

Howard Welcome everyone!

jdensie Hi to all

Howard I set up this chat based on some requests from wannabe full-timers that had concerns about towing, etc.

Jesse Evening everyone  
Glen joined.

Jesse What were some of their concerns

Howard It looks like it might be a lighter crowd tonight. Perhaps folks have just gotten used to reading the transcripts. :)  
Carol joined.

jdensie reading the transcripts dosen't answer there question  
JRP joined.

Howard A couple of reminders. First, comments are limited to 200 characters. So try to split them up or they will get truncated. Also, if you don't type in 30 minutes, you will get timed out.

Howard All righty then. Who has a question?

Howard Gonna be a short chat. :)

Linda lol

Dee\_NC Never driven at all with a 5er attached, what's the first thing to expect?

Jesse Do other women get to drive like Linda does

Carol This is a question for Linda. What is it like driving such a big rig. i used to drive a school bus. is it easier than that???

Linda Well, I've never driven a school bus, but it really isn't that hard once you get over the nerves.

jdensie Kathleen is going to be taking a driver's course at LOW in May. She will than be driving our MH

Linda I was very nervous for the first few times

Howard Dee, I'm struggling to answer your question. Do you have certain concerns?

Linda Being a passenger really helps with knowing what to expect.

Dee\_NC mountains are secondary, that will come later I'm sure, but when we pull a Uhaul, you can't see out

Billm I am planning on getting a 40 ft MH - but have never driven much larger than a mini van - any suggestions?

Dee\_NC the back so how do you know from just the side mirrors what you're doing (like middle of the road)

Dee\_NC do you watch the line in the right mirror? we're going to have dually

Howard Dee, yes your rearview mirror becomes pretty useless.

Jenny\_J side mirrors should be positioned so you see whats behind you shouldnt they

Dee\_NC are the basics just like the uhaul driving?

Howard The good news is the trailer tracks well behind the tow vehicle. And it will be no wider than your dually.

brucedelta joined.

Linda Bill, we started our driving in a big empty parking lot. We spent several hours driving around the islands and backing up

Dee\_NC ok that's good to know, thought it would stick out beyond the dually

Tom joined.

Howard You will learn to use both mirrors and the smaller "blindspot" mirrors that give you a wider range and help you get used to where your trailer wheels are.

Billm that makes sense

Linda practice wide right turns

jdensie I always tell people to practice, practice, practice, and a large empty parking lot is great to learn

Howard Dee, that's why folks with Medium Duty Trucks or Heavy Duty Trucks don't get too concerned about the trucks size while towing. They are not really any wider than a dually pick-up.

Linda the islands are good to use for turning to make sure you don't hit them

Billm not so easy to find a large empty parking lot around here :)

Linda we used a movie theatre parking lot in the morning

Billm what is the concept, morning???

Linda no movies showing in the morning so noone there

Dee\_NC school lots on weekends

Jenny\_J malls in early am

Billm just not sure I can deal with early mornings :) - - I guess there are things that must be dealt with

Jenny\_J dont those little orange cones work too

Carol Bill-just how long have you been retired???

Dee\_NC where would you get those?

Linda sure jenny

Jenny\_J auto store  
Roz Camping World  
Dee\_NC good to know.  
Howard Home Depot has orange cones as well  
jdensie set a couple of chairs out  
Teresa joined.  
Jenny\_J my luck i would run over chairs  
Dee\_NC is that the best way to learn to back into a small area?  
gwb36 Is it harder to get used to a 5th wheel backing than a travel trailer? Anyone?  
RodI joined.  
jdensie make sure you don't  
Jesse gw, a 5th wheel is easier  
Teresa The 5th wheel will cut corners (cheat) more than a bumper pull trailer  
Tom left.  
Howard Dee, the cones are a good way. You can set them up to practice backing straight from the drivers side angle and the passenger side angle.  
Tom joined.  
Teresa You don't need to turn your steering wheel as much when backing  
Glenn left.  
Carol How often do you have to back up?  
Roz One of the most important things to practice whether it is a MH or towable is "boxing your conrners" so you do not hit the corner of a curb.  
Teresa and just go slow.....that is the best advice, take your time  
Howard Backing into a site where you can watch the drivers side mirror is much easier than the passenger side.  
Roz Knowing how far to pull out into the intersection before turning.  
Howard I agree Teresa -- SLOW, SLOW, SLOW  
Teresa owning a set of walkie talkies saves an embarrassing argument for all to hear:)  
Darrell joined.  
netters joined.  
Howard We started with walkie talkies, but it can be hard learning how to

