



TRAILER MAINTENANCE

By David Broad

Finding a reliable and trustworthy Airstream service is like finding gold! It's a valuable resource and worth sharing the experience and benefits with your Airstreaming friends. For us Central Virginia Airstreamers, we are very lucky indeed to have the recent startup Broken Rivets RV Service available to repair, modify and enhance our Living the Dream camper trailers.

Faced with perplexing roof leaks, I entrusted my Flying Cloud 25 to DJ who located loose and corroded air conditioner bolts and recently West Coast dealer applied sealant around the Fantastic Fan that was not adhering to the coach roof.

Another project I asked DJ to create was the addition of two 6 inch diameter eight foot long double ended storage tubes under the rear of the Airstream to replace the short four foot original factory tube. DJ painted the caps of the tubes black and fitted screw caps on all four ends with wire safety straps. He then used stainless steel strap to secure them to the underbelly. Now I have secure and weatherproof storage for my fishing rods, flag masts, Wi-Fi and Cell booster masts and for my amateur radio antennas, diamond willow hiking poles and whatever other spindly long thin objects we acquire!

Extensive furnace service was very much needed after our muddy unpaved road adventure to Alaska, and this was handled expertly along with the install of SoftStart on our Dometic AC unit. When we returned to collect our Airstream, I was delighted to discover that DJ had gone through the interior and replaced all my missing rivets! He also gave the camper an overall clean and made it look like new especially since hurricane Michael had done a good job of shredding the leaves around his workshop. Lastly he asked me if there was anything else he could have done to make this an even better and more satisfactory service experience! The answer was an emphatic no!

The Northern Virginia Airstream Club has organized a couple of successful round table discussions in March each year featuring DJ on the topic of how to prep your rig for Spring and how to take care of your Airstream on the road. WBAC members from all four Virginia units –

Norva, Shenandoah, Tidewater and Virginia have been fortunate to participate.

DJ Mastin can be reached at (804) 994-1405 by phone and text at the same number or by email at brokenrivetllc@gmail.com. He does offer service at your location within a hundred miles of Ruther Glen and of course you can call to schedule dropping off your rig at his workshop.

The 2019 WBAC International will be held in Doswell, VA, which is just a dozen or so miles away from DJ's base, and he has kindly agreed to participate in two round table discussions that will provide a wealth of useful information.

Even if we love the challenge of doing our own Airstream modifications and tweaks, there comes a point and in particular certain kinds of projects when it is just simpler and safer to let a qualified technician take care of your needs. For Virginia Airstreamers, DJ at Broken Rivets RV offers the services we can depend on and trust, and I am delighted to recommend his business.

"DJ" Mastin, owner of Broken Rivets RV Service, operates out of Ruther Glen close to Route 1 and I-95, halfway between Richmond and Fredericksburg. Formerly a technician with Safford Airstream he now performs full RV repairs and modifications.



One special project we had DJ address was to add eight foot storage tubes under the rear of the Airstream which he designed, fabricated the fittings and installed.