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2007 Ankeny, Iowa Course Descriptions

Friday, August 24

Period 1: 8—9:30 a.m.

100—RVing 100: The Fundamentals All New RVers Need to Know their First Year, New for 2007! — (Dave & Sandy Baleria) You've bought your first RV or are just about to. Now learn lots of "how to" essentials the salesmen rarely know or teach you about using. This is for beginners and covers many of the fundamentals all new RVers need to know their first year. This class is also designed to help you better select your other Life on Wheels seminars based on your needs and travel plans. Dave and Sandy offer many basic tips: safer driving, parking and backing, the ins and outs of various guides to campgrounds and parks, weather, communications, inspecting a park or campground and assigned site, choosing a site to fit your own (not the park's) needs; reservations versus "winging it," properly hooking up to RV utilities, including only a 15/20-amp wall outlet, after checking for proper polarity and voltage; drinking water safety and holding tanks, dumping, blacktop boondocking basics, what not to ever discuss with fellow campers, how to be a good RVer and not make a enemies in a campground. Do all this while improving your enjoyment and still keeping your costs down. NOTE: This is not about choosing an RV type or size or how to buy one.

107 —Choosing the Right RV — (Gaylord Maxwell) This is a discussion of a method for choosing an RV so that you will get the best one for your needs. You will not be told what to buy, but you will be given practical, helpful information about how you should be thinking when you are shopping for an RV. Included are some comparisons of the various types of RVs with pros and cons for each.

148A —RV Insurance — (Twyla Stenzel) From RV to personal insurance, Trese discusses coverage you need to feel at home on the road. Because you never know what is ahead, she explains insurance coverage and terms and then explains questions like: How are premiums determined? What is credit scoring? Do I need additional coverage if I live in my RV? How does an Excess Personal Liability umbrella policy work? Do I need Mexico coverage? Trese will help you become a more informed consumer about your RV insurance product.

218— RV Electrical Systems — (Al Cohoe) Here's an introduction to the basic electrical systems in your RV. We will help you understand and maintain the 12-volt and 120-volt power system in RVs. We will discuss how the batteries, converters, inverters, solar systems and generators work together to power your RV. This is a basic class aimed at beginners.

236 —Electronic Communications — (Mike Steffen) Intermediate Technical Level — This class includes an overview of the different means of electronic communications for RVers on the road. Discussions include both older and more modern systems for RVing use and what works best for us as we travel. Fast paced and inclusive.

252 — Selecting & Buying a 5th Wheel RV for Extended or Fulltime RVing: Features You Can't Live Without — (Joe Green) Many people starting out and planning to live in their 5th wheel RV have limited information or resources to help them make a good decision when buying a 5th wheel. In this introductory class, we will discuss the major features and design considerations one should explore when making this important decision. Some of the more common mistakes that have been made by others will be noted, along with ideas on how to avoid these mistakes.

367—The Reluctant RVer — (Nick and Terry Russell) Cold feet? Last minute jitters? Second thoughts? Have we gone totally insane? What have we gotten ourselves into? These are all questions most soon-to-be and new fulltimers ask themselves at one point or another. It's natural to feel this way when we make the decision to sell everything we own, leave our family and friends, and go off wandering around the country in an RV. You're not alone! Learn how to deal with these feelings and go on to enjoy a happy and successful RV lifestyle!

Friday, Period 2: 10–11:30 a.m.

112 —RV Driving: Towables (Need information)

136—Extended and Fulltime Travel — (Bob Marx) This course is for both present and prospective RVers who are contemplating extended or fulltime RVing. Learn ways to deal with your present house, communications on the road, banking and bill paying, mail forwarding, medical care and prescriptions, meeting people, and other concerns while on the road. There will be time for questions after the seminar.

201—Selecting a Tow Truck for RV Trailers — (Joe Green) You've just selected the trailer of your dreams, a 30-footer with a couple of slides and lots of storage. What size truck do you need to tow your dream rig safely? This class will discuss important considerations you'll need to address when selecting the proper tow truck for your rig. If you already have a truck, you'll find out how to determine what size trailer you should be able to tow safely. We will use examples to show you how to interpret the information and ratings provided by the tow truck manufacturer and the trailer manufacturer. This class will cover tow vehicle selection for both 5th wheel trailers and travel trailers. This could be your most important class toward being happy and safe when RVing.

