



WORLD'S LIGHTEST, EASIEST-TOWING TRAVEL TRAILERS



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America's Largest RV Show Hershey, PA Spotlight!

TrailManor showcases brand new Rise™ models.

This Fall is an exciting time for TrailManor as the new Rise™ prototype takes center stage at the Hershey, PA RV Show.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania RV & Camping Association, The Hershey RV Show has become the largest in the nation. 46 manufacturers, thousands of accessory vendors and an untold number of campgrounds and service providers all displaying their latest at the Giant Center. It's a sight to behold.

The Rise™, SilverTrail Edition prototype's beautiful silver aluminum panels are offset with stunning new graphics packages. This is the single biggest addition to our product line since the inception of the TrailManor.

Inside everything is updated with a luxurious tan and earth tone style including; wallboard, countertops, curtains, uphol-

stery, and flooring. We're planning on maintaining the option to upgrade from cloth to leatherette sofas and seats.

With the Rise™ line, TrailManor will provide an even simpler setup than the traditional retractable models.

Rise™ Travel Trailers go from low (for towing) to high (for great camping experiences). A synchronized lift system raises the roof with the touch of a button. No pulleys, no headaches. And because this design incorporates TrailManor's innovative lightweight construction techniques, it is much lighter and much stronger than similar trailers built in the past.

There's too much to talk about here, but if you want full details, take a look at our website, which has just been updated to include new photos, floorplans, and feature details.



Low profile, easy towing



Enough room for the family



Full amenities

Cleo's Column

By Cleo Eickhoff, TrailManor
VP of Marketing and Co-Owner



Specs and photos for the new RISE travel trailer will be on our website – probably by the time this newsletter gets sent out. We have had a great

time getting this new product ready for the marketplace. Each piece was specially designed and BINGO – when it was finished EVERYTHING works perfectly and fits together just like it should. It has been exciting. Bryant's RV Showcase in Dallas, PA is showing it along with other TrailManor units at the Hershey PA RV Show this week. Next week we'll take them all to Elkhart, Indiana to a Show for RV Dealers.

TrailManor's new SilverTrail edition has proved to be very popular. We introduced the new silver color with the updated interior at the end of February this year and already it accounts for 62% of all orders.

Besides the updated interior on the arctic white units, another change an option to have black trim or white. The black trim has been a perfect touch.

We are happy to welcome the following dealers to our network:

- BRYANTS RV SHOWCASE,
Dallas, PA
- BUDDY GREGG RV,
Knoxville, TN
- MIKE JONE MOTORS, INC.,
Hamersville, OH

We enjoy the pictures you share with us on TrailManor's facebook page. Sometimes I can hear the quietness 'out there' and almost smell the coffee brewing. We love being part of your travels even if it is through pictures. Here's the latest from Sarah.



Photo Courtesy Sarah Christiansen Gerstenkorn*

Hopefully there is a lot of good weather left for good camping. Keep those pictures coming.

TrailManor Community

Get Well Soon!



Dave & Kate Unruh, our dealers in Colorado Springs at **THE CAR SHOW**, were in a severe automobile accident in mid-August. Last word was that they are finally home but have a long way to full recovery. Please take a moment to hold them in your thoughts and prayers. The entire TrailManor family is pulling for a speedy recovery.

Monthly Quick Tip

Q: Depending on the trees overhead, we keep finding things like pine needles, Maple tree spinners, Basswood Seeds, and other small leaves in our inside flaps. They show up after moving from one campsite to another. What can we do to stop aiding in the migration of species?

—John Sample, Kalamazoo, MI

A: Remove any debris from your roof before you close down. Remember that you're folding the front top section down and onto the back roof. Any leaves or debris on your roof when you close the TM may have been outside, but once you close down, your curtains may pull leaves or other items down into the flaps. Give your roof a quick brooming-off and you'll notice a major difference.

Dealer Spotlight

TrailManor Is Pleased To Have Bryant's RV Showcase in Dallas, PA Returning As A Dealer. Bryant's sells quality new and used travel trailers, fifth wheels, folding trailers and park models from top manufacturers including TrailManor™.

Bryant not only sells RV's, but also provide a full service department with qualified technicians to repair RVs. More about Bryant's at www.bryantsrv.com



Bryant's RV Showcase's location is an area where there are a growing number of TrailManor customers.

Timing is perfect; Bryant's will be showing TrailManor units at **AMERICA'S LARGEST RV SHOW** in Hershey, PA this week



Tech Talk

With Ed Lytle

Andy Johnson

In Memoriam

Preventing Condensation in your Trailer

Moisture from cooking, washing and just our breathing raise the humidity inside a RV. As it gets colder, this moisture condenses out on cooler inside surfaces. The best way to prevent condensation is to avoid introducing excessive moisture into the air. A good practice is to always use the bathroom fan when showering. This will draw most of that moisture out of the rig. It may be necessary to keep a roof vent open slightly to provide some ventilation and keep condensation in check. Insulating exposed surfaces that tend to collect moisture will also help. A small dehumidifier or some of those little tubs of desiccant crystals may be necessary, depending on how many are living in it.

