

## Welcome!

Thank you for downloading this workbook. It is designed to