207—Fresh & Waste Water Systems — (Al Cohoe) Fresh water and dump systems are the focus of this class. We will discuss how the systems work together including pumps, plumbing, filters, pressure regulators, tanks, and deodorants/chemicals. We will cover sanitizing and winterization. This is a basic class aimed at beginners.

210—Motorhome Dinghy Towing Equipment — (Jerry Dale) This is a course designed primarily for those who are not yet dinghy towing to assist them in choosing equipment that will best meet their needs. Some discussion of trailers and dollies is included, **but the primary focus is on tow bars, mounting systems, and towing system accessories.** Topics include: car trailer, tow dolly, and tow bar advantages and disadvantages, automatic transmissions, and towing tips. (It is recommended that you take this class before attending # 262—Motorhome Towing Tips and Fundamentals)

240A—Fire Safety— (Mac McCoy) In this seminar, you learn the causes of most RV fires and how to prevent them. You will learn how to check, test, and use your dry powder fire extinguisher. You also will be introduced to other types of fire extinguishers, including new non-toxic, biodegradable, non-corrosive fire-fighting materials, and automatic engine compartment extinguishing systems which work particularly well in RV applications. Topics also include types of gauges needed, SMOKE, LPG and CO detectors; engine and transmission overheating; driving with propane on or off; how to open, maintain and use your escape hatch and many other issues relating to RV Fire & Life Safety. In the live-fire portion of the seminar, attendees will have the opportunity to fight a fire with various types of fire extinguishers. **The hands-on part of this class takes an extra half hour.**

303—RVing with Your Pet — (Sandy Baleria) This class is designed with cats and dogs in mind. In this positive, but realistic view of issues related to traveling with a pet, topics include: why you should take your pet, differences in how dogs and cats learn and can be trained to travel in an RV, some realities of traveling with a cat or dog, necessary and useful accessories, important medical and veterinary issues, and finally, how not to get kicked out of RV parks because of your pet.

371—The Frugal RVer — (Nick Russell) Yes, you can enjoy the RV lifestyle on a budget. The Russells keep very careful records; their overnight parking costs average well under \$5 a night. This seminar discusses ways both experienced RVers and newcomers can save money on camping costs, travel expenses, vehicle maintenance, groceries, and entertainment. No matter what your budget is, we can all appreciate saving a buck or two!

Friday, Period 3: 1–2:30 p.m.

124 —Fulltiming Overview — (Gaylord Maxwell) Listen to a quick, lighthearted, rather idealistic overview of the fulltiming lifestyle aimed particularly at "wannabes". Questions addressed are: Who makes a successful fulltimer? What do fulltimers do? How

does one get mail, do banking, and keep in touch? How about medical needs? Should I sell the house? What do I do with my things? What do I take? How much income do I need? Should I take a pet? A gun? When should I start?

148B—RV Insurance — (Twyla Stenzel) A repeat of Friday, period 1

202 —Boondocking 2007: Use Those Holding Tanks! — (Dave & Sandy Baleria) This is a comprehensive class to cover all water, wastes, and energy management issues that are the keys to this very empowering facet of RVing. Dry camping or boondocking is both an art and science. With fuel prices at record highs, boondocking can keep your RVing costs within your budget. You've bought a fully self-contained RV; now learn how to use your holding tanks and other systems to spend days, even weeks at a time, with no hookups – often at no cost. Communications, even from remote locations, will be briefly touched upon. Little about boondocking is covered in the RV how-to books or your RV's manual; RV dealerships rarely tell you about it either. Blacktop boondocking, properly done, is another facet of RVing that substantially expands your traveling horizons with very little sacrifice in comfort. Some of the more popular boondocking areas in the USF will also be covered.

214A—RV Weight Safety — (Rick & Joyce Lang) This safety course is geared to help current as well as new buyers to understand the issues relating to loading an RV safely. Included is an examination of the potential hazards and expenses of traveling in an RV that exceeds established ratings. A handout is provided and the RV Safety Training Education Packet is available at the store.

