



2022 RV LEARNING WEEKEND

SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, May 14th 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Appliance Maintenance (Fridge & Stove) – Don Lynn, Go RV, Red Deer

Do you question how your fridge and stove operate and wonder how to trouble shoot problems? This session will help you learn the components and operation of these appliances for their safe operation.

Your Poo & You (Water Systems) – Stephen Hockridge, SAIT Instructor – NEW 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.

Getting There & How to Park your RV – Robin Bunker, Western RV, Airdrie

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.

Towing Behind Your Motorhome – JC MacLeod, Bucars RV – NEW INSTRUCTOR

In this seminar we will discuss what factors to consider when choosing a vehicle to tow and what components are required to tow across north America safely. We will discuss the pros and cons associated with flat towing, dolley towing or car trailer towing.

Saturday, May 14th 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Turn the Sun into Lightning! – Chris Schilman, DC Power Corp.

In this session we will help campers understand how RV solar works, the benefits to having an RV solar system and how to know what size of a system you need. We will cover all components of a solar system so that people will have a better understanding of how a solar system operates and how it can change the way they camp!

Ask an RV Tech (Advanced) – Warren Thunstrom & Ron Goerzen, SAIT Polytechnic, 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.

South of the Border, Down Mexico Way – Rene & Wendee Paull-Clouthier – NEW SESSION, NEW INSTRUCTORS

Rene and Wendee will share their knowledge and provide insight into travelling beyond the Canadian border. Rene will share about crossing the border and what is required to travel safely and legally as a tourist in Mexico, and especially the state of Sonora. There is a free zone, which only requires an FM3 visa and vehicle insurance. There are many beautiful beaches with RV parks, small towns cities and restaurants. The majority of Sonora and further south in Mexico, requires you to obtain a vehicle permit and this will be explained. Wendee will tell you about places they have been and what they love about the country, the people and of course some of the places they have stayed, for a week or two, or 4 or 5 months. Wendee will share what amenities and site seeing spots to do before crossing over. It is one of those trips anyone retired (or not) should look at doing.

Cooking in the Flames – Part 1 – David Delafield, Mammut Bushcraft

Join Outdoor Educator, David Delafield in this session on cooking, baking, and boiling using the magic of fire. If you've ever wondered how to manage without power, or when the propane runs out, this session will give you the confidence to improvise and eat very well. You will have the chance to use open fires, airtight woodstoves, reflector ovens, dutch ovens, bushcookers, and more. Menu for this session will include appetizers, main course, baked goods, all washed down with cowboy coffee. All cooked using wood and charcoal powered flames. Participants in each session will have the opportunity to be involved with lighting and maintaining fires, preparing ingredients, and eating the finished product. *Limited class size.*

Saturday, May 14th 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Positive & Negative – Know the Facts – Chris Schilman, DC Power Corp.

Come check out this session, Chris will provide information on different battery types and sizes and explain the advantages and differences between them and how to pick the right battery! Proper battery charging habits and proper battery maintenance. What works and what doesn't! Understanding how deep cycle batteries charge and common misunderstandings and issues. Make sure you get the most life possible out of your batteries!

Spring & Summer RV Maintenance – Robin Bunker, Western RV, Airdrie

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 and propane systems, exterior sealants, and seals, running gear, tires, and other essentials for trouble-free RVing.

RV Kitchen Set-Up & Cooking in your RV – Donna Taylor – NEW SESSION, NEW INSTRUCTOR

Donna has years of experience in setting up your kitchen and cooking in your RV. She will show you how to manage with less or use more compact kitchen gadgets and how to make the most of your space. You might think, well how hard is to cook in your RV, but most stoves are normally smaller than in your house. Donna will share her knowledge and tricks of the trade to make your RV kitchen a high functioning space.

Ask A Certified RV Technician, BEGINNER LEVEL – Warren Thunstrom & Ron Goerzen, SAIT Polytechnic, RV Technician Instructor

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.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Boondocking – Stephen Hockridge, SAIT Polytechnic, RV Technician Instructor – NEW SESSION, NEW INSTRUCTOR

Did you know there are 3 common types of boondocking? What are the different sources of power? How can you save water when you have a limited supply? What do I need to know about food storage? Can I camp anywhere I want? Is this something I can do alone? So many unknowns when it comes to boondocking. After participating in this discussion even the faintest of heart will have the confidence to go out on an adventure. Bring your questions and experiences to this one! We will guide the group through a few topics and learn from material provided and from experienced boondockers.