give proper directions for the "spotter"  
Jenny\_J but when you are alone what do you do  
Roz get out and walk anytime you are in doubt  
macattack joined.  
soontotravel joined.  
Howard We now just use hand signals and make sure the windows are  
down so we can here that loud STOP! when necessary.  
Teresa yep, much cheaper to get out and look a few times than doing  
damage to your rig  
Jesse Jenny, the safest thing when you are alone is to get out and look  
before you try to back up  
jdensie I always backed in myself as to prevent a arguement  
Howard Yes Jenny. When alone, you get out and check your area.  
Howard Then you get out and check your progress  
Linda I have a feeling Jenny, if you get out a couple of times, your  
neighbors will come out and help  
Teresa or keep watching you :)  
Darrell Has anyone mentioned using a colored rope as a guide  
Linda no  
Jesse Many years ago in another life I went to a truck driving school  
and we were required to get out 3 time while backing before we  
hit the dock  
Carol How do you use the colored rope?  
RodI There is always some guy that just cant resist coming over to  
help get you backed in. Always!  
Teresa i've parked our motorhome several times alone, backing it into a  
very narrow spot at the beach near where we live and I'm  
amazed that nobody assists, but when I'm done, they sure will  
compliment me :)  
Roz If we have to back in at night, we have a number of small red  
strobes that we line up on either side of the site like landing  
lights on a runway.  
Darrell You lay it along side of the site where you can see it while  
backing and use it as a guide.  
Jenny\_J that is a good idea pa  
Carol The rope sounds like a good idea. it would be easy to see.  
Darrell You can also use your water hose  
soontotravel yes very good idea.

Teresa if you can see the rope that is a good way, howard's comments on cones is good also

soontotravel where do you buy the cones?

Darrell but I agree with getting out several times to ensure you are going where you want

Darrell also to check your overhead as well  
Tom left.

Teresa and your front end, more damage is often done to the front of your MH or truck while you are busy watching your rear end

Darrell excellent point Teresa

Teresa (of your rig I mean!)

Teresa :)

Linda something that can be forgotten easily are the slide toppers if you have them. They stick out from the rig a couple of inches so you do need to keep an eye up top.

Carol Roz, where do you get the red strobes/

Roz No one will ever tell you you are going to slow. It pays.

jdensie A very important thing to remember when backing into a site ie to look up for any obstructions that might hit your A/C

Roz Coleman makes them to attach to tent ropes to avoid tripping over them.

Howard You have to know your total height for driving and parking. Very important.

Teresa power mirrors are almost a necessity so you can move themn up and down to check your toppers and back down to check the ground

RodI Watch the awning on the passenger side.

Darrell especially when you're 13'2" tall  
kevin\_h joined.

gwb36 Do you tend to watch the trailer corner or the wheels to gsauge how sharp to turn?

Howard For those that have not yet driven a large RV, start paying attention to overpass clearance signs. Make a habit of looking at them.

Teresa Good point on knowing your total height. The news tonight showed a big rig that was demolished from driving into an overpass on the highway, it was pretty ugly

Darrell Amen to that Howard.

Linda and weight restrictions

Teresa and that was a PROFESSIONAL driver who obviously didn't know his rig's height

Carol Do you know where there are low bridges or overheads that could be trouble?

