

BurningToGetThere?

1. Check: starting with the brakes (shoes/pads/adjustment), wheel bearings, tires & equalizer hitch & sway control. Test electric trailer brakes.
 2. Inflate all tires, including spares to the recommended tire/wheel rating; I imagine the tires on both truck & trailer are the heavy-duty type i.e.; LT (light truck) and ST (special trailer) which normally hold 50+ cold PSI.
 3. Familiarize yourself with tire temperature and how they look; feel tires & hubs for excess temperature, do a walk-around inspection every time you stop. Check pressure if suspect (note, a hot tire will have a higher pressure than a cold PSI). Overload + extreme heat + low PSI = tire failure!
 4. Check all lights and have good wide mirrors.
 5. When you get to the mountains use your gears and take your time going up and down and if it's very hot plan the climb at the crack of dawn. Turn off the AC and turn on the heater if the engine is heating up.
 6. When you load the trailer keep the heavy things low and over the axles, only carry enough water in the holding tank for what you need that day as it's very heavy and also keep the gray and black holding tanks empty as possible. It's difficult to calculate trailer tongue weight but it's very important to have adequate weight to keep the rig from swaying. Airstreams are well balanced, therefore, if you keep your heavy items low and near the axles then the remaining gear should balance the load to give you adequate tongue weight. Tap electric brake if sway develops; redistribute load.
 7. Keep the truck heavy compared to the trailer; place heavy items over the rear axle of the truck; you don't want the *tail waggin' the dog!*
 8. A good safe speed for a rig is <60 mph. Stopping one of these takes a lot more than getting them going... don't tailgate... take it slow going down the hills and mountains, use your lower gears, save your brakes!
 9. Only experienced drivers of *towing* should handle a heavy load or drive in heavy traffic or on the byways or mountains or drive at night.
 10. Much safer to travel in the daylight hours.
 11. Plan to get your heavy supplies and fill h2o tank near destination.
 12. Take your time on all roads leading to/from BRC!
 13. Fuel up in Gerlach upon arrival.
- PS; this is also applicable for just driving a car.

~Keep the rubber side down, *Monte*