Hints & Kinks
for Your Airstream

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ITEM: FRIDGE ON 12VDC Don Albright in Pensacola found that his 3Way (12vdc,110vac,Propane) refridgerator "seemingly" quit operating in his motorhome when he turned off the rig's ignition switch at long or short stopovers. Yes, Airstream thoughtfully wired the 12vdc fridg. segment via the ignition switch to preserve the battery source in case of prolonged stopovers or the operator forgetting that he had placed the unit in that segment & was overnighting. Switchover from en-route 12vdc position to either of the other two energy sources at prolonged stopovers.

ITEM: ROOF SEALANTS O. Preston has found that his roof installed devices (Fantastic Air Vent, fridg & toilet vents) have lost their seals due to UV sunlight & daily condensation attacks; both are natural and unavoidable. Sealants used in caulking these devices require close & periodic inspection, and are not permanent. Inspect these locations for sealant brittle-ness, cracking, empty spaces, & general overall condition. Remove any loose segments, clean thoroughly before applying new sealant. Pry off cracked areas before new application. The majority of the available sealants are composed of similar ingredients & recommending a certain brand is useless. Your RV parts store will carry a representative applicator equipped with a suitable nozzle to make this necessary chore easier.

ITEM: TEMPERATURES Measuring temperatures in the RV such as in the air outflow louvres in your motorhome cockpit panel, inside heater or air conditioner outlet louvres, refridgerator interior, or specific locations in the rig is easy & instantaneous. Using a small handy Digital Thermometer with its needle shaft to touch the area to be read gives an instant reading at the snap of the "ON" switch. This useful device is available at RV & auto parts stores & is powered by one button type battery.

ITEM: PROPANE In our RV's we use Propane on a daily basis, but know little about it. A visit to a knowledgable Propane dealer offered the following: PROPANE is a colorless, odorless gas (the garlic odor is added) of the alkane series of hydrocarbons, of formula C3H8. It occurs in crude oil, in natural gas, & as a by-product of petroleum refining. Propane does not react strongly at room temperature. It does react, however, with chlorine at room temperature if the mixture is exposed to light. At higher temperatures, propane burnes in air, producing carbon dioxide and water as final products. It is valuable as a fuel as we use it in our RV's.