Darrell We have a website on our favorites that list low over passes. We check it whenever traveling on the red roads

Teresa do you know the website?

Howard GW, is your question regarding driving or backing?

Darrell Not off the top of my head, Judy found it

gwb36 Backing.

Teresa i'll Google it, thanks

Carol Is it a government website or state?

soontotravel could we please have the website Darrell?

Doncat joined.

Darrell That's a good question Carol, I honestly don't know

Darrell I'll go off line for a minute and see if I can find it

Roz Pa, when you locate the web site, why not put it on the Forum?

Carol From all the comments about backing up do you spend more time backing than pull through in campgrounds?

Linda we are coming up on our first 30 minutes, so if you have not typed anything, you will be booted out.

Howard GW, we look at the overall situation when backing. A lot depends on the sharpness of the angle into the site, and, very importantly, how much room you have for the truck to turn in the front.

brucedelta what is the height of most overpasses

Glen ok

Darrell It's aitaonline.com

gwb36 Thank you, Linda.

Dee\_NC is it hard to connect the 5er to the truck? Is there some kind of guide on them?

Roz Tks Pa

kevin\_h Kevin H - staying on

soontotravel thanks Darrell

Jesse I have only had a couple of pull thrus and still had to do some backing to get position

netters thanks

macattack ok

Howard Bruce, depends on the type of road. But there can be huge ranges. Pretty much anything a Commercial Trucker can get under will be fine for almost all RVs

Darrell when backing be sure to watch the front corners so that you don't pinch the truck cab

Howard We are always happy to see Semis with trailers on the roads we are on. :)

Roz Knowing how your RV turns, whether a 5ver or MH is so important

Roz in Campgrounds, sites or on the roads

Darrell Most bridge heights on interstates is 13'6" or higher

Howard Dee, there is not much easier than hitching a fiver to a truck. Especially if there are two of you and develop a good procedure.

Roz That is law

brucedelta We rented a RV and went on Skyline drive where there was 12'8" overpass. They certainly made note of it. The RV we had then was 12'4" so no problem. The one we are looking at is 12'9", so will it b

Linda Most hitches have a center mark on them to help guide it in.

jdensie we are safe at 13 ft. as we are 12f 6in high

Linda Some even come with mirrors on the front of the rig to help in the hitching process

Howard Yes, Bruce. We are just under 13' so we look for at least a six inch clearance. You never know if the sign was changed since the last road paving. :)

Jenny\_J you can also use electrical tape to mark it to

brucedelta OK, so 6" is the guideline, thanks

Jenny\_J thats what i use for my camper

soontotravel Linda , can you buy the mirrors.

Darrell Yes, none of us want a convertible RV

Linda hitching for us is the easiest thing we do.

jdensie One thing to remember is if you have a MH and are pulling a toad there is no backing up

Linda I'm sure Camping World would probably have them

Howard jd, Yes I was going to mention that tonight. Thanks

Roz That is a big no no

Jesse Soon you can but them at just about any rv supply

Jesse mean buy them

soontotravel thanks Jesse

jdensie you have to predertimind you forward travel

Linda they also make a level that sticks on the rig so you know exactly how high to raise or lower the rig to have it lined up with the hitch

kevin\_h In over 10 yrs as a professional driver, over all 48 states, I never saw an overpass that had an incorrect height listed.

Teresa and i'm sure they give a couple inches leeway to be safe

Darrell That's encouraging Kevin

Linda that is good to know Kevin

socaltoolguy joined.

Billm Thanks for the comment about not being able to back up a MH with a toad

socaltoolguy hi all

Linda some of the small town overpasses scare me

kevin\_h I have seen some overpasses that were arched, specifically on I-25 through Denver, Watch to see if the sides are lower than the middle. Sometimes there are two heights listed

Teresa yes, small towns are where i would worry, but on the highway, with the big rigs, almost any MH or 5th wheel should be OK

Howard Yes, with a MH and toad, you need to be more careful about pulling into somewhere you can't get out, unless you are prepared to unhitch the toad.

