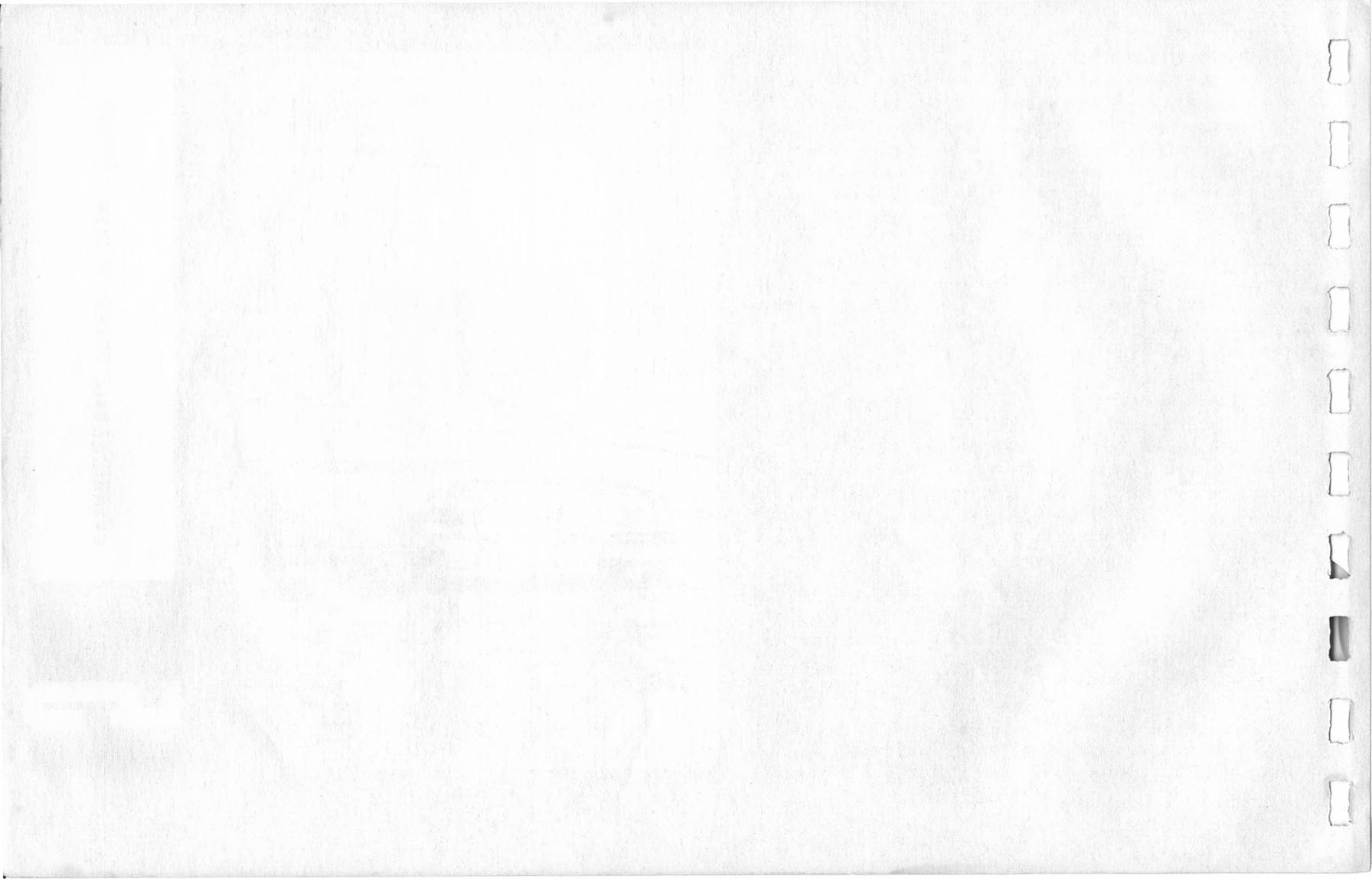


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## STOPPING FOR THE NIGHT.