225—Maintenance & Repair: Propane — (Al Cohoe) Here's an overview of what propane is and what you need to know to be safe and comfortable with it. Learn to handle and use propane safely. What are the components of propane and how do they work together? What are the steps involved in ensuring that your system has been safety-checked properly? What can you do, as an owner, to ensure that your system is functioning safely? Find the answers to these questions in this class.

261—Suspension Systems, Brakes, & Bearings for 5th Wheels & Travel Trailers — (Joe Green) RV manufacturers utilize a variety of suspension systems and braking systems on RV trailers. These systems are often overlooked or not given much consideration because they are “out of sight”. If you want to keep your RV trailer from becoming an expensive shed, come to this class. Or, if you are in the market for a new trailer, find out what your options are. We will review the features, performance, and operation of each type of suspension, brake, and wheel bearing system. Manufacturers' recommendations for maintenance and inspection of these systems will also be discussed.

372—Work Your Way Across the USA — (Nick Russell) Learn about working in RV parks, theme parks, campground map sales, and popular seasonal tourist areas such as Branson, Missouri and Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Hear about small business ideas that fit into the RV lifestyle, including vending at RV rallies, swap meet vending,

providing services to other RVers such as repairing RVs, painting murals on rigs, etc. Seasonal work is also covered, such as selling pumpkins at Halloween, Christmas tree sales, working fireworks stands for the 4th of July, hiring on at retail stores for the holiday rush, etc. Time for Q & A when class attendees can share ideas to make money while traveling. This is a valuable class for newbies and experienced RVers alike who want to earn money as they travel.

391—So You Want A New Computer? — (Neil Tucker) This session covers what a computer really is, how to select the right computer for your first/next computer, what applications do you really need, what is an ISP, what is all the fuss about security?

Friday, Period 4 – (3–4:30 p.m.)

141—2007 Campground & RV Park Discounts & Memberships — (Dave Baleria) Discount and membership systems can both keep your RVing costs within your budget. Learn how to potentially save money by using one or more of the many systems as you RV. But which, if any, are best for you? Learn how to analyze your own RVing style to be sure that a system or systems will actually benefit you, based on a discussion of the real costs, advantages, disadvantages. The dreaded sales presentation and your recommended tactics and resales will be covered. Types covered include single resort memberships to well-known national chains such as Thousand Trails/NACO/LTR, Coast to Coast and Good Neighbor Parks, Resort Parks International and Enjoy America, Passport America, Western Horizon Resorts, AOR, ROD, SBU, SSS, CampClubUSA and more, plus discounts from FMCA, Escapees & Good Sam. Some fraternal organizations such as V.F.W., Elks and Moose will be covered.

240B—Fire Safety — (Mac McCoy) A repeat of Friday, period 2

241A —Radial Tire Safety — (Rick & Joyce Lang) This is a safety course to aid in understanding radial tire selection, care, and inflation. Tire failure causes and their prevention will be the key focus of this class. A class handout is provided and the RV Safety Training Education Packet is available at the bookstore.

262 —Motorhome Towing Tips and Fundamentals — (Jerry Dale) Blue Ox presents a hands-on seminar designed to further educate RVers on the fundamentals of towing a car, as well as the process of hooking and unhooking from their RVs. This will be a hands-on session with questions and answers as you go. (It is recommended that you attend #210—Dinghy Towing, Monday, period 3 before this class.)

263 —Hitch Systems for 5th Wheel & Travel Trailers — (Joe Green) Whatever type of RV trailer that you tow, you have numerous options when it comes to selecting a hitch system. This class will provide a complete review of both conventional

(“tow behind”) trailer and 5th wheel trailer hitch systems. We’ll cover the basics of what is currently available and information on how to select the best system for your needs. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

374A—Fulltiming Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)—(Nick Russell) Are you a fulltimer if you still have a house but don’t live in it? How do you get your mail? What are the best cellular telephone plans for fulltimers? What roadside service plans are best for fulltime RVers? Which is better for fulltime use, a motorhome, travel trailer, or a 5th wheel trailer? Can I still get satellite TV when I’m on the road, including the local networks? Are campground memberships a good investment for fulltimers? These are just a few of the questions that all new fulltimers ask. Nick Russell answers these and many other common questions in this fun seminar for newbies and wannabes, and leaves plenty of time for questions from the class.