Darrell And that happens at least once in the life of each MH owner

Teresa sure does

Linda Another thing to consider when backing into a camping spot is...slide clearance

Roz Especially, Pa, when some automobile parks right in front of you.

gwb36 It happened to me the first time I towed a car.

Teresa yikes

socaltoolguy left.

Linda making sure you are far enough away from obstructions

Darrell You are correct Linda - I've had to move more than once because I forgot

Teresa it happened to us going to seek out a ghost town, and my husband was the one who told me to turn too soon, we ended up

with him in our Jeep and we backed down a dirt road for several hundred feet to g

Howard 200 character limit :)

Teresa thanks :)

Teresa better to be safe and go to the next place where you can see and turn around

soontotravel Has anyone ever had to ask someone to move their car, so you can back or pull into your site?

Roz sure

Teresa oh sure

Darrell Just once

jdensie it happens

Howard Soon, yes. Happens from time to time.

Jesse I have... just was not enough room to turn to back the 5er in

Teresa most people are fine with that, if their car is that close to your site they will gladly move

Darrell generally they offer to move when they see you looking over the site

Howard Happens just driving through a campground, not just getting in a site.

Teresa nobody wants their vehicle hit !

Linda There have been several times when I walked in front of Howard towing the rig down a crowded campground road.

Roz Before setting out to drive, the one thing that is most important for safety is to be totally rested and clear your mind of problems.

Darrell Yep, I agree Charles

jdensie having a guide in a CG is a very good idea

Linda If I think a turn is going to be tough, I get out and guide him through it

phyllis joined.

Linda We both feel a lot better

Darrell that is the teamwork part of this lifestyle

kevin\_h Watch your shadows. They can be great reference points.

Vee joined.

Darrell i've seen some wives just sit in the truck and wait until hubby gets everything in place

Howard The best advice I can give for everyone is not let others make you hurry and go SLOW.

gwb36 You've met my wife!

Howard For couples, teamwork makes everything easier AND safer.

Roz I often have Ethel behind the wheel of the MH and I guide her in.

Teresa that's right, take your time no matter if you think you are making someone wait

Darrell also, I've had to politely ask other to just let Judy guide me - to many cooks in the kitchen!!!

Roz Only one chief

Howard Excellent point Darrell

Teresa yes, you can politely say, "thanks, we have our routine down pretty good"

Teresa "but thanks" and smile as you walk away :)

kevin\_h If guiding someone, rather than waiting until time to stop and waving, spread your arms and bring them together proportionately to the distance to stop. The driver can gauge better. Your hands come

Linda Sometimes you will have people that work at campgrounds that have never driven an RV trying to guide you into a site.

soontotravel Which do you think is best to use when guiding someone into the site, walkie talkie's or cell phone?

jdensie I agree as you get to work as a team when you do it all of the time

Doncat Anyone use radios?

Linda Don't rely on them solely.

Howard Soon, whatever works for you. We just use hand signals exclusively now.

Darrell We use radios

Glen they

Teresa sometimes but we have a rear camera with audio so my husband can talk to me through that

phyllis our back up camera has a sound. He can hear me but I cannot hear him. Love it!!!!

Roz good hand signals that have been agreed upon and practiced work best, as the driver does not have to handle a radio

Teresa or shout over the deisel engine :)

Darrell I suppose you could put the cell phone on speaker but you need both hands on the wheel when backing in

soontotravel I really needddd a copy of those hand signals.lol

Roz shouting makes for a heck of a long quiet evening

Doncat Some of Cheryl's hand signals can be intimidating!

Teresa i now drive with a headset earpiece since California is requiring hands free cell use this year

Linda I think you kind of just work out your own best way.

Howard No matter what, I get out of the truck and survey everything myself when backing. How it looks in the mirror can be quite different than what it actually is.

jdensie hand signals are workred out between the two of you

Dee\_NC we ham operators so will be using our radios to start with.

