PHRED SEZ.....

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Rust Proofing Paint

In a recent edition of ***Airstream Life*** magazine the article on refurbishing an old Argosy trailer caught my eye. Exposed sections of the frame were surface cleaned and painted with **POR-15** rust proofing paint. An Internet search for POR-15 proved fruitful and a phone/credit card order for $33 plus shipping got the quart paint can (choice of colors) delivered to my door in two days.

The manufacturer states that the paint is designed for direct application on rusted metal surfaces. It dries to a hard, nonporous finish that prevents further rusting by not allowing moisture to reach the coated metal.

Application was easy working above my head with rubber gloves and a long sleeve shirt. Unfortunately some of it dried on my wrist before I was aware of it. True to their directions, I had to "wear off" the paint

For those of you not quite ready to spring for the $33/quart can, I recently found **Rust-Oleum** Rusty Metal Primer at **Lowe's** home improvement store for a reasonable price. They only had it in a rusty-brown color that was touted as having twice the rust protection and superior adhesion for use on heavily rusted metal. Perhaps you can choose between **POR-15** and **Rust-Oleum** Rusty Metal Primer based upon how badly your surface has deteriorated. My need required the best available!

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Sticky Trailer Ceiling Cleaner

If you are having trouble choosing an effective cleaner for the sticky stuff on the aluminum ceiling of your older trailer, Jim Matkovich, WBCCI # 1790, has the following recommendation for you: "A couple of years ago I ran into a product called **Krud Kutter** for cleaning any and everything. I take a damp sponge and wipe an area on the ceiling then spray the **Krud Kutter** on and watch the dirt melt off. The only place this stuff can be found is at **Home Depot** home improvement stores. I have told many people about this cleaner and every one that has used it always loves it."

The contact information for finding a supplier in your zip code is given below:

Supreme Chemicals of Georgia, Inc
800-466-7126

E-mail: sales@krudkutter.com
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Power Cord Adapter Security

Electrical power outlets at campgrounds can vary from 15 Amps to 50 Amps. In order to be ready for any eventuality in connecting to the electrical grid, most of us carry short adapters. These allow a 15 Amp outlet to be connected to a 30 Amp trailer cord; a 30 Amp outlet to be connected to a 50 Amp motorhome cord; or a 50 Amp outlet to be connected to a 30 Amp trailer or motorhome cord. Most of the adapters cost $20 and up, depending upon the gauge of wire and other premium components used.

At a recent rally Robert Thompson, WBCCI # 9581, used a creative method to insure that his adapter would not be stolen. As the picture shows, he used two carefully sized padlocks and a short length of chain to ensure that the adapter would not be "borrowed" by an unscrupulous camper. It is certainly better to be safe than sorry, especially if a supplier for a replacement adapter is not convenient. A tragic situation could happen if the adapter disappearance occurred while you are out touring and also relying on air conditioning to keep your pet cool.