399—Computer Trouble Shooting with the Guru — (Mike Steffen) One of the well-known LOW instructors offers attendees assistance in trouble shooting and resolving existing problems. Bring your computer and your questions! Come prepared to watch and learn as the instructor deals with your specific issues.

Saturday, Period 1: 8–9:30 a.m.

114A—RV Driving: Motorhomes ([Need information](#))

212A —RV Awnings: Care & Feeding — (Russ Maxwell) A professional in the awning business offers tips on awning care when traveling and discusses how to correctly operate awnings and maintain them to insure longevity – this includes dealing with wind when camping or traveling. Also, information about the care of awning materials both canvas and hardware will be presented. A handout on product information is provided.

226—Operation & Maintenance: Furnaces/Water Heaters — (Al Cohoe) Find out how the typical RV propane forced air furnace and water heater operates. We will discuss how to prevent common problems with regular maintenance and what can be done to help the service technician diagnose a problem. This is not a class to learn how to repair your appliance and will not be discussing the hot water radiant heating systems found in some high-end RVs.

235—Staying “Found” & Traveling Efficiently in 2007— (Dave Baleria) The focus is **laptop and PC-based** to help you effectively plan and efficiently drive your RV while keeping your costs within your budget. Dave explores DeLorme’s Street Atlas 2007, Street Atlas 2007 Plus, Topo USA 6.0 (7.0 if available), Microsoft’s Streets & Trips 2007, Trailer Life Campground Navigator 2007, and, very briefly, ALK Technologies CoPilot Live Laptop 9. Topics include the many unique advantages and very powerful capabilities of these very affordable electronic mapping software packages, especially when combined with a handheld or included GPS and laptop or palmtop PC for realtime travel navigation; how solos can benefit from the "electronic

navigator" that also speaks to you as you drive; planning a route, marking stops and points of interest, setting preferences, printing your trip on paper; and using the "Find" function to locate specific places (e.g., post offices, parks, stores). Importing many free special mapping files for discount and membership RV parks and many other RVing services will be shown.

369—Considerations in Choosing A Home Base for Fulltimers — (Nick Russell) The domicile you choose for your home base as a fulltimer may affect your income, taxes, RV licenses, drivers license, voting rights, insurance, etc. One size does not fit all! Every person's requirements will be different. The state with the lowest vehicle registration fees may not be the best selection overall! Learn about address requirements and legal implications, available mail forwarding services, and vehicle inspection requirements. Hear the advantages and disadvantages of the more popular states and learn what questions you have to ask before you settle on the best state for your needs.

398 —Wireless Computing — (Neil Tucker) Join us in exploring wireless computing options, including cellular phone services, satellite technologies, and differing WiFi options. Course includes definitions of each, pros and cons of each, and understanding which ones work best in particular situations or with specific computer environments. Brief instruction in trouble shooting common problems related to wireless computing, capped with serious discussion of the need for secure and safe computing.

406A—RV Exterior & Interior Care—(Steve Smith) Do you need to know how to clean and maintain the many and various surfaces on your RV? In order to retain value and have a good looking rig, some effort is required. If the proper process is followed, it will be reasonably easy. If the wrong products are used, the process will be more difficult and the results will not be satisfactory. Come learn the facts and fallacies on the proper care and cleaning of RVs.

Saturday, Period 2: 10–11:30 a.m.

133—Snowbird Roosts for 2007— (Sandy Baleria) – Sandy and Dave, as true fulltime RVers who travel extensively in all 48 states, have stayed in all the traditional "snowbird" locations from Southern California across America's sunbelt to Florida. Sandy covers the weather, special attractions, advantages and disadvantages of 9 areas in the 3 major regions, helping you trade your snow shovels for suntan lotion, golf clubs, tennis rackets and more, from October through March "down south." High-end resorts to very affordable parks, even remote, extended boondocking areas, the pros and cons of single-location to multiple-location stays, contact information, guide books and resources for parks in each area and more will be supplemented by high resolution digital photos and special mapping files.

227—Operation & Maintenance: Refrigerators/Ovens/Ranges — (Al Cohoe) Find out how the typical RV propane refrigerator and oven/range operates. We will discuss how to prevent common problems with regular maintenance and what can be done to help the service technician diagnose a problem. This is not a class to learn how to repair your appliance.

