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Happy Thanksgiving from East Coast Partners Grp, (Air Safe Hitches)

We are thankful for your business during the past year. We will be closed on Thursday so we can spend time with family and friends. We wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING FACTS

Thanksgiving is a day when many Americans gather together with family for an afternoon of food and football, but just how far do people travel to spend turkey day at Grandma's house? Which state grows the most cranberries, and how big was the world's largest pumpkin pie?

Discover the answer to these questions, as well as many more facts about popular Thanksgiving foods and traditions.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE YEARS

Though many competing claims exist, the most familiar story of the first [Thanksgiving](#) took place in [Plymouth Colony](#), in present-day [Massachusetts](#), in 1621. More than 200 years later, President [Abraham Lincoln](#) declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.

Sarah Josepha Hale, the enormously influential magazine editor and author who waged a tireless campaign to make Thanksgiving a national holiday in the mid-19th century, was also the author of the classic nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

In 2001, the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative Thanksgiving

stamp. Designed by the artist Margaret Cusack in a style resembling traditional folk-art needlework, it depicted a cornucopia overflowing with fruits and vegetables, under the phrase “We Give Thanks.”

THANKSGIVING ON THE ROADS

The American Automobile Association (AAA) estimated that 42.2 million Americans traveled 50 miles or more from home over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2010.

THANKSGIVING ON THE TABLE

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Minnesota is the top turkey-producing state in America, with a planned production total of 46.5 million in 2011. Six states—Minnesota, North Carolina, Arkansas, Missouri, Virginia, and Indiana—account for nearly two-thirds of the 248 million turkeys that will be raised in the U.S. this year.
- The National Turkey Federation estimated that 46 million turkeys—one fifth of the annual total of 235 million consumed in the United States—were eaten at Thanksgiving.
- In a survey conducted by the National Turkey Federation, nearly 88 percent of Americans said they eat turkey at Thanksgiving. The average weight of turkeys purchased for Thanksgiving is 15 pounds, which means some 690 million pounds of turkey were consumed in the U.S. during Thanksgiving in 2007.
- Cranberry production in the U.S. is expected to reach 750 million pounds in 2011. Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington are the top cranberry growing states.
- Illinois, California, Pennsylvania and New York are the major pumpkin growing states, together they produced 1.1 billion pounds of pumpkin in 2010. Total U.S. production was over 1.5 billion pounds.
- The sweet potato is most plentifully produced in North Carolina, which grew 972 million pounds of the popular Thanksgiving side dish vegetable in 2010. Other sweet potato powerhouses included California and Mississippi, and the top producing states together generated over 2.4 billion pounds of the tubers.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was baked on October 8, 2005 by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers in Ohio, and included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon, 2 pounds of pumpkin spice and 250 pounds of crust.

THANKSGIVING AROUND THE COUNTRY

- Three towns in the U.S. take their name from the traditional Thanksgiving bird, including Turkey, Texas (pop. 465); Turkey Creek, Louisiana (pop. 363); and Turkey, North Carolina (pop. 270).
- Originally known as Macy's Christmas Parade—to signify the launch of the Christmas shopping season—the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade took place in New York City in 1924. It was launched by Macy's employees and featured animals from the Central Park Zoo. Today, some 3 million people attend the annual parade and another 44 million watch it on television.
- Tony Sarg, a children's book illustrator and puppeteer, designed the first giant hot air balloons for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1927. He later created the elaborate mechanically animated window displays that grace the façade of the New York store from Thanksgiving to Christmas.
- Snoopy has appeared as a giant balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade more times than any other character in history. As the Flying Ace, Snoopy made his sixth appearance in the 2006 parade.

- The first time the Detroit Lions played football on Thanksgiving Day was in 1934, when they hosted the Chicago Bears at the University of Detroit stadium, in front of 26,000 fans. The NBC radio network broadcast the game on 94 stations across the country—the first national Thanksgiving football broadcast. Since that time, the Lions have played a game every Thanksgiving (except between 1939 and 1944); in 1956, fans watched the game on television for the first time.

U.S. House Passes Bill to Permit Tandem Towing

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The U.S. House of Representatives passed a transportation bill that permits the tandem towing of empty light- and medium-duty trailers from manufacturer to dealer.

In a news release, the National Association of Trailer Manufacturers praised the bill, calling it “a common-sense reform that will help consumers, lower freight costs, reduce highway congestion and deterioration, and decrease highway-based emissions.”

The legislation is heads to a conference to reconcile the differences between the House and Senate bills. NATM has asked Congress to include the tandem towing provision in the final bill.

Reps. Rick Crawford (R-Ark.) Lynn Jenkins, (R-Kansas), Tim Ryan (D-Ohio) and Eddie Bernice Johnson (R-Texas) sponsored a bipartisan tandem towing amendment during consideration of H.R. 22, the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 ("STRR Act") that was unanimously approved.

The STRR Act would reauthorize surface transportation programs, including important safety programs, and provides critical funding for the nation's highways.

The tandem towing provision included in the bill would permit light- and medium-duty trailer manufacturers to deliver their products from the manufacturing plants to dealers in tandem combinations, subject to existing size and weight restrictions and only when operated by professional drivers holding commercial drivers license (CDL) certifications.

"Current federal requirements force light- and medium-duty trailer manufacturers to transport their empty, finished product to their dealers, oftentimes hundreds of miles away, one at a time, increasing delivery costs, hurting consumers, contributing to highway congestion and deterioration, and harming the environment due to increased emissions," said Pam Trusdale, executive director of NATM. "This tandem towing provision provides a safe and effective method to address that situation, making it more efficient for manufacturers to reach their markets, saving consumers money, and taking delivery trucks off the highways."

