

# TRAVELING WITH YOUR SMART PHONE AND PAD

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The following notes are a compilation of useful apps and information originally posted by Carolyn Beardshear from presentations at Alumafiesta and Lewisburg International Rally. They have been reexamined for appropriateness as well as new ones have been added from recent releases.

The majority of these apps are available for both Apple and Android / Windows devices. Most of the apps are ones I use on the road. When making a decision about an app be sure to read all of the reviews you can before making a decision, particularly for those you have to purchase.

These will be presented using an iPhone or iPad, but in general the comments will be applicable to the Android/Windows world.

### To download an Apple App



On your device open the App Store; the Icon for the Store will look something like this.

Tap the “magnifying Glass” to search for an App by its name or Category. When the App(s) appear select the one you want. See the ratings (Stars), read the reviews and prices. Many Apps are free, but if there is a cost most are inexpensive. Often there is a free or Lite version with ads and an ad-free Pro version for a fee. Click on **Get** the App. Click on **Install**. Enter your Apple ID password. If there is a charge your on file credit card will be billed. Wait for the circle around the installation icon to complete and the App will be installed on your desktop. From there you can move it to a folder or a specific page.

If you want to move or delete an App: Touch the icon for a few seconds. All/most icons will start wiggling. You can now tap and drag an icon to any page or screen on the device. If you put one icon on top of another a folder will be created with the 2 icons inside. You will have the opportunity to name the folder. To delete the App when it is wiggling tap the **X** and you will be asked if you want to delete it. Note the App and its data are removed

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from the device, but if it is one you paid for you can return to the Store and reload it as Apple remembers you bought it.

### To download Android / Windows or other non-Apple phones:

Select Google Play from your home screen. Sign in using your Gmail/ Google account information. Select “Shop” and choose from the many categories of Apps available or enter the Apps name in the search box.

## WBCCI MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

To protect our members’ privacy, the digital directory cannot be downloaded from any online source. If you have not received an with the digital Membership Directory attached, email [ecc@wbcci.net](mailto:ecc@wbcci.net) with your name and Airstream number and you will be sent a PDF copy. You can install this in iBooks for later access.

## CAMPING APPS



**AllStaysCamp&RV** This will be the best **\$9.99** you will ever spend. You set the filter for what you want to see on the map. Campgrounds of all kinds: Army Core of Engineers, city/county parks, Elks lodges, State forest , National Park, KOA, Military, Moose Lodges, BLM Lands, propane dealers, dump stations, etc.

**AllStays** also has a “**Big Truck**” App that locates Flying J and Pilot stations (good Sam discounts) and other travel centers.

**AllStays** directory holds more than 28,000 campgrounds. You can easily find what you are looking for by using the filter. Once found you can view the campground, their website, phone number, reviews, GPS coordinates and directions. The best thing is you do not need an Internet connection to use it. Available for iPhone and Android devices.

Other **AllStays** Applications include:

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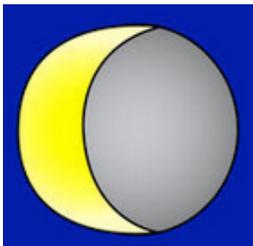
**Walmart Overnight Parking Locator** also shows Walmarts with no overnights. Additionally, low clearances, RV dealers and service centers, Rest Areas, Scenic Turnouts, **Road Grades**, Stores and Truck Stops.



**AllStays RV Dumps** - \$2.99



**AllStays Rest Stops Plus** - \$1.99



**Overnight RVParking** - Free or almost free overnight parking. "This app is a subscription service of \$24.95/year that has more than 14,000 places in the US and Canada where you can spend the night at little or no cost. I have found this to be invaluable on occasion when we were desperate for a spot of the night. Your subscription can be extended by providing reports on the places you stay or recruiting new members. The reporting function is built into the App.



**Camp Where \$4.99** - Great App for locating State and Federal campgrounds and parks.

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**Trip Advisor** - Hotels, restaurants, Things to do (ranked by popularity), Flights Nearby Attractions.



**Around Me** - Banks, Bars, Coffee Shops, Concerts, Gas Stations, Hospitals, Movie Theaters, Movies (Fandango is better), Nearby Sights, Pharmacies, Pubs, Restaurants, Supermarkets, Taxis, etc.



