

2017 HDT Rally Seminars

RV Weight & Tire Safety... RVs and RVHaulers are unique heavy vehicles. As safe operators of these vehicles, we need to be aware and understand the weight and balance issues related to them. By covering weight labels we can know the safety ratings for our individual vehicles and better plan what stuff we need and how we load it. During the tire portion of the seminar the emphasis will be given to understanding the importance of load on tires and the maintenance of tires for optimum safety and durability. Determining proper inflation for our tires will also be an important area discussed. Our desire is to increase our understanding so that we may safely *enjoy* RVing.

Why Consider an HDT?... Gregg from RVH Lifestyles explains some of the advantages and disadvantages of travelling with the larger heavy duty trucks. Gregg compares pickup trucks, medium duty and heavy duty trucks in regards to safety, performance, drive-ability, features and comfort.

Locating, Researching and Inspecting Your RV Hauler Candidate Truck... How and where to find the right truck for you. What to look for and what to avoid when searching for your ideal truck.

Trailer Brakes Information... RV braking systems including electric, hydraulic, air, etc.

Affordable Lithium Ion House Battery System Design... Battery selection, charging, battery management systems, etc.

RDBE Meeting... (Rigs Driven By Estrogen) Ladies discuss their views and driving experiences with HDTs

High Efficiency Heating and Cooling for your RV and Hauler...

Pot Luck Dinner Planning & Information... We will be making a list of what you will be bringing so we will not have too much in one category and not enough in another. Please attend.

Personal Safety on the Road... This seminar will cover basic safety concerns while walking in strange cities or areas, concerns while driving both your truck and your car and the pros and cons of securing your RV while parked. We will also cover what to do in case of an attack on you or your loved ones with a talk on non-lethal, self-defense methods followed by a discussion on lethal self-defense and the legalities involved with that choice.

Thor and the Adventurers go to Alaska... You only live once. You can't take it with you. The kids will be all right. These are the words that Ron and Shelley Johnston ran through their head when deciding that hopping on the Alaskan Marine Highway with their 69 foot HDT rig and driving through America's 49 th State had suddenly leapt on their "bucket list." Join them as they describe their exciting adventure of exploring "The Last Frontier" and foraging into western Canada.

Comfort Ride Hitch... A discussion of Energy Absorbing Hitches featuring Advanced Cellular Technology

Truck Air & Airbrake Systems... A discussion of HDT air systems with a working mockup of an actual truck airbrake system with all working components.

Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems... The advantages of TPMS and the options available to you.

Ride Control & Tire Life... We will go over several time tested proven products to increase tire life and improve ride control. Topics included will be Centramatic Wheel Balancers, Crossfire Gauges, PressurePro Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems and Tru-Balance Wheel Centering Products.

Considerations when Ordering a New Volvo from the Factory... Gregg from RVH Lifestyles shares some of the considerations you need to address when configuring a brand-new Volvo from the factory. Topics include choices in engine, transmission, axles, ratios, safety systems, chassis, interiors and exteriors.

General Maintenance for your Truck... General maintenance that any HDT owner should be able to do. Also a discussion on tools and spare parts you should have that may keep you from being stranded.

Fire Safety... This presentation covers fire safety specifically oriented to the RV environment. Fire safety equipment, evacuation procedures, specific extinguishers, RV refrigerator issues, and use of extinguishers will be covered. An actual extinguisher demonstration will be done at the end of the presentation.

Traveling with Pets... Cec Burton, a long time Veterinary Tech, talks about health and safety issues of your pets while on the road.

How Do I Convert My Own RV Hauler... Do it yourself or hire a professional. Things to consider when doing your own RV Hauler conversion.

Modern Cooking Techniques in your Camper... Simple meals using Sous Vide technology.

What If... Are You Prepared?... Planning for unexpected situations in life.

Hauler Bed Design & Considerations... This presentation covers some of the many ways to build a hauler bed on your HDT. From simple to complex, we will discuss features that are helpful, things to look out for, tradeoffs in design and materials. Understanding and meeting your needs is critical to a successful build outcome. Not all beds have to be fancy or embellished. What is most important is that you cover your requirements in a safe and effective manner. This presentation should help you to understand those needs and then to choose a design and materials that meet them.

Lighting Requirements when Converting a Truck to an RV Hauler... Are you compliant? Know the lighting requirements when converting RV Hauler.

Electric Pressure Cooking... Electric Pressure Cookers are a great addition to the RV kitchen. If you are interested in learning more about Electric Pressure Cooking, or are just curious about the recent Electric Pressure Cooking Craze, come see what our HDT ladies who like to "cook under pressure" can do! We will have a short intro to pressure cooking, a tasting of various dishes made with an electric pressure cooker, and a question/answer time to learn more about recipes and techniques used in pressure cooking.

Interfacing Truck and Trailer Lighting Systems... This seminar expands on the "what" from the previous one, and gets into the "how". Discussion of how computer-controlled lighting systems work, how to properly interface with them, and handouts with resources for parts and information.

Insurance, Underwriting, and Claims

Understanding RV insurance policies, how to make sure coverage is adequate, and preparing for valuation during the claims process.

Attachments area

Can I Afford to Be an RV'er? Developing a Budget... Part 1: What kind of RV'er are you?

Part 2: Putting together a budget based on your mission profile

For Women Only, Open questions and discussions about your Truck and RV... For the ladies, a very informative Question and Answer session about your truck and trailer.

Buying a New HDT for Conversion to an RV Hauler... Buying a New HDT

A) Why buy new?

- Review of costs and reasons for buying new

B) Do I have to purchase a Volvo?

- Test drive several trucks, review interior setup.

C) Who can purchase a new truck?

- Review key requirements to assist in the process

D) What options do I need on my truck?

- Review options that I have enjoyed/needed

E) Resources available

- Escapee forum experience, HDT rally attendance and Dealer salesman

F) Where do I start?

- Find a dealer/salesman

G) How long will it take?

- Expect the entire process to take 4 - 6 months

ET Hitch - Weight & Balance... Fifth Wheel Hitch Technologies and Weight and Balance considerations when designing a bed for your HDT and weight distribution in your trailer.