Darrell the radios seem to work best for us - all I have to say is Yes Dear

Carol it is time for me to shut down. thanks for all the good info.

Linda Another good thing to remember if you are the person doing the guiding.... always make sure you can see your driver in the mirror.

Teresa good point

kevin\_h Great point, linda!

Howard Yep, if I can't see Linda in my mirror, I don't move!

Darrell I agree

Teresa very smart man :)

Linda I am the one who has to move to see him

soontotravel What about the other side of the camper?

brucedelta good night all

macattack That's me. I always get out several times to look for myself.

brucedelta left.

Teresa if you use your side as a guide, the other side will usually take care of itself

Carol left.

Teresa but take your time, get out as many times as you have to get out

phyllis we had an experience in hand signals. Had to have a new windshield, repair man wanted it in his shop, he was waving Bob in, I was outside yelling stop. Two more inches would have torn our dish and r

Linda For those that have not started driving RV's...start paying attention to other drivers and how they react to big rigs.

Darrell Slow is the key, Judy will go back and forth watching both sides

Howard Soon, the "spotter" is responsible for both sides of the camper and any overhangs

phyllis sometimes takes more than one person  
Rodl 30 minute no drop  
Linda You will notice that they almost always will pull out in front of them so they won't be behind them.  
Darrell but as H said, I don't move when I can't see her  
Linda Keep this in mind when you start driving your rig.  
kevin\_h When a big rig is passing, don't watch them in your mirror. You will tend to drift toward them. Look forward.  
gwb36 Lot of good points  
soontotravel As you can tell Don & I have only traveled one time before winter came to visit.  
Teresa take your rig to a big parking lot, like a high school, on the weekend, and practice some  
Howard Yes, expect other drivers to cut in front of you and to pull out in front of you. Keep extra distance.  
Darrell Kevin, when I see a big rig starting to pass, I start hugging the white line on the right  
Jenny\_J have you ever had to put on your brakes real hard??  
phyllis yes  
Darrell Yes, It's can be scary  
Teresa oh yes  
jdensie I always watch the front wheels on a vehicle if they are going to pull out in front of me, also give a lot of room  
Roz Defensive driving teaches you to always look for a  
macattack If at all possible I always back in from the driver's side so I can keep the trailer in my driver side mirror.  
Howard We've had to hit the brakes hard a few times, but not slam them on.  
Darrell There are those knuckleheads who will not pull in behind to exit, they speed up and cut in front of you then put on their brakes  
Teresa truckers appreciate it if you use your lights to flash them when they can move over  
Roz way out of any situation that may arise.  
Howard Yes, Teresa. You gain respect from truckers when you do that.  
Teresa they will thank you by flashing you back  
phyllis we appreciate it when the truckers do it for us too  
Darrell and they generally do the same for you  
Teresa it's a little thing to do

jdensie when we drive and in this lif style our motto is "Got up this morning with nothing to do and all day to do it"

gwb36 I've noticed trucks will acknowledge my pusher lights but not my now Class C.

Teresa good motto

phyllis good motto

Doncat Windy conditions make driving and adventure also

jdensie In our MH we have a ICC switch to signal back truckers

Teresa some truckers don't recognize anyone, but most do and if you flash them, they'll know you know how to drive

Darrell and generally it takes me all day to do it :)

Linda We are coming up on another 30 min. Type something if you haven't so you won't get booted.

Billm ICC switch??

Dee\_NC 30 min kickoff.

netters k

Glen Been educational

Vee ok

soontotravel ok

kevin\_h thanks

Roz The marker lights required by the Fed are called ICC

Teresa where only your tail lights turn on

Roz Interstate Commerce Commision

gwb36 Gee, a whole hour

Billm ty

jdensie Bill the ICC switch is a monentary switch that flashes your lights netters left.

Linda Also pay attention if someone is passing you and trying to tell you something.

Teresa good point

Linda It could be that you need to pull over to investigate.