**iEXIT Interstate Exit Guide** - \$2.99 iExit helps you find the best exit ahead on the highway for all of your travel needs. The App automatically locates you on a highway and lets you look hundreds of miles ahead to discover spots at upcoming exits. It can be quite frustrating depending on utilizing highway signs to find your next stop so this will help you save time by planning ahead, whether it's finding gas, food, or even free Wi-Fi. Good results for gas stations and filters for type of fuel.



**State Lines** - \$4.99 Every state is different. State Lines helps you locate the highly variable laws and regulations. App covers all laws of concern to RV'ers as well as tax structure, gas prices, liquor laws, etc. State Line tracks over 55 pieces of travel relevant information for each of the 50 states, including towing, RV specific laws, phone and texting bans, gas/diesel taxes, default speed limits, seat belt and child safety regulations, rest area overnight parking laws, and much more.

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**Google Maps** - The free Google maps application is a given on your iPhone. Many times more up to date than your GPS device. Great driving directions as well as visual image of search location or the ability to measure distance between two points to an unbelievable accuracy.



**Maps.Me** - This is an offline map App to download maps for specific areas you re going to prior to you departure (or during if you have internet access). These maps crowd source updated so they may be more accurate than anything else you can buy and they are reasonable, updated and are free, The maps are large, e.g., CA is 556 MB if you download all maps so it is better to put them on you iPad rather than phone

### FUEL APPS



**Fueled** - **\$4.99 per year for ad free version.** Easily track your vehicle's fuel economy and vehicle maintenance. Set up reminders for maintenance tasks such as oil changes and tire rotations. Fueled makes it easy for you to save money with gas mileage calculations (MPG) and service reminders'.

**Fueled** - **Was previously known as Gas Cubby.** If you had previously purchased Gas Cubby you were grandfathered into the Ad free version of **Fueled** if you are obtaining the Free App to day you will have to endure ads unless you subscribe for \$4.99/ year. Great App for maintaining gas data as well as service records. In the new App you can also customize service reminders, support multiple vehicles, store all vehicle data and generate Excel email reports.

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**Gas Buddy** - Lets you search for gas prices by city, state, zip code, with listings for all cities in the US and Canada. Prices are updated in real-time and show the date and time it was located. This allows you to fill up on the least expensive gas near you. Filters for type of fuel - gas and type as well as diesel.

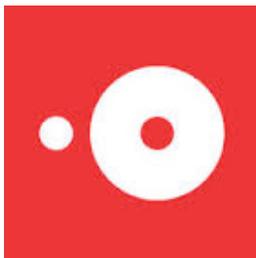
**Love's Connect-** This App finds Love's Travel Stops around the country. It even has a route-planning tool.

**My Pilot** - Find Pilot Truck Stops wherever you are.

## Food and Drink



**Yelp** - Restaurants and more with reviews from real people. Need a shop that sells RV parts? Want TexMex for dinner? Yelp is a great App to find businesses and food near you. You can get directions and even menus for restaurants.



**Open Table** - Make dinner reservations at the best eateries does not work well with local restaurants. However if you want to go to the better places it saves time in making reservations.

**NorCal Unit Website "Eats" Page** –This was developed by Harold Higgins a member of that Unit is highly recommended as a resource for Apps, websites and other ways to find food on the road.

<http://norcal.wbccci.net/tools/restaurants/>

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**Untapped - Free** This is a great resource for beer lovers! Many have discovered the best food is found in micro-breweries as well as beer. Sometimes it is hard to find or decide on which local brewery to visit, and this App makes it easy showing the ratings of the bars around you as well as what they are pouring. You can share what your are drinking with other beer lovers as well as maintain a record of your sampling of the hops.



**Find Craft Beer - \$.99** Great App to go with Untapped in locating micro-breweries.



**Diners, Drive ins and Dives - \$1.99** App based on the TV program that has off-the-wall eating spots you might not normally go to, but many times lots of fun.



**Our Groceries** - A very useful App for generating shopping lists at grocers, pharmacies, home improvement stores, or anywhere you need to shop. When you have purchased an item a single tap takes it off the list. You can also email or text lists to a spouse/partner/friend.

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### Utilities



**AppBox Pro** A toolbox App with lots of useful things, e.g., currency conversion, translator, days calculator, unit converter, etc.



