



2023 RV LEARNING WEEKEND

SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, May 27th 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.

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.

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.

The Roads Less Travelled – Rene & Wendee Paull-Clouthier – NEW SESSION

Our presentation will introduce you to some ideas and destinations that aren't on the usual travel agenda for summer vacations. We will start you out from Alberta, but not leaving on the Trans Canada Highway, in fact you won't put too many miles on the # 1. You might decide to go to a rodeo where rather than being one in a Million you might be 1 in a thousand, where the grandstand only has good seats, the fairground vendors offer local food, and you can park right at the event, or a beautiful lake with a beach, campground, and a golf course. How about a parade of marching bands in competition or a huge market on the shores of Lake of the Woods in Ontario with so many different crafts and food being sold your heart will sing. Sign up for our little travel talk and we will reveal these and many more surprises!

Saturday, May 27th 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Turn the Sun into Lightning! – Jay Kerlake, 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!

Boating Safety – Madison Lalonde & Water Smart® Coordinator – Lifesaving Society – NEW SESSION – NEW INSTRUCTORS

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.

What Everyone Ought to Know About Motorhome Servicing and Mechanical Repairs – Nancy Suranyi & Roger Suranyi, Namao Auto & RV Repair

If your RV comes with a motor and driveline, then there is a whole different area of servicing and repairs to consider. In this seminar we will cover everything from maintenance, inspections, and ride control to brakes, alignments, and driveline. By having a solid understanding of the mechanical operation of your motorhome chassis, you will be able to make better informed decisions the next time you take it into a repair facility.

Don't Have a Blow Out – Jim Bailey & Ian Kreiser – Fountain Tire – NEW SESSION, NEW INSTRUCTORS

Did you know RV tires are different than regular vehicle tires? Find out why Goodyear, and everything through Tire 101 that will cover: tire construction, reading the side wall, irregular wear patterns, RV Tire maintenance and inflation tips, and tire applications. There will be a Q & A after.

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.

Saturday, May 27th 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Positive & Negative – Know the Facts – Jay Kerslake, 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!

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.

Fall & Winter RV Maintenance – Stephen Hockridge & Andrew Marquis, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

You've been camping all summer and 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.

Canoe/Kayak Water Safety – Madison Lalonde & Water Smart® Coordinator – Lifesaving Society - NEW SESSION – NEW INSTRUCTORS

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, 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.

Saturday, May 27th 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm – (1 hour session)

Proper Care & Feeding of your Slides and Awnings – Ron Goerzen, SAIT RV Technician 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.

Towing Safely – Brad Shier, Standens – NEW SESSION

An overview of the basic towing principles of trailer towing, GVW's, as well as dinghy towing. Course will also cover trailer brake and suspension maintenance, tow bar maintenance, and towed vehicle braking systems.

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.

"The Good, The Bad & The Ugly" – Rick & Darleen Olinyk – NEW SESSION - NEW INSTRUCTORS

Rick & Darleen will admit they are NOT professional teachers or instructors; but have been out camping for over 30 years with many experiences of the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. Over the years, they have had some issues they have encountered and some items they found they needed. They will share their "Good, Bad and the Ugly" with you in hopes that some tidbit of information may assist you in your RVing adventures for years to come.

Sunday, May 28th 8:30 am – 10:00 am

RV Axle & Suspension Systems, What to Know (Travel Trailer & Motorhome Edition) – Nancy Suranyi & Roger Suranyi, Namao Auto & RV Repair

The suspension system of a RV is primarily responsible for both the ride and handling of a unit. Whether it's a motorhome or a travel trailer, the suspension supports an RV's foundation by distributing energy and absorbing stress. In this seminar we'll be covering how it all works, upgrade options, maintenance / repairs, axle flipping, alignments, weight calculations, and more. Understanding suspension and your axles will help you make a more informed decision the next time you take it into a repair facility.

Hitched Up – Brad Shier, Standens Ltd.

Join Brad as he presents a seminar designed to educate consumers on choosing the correct size and type of hitch, proper setup and adjustment of equalizer hitches. An overview of the various fifth wheel hitches and their advantages and disadvantages of the different ones on the market and how to select an electric brake controller will be discussed.

Propane 101: Cylinders and Systems – Don Schmaltz, Tanks Again – NEW INSTRUCTOR

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 of your propane system, what steps you can take to fix minor issues, and when its time to seek help from your RV Tech or a Certified Propane Inspector. Time permitting, a Q&A session will follow the presentation. Don Schmaltz is certified in Tank inspection & Requalification (Cert # 450547)

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 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!

Sunday, May 28th 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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.

E-Bike Safety – Seann & Michelle Childs, Pedego Electric Bikes – NEW SESSION – NEW INSTRUCTOR

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 <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5ytp3bebum4izyfkpvavmh/web/>

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, 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.