240C—Fire Safety— (Mac McCoy) A repeat of Friday, period 2

253—What’s Under That Sleek Looking Motorhome? — (Joe Green) Today’s motorhomes are built on a variety of gas and diesel chassis. What are your options? Do you know what kind of chassis you are operating? This class will provide a basic overview of the current model year chassis choices that are available to you. We will discuss the features and performance of these systems, both gas and diesel.

255 —Safe Trailer Towing with Weight Distributing Hitches — (Jerry Dale) A class about how a weight distributing hitch works, how to choose the right weight distributing hitch, and how to use it properly and safely. Plenty of time for Q & A.

375—Be a Smart RV Shopper—(Nick Russell) You can avoid the mistakes so many new RV shoppers make! Learn how to do your homework to identify your needs in an RV before going to an RV dealership; see how to use the Internet to research a model or style of RV that works for your lifestyle; discover how to control the sales situation so you find and purchase the RV that is right for you, not what the salesman gets the most commission on; know what to look for in an RV and what equipment is beneficial to fulltimers, as well as the options that are “fluff”; learn what to look out for in a used RV (signs of previous problems, owner neglect, etc.); buying from private owners, how to find RVs for sale by private owners, how to handle financing, etc. are all covered in this seminar that will save you time and money!

406B—RV Exterior & Interior Care—(Steve Smith) A repeat of Saturday, period 1.

Saturday, Period 3: 1–2:30 p.m.

106—Personal Safety for RVers— (Dave & Sandy Baleria) This is NOT a martial arts course; rather a practical program geared for typical RVers with proven elements of nationally recognized programs and experts. Practical demonstrations by the instructors, both RVers and veteran law enforcement trainers, will focus on how to avoid being targeted for criminal attack, how to escape, and how to win if you cannot escape. Defensive techniques and tools, including the civilian Advanced TASERS, are covered and demonstrated with a goal of giving RVers knowledge and skills to be safe travelers. This is the foundation seminar for #122 and #140, although it is not a pre-requisite for either.

114B—RV Driving: Motorhomes—(Need information) A repeat of Saturday, period 1

212B—RV Awnings: Care & Feeding — (Russ Maxwell) A repeat of Saturday, period 1

213—Satellite Television Systems — (Mike Steffen) Intermediate Technical Level - A complete discussion of the laws, equipment and use of satellite television systems for the RVing public is presented. Information includes Direct, Dish and other satellite provider systems. Learn how to outfit your RV for satellite TV and how to put it all together.

223 —Generators — (Al Cohoe) This session focuses primarily on Onan generators, but other brands will receive some attention. Topics include performance features of the various sizes and models in gas, diesel, and propane versions. Proper maintenance will be discussed.

254 —Medium Duty Trucks (MDTs) & Heavy Duty Trucks (HDTs) for RV Applications — (Joe Green) Within the past decade, a new trend has developed in the world of RVs, and that is the use MDTs and HDTs for RVing. Previously only used in commercial applications, these “big trucks” are now used for towing large 5th wheel trailers and serve as the chassis foundation for some unique motorhomes. This class will be a basic overview about these vehicles, providing information on selection and application, and will include a discussion about insurance, licensing, and registration. Lots of pictures will give you an idea of the “possibilities”.

370—Meandering Down the Highway — (Nick Russell) Discover how Nick and his wife Terry made the transition from workaholics in their former lives to becoming working fulltime RVers. Included are the topics all new RVers want to know: how to get mail, where to spend holidays, where to register vehicles, what about the family and friends left behind? This seminar also touches on what happened when, eighteen months into their fulltime adventures, Terry was stricken with advanced cervical cancer and told her chances of survival were low. Fortunately she managed a complete recovery. Hear how being able to travel and seek the best medical help played a major role in her survival. Lots of useful information here to help new fulltimers get started, as well experiences seasoned RVers can relate to.

Saturday, Period 4: 3–4:30 p.m.

116—The Escapees RV Club — (Mike Steffen) The Escapees RV Club has supported the RV'ing community for over 20 years. The club operates as an extended family offering support, information, and assistance. It is operated and largely managed by its members. If you travel only a few days a year or you want to be a fulltimer, there are programs and information for you.

