

2025

RV LEARNING WEEKEND SEMINARS



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MAY 24-25

Ol' MacDonald's Resort



SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM



Your Poo & You (Water Systems)

Stephen Hockridge, SAIT RV Technician Instructor

Eww, gross! Let's learn how to properly handle the dirty side of camping. Sewer system issues can lead to expensive headaches, but a few simple tips can help you avoid costly repairs. We'll also cover fresh and gray water systems so you can keep everything flowing smoothly. After this session, you'll be feeling spring fresh!

Tires, Axles, & Suspension

Roger and Nancy Suranyi, Namao Auto & RV Repair

Keep your RV safe and running smoothly with this informative, hands-on seminar. Whether you tow a trailer or drive a motorhome, this session covers essential maintenance and performance tips, including:

- Proper tire care and how to spot wear or damage
- The role of axles in RV stability and handling
- How suspension systems work and when they need attention
- Best practices for improving ride quality

Gain the knowledge to maintain and enhance your RV's performance for a safer, smoother journey!

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.

RV SnapPad

Mark Selanders, R&D Lead, RV SnapPad

RV SnapPads are the world's only permanent jack pads—no more placing, retrieving, or storing plastic or wood blocks for leveling! Join thousands of RVers who have made leveling their RV faster, easier, and more convenient.

Ask a Certified RV Tech, Beginner Level

Warren Thunstrom & Ron Goerzen, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

Certified RV Technicians have a wealth of knowledge about all types of RVs, and this seminar is designed for new RVers. If you're preparing for one of your first trips, this is your chance to get expert advice! Learn the basics, from leveling your unit to understanding plumbing and electrical systems, and get your questions answered by a Certified RV Technician.

Propane 101: Cylinders & Systems

David Westercamp, Westys Coaches

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.

Get ready to 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.

Powering Your Adventures: A Guide to Battery & Solar Energy

Chris Schilman, DC Solar Power

Join Chris for an in-depth look at battery and solar power solutions for your RV. Learn about different battery types and sizes, their advantages, and how to choose the right one for your needs. This session will also cover:

- Proper battery charging habits and maintenance
- What works (and what doesn't) for optimal performance
- How deep cycle batteries charge and common misconceptions

Ensure you get the most life and efficiency out of your RV's power system!

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Ask a Certified RV Tech, Advanced Level

Warren Thunstrom & Ron Goerzen, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

You're an experienced RVer, but there's always more to learn! Certified RV Technicians have a wealth of knowledge, and this open forum is your chance to ask in-depth questions and get expert answers. Bring your toughest RV-related questions, and our technicians will provide the insights you need to keep your adventures running smoothly.

Fall & Winter Maintenance

Andrew Marquis, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

After a great summer of camping, fall is approaching, and it's time to prepare your RV for the off-season. This session will walk you through winterizing your plumbing lines, protecting the exterior, and key preventative maintenance tips to keep your RV in top shape for next season.

Spring & Summer Maintenance

Robin Bunker

Keep your RV in top shape for the travel season! This session covers essential maintenance, including proper use of water and sewer systems, appliances, propane systems, exterior sealants and seals, running gear, tires, and more. Learn how to prevent issues and ensure a smooth, trouble-free RVing experience.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1 HOUR SESSION

Proper Care & Feeding of Your Slides & Awnings Buying Your RV

David Westercamp, Westys Coaches

Learn the essentials of slide-out construction, drive mechanisms, and routine maintenance to keep your RV in top shape. This session will also cover the care and adjustments of awnings and slide toppers, helping you prevent issues and extend their lifespan.

Buying Your RV

Stephen Hockridge, SAIT RV Technician Instructor

Make an informed RV purchase with expert guidance! This session will highlight key factors to check when buying a new or used RV, including often-overlooked component expiry dates. We'll also discuss matching your tow vehicle to your RV, considering family size, towing capacity, and camping style. Plus, explore the pros and cons of new vs. used RVs to find the best fit for your adventures!

If I Only Knew – A Ladies Only Session

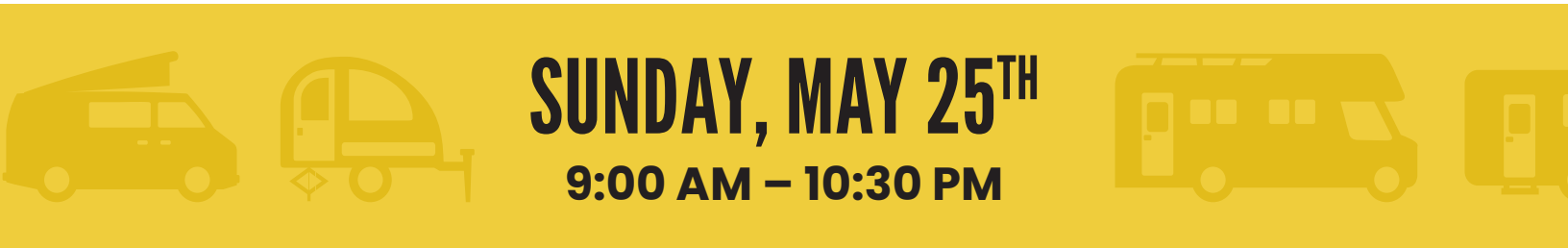
Robin Bunker

Ladies, do you ever feel overlooked or hesitant to ask questions in mixed company? As a former SAIT instructor with extensive experience working with both men and women, Robin is here to support you. This session is designed for women who RV alone, with other women, or with a partner. Robin will answer any questions you have about understanding and operating your RV—whether it's a camper, trailer, fifth wheel, or motorhome. From electrical and plumbing to the finer points of operating your RV, no question is too small. LADIES, THIS SESSION IS FOR YOU!

Stettler Brewing Company

William Roberts, Stettler Brewing Company

Get an inside look at the brewing process and explore the flavors of different IBUs. This session will dive into the art of craft beer, from ingredients to taste profiles—plus, enjoy a tasting experience to savor the variety Stettler Brewing Company has to offer!



Appliance Maintenance

Andrew Marquis, SAIT RV Technician Instructors

How are RV appliances different from those in your home? Is there a filter to change on your furnace? What's an anode rod, and why is it essential for your water heater? Why does your water stink? Get answers to these questions and more in this session on RV appliance basics. Learn the best practices for using and maintaining your RV appliances to maximize their lifespan and ensure the best possible experience on the road.

Off-Grid Camping 101: Everything You Need to Know

David Westercamp - Westys Coaches

This off-grid-focused seminar will help you learn what you need to upgrade your RV for off-grid adventures and/or reduce costly power charges. You'll see firsthand examples of essential equipment, including inverters, solar panels, and monitoring systems. Plus, a fully equipped truck will be on display, giving you a complete off-grid experience.