

# 2018 HDT Rally Seminars

**Beginners Guide to HDTs and the HDT Lifestyle** – Jack Mayer... This presentation is oriented towards those that are considering the use of an HDT in recreational service. It provides basic information on HDTs, the pros, the cons, things to look for, things to avoid. Information on how HDTs fit into the camping lifestyle, service on the road and other lifestyle issues are considered. It is stressed this is basic information. This is not a “pitch” to convince you to use an HDT - it is information that can help you to form your own conclusions.

At the end of the presentation the attendee should have a better understanding of how an HDT might work for them, and understand the available features and functions of an HDT.

**Protecting Personal Information on the Road: Knowing what gets Shared** - David Dixon...A quick overview of what information you share, intentionally or unintentionally, with merchants, social media sites, and other less-familiar outfits, followed by a tutorial on how to control what you share, find out what you've already shared, and tips for managing what others (friends, co-workers, etc.) share about you

**Using Social Media to Share Your Travel Stories** - Alicia White... As you travel, you're bound to experience exciting adventures and your family and friends want to hear all about it. In this seminar, you'll learn easy ways to share your travel stories through social media and identify which one works best for you in expressing your experience. With a focus on using video as a tool, Alicia will also discuss:

- Optimizing your time and audience
- Recording video stories live or upload later
- Public and private options

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

**Trailer Brakes Information** - Mark Bruss... RV braking systems including electric, hydraulic, air, etc.

**Ladies Craft / Social** - Alicia White... Various craft projects to choose from. Come and create something fun or just socialize.

**Direct Link Brake Controller** - Tuson RV Brakes... A discussion of the Direct Link Brake Controller and how it interfaces with your HDT.

**HDT Bed Building** – Marc Jones & Jack Mayer... This presentation focuses on the pragmatics of building a bed for your HDT. It covers framing methods, DIY building, materials, and function. The focus is on feature identification and how to implement those features. Discussion of bed attachment methods, hitch placement, tie-downs, smart car beds and painting/coating will be covered.

**12 Volt DC Systems: Basic Trouble Shooting** – Chet Myrik... Basic 12 volt systems. How to use a Volt/Ohm meter, a clamp on DC Amp meter, and a test light for troubleshooting.

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

**Transitioning from Pickup to HDT** - John & Michal Bagley... Considerations when transitioning from a pickup truck to an HDT.

**Interfacing Truck and Trailer Lighting Systems**- David Dixon... 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.

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

**Fire Safety** - Jack Mayer... 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.

**General Maintenance for your Truck** – Mike Parker... 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.

**Tools & Spares for HDTers** - Mike Parker... A discussion of those items that every HDTer should have that may keep you from being stranded or needing a tow.

**Things to Consider when Building a Custom Trailer** - Greg Wallman & Wyatt Trautman... What you should consider if you plan to custom build a new trailer.

**For Women Only, Open questions and discussions about your Truck and RV.** – Danielle & Jack Mayer... This session, started by Jack and Danielle Mayer at the 2013 Rally, allows women to ask any question in an inviting and non-judgmental format/forum. Only women may attend. Ask all your questions about Full-time RVing, workamping, use of HDTs, driving questions, camping questions, or anything about the HDT “Lifestyle”. Without your “significant other” present.

Jack and Danielle have been fulltime RVers since 2000, have workamped extensively, and have been using HDTs as a tow vehicle since 2003.

**Personal Safety on the Road** - David Henegar ... 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.

**What If... Are You Prepared?** - Dale Bruss... Planning for unexpected situations in life.

**Comfort Ride Hitch** – Rick Olson... A discussion of Energy Absorbing Hitches featuring Advanced Cellular Technology

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

**Insurance, Underwriting, and Claims** – John Bagley... What is an HDT insurance policy? Examples of types of coverage. How and why read a policy