122—Guns & RVs — (Dave Baleria) The instructor, both a fulltime RVer who has stayed in all 48 U. S. states and a veteran national law enforcement trainer, will discuss a variety of confusing state laws and interpretations that complicate this issue, particularly as they relate to the concealed handgun you carry in your vehicle and on your person. Dave will examine the legal, moral, and, most importantly, the practical realities of carrying a firearm for personal safety and actually using it for defense. Handguns, shotguns, rifles, and the role of new non-lethal defensive tools will be addressed. This class is important for those who don't own firearms but are considering it, those who do but have never used a gun for personal defense, and those who might think that firearms have no place in civilized society.

211 —Motorhome Supplemental Braking for Dinghy Towing — (Jerry Dale) This is a course for those using or planning to use tow bars to tow a car behind their motorhome. It includes safety tips, suggestions for equipment maintenance, and safety equipment choices. Specific focus is given to questions on towed vehicle braking, legal requirements, and a discussion regarding the various choices in braking systems.

217 —Gas VS. Diesel Engines — (Joe Green) Today, when shopping for an RV, buyers have a great selection of engines to choose from. But mainly, the question comes down to "Gas Vs. Diesel?" This class will be a basic introduction to these different types of engines. We will discuss and compare factors such as how they operate, performance, longevity, fuel consumption, environmental impact, and costs. We will also cover the new 2007 requirements for diesel engines and the use of biodiesel fuels.

240D—Fire Safety— (Mac McCoy) A repeat of Friday, period 2

376—RVing with a Goal — (Nick Russell) Okay, you've visited the grandkids and that long-lost cousin, you've seen Mount Rushmore, and you've been to Branson. Now what? Your RV is your ticket to a lifetime of adventure, tailored to meet your own special interests. Learn about goal-oriented RVing in this seminar, which discusses the many hobbies and special interests that go hand-in-hand with the RV lifestyle. Some RVers make it a point to follow every major Old West trail or historic route, others explore old Civil War battlefields, some want to visit every president's grave or birthplace, while others use their RVs to follow the square dance or bluegrass circuit. Whatever your goal or special interest, your RV can take you there. This is a fun and interesting class for all RVers, no matter what your experience level.

403 —Search Tools and Web Resources for RVers — (Neil & Nancy Tucker) Don't know how to search the world wide web? Or want to go straight to RV-related

sites? This is the seminar for you! Hear an introductory history and definition of Internet vs. World Wide Web. Get brief instruction in searching the web that can be utilized for any topics of interest to you. Then on to visiting many sites of specific interest to the RV community. The extensive hand-out includes examples in numerous categories for self-help after class concludes.

Sunday, Period 1 – (8–9:30 a.m.)

142 — Quartzsite – A Survival Guide! — (Mike Steffen) – Open for Everyone – You will love it or hate it; there is no in-between when talking about Quartzsite. Join us in a tour of the world’s largest gathering of RV’ers, rocks, and stuff—all in one small location. The history, events, parking, where to go and how to survive Quartzsite are given in this fun and informative class.

214B—RV Weight Safety — (Rich & Joyce Lang) A repeat of Friday, period 3

234 — RVing Accessories & Gadgets — (Bob Marx) This is a show and tell session of the items that make RVing more enjoyable. Some are necessary, some are for safety and convenience, and some are just for fun. Relax and enjoy.

237 —How To Inspect An RV – A Pre-Delivery Inspection — (Al Cohoe) Whether buying new or used, every potential purchase should be inspected prior to negotiating price. This class discusses inspection from a manufacturer’s quality control point of view. Problem areas in RVs will be covered.

256—Enhanced Steering Control — (Jerry Dale) Discuss steering control systems and how they can enhance your travels by reducing driver fatigue and minimizing side wind effects and increased safety during blow-out or highway drop off situations. There will be time for questions and answers.