When you bought your Airstream you freed yourself from the tyranny of the timetable and the necessity of making reservations wherever you go. There is no end to the number and variety of interesting and convenient places where you can park your Airstream overnight, or for several days. Your Airstream is built to be safely parked on practically any spot that is relatively level and where the ground is firm. You have everything with you, self-contained, that you could ask for. Airstream owners have parked virtually every place imaginable from filling stations to farm lands, in driveways, etc. In time you will develop a knack for spotting wonderful little roadside locations by turning off the main highway and exploring. See page 40 for state laws.

The North American continent is generously dotted with thousands of modern, private trailer parks that have special facilities for trailers. These generally offer considerable privacy and easy utility hook-up facilities for electricity, water and sewage . . . all at modest rates. You will find many Federal, State and Civic trailer parks that are clean, inexpensive and are located in beautifully wooded areas with convenient access to utilities.

On overnight or weekend trips, chances are you will not use up the capacity of your sewage holding tank, deplete your water supply or run down the battery which supplies your 12 volt current. On a longer trip, when you have stayed where sewer connections and utility hook-ups are not available, it will be necessary for you to stop from time to time to dispose of the waste in your holding tank and replenish your water supply. Many gas stations (chain and individually owned) have installed sanitary dumping

stations for just this purpose. Booklets are available which list these dumping stations.

Many trailer travelers who prefer to make their overnight stops "off the beaten path" make it a practice to stop at trailer parks every few days to replenish their water supply and dump the waste from their holding tank.

In stopping for the night, unless the car is needed for transportation, it is not necessary to unhitch. The trailer should be somewhere near level for comfort, and as level as possible for good gas refrigeration during a longer stay. Try to pick as level a parking spot as possible. Stabilizing jacks or blocks probably won't be required for an overnight stay; putting the jack pad on the hitch jack and running the hitch jack down to take the weight off the car's springs should provide enough stability. If you must park on a slope, park down-hill; it is easier to level and stabilize the Airstream this way. Do not use break-away switch as a parking brake since it will burn out the brake magnet and discharge the trailer battery if left on for a sustained period.

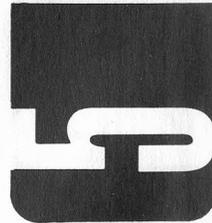
All you need to do to enjoy the self-contained luxury of your Airstream is to:

1. Light the water heater, refrigerator and furnace pilots if required. (See chapter 10).
2. Turn on the gas supply at the range (and oven if separate) and light the stove and oven pilots.

Before moving on, be sure to check your campsite, both for cleanliness and to be sure you haven't left anything behind; turn off the gas supply petcock to the range and oven, make sure everything is properly stowed, use your Hitching Up check list (chapter 4), and you are ready for travel adventure.