Preparing RVs After The Winter

When preparing RV's on the Gold Coast for the upcoming season, there are a number of factors you need to keep in mind. Depending on how you stored your RV during the winter, you may have more work to do. A lot of

people use their vehicle as storage during the off season so it will have to be cleared out. When people start getting their RVs ready throughout Brisbane, you know it's nearly time to get out on the road again. Here are some things you should do to ensure that your RV is ready to go after the winter period.

Check the exterior

One of the most common problems with RVs after a winter of storage is leaks. You should check the roof and all of the lining round the windows, air conditioner, vents and the doors to ensure there is no damage. Even a small crack can lead to disastrous problems.

Appliances are clean and in working order

Make sure that all of the appliances are clean and in working order. Make sure there are no signs of nests, webs or insects. Clean everything with household products to ensure that everything is sterile and safe to use.

Check the tires

Make sure that there are no cracks or wear on the tire threads. All cracks need to be comprehensively dealt with and replaced or repaired. Check the tire pressure in all of the tires including the spares and pump up if needed. To determine what type pressure is needed, check the RV manual. Normally there is a label inside a cabinet that also has the pressure level.

Batteries

Make sure that your batteries are clean and in proper working order. Always use safety glasses, latex gloves when cleaning and checking batteries. Make sure that the power is disconnected first and that all appliances are turned off. Check that all of the connections are in proper condition and check the battery fluid levels if possible.

Water

Test all of the water pipes and lines to ensure that there are no leaks or potential problems. When initially filling the tank with water, turn on the hot and cold faucets in order to allow any trapped air to escape. Check the water heater has the required pressure. Fill the tank up with fresh water once you have tested the system with your local water.

History of Thanksgiving Day

Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among most religions when harvests and at alternative times. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is unmovable in English traditions qualitative analysis from the Protestant Reformation. It also has aspects of a harvest pageant, despite the fact that the harvest in the geographical region happens well before the late-November date on that the fashionable Thanksgiving vacation is widely known.

In the English tradition, days of thanksgiving and special thanksgiving non-secular services became vital throughout country Reformation within the reign of King of Great Britain and in reaction to the big range of nonsecular holidays on the Catholic calendar. Before 1536, there were ninety-five Church holidays, and fifty-two Sundays, once folks were needed to attend church and precede work and typically obtain pricey celebrations. The 1536 reforms reduced the quantity of Church holidays to twenty-seven, however, some Puritans wanted to completely eliminate all Church

holidays, together with Christmas and Easter.

The vacations were to get replaced by specially referred to as Days of fast or Days of Thanksgiving, in response to events that the Puritans viewed as acts of special providence. Unexpected disasters or threats of judgement from on high needed Days of fast. Special blessings, viewed as coming back from God, needed Days of Thanksgiving. for instance, Days of fast were referred to as on account of drought in 1611, floods in 1613, and plagues in 1604 and 1622. Days of Thanksgiving were referred to as following the conclusion over the Spanish Armada in 1588 and following the recovery of Queen Anne in 1705. An unusual annual Day of Thanksgiving began in 1606 following the failure of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605 and developed into coconspirator Day.

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Typical Costs and Expenses You Need To Consider Before Buying An RV

With recreational vehicles (RVs) costing you anything between 25,000 dollars to a whopping 350,000 dollars or even more, it's important to understand how much can you afford in reality. Cost comes to play irrespective of the fact whether you are looking for a luxurious Class A motor home or an average Class C. Want to know the unplanned costs involved, over and above the purchase price when opting for RVs for sale

by owners? Here's a low down:

The Loan Term:

Taking a loan to buy your RV, and thinking of extending your loan term to 20 years? This is not a wise choice because the amount of interest that will mount up over the years, putting you in a tight spot. Over the years, the extra interest that you pay will be as good as paying for a brand new vehicle. Of course, an extended period of 20 years may have benefits like less monthly payments and low down payment but the amount of depreciation will exceed your payments. If you are planning to invest in a moderately-priced motor home, avoid financing beyond 10 years.

Maintenance Costs:

Remember an RV is just another house on wheels so expect similar maintenance costs. Vehicle parts have specific service life and you will be required to compute and predict the expenses associated with them in advance. For a small rig, you may need to spend 150 dollars for tires. On the contrary, for a large diesel motor home, you may have to expend 200 to 300 dollars for tire or oil changes. Do not forget about servicing the brakes. Inquire if there is any extended warranty as that will help to keep unanticipated maintenance costs within an affordable range.

Costs of Fuel:

When RVing, it's important to remember the recurring expenses associated with fuel. Miles per gallon (MPG) costs depends on the size of your rig. As far as diesel units are concerned, they are heavier and expect not more than 10 MPG. Similarly, big-sized gas rigs will give you less than 10 MPG. A standard size motor home, on the contrary, will give you 12 to 14 MPG. Again, a small Class B home on wheels will fetch you more than 15 MPG.

The price of gas is likely to fluctuate and diesel costs remain higher because you are competing against large commercial trucks for the amount of diesel fuel obtainable. Fuel costs remain unstable, and so you need to plan accordingly for unpredicted changes in costs.

Parking Costs:

Your expenses pertaining to RV purchase depends on parking and overnight charges. In case, you plan to stay at truck stops, costs will be moderate. However, if you are contemplating to spend the night at chic, luxurious RV resorts, then your parking costs will be high so don't forget to plan your budget accordingly.

Be aware of the different kinds of expenses when looking for RVs for sale by owners, in order to take informed decisions. It will give you the confidence to put your signature finally on the dotted line.

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