257— Basic Gas and Diesel Engine Maintenance — (Joe Green) Are you a wannabee “shade tree mechanic”? Do you have problems understanding the difference between 10W30 oil and 15W40 oil? Should you use synthetics? What does running the overhead involve? If you want to learn more about maintaining your gas or diesel engine, this class is for you. In this class, we will review the basics when it comes to maintaining your gas or diesel engine RV. Tips for preventative maintenance will also be presented. **Please note:** This class is on “maintenance” not “repair”. Sorry, we can’t do any actual repairs on your rig in this class! If you have a repair issue, you really need to talk to a qualified mechanic.

374B —Fulltiming FAQs—Nick Russell A repeat of Friday, period 4

390— RVing the Heartland of America – Enjoying Your Heritage First — (Dave Baleria) – Dave and Sandy have stayed in all 48 contiguous states and average over 25,000 miles each year RVing from coast to coast and border to border. One of their favorite parts of America is the Great Plains, which surprises many who think of this region of America as flat, dry and desolate. They introduce you to the many unique museums, festivals, geography and some of the most affordable and enjoyable RV stays in real America that you will ever experience. With high resolution digital photos and special mapping files, you learn about America's Heartland, the Sacred Corridor, home of the mountain men, Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery, the wagon trains, 1800s

homesteading, the short-lived Pony Express, cowboy cattle drives and their poetry, the intercontinental railroads and many of the American Indian tribes.

Sunday, Period 2 – (10–11:30 a.m.)

134— Running the ‘Medicine Line’ – RVing America’s North Country (Dave Baleria) – Dave and Sandy have stayed in all 48 contiguous states and average over 25,000 miles each year RVing from coast to coast and border to border. Their favorite parts of America are the non-“tourist traps,” those parts of America still largely untouched and unspoiled by modern man, far from “suburbia” and the strip malls of “Generica.” Like the Great Plains, the ‘Medicine Line,’ that area of the northern border of the U. S. and the southern border of Canada, is peopled by rugged individualists and self-sufficient hardy stock from the 1700s. Dave will introduce you to the many unique museums, festivals, geography and some of the most affordable and enjoyable RV stays in real America that you will ever experience. With high resolution digital photos and special mapping files, you will learn about RVing America’s North Country between the 45th and 49th Parallels, starting in northern Washington, heading east through our 12 border states, plus the fabulous Upper Peninsula of Michigan, ending on Maine's coast.

241B —Radial Tire Safety — (Rick & Joyce Lang) A repeat of Friday, period 4

238—You Bought an RV, Now What? Beginner Tech Questions — (Al Cohoe & Bob Marx) First time owners or those who are about to become RV owners are welcome in this class. This will be an open forum style class and the instructors will answer questions, but will limit discussion to basic technical issues. Experienced owners are likely to find the material in this class to be too basic for their needs. Come prepared with questions.

326 —Map Reading 101 — (Joe Green) Have you ever been lost reading a map? Is a GPS too high tech for you or just not in your budget? Are you the navigator on your traveling team and it’s always your fault that “we” got lost? Do you struggle trying to understand all the information on your road map? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this basic, introductory class is for you. You will learn how to find your way with a road map and how to interpret the various pieces of information provided by the map that will make your travels more informed and pleasant. We will use class exercises to show you how not to get lost when reading a map. This class does not discuss GPS systems. **Please note:** If you own a Rand McNally Road Atlas, please bring it with you to class for use during the class exercise.

373—Highway History and Back Road Mystery — (Nick Russell) There is adventure awaiting you just off the interstate! Come along with fulltime RVer and travel author Nick Russell to explore interesting historical sites and puzzling mysteries you will

never hear about in the tourist brochures, including the tale of a West Virginia ghost that helped convict a murderer, the Oklahoma outlaw that was more famous dead than alive, the mystery of who is buried in Daniel Boone's tomb, the story of a lady spy from the Civil War and more! This is a fun and interesting class for all RVers, no matter what their experience level.

406—Computer Security — (Neil Tucker) Review the security issues faced by computer user today. Neil discusses the current threats to the computer environment; plus the technologies and practices necessary to keep our computers and data secure and safe as we travel across country.

455— Controlling Your Own Medical Destiny on The Road— (Tom & Nancy Bickers) Here's your chance to hear about medical evacuation plans that you can consider while traveling in the U.S., Canada, or Mexico. This includes advice for transportation, provisions for your vehicle, and medical providers.