**Coverage? - \$2.99** Know where cell phone coverage is, even when you don't have any. Get updates for life.



**Handy Level** When you need a quick level for plumb or level this App will do the job.

### Sightseeing Apps Along the Way



**Clio** Locates historical spots around your location. Named after the ancient Greek muse of history, Clio puts history at your fingertips. Similar to locator 'apps' that help you find a nearby restaurant or repair shop, Clio picks up your present location and guides you to landmarks, museums, and historic sites. It is also a time machine to see images and videos and hear and read about historic events that happened around them.

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**Peak Finder \$3.99** An AMAZING app that will outline and name mountain peaks all over the world offline. It also gives GPS co-ordinates and MAPS of the area, including secondary and tertiary roads for those marvelous off-main-roads experiences.



**Roadside America - \$2.99 - The *Roadside America App*** lets you choose one of seven US/Canada regions to unlock: Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest, Northwest, or California . You have the option in the App to also buy individual regions (\$1.99/region) or all remaining regions -- the Entire US/Canada (\$5.99), I recommend

this approach.



**Historical Markers Nearby** displays the location and details of **historical markers**, monuments and plaques near your current location. It connects you to the Historical Marker Database at HMdb.org, the most accurate and complete resource for local history on the Internet.

## RV / Airstream Related

**CampingWorld.com** Store Locator Map, online shopping

**Airforums.com** - All things related to Airstreams. The go-to place for advice on maintenance, renovation and repair of your Airstream. Also a WBCCI discussion forum.

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**Harry's Camper - \$8.99** This app is for the very technologically savvy



who want to know what's happening under the hood and behind the hitch. It is complex and requires extensive set-up, but monitors every facet of your vehicle and RV. One function provides a map of recent routes and stops that you can post to Facebook and share with your family and friends. This app was developed by Harald Schlangmann,

member of WBCCI Europe.

## Communications Apps

**Skype** Free or nearly free voice and video communication around the world.

**Viber:** Similar to Skype, but with much better audio.

**Facetime** (iPhone) Video calls without cell phone service

## Weather Apps and Alerts

**MyRadar** Great maps of incoming weather

**Wunderground.com** One of many weather apps, but a good one.

**Accuweather:** "One of the best weather apps I have used. Can get premium service for \$5.99 that eliminates all ads and gives you 25 day projections of weather.

**Wx Alert USA:** Weather app to alert you to tornados, freak weather, etc. This one is a must if traveling in the mid-west.

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**Red Cross Tornado** (also Flood, Earthquake, Wildfire apps available through the Red Cross) Enter your locations of interest and also your current location to receive Tornado Warnings and Alerts.

### Fun Apps



**Sky View Lite** Free Plots the night sky in your location. Some reviews report recent bugs.



**Pocket Universe - \$2.99** A great app to determine what stars, planets, satellites, etc. are in the sky above



**Geocaching:** A great way to explore an area: being in Nature with a purpose. Wonderful for keeping kids entertained on long drives.

**Amazon Travel** – “Since having Amazon Prime allows "free" viewing of certain films if you search "travel Utah", many travel videos are found i.e. Antelope Canyon, Canyonlands, Arches, Zion, etc., which are 1-15 minute travelogues of the subject. A neat way to preview your next location.”

**Family Car Games - \$2.00** – Over 100 family car games, searchable by category and difficulty level.

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**Geoguessr** (NOT Geoguesser). Not a navigational app. You get a Google Street View of some place in the world and using clues from road signs, vegetation, etc. you try to guess where you are. Play alone or with friends.

*Warning: it's addicting.*

## Organizational Apps



**Dropbox** - Shares files easily, but only allows one person to access at a time without creating a conflicted copy if they are working on a file. However, it is a great way to share photos or large text files

## Security Suggestions

- Password protect ALL your mobile devices
- Don't use the same password (get a password manager, like Dashlane, Msecure, or **Password1**, but there are many to chose from)
- With iPhone, set up "Find My iPhone" via Apple so you can track a lost or stolen phone and wipe it remotely.
- Be cautious with public WiFi networks - Using your own cellular hotspot (MiFi, Jetpack, etc.) is safer.
- Don't use public or borrowed computers for any site that requires a Login, like your Bank..