Linda that happened to us on our way home from the Dealership

Linda our Generator exhaust pipe was dragging the ground

phyllis have left our TV antenna up lots of times. People will point up when hey pass

jdensie if you can pull over ina populted area

Jenny\_J left.

jdensie that's why they make the gears in the antenna out of plastic and can be replaced for about 5 bucks

Linda I always do a walk around the rig before we pull out of a campsite.

Linda And don't forget a checklist

Glen good idea

soontotravel I have a quest. about the speed limit. If the limit is 60, do you go 60 or do you go slower for good measure?

Roz Everyone should work from a checklist precisely for their rig.

gwb36 I used to hang a reminder from my sun visor.

Darrell we have a check list and go through every item every time before we pull out. check it even if I know for a fact that I did it

kevin\_h We hang our ignition key on the antennae knob.

Dee\_NC we have friends that have a chalk slate they use to leave and setup

jdensie We keep a cloths pin on the antenna handle and when we use the antenna we put the cloths pin on the sterring wheel

Howard Checklists are very important. It is so easy to get interrupted by others in the middle of your takedown, hitching, etc.

Teresa hanging the ignition key is a great way to remember

Darrell You drive at what ever speed you are comfortable.

Roz Checklists keep pilots safe and RVers also.

gwb36 In my later years I use checklists for everything

Teresa one does the outside, and one does the inside, and we've got it down pretty good

Linda We have found that when we are not into our normal routine is when things are forgotten.

Darrell I generally drive at 62 mph because that is the sweet point for my truck

Roz and your fuel tank

Howard Soon, if the speed limit is 60, we will hang around 55. On interstates where it is 65 or higher, we stay around 60.

phyllis left.

Linda Such as when we leave from a dealership after getting service.

Jesse I usually keep between 62 and 65

Teresa me too

jdensie On our MH the difference between 55 and 65 for fuel milage is

great. 10 MPH gives us about 2 MPG more

Howard      Yep, our best mileage is at around 55 give or take a mph or two.  
sfischer joined.

Darrell      I go by the RPMs rather than speed - 1800 rpms = 62 mph

kevin\_h      55 is a good speed on back roads but if the speed limit is 70, 55  
can be hazardous to other traffic. I suggest a minimum of 63 on  
interstates...

Jesse      Most 5er tires are speed rated for 65

Darrell      Thanks again Kevin, I'll keep that in mind

gwb36      I go just fast enough so trucks will not build up too much behind  
me.

jdensie      on interstates we do travel 62-65 to not be a nuisance on the  
highway

Roz      one of the most unsafe laws is when trucks are relegated to 55  
and cars to 65. Traffic moves safer at the same speed.  
Joezilla joined.

Billm      Thanks all - - good night

Teresa      thanks, good night :)

Jesse      I agree Roz, I think it is ridiculous for 2 separate limits

gwb36      good night billm  
Teresa left.  
JRP left.

jdensie      good night to allas this has been quit intersting. Get's rough in  
the eastern time zone  
Billm left.  
jdensie left.  
sfischer left.

Glen      thanks it's been educational

Howard      Our goal here tonight is to help those that have little or no  
experience in handling an RV a bit of a comfort level. Any  
questions that we failed to address?

Vee      I was looking for tips for solos but came in late so I will check  
the transcript

Howard      Vee, we did discuss solos earlier as far as backing into a site, but  
we'll be happy to go over whatever you want. :)

kevin\_h      Vee - I'll repeat a note that is especially good for solos. Watch  
your shadows when backing or in close quarters. Your shadows  
are great in reference to other objects.

Vee Yes, so far what I have figured out is get out and look often.

soontotravel I hope I can be as brave as Linda & learn how to pull our 5er. It is so scary.

Howard Vee, that's the big one!

Vee Saved me a couple of times from hitting a tree!

Dee\_NC we're both scared to death to do mountain driving.

Howard Soon, I had never towed anything myself. I was scared, too. But practice and going slow goes a long way fast.

