

## Call for submissions: Choosing the RV lifestyle: Real people, real choices

Alice Zyetz and I (Jaimie Bruzenak) have a new project. We are exploring the RV lifestyle and the decisions people have made about various aspects about RVing and how it compares to the reality. We'll cover a variety of topics such as affording it, choosing a rig, life on the road and how you spend your time, insurance. We'll also be discussing changing gears—going full time, getting a homebase, getting off the road, not traveling as much. We are planning to publish this as an e-book first, possibly print at a later time. Our books and e-books are attractively laid out and professionally done.

We will make selections, edit them, and then return them to you for your approval prior to publication. We will credit your contribution with your full name unless you prefer we not do so. In that case, we'll use your first name or a pseudonym. In your author's bio you can mention your Web site or blog or published works, if applicable. Each contributor whose input is used will receive a copy of the e-book. We will also pay each contributor a small payment after publication and some sales.

**Subjects:** We would like insight into your decision-making on any of these aspects of RVing. After explaining what you decided and perhaps the factors that went into your decision or the process, please include a comment about whether you would do it the same if you had to do it over again. You can comment on one topic or as many as you'd like.

**Word count:** Most of the selections will be short pieces on a topic, up to 250 words. We may use a few longer pieces if your experience and writing is compelling.

**Submissions:** When sending in submissions, please include your name, address, cell phone and email on your actual submission so we can contact you and know whose work this is. If e-mailed, we may not recognize your address plus your submission could get separated from your email! When we were gathering submissions for *RV Traveling Tales*, we were unable to use an excellent story because the author failed to include her identifying information, her e-mail address had inadvertently been lost, and we were unable to reach her to confirm inclusion in the book. Send submissions in one of the following ways.:

- Word or rtf file attachment. Put **Choosing the RV Lifestyle** in the subject line
- Copy and paste it into an email. Put **Choosing the RV Lifestyle** in the subject line
- Mail it to Pine Country Publishing, 127 Rainbow Dr., #2780, Livingston, TX 77399-1027

For email submissions, send to both Jaimie at [calamityjaimie@gmail.com](mailto:calamityjaimie@gmail.com) and Alice at [youshoulda@aol.com](mailto:youshoulda@aol.com).

**Deadline:** October 31, 2008

We appreciate your help as will other RV wannabees!

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## RV books

### TOPICS

1. Choosing the RV lifestyle
  - a. Full-time v. part-time or snowbird
  - b. Keeping a house or selling everything
  - c. Concerns about cost, budgeting, health insurance
2. Choosing your rig
  - a. Type: Class A, B, C, trailer, 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, camper, pop-up
  - b. Prior experience camping/RVing
  - c. Size
  - d. Tow vehicle or toad
  - e. Sales process - any particular method or advice
3. Choosing your domicile
  - a. Keeping your original or changing
  - b. Which state and why
4. Choosing insurance
  - a. Advice or things you learned
  - b. Roadside assistance?
5. Deciding where to go
  - a. Do you have a pattern of travel? A theme? Visit family? Workamping?
  - b. Do you attend rallies? Meet up with club members?
  - c. Travel goals - yet to achieve or have achieved
6. Life on the road
  - a. Has your life on the road been pretty much as expected? If not, how so?
  - b. Are the costs in line with what you planned? Any large unexpected expenses you hadn't figured? Have high fuel prices affected you and, if so, how have you adjusted?
  - c. Do you feel safe? What precautions do you take? Have you ever had a problem where you were concerned about safety?
  - d. Do you stay in RV parks, membership parks, public agency parks or do you boondock? If you boondock, what modifications have you done to your rig? Advice for others who are considering boondocking but may be afraid? Do you ever stay on Wal-Mart or other parking lots overnight?
  - e. Have you had to deal with illness on the road? How did you handle it? Was it life-threatening?
  - f. Have you had any sort of emergency? (Wreck, fire, etc.) How did you handle it and how did it affect you and your travels?
  - g. Are you ever lonely? Have you made friends in the RV community? How? How do you keep in contact and do you ever meet up?
  - h. If you travel with someone, how has it been living together 24/7? What adjustments had to be made?
  - i. Do you use a computer for keeping in contact or other purpose? How do you connect to the Internet? Does finding an Internet connection (or cell phone signal) impact where you travel or stay?
  - j. What gives your life purpose on the road? Do you have hobbies? Things you like to do?
  - k. What do you miss from your old life?
7. Maintenance and repairs
  - a. Are you able to do any of your own maintenance? If not, how do you get those done?

- b. Any major problems? How did you handle them?
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- 8. Traveling with pets
    - a. If you had pets, did you take them with you or find other homes for them?
    - b. What kind(s) of pets do you have? How many?
    - c. How has this affected your travel?
  - 9. Working or volunteering
    - a. Have you worked or volunteered on the road? What was your purpose? Give back, income, save money, be in a place you wanted to be, or....?
    - b. What type(s) of employers have you worked or volunteered for?
  - 10. Decision points and getting off the road
    - a. Have you thought about or discussed with your partner getting off the road or cutting back to part-time?
    - b. If you did get off the road, what led to that? Would/could you or might you ever go back to RVing or RVing more extensively?
    - c. What do you miss from RVing if you've stopped?
    - d. What are the things you have gained from full-time RVing? What is your best experience or memory?
  - 11. Other topics. We are open to other topics if you think of something else.