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Interested in conversing with others who have experience in owning and traveling in RVs. Is this the group or does one know of a more specific one. planning trips to Alaska and around USA. Apparently there is an alt.rv group, but I it is not on my server. I did read somewhere that it was not used very much. The road-trip group would seem to be appropriate for RV discussion, however. I've spent 2 months on 2 separate trips across SW USA and I want to do the same again this year so I would be keen to exchange tips and good locations.

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Interested in conversing with others who have experience in owning and traveling in RVs. Is this the group or does one know of a more specific one. planning trips to Alaska and around USA. Thks We made our first trip in an RV last summer. We travelled for about three weeks in southern California. Here are some places we visited and some reflections. We recommend driving Route 1, but take your time. We drove an average of 100 miles a day, and that was plenty. We planned to visit Grand Canyon, but changed our minds, and that was the right thing to do. I visited Grand Canyon two months ago, driving a Buick Regal from L.A. via Phoenix, but I think the distance is too big with an RV. California was a much more interesting place. We liked the Pacific Coast most, and the change in climate and landscape when you drive for an hour or so.. Places we saw and our comments: -Golden Gate (I don't think I was allowed to drive an RV on the Golden Gate Bridge, but I got away with it..) -San Francisco. Avoid driving in SF on your first day in an RV.. Streets are crowded, no place to park, and those hills.. Besides, when driving in SF you really would need a map showing where you are NOT allowed to drive such a big vehicle. I saw many signs about maximum weight, but the police never cared when I broke the rules. Parking is the real problem, especially with an RV. If you find a place to park - look out. There must be something wrong with that place. Like crack addicts waiting to rob you.. One day we had to pay four times the fare because our RV needed four places. Trying to buy a camera in Fisherman's Wharf can be interesting. -Pacifica RV Park (well.. close to San Francisco, not very cheap or interesting) -Santa Cruz (very nice town, the Santa Cruz Boardwalk was the highlight of our trip according to my youngest son. Spend some time at the beach!) -Big Sur (Really worth the trip, even for a person used to driving in Norway) -San Simeon, Hearst Castle (well..you have to see it to believe it. The Enchanted Hill is almost unreal. Like a dream) -Pismo Beach (Nice RV-park and town. The beach is a good place to relax.) -Ventura Beach. We stayed at the Ventura Beach RV Park. I watched CNN yesterday and saw that the park was completely flooded. And that dog and the man that were rescued from the river - I think we actually met them when walking to the town. Small world. We visited Ventura 4th July, and the main street was filled with people celebrating. Lots of things to see that day. Much more quiet the next. - Playa Del Rey in Los Angeles (we stayed the first night at Dockweiler State Beach RV park near the airfield. Lots of airplanes over your head, but you get used to it. Our kids loved swimming in the Pacific. For the first time during our trip the water was warm enough, and the surf was an experience) Los Angeles was interesting, especially along the Pacific Coast. Not as crowded as we had expected. Driving was easy even with a big RV. We even got used to the freeways. But distances really are enormous and you need a good map and someone used to reading maps.. We spent a day downtown, and happened to walk by the Criminal Courts Building. So that was what everyone was listening to on the radio.. The O.J. hearings seemed to interest everyone. No one seemed to notice that the Soccer World Cup was taking place. We call it football in Europe. -Long Beach (Nice RV park, but a long walk to the nearest beach. We walked to Belmont Beach, and the water was ice cold and no surf. Next day we took the car and tested the surf at Hermosa Beach. Not much warmer, but the surf was better. Funny how the water temperature can differ between beaches not far apart..) -Disneyland (crowded, but if you have kids..) -San Onofre State Beach near San Clemente. (Cheap RV parking but no hookups. We liked swimming in the ocean, but got scared by the sharks nearby. Soon we realized they were not sharks but dolphins.. Lots of them.) -Palm Springs, Happy Traveler RV Park. Nice pool - without it we would not have survived the heat. The asphalt was flowing and my youngest son nearly got a heatstroke. No surprise that the streets were empty. We loved watching those small birds, we call them kolibri, you call them humming birds) -Joshua Tree National Park. Coyotes, roadrunners, lizzards, strange trees, heat. -Barstow, Calico Ghost Town. A tourist trap, not exactly what we expected. -The Mojave Desert. Not the place to be during summer. Why? - it's hot! -Bishop, Original Shepherd's Bread and a nice RV park. The post office had four stamps. We needed twenty. Nice people in this town. Through Tioga Pass we reached Yosemite and stayed at Porcupine Flats

camping. A really nice place by a small stream, but we had problems with low branches. Yosemite was crowded and the traffic was continuous. Not much of a wilderness experience if you not leave the car and walk. Yosemite was really interesting. Regards Tage Bjorklund

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In article <3evmmo\$...@newsbf02.news.aol.com, glennc...@aol.com (Glenn Char) says: Interested in conversing with others who have experience in owning and traveling in RVs. Is this the group or does one know of a more specific one. planning trips to Alaska and around USA. Thks My company rents cellular phones by the day, week and month and presently have many out to rv people. Our rates start at \$99.00 per month and \$1.99 per minute which includes any long distance and roaming charges you would normally incur, all built in to \$1.99. A cheaper alternative is to get a 2m ham radio. You can make local calls almost everywhere in the US by using repeaters that allow one to patch a call into ma bell. The best part is it is totally free, after you buy the \$200 radio.

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Posted by Carolyn Sue O'Dwyer - 2008/05/16 18:31

I would like to see more information about motor home use. My husband and I are strongly considering buying one. Any information would be appreciated. I cannot connect to alt.rv, so this board is best for me.

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Buying a ham radio can be a good idea. However, you should be aware that a FCC license is required to operate one, and that there is a fine for not have a license. A test is required to obtain a license. Also, I have found that there are many areas where repeater access is not available. The police do not monitor ham broadcasts so help is often not

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