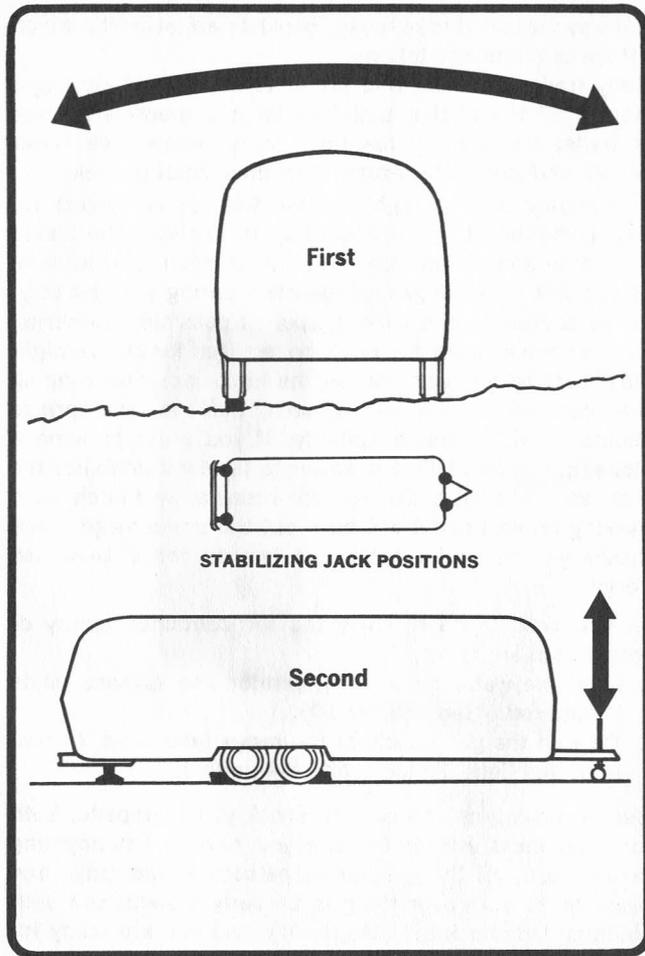
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**NOTE:** Several directories of trailer parks are available, check your dealer for his recommendations.

#### PREPARING FOR AN EXTENDED STAY.

Making a long trip in your Airstream is not very different from making a week-end excursion. Since everything you need is right at hand you are at home wherever you go. When packing for an extended trip take everything you need, but only what you need. Follow the tips in chapter 3 on stowing your belongings.

When you plan to stay in the same place for several days, weeks or months, you will want your trailer to be as level and steady as possible.

#### LEVELING.

For comfort and for good refrigeration, it is very important to have your trailer as level as possible. To aid in getting it level, use small spirit levels located as follows:

Two on the hitch — mounted at right angles to each other. Or . . . two placed at right angles to each other, on the trailer floor.

**First**, level side-to-side by running the wheels on the low side up a small ramp consisting of a wedge about 3 feet long, tapered from 1" on one end to 4" or 5" on the other end — we do not recommend a hole in which to place a tire for leveling.

**Second**, get the front and rear at the same level by disconnecting the hitch, putting the jack pad under the jack and adjusting the screw up or down until you are level. Block the wheels to keep the trailer from rolling. Use stabilizing jacks at all four corners to eliminate the natural spring action of the axles and give you a stable floor.

**Note:** When using stabilizing jacks never put a great deal

of pressure on them when they are placed on the rear bumper of the trailer. Whenever the trailer must be lifted with a jack, as when changing a tire or leveling on very rough terrain, always place the jack under the main frame rail. A 3" aluminum pad is provided to indicate the proper position for the jack. Lifting the trailer by the bumper may cause "canning" of the roof or back end sheets.

Hook up to the water by attaching a 5/8" water hose to the city water service.

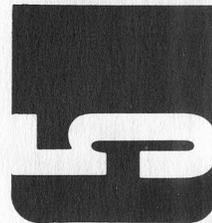
Plug the electrical cable, which is stored under the lid of the compartment between the bumper and the rear of trailer body, into the city power service. Be sure you have the wire grounded and have the proper polarity. (See chapter 7.) Hook your waste drain hose into the sewer disposal facility and attach to the drain outlet in your trailer by removing the drain cap, pushing hose on and twisting until it feels secure. Open holding tank dump valve; drain and flush tank; close valve.

Turn on the gas petcock under the top of the stove; light the range and oven pilots. Light the water heater, refrigerator and furnace pilots.

See the appropriate chapters for details on operation of the appliances and systems.

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There are four complete utility systems built into your Airstream: Gas, Electricity, Water and Sewage. The next four chapters of this manual are devoted to instructions for operation and maintenance of the utility systems in your Airstream. If you require specialized service, contact your Airstream dealer, the nearest Airstream factory or one of the factory service depots listed under the warranty on the individual appliance.