Saturday, May 14th 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm – (1 hour session)

Proper Care & Feeding of your Slides and Awnings – Ron Goerzen, SAIT Polytechnic – NEW SESSION, NEW INSTRUCTOR

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.

Alberta Parks 101 – Heather Lambert & Mary Fitl, Alberta Parks & Environment – NEW FOR 2022

Learn all about Alberta Parks -- our campgrounds, recreation opportunities, hidden gems, what you should know before you go, our customers, and visitation trends. Plus get a chance to ask all your visitor experience questions.

Beginner Yoga – Andrea DeYoung, Yoga with Andrea

Camping, yoga and breathing techniques. Join Andrea as she introduces you to the joys of relaxation and basic yoga poses. In this class, you will be introduced to both sitting and standing yoga poses within your stretching ability. Modifications for any health concerns can be made. This is an introductory level, and no experience required. PLEASE BRING A TOWEL OR YOGA MAT OR CHAIR AND WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHING TO MOVE IN. This class will be outside on the grass weather permitting, otherwise indoors.

Protect Your Home Away from Home – Amy Bradley, Wayfarer Insurance Group

Do you have any burning questions about RV insurance? Whether your home away from home is a trailer, motorhome, or park model, it's important to have the best, most complete protection possible. In this session we will cover the basics of RV insurance, answer frequently asked questions, and provide tips to save on your premiums.

All About Rentals – Evan Hopkins, Outdoorsy – NEW SESSION, NEW INSTRUCTOR

With over 3 million nights traveled we have learned a few things at Outdoorsy. In this session, we will share trends we are seeing in the industry, best practices from our most successful hosts, and dive into what we have learned about the customers who are trying before they buy.

Sunday, May 15th 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Maintaining A Healthy RV – Conrad Tchir, Go RV Leduc

Conrad will guide you through general maintenance for your RV's exterior and interior including how to maintain your Furnace and Hot Water Tank and preparing your unit for winter storage. Open discussion at end of seminar will be available to address any specific concerns.

Propane Systems – Stephen Hockridge, SAIT Polytechnic, RV Technician Instructor – NEW INSTRUCTOR

Let's focus on our heating and cooling appliances. The propane component is what separates it from most of our household appliances. We will learn about fault codes, proper care of the system and how these appliances work. By the end of this class, you will have the knowledge and confidence to do minor maintenance of your propane systems and you will understand how the 120VAV, 12VDC, and LP systems work together.

Cooking in The Flames Part 2 – David Delafield – Mammut Bushcraft

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Towing Your Trailer Safely – JC MacLeod, Bucars RV – NEW INSTRUCTOR

In this seminar we will be discussing safety and legal aspects associated with towing any recreational trailer. Everything from understanding your weights; to what hitches (both 5th wheel and bumper towing) will suit your combination best.

Sunday, May 15th 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Buying Your RV – Stephen Hockridge, SAIT Polytechnic, RV Technician Instructor – NEW 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 is often over-looked. 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 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!

Renovate or Upgrade your RV – Robin Bunker, Western RV, Airdrie

As a past SAIT instructor and an RV Parts Specialist, Robin will share the benefits of renovating an RV or advise when it is time to upgrade. With gadgets, innovations, and interior and exterior decor being introduced with each new model year, there are many upgrades that can be done to your existing RV to breathe new life into it. We will talk about upgrades that you can do yourself based on your skill level, and those upgrades that will require a qualified technician. Get out and browse the new RVs at your local dealer and bring your "wish list" of ideas to the seminar.

If I Only Knew – A LADIES ONLY SESSION – Robin Bunker, Western RV, Airdrie – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

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.

Understanding Basic RV Electrical Systems – Don Lynn, Go RV Red Deer

Don will provide basic information and fundamentals of the electrical makeup of an RV, from battery installation to GFCI circuits and LED lighting to installing satellite in your RV. This is the opportunity to have some of those questions you have regarding electrical answered by a certified RV technician.