



Greetings, road trip dreamers!

Welcome to the first issue of **Dreaming!** We hope to keep you updated and interested in traveling. We'll be mostly discussing road trips and long term travel, but will branch out into other areas as the mood strikes us. So come along and see what we've been up to, and what's going on in the road tripping world.

Phil and Carol White



ForeWord Magazine names *Live Your Road Trip Dream* a **Book of the Year Finalist** in the Travel Category

Well, we didn't place in the top three places, but after seeing the largest publishers convention in the world, we feel honored to have been a finalist!

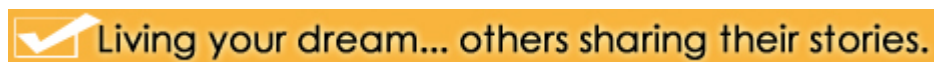
Did you know that there were 195,000 NEW books released in 2004? Everything from "little old us" to the likes of Simon & Shuster and Random House. Talk about feeling insignificant....

Thanks to all of you for your positive thoughts on our trip to New York.

Live Your Road Trip Dream goes International!

"Hello, this is Adam from the UK. I found you on the web and would like to know if you would be kind enough to be guest on my radio show here in London?"

And so, the White's have gone international. Phil groaned when he heard the time - 11:30 PM our time - after all, we are 9 hours behind London. It would be a bustling Monday morning when local listeners heard us.



We leave for our dream trip on Friday of next week!

*Daniel
Noblesville, Indiana*

(Note: Daniel bought his copy of the book in January! Best wishes as they start their journey! -- Phil and Carol)

My husband and I are still working but as soon as we retire we want to go all over the states. We have a 26' airstream. Presently we go somewhere within a couple of hours drive 2-3 weekends a month.

Looking forward to reading your book.

*Muriel
Novato, California*



Idea of the Month

Can't get the reservation that you want from the 800 reservation service? Always call the local number. Many times they have rooms/camp sites/tickets available that aren't shown on the national reservation systems.

-- Joanna Sawyer, Wilsonville, Oregon



More Road Tripping Information

What's up with the gas prices? (excerpted from a recent press release)

"The good news is that there is no reason to cower in the corner of your RV trying to avoid the gasoline bogeyman" asserts Carol White, author of *Live Your Road Trip Dream – Travel for a year for the cost of staying home*. "While none of us are thrilled about the new reality of gas prices, this is not a reason to cancel your travel plans, particularly if you are planning that dream trip of a lifetime."

White, who along with her husband Phil, took off and traveled the country for a year in their Pleasure-Way class B motorhome, know more than a little about how much it costs to travel for an extended period. When they budgeted for their trip initially, they planned on an average of \$1.75 a gallon for gas. When they returned, 37,500 miles and a year later, their actual average cost had been \$1.56 a gallon. They paid as high as \$2.35 a gallon in California, and as little as \$1.22 in Georgia. "Gas prices were fluctuating like crazy then also, and we weren't sure what to really expect, but we did know that the price of gas wasn't going to prevent us from getting out and seeing our great country", Carol confirmed. "We knew that in the overall scope of trip expenses, this was not going to be a 'deal

breaker' for us."

"As it turned out, at \$1.56 average over the year, it represented only five percent of our total budget and it was only our fifth largest expenditure", Phil added.

Carol went on to update their information, "We recently recalculated our actual budget, using \$2.25 as the average price over the same 37,500 miles, and it only moved the expense to eight percent of the total cost, and still the fifth largest expense."

**Figure your own fuel costs using
Road Trip America's fuel calculator**

...and now for a brief advertising update

New product choices on website

In addition to our successful **Traveler's Gift Pack**, we are introducing a new **Road Trip Starter Kit** for those who want the extra fun things of the gift pack, but don't need the gift part! Priced at \$23.95 with FREE SHIPPING for a limited time, this should be a winner.

And for those of you who have friends and family that you would like to have enjoy *Live Your Road Trip Dream*, we've come up with a way to make it economical for you. Buy **two Road Trip Starter Kits, and receive the third one at HALF PRICE** – plus FREE SHIPPING to a single address.

You may have noticed that we have also made available the **RVEd101 line of CDs and DVDs** covering the basics of various types of RV's. As an incentive to try one of the instructional videos, they are offering a **free RV checklist (\$12.95 value)** with the purchase.

[Please take me to the website to check out these new offers!](#)

Don't forget!

Personally autographed copies of the book are always available on our website

www.roadtripdream.com

 **Tell Us What You Think**

What do you think?

We are always anxious to hear from our readers and friends about how we are doing.

[Question of the month:](#) How is the length of this newsletter?

Always feel free to [email us](#) with your road trip questions or tips, or

thoughts about the book. We'll be printing some of your comments in the months to come.

Where have your dreams taken you?

Please [send us](#) your travel pictures taken on your road trip dream. We want to share stories of trips that were inspired by reading *Live Your Road Trip Dream – Travel for a year for the cost of staying home*.

Until next time.. Keep Dreaming...