water Systems)**

Stephen Hockridge, SAIT RV Technician Instructor

Eww gross! Let's learn to properly deal with the dirty part of camping. Sewer systems can cause us expensive headaches. There are a few simple tips that can help us avoid costly repairs to our waste system. We will also learn about the whole fresh and gray water systems as well. After this you will be spring fresh.

### **What You Need to Know about Insuring Your Home While You Are Away from Home**

Orbit Insurance – Laurie Bauer

Essential tips for insuring your vacant home with Orbit Insurance.

### **Getting There & How to Park Your RV**

Robin Bunker

This session will cover pre-travel checklists and tips, hitching up, arriving at the campsite, parking the RV, and getting set up for your stay.

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

### **Make a Splash – Boating Safety**

Madison Lalonde & Water Smart® Coordinator – Lifesaving Society

Participants will share their boating experiences in motorized boats. Participant's beliefs and experiences will be used to reinforce safe boating behaviour and build an understanding of what equipment is required for safe boating. The Lifesaving Society will discuss waterfront hazards, identifying a safe boat launch, lifejacket safety, and necessary equipment.spring fresh.

## **RV SnapPad**

Mark Selanders – NEW SESSION

RV SnapPads are the World's Only Permanent Jack Pad, meaning no more placing, retrieving or storing plastic or wood blocks to level. Join the thousands of RVers who've made leveling their RV faster, easier and more convenient.

## **Ask an RV Tech, Beginner Level**

Warren Thunstrom & Ron Goerzen, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

A certified RV Technician has a wealth of information about every type of RV and this seminar is for the newbie RVer. You're new to the world of RVing and want to get ready to set out on one of your first trips. From information on how to level your unit to understanding the basic operation of your plumbing and electrical systems, this is your opportunity to ask the Certified RV Technician.

## **Propane 101: Cylinders and Systems**

David Westercamp – Carefree RV

The Propane System is one of the most versatile utilities in your RV. It not only provides you with heat, but can cool your refrigerator, cook your food, give you light and can even make electricity. This convenience is made possible by the portability of propane.

We will discuss propane safety, cylinders and systems in your rig. We will look at why propane is the primary fuel choice in the RV industry, the types of cylinders used to store and transport it, and the built in safety systems of the cylinders and your rig.

While RV appliances are beyond the scope of this presentation, we will discuss troubleshooting your propane system, what steps you can take to fix minor issues, and when it's time to seek help from your RV Tech or Certified Propane Inspector.

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

## **Ask a Certified RV Technician, Advanced Level**

Warren Thunstrom & Ron Goerzen, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

So now you are the experienced RVer and yet you always need to know a little more. A certified RV Technician has a wealth of information. Here is your opportunity to ask those more in depth questions and get the answers you need. This is an open forum session where you bring the questions, and the certified RV Technicians will provide you with everything you need to know. and electrical systems, this is your opportunity to ask the Certified RV Technician.

## **Fall & Winter RV Maintenance**

Andrew Marquis, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

You've been camping all summer, fall is approaching and it's time to put the RV away for the season. This session will guide you through the steps to winterize your plumbing lines, what to do with the exterior and several preventative maintenance tips to keep your RV safe and trouble free for the next season.

## **Make a Splash – Canoe/Kayak Water Safety**

Madison Lalonde & Water Smart® Coordinator – Lifesaving Society

Participants will share their boating experiences in canoes and kayaks. Participant's beliefs and experiences will be used to reinforce safe boating behavior and build an understanding of other Water Smart® behaviours. The Lifesaving Society will discuss emergency situations, canoe and kayak safety, and Swim to Survive® standards.

## **Spring & Summer RV Maintenance**

Robin Bunker

This session will outline maintenance to keep your RV in good working order. We will cover proper use of water and sewer systems and related products, appliances, propane systems, exterior sealants and seals, running gear, tires, and other essentials for trouble-free RVing.

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

1 HOUR SESSION

## **Proper Care & Feeding of your Slides and Awnings**

David Westercamp, Carefree

Ron will cover the basics of slide construction and drive mechanisms along with maintenance and minor adjustments. The care and adjustments of awnings and slide toppers will be covered in this session.

## **Buying Your RV**

Stephen Hockridge, SAIT RV Technician Instructor

To help you buy with confidence, we will shine a light on things to check when buying a new or used RV. Expiry dates on components are often overlooked. We also want to match your tow vehicle to the RV you will be choosing. Family size and needs, and tow capacity are all things to be mindful of. What type of camping do you do? Is it important? What are the benefits of new compared to used? Let's find out!

## **Stettler Brewing Company**

William Roberts - NEW SESSION

Insight look at the brewing process for different IBUs - flavours of beers and tastings.

# SUNDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

## 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM

### E-Bike Safety

Seann & Michelle Childs, Pedego Electric Bikes

Pedego Edmonton is committed to enhancing the safety and education for individuals interested in e-bikes. Helping to maintain activity and active transportation options. The following segments will be provided during the session

1. Transport Canada Guidelines for e-bikes (5 MINUTES)
2. The different classifications of e-bikes which is best for you (5 MINUTES)
3. Finding a bike that fits your size and abilities (10 MINUTES)
4. Understanding your boundaries and biking within your means (10 MINUTES)
5. How to avoid the most common mistakes when riding e-bikes (5 MINUTES)
6. Test riding different bikes (UP TO 15 MINUTES PER PERSON)

This waiver is required for test rides

**WAIVER**

When you sign up for this session, please click on the link to complete the waiver form immediately.

### Appliance Maintenance (Water Heater & Furnace)

Andrew Marquis, SAIT RV Technician Instructor

How are my RV appliances different from my house? Is there a filter to change on my furnace? What is an anode rod and why do I need it for my water heater? Why does my water stink? All these questions and more answered in your RV appliance basics. Get the most enjoyment and longest life out of your RV's appliances after exploring the best practices when using and maintaining them.

### If I Only Knew – A Ladies Only Session

Robin Bunker

Ladies, do you sometimes feel you are not listened to, or you are cautious about asking questions in front of others? As a previous SAIT instructor, Robin has worked with men and women and has a wealth of knowledge. This session is to assist women who RV by themselves, with other women, or even with their husband. Robin will answer any questions you have related to understanding the operation of your RV; be it a camper, trailer, fifth wheel, or motorhome. From electrical to plumbing or effectively operating components of your unit; Robin will give you the guidance you need. There is NO unimportant question. LADIES, THIS SESSION IS FOR YOU.