Glen amen

kevin\_h Hear, Hear, Howard!!!

Howard Being a little scared is good. Lots of mistakes hapeen when folks get overconfident.

soontotravel Thanks Howard

Joezilla I think going slow is the key to everything.

Roz There are old pilots, and bold pilots, but no old, bold pilots. Same way with RVs.

Vee Someone said not to drive as slow as 55 if the limit is 70. Do others agree?

Joezilla I try to stay around 60 to 65.

Darrell I would agree with than, you can see how fast traffic can back up behind you

Roz However, do not let anyone push you faster than you feel safe driving.

Howard Vee, that's probably good advice, but I don't let other push me to go over 65. It is a speed limit after all, not a speed minimum. :)

Joezilla Yes, let 'em go around.

Glen I agree

kevin\_h Going too slow results in other drivers doing really crazy things to get around you. Having said that, drive at your safe speed....

Darrell Your safe speed being the operative in that statemenyt

Joezilla 60 to 65 is not going too slow.

kevin\_h Agreed, Joe

Dee\_NC not if you have to stop really fast.

gwb36 And you wont have to worry about tickets

Joezilla True, I sometimes miss my days of having radar detectors, but I was not towing my fiver at the time. ha.

Glen CU Later

kevin\_h It feels good to have a cop pass you and you didn't know he was there. Better than going around watching for them...

macattack The biggest part of the time the slow vehicle is not involved in the accident . The accident happens behind them.  
Glen left.

Roz Teh only purpose for a radar detector is to avoid getting caught breaking a law.

Howard Agree kevin

Joezilla Yes, it is kinda nice to not have to worry about speeding anymore.  
Doncat left.

Dee\_NC howard this has been terrific. Lots of good advice. It's time to head out.  
Dee\_NC left.  
Joezilla left.

Howard Nite Dee  
gwb36 left.

Roz As Red Skelton would say, Goodnight and God bless.

Darrell another thing that we didn't talk about is weather, we don't drive in inclement weather - just find a place to hide out until it passes

kevin\_h Or, I just flew in from Phili and man are my arms tired!!!

Linda very good point Darrell

Linda We stay put in bad weather also

Howard Yep, no need for extra stress. :)

Linda and rarely drive at night

Darrell after all, we wouldn't just lose our camper, we would lose our house

Darrell Katts hate driving at night

kevin\_h Yup, Darrell. And isn't this lifestyle about low stress???

Linda soon, do you have any more questions

soontotravel Do you have a time of day to be at your site?

Linda we like to be in our site no later than 4:00

Darrell we like to be in before 4 PM  
RodI left.

Howard That lets us avoid any rush hours, but also gives us time for a backup plan if we don't like the campground.

Darrell If we are going to be near cities we try to get by them between

10 AM to 2PM

macattack Do you usually set a limit on how many miles you will travel in a day.

Darrell we don't like to travel over 4 hours

Howard mac, we try to stay below 150 miles, but will go up into the low 200s on occasion

Howard We have made one trip over 300 miles.

Howard And Linda drove that one

Darrell :)

soontotravel Thanks H & L , this have been very informative. Looking forward to meeting you both. Good Nite.

Vee Thank you Howard and Linda and all  
Vee left.

macattack Way to go Linda. ::smile

Linda nite soon

Linda lol  
soontotravel left.

Howard Well, that looks like that's about it. Thanks everyone for your input! :)

Darrell Nite all

kevin\_h Driving is a bit of a pasion for me. I read a LOT of good stuff here. thanks a lot.

Roz Thanks, Howard you are a gracious host.

Jesse It have been nice. Good nite all

kevin\_h Gnight  
Linda left.  
Jesse left.  
Darrell left.

macattack Was a little late but enjoyed it . Nite all  
Roz left.

Howard I'll get the transcripts posted in a day or two.  
kevin\_h left.  
macattack left.  
Howard left.  
Wel-don joined.  
Wel-don left.