The method of heating that you use can add to this moisture. When propane is burned, it releases combustion byproducts and one of those byproducts is a surprisingly large quantity of water vapor! Most standard RV furnaces are vented to the outside of the rig and will not add any moisture to the inside air. This is not true of any un-

vented propane heater, including popular catalytic heaters. Using your stove-top burners also adds moisture to the inside air. If you intend to heat your rig using an unvented propane heater, you will have to provide a larger amount of ventilation to remove the additional moisture added to your air. Most unvented heaters are pretty nice for milder climates and are great for taking that morning chill off. Using them as your primary source of heat in really cold weather can prove to be a challenge because of the potential for condensation problems.

Many folks choose to use portable electric heaters to heat their rig. This method of heating doesn't add condensation to the air and depending on the cost of propane may actually be slightly cheaper to run. Great care must be taken to not overload the wiring in your RV or the electrical system in the campground. Most parks will either put you on an electric meter or charge extra for electric heat. Use only UL approved heaters and keep combustibles away.



Photo Courtesy Gabriel Flores Romero ***



Photo Courtesy Rachel Kramer **

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Andy Johnson who started the West Coast Chapter of the TrailBlazers with Sharon Zanassi. Andy was a strong supporter of TrailManor and his passion for the community was contagious.

To organize their first rally, he and Sharon made reservations at KOA Petaluma and invited anyone to come. 35 TrailManors showed up and the Chapter has grown ever since. He served as Secretary for many years and also as the Wagonmaster for many Rallies.

Thank you Andy for all the times you lent a helping hand or chipped in some well rounded advice. You brought many new friends together through the years who will miss you dearly.

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A Woman's Point of View

By: Michele Bennett



Preparing for a Camping Trip in a TrailManor

Since I prefer not to run around like a chicken with my head cut off the day before we leave for a trip, I like to be ready well ahead of time. We all develop our pre-trip rituals, and here is what works for me.

Create a Master Check List

Preparing the TrailManor for a trip, starts with my master check list where I make sure that we have all of the cooking and cleaning supplies packed. We've inventoried what we like to start with at the beginning of the season and as we use up supplies, we replace them but before each trip, I run through the master list to make sure the basics are available.

Plan Meals Ahead of Time

Plan out meals so you know what to buy, what to prep and what to freeze. Pre-cooked and frozen meals like Walking Tacos, which I've included the recipe for below, saves so much time. Also, use lots of crossover ingredients to keep the total amount of food to a minimum. Keeping mealtimes as simple as possible means less time spent cooking and more time spent enjoying our surroundings!

Last but not least, don't forget the graham crackers, marshmallows and chocolate because it would just not be a camping trip without some good old S'mores!!

Sample Prep List :

- Bathroom
 1. Toilet Chem.
 2. First Aid Kit is replenished
 3. Personals
- Kitchen
 - Test Fire Extinguisher, Fire Alarm, CO2, Pump, battery, Magic Fan and Holding Tanks
 - Batteries
 - Cooking Tools & Utensils/Cleanup Supplies
 - Fridge On (4 to 6 hours)
 - Check the Lighter
 - Flashlights & Lanterns
 - Stock Food
- Bedroom
 - Bedding (Someone always forgets their pillow.)
 - Clothing/Shoes
 - Rain Ponchos
 - Games and books
- Garage/Storage
 - Tools
 - Potable water hoses, fittings, filters and extra containers when needed
 - Electric space heater
 - Lawn chairs
 - Electronics (Inside fans, tv, radio, dvd, etc.)

Walking Tacos (6-8 bags)

Ingredients:

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1-2 tablespoon fresh minced garlic
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped (optional, to taste)
- 1 small green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 package mild or spicy taco seasoning mix
- 1 can refried beans
- 1/2 cups grated cheese
- Single serving Doritos or Frito bags
- Traditional Taco Toppings; Diced Tomato, Grated Cheese, Lettuce, Guac, Etc.



Directions for Prep:

In large skillet brown ground beef with onions, garlic, jalapeno peppers, green bell pepper. Stir until meat is no longer pink. Drain fat and return to heat. Cook until meat is well browned. Stir in seasoning packet and refried beans until well combined. Add in 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese and stir until melted. Allow mixture to cool and then freeze if storing for later.

Directions to Serve:

What I love about this is it can be used for burritos, nachos, or this favorite, walking tacos! Just grab the frozen meat, thaw and reheat it. Take the small bags of Doritos and slightly crunch them up, cut off the top of the bags and add the meat and any other toppings you desire. No clean up since you eat directly out of the bag, just toss when done!

Giggles! From the Internet



Photo Courtesy Dierk Schaefer ****

This is so funny and it will boggle your mind. Keep trying it. Even if you try 50 more times to see if you can outsmart your foot. You can't!!!

1. While sitting down, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles with it
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand

Your foot will change direction!!! I told you so... And there is nothing you can do about it.



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