

Ramona Mayon

RV Rehousing Plan

CASE HISTORY: RV-home (1996 Gulfstream class c motorhome 27'), stored in the Sierra mountains with ice, and did receive some new damage from that, as well as prior known problems when made homeless by Park Rangers in Sacramento county at the start of the pandemic so I have been away from my possessions for nine and half months. This RV is our home since 2012 and lived in until March 18, 2020 when the county campground we were living in Sacramento County was closed due to pandemic, RV wouldn't start and we were forced, by way of county worker making an Adult Protective Services report on ME because my late husband had liver cancer and the complaint centered around refusing to give up our RV-home and move into a "medically-supported" group home; we were housed for three months in a Sacramento motel as part of Project Roomkey, (vouchers for \$8000); then when funding "ran out" for the motel, we were moved to a desolate FEMA trailer at CalExpo, where he died, without medical support, three weeks later, July 7, 2020. At this time, I went to my daughter's home two hours north of Truckee and began all the steps necessary to recover my possessions, starting with getting a driver's license - no mean feat in a pandemic while in the mountains. August 14, 2020 the RV was towed by AAA to a storage location a mile from my daughter's and by the end of September, RV was running again due to the fuel pump, filter and ignition module was replaced (\$800) by a professional mobile mechanic, which I paid \$300 and my daughter \$500. Before the RV was transported to SF, the generator was sold out of it to repay my daughter, a single mother of 2 without employment. The landlord wants to evict my daughter because of me staying so long and doing prolonged car repairs on his property. There had been some funds raised (\$1200) by the children and the SUV was repaired + reconditioned with it, as well as we bought some camping equipment. The plan was to use the upcoming stimulus money to finish the renovations. When this never came, and the landlord becoming more and more angry about me being there, we decided that it would be better for my peace of mind, so I joined the camping membership club

“Thousand Trails”, which has a total of 7 campgrounds in the mid-section of California, and for \$50 a month, I can camp 4 nights at each campground (tent or RV) and thus pass the time until the stimulus came and we could get the RV renovated mechanically, pass smog, get tags.

The actual crisis came two weeks into the tour of “Thousand Trails” (I made it through four of the campgrounds September 29 to October 14, 2020: Manteca, Nicolaus, Morgan Hill, and Hollister) when the SUV sprang an oil leak. Realizing that I can’t go on (obviously), I come to San Francisco to get help from the people who known by family best, our friends (and family case workers) at Sunset Youth Center where our kids went to the seventeen (17) years we lived here.

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They introduced me to their mobile mechanic and the fact he lives in Sacramento now meant that I had to wait for him to work only on the weekends, but eventually, he tracked the problem down on the SUV to a very small plastic part that had broken off and was gushing oil. He repaired it cheaply and efficiently on the side of the road. Because of environmental concerns, obviously I had to park the car and just live out of it while I was awaiting repairs. My plan is to get the RV into the “Thousands Trails” Elite Package (allows 21-day stays with advance online booking up to six months out; cost is \$690 down and \$145 a month for 36 months; this is in addition to the membership dues I am already paying...in other words, for just under \$200, I can park my RV under trees with electric, water, w.c. and hot showers in trailers, laundry trailers, security gates & fences, and helpful staff should there be an emergency as on

the third day camping in Tahoe National Forest Sept 25, I tripped on my own feet, fell, broke my nose and had to go to the ER for nine stitches, which in the remote mountain campground was certainly made into a major production).

Granted, to accomplish this “widow’s lifestyle adjustment”, I will also need to factor in the cost of a driver for the RV which Mr. Loufas has agreed to do for the first few months, since he is located in Rancho Cordova, he is near enough to do this, as well as continue upkeep on the RV and we hope, eventually teach me how to drive the RV myself. I am not just getting a driver and a mechanic, my children are also getting peace of mind that someone can come help me quicker than they can. The additional reason I want to have Mr. Loufas as the mechanic for this job is that he can do the repairs while I am actually still in the vehicle, on the side of the road, as opposed to a shop that would make me leave it and thus have to deal with being in a motel again. The only peace I have gotten in the last six months since Greg died is in our home. I can’t handle leaving it again, right now.

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Steps to get RV to where it can get smogged and tags and leave SF, then immediately entered into the “Thousands Trails” camping membership (I joined at the lowest level in September and used it in four campgrounds to see if it was a valid situation; the company itself is celebrating its 50th anniversary) :

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| 1) Get drivetrain back in | labor | \$ 150 |
| U-bolts (left out then rusted) | parts | \$ 25 |
| 2) Battery (old one froze and cracked and was left up there) | parts | \$ 175 |
| Cables (corroded) | parts | \$ 50 |
| | labor | \$ 60 |

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| 3) | Basic Tune-up, oil change, lube job on joints | parts \$ 200
labor \$ 250 |
| 4) | Two front tires (old ones were dry-rotted before the ice) | parts \$ 600
labor \$ 100 |
| 5) | Brakes sticking/ master cylinder
Fix faulty brake light on left side | parts \$ 150
parts \$ 20
labor \$ 250 |
| 6) | Exhaust Leak on shifter column | parts \$ 20
labor \$ 80 |
| 7) | Broken side panel outside on right
(ice snapped it off during transport) | labor \$300 |
| 8) | Remove and dispose of awning because the brackets broken | labor \$ 100 |
| 9) | Drive RV to smog place and wait with it, return to me | labor \$ 100 |
| 10) | Sealant to put on roof (leaks right down the middle) | parts \$ 200
labor \$ 150 |
| 11) | Cut out and replace wood in floor in hall where its weakened | parts \$ 150
labor \$ 100 |
| 12) | DMV | ??????? |

13) Down Payment to Elite Package at “Thousands Trails” fee \$ 690

14) 1st drive from SF to Manteca “Thousand Trails” campground labor \$ 250

(John drives RV and I drive my SUV...then in three weeks comes
and gets RV to drive it to the next 21-day pre-reserved campground
help me dump the tanks and refill, etc)

Mechanical: to the point it’s driven out of the smog shop, ready for tags \$ 2,630

DMV \$ 350

Interior repairs to make it habitable \$ 600

Thousand Trails down payment on camping pkg upgrade \$ 690

1st transport of RV from San Francisco to Manteca \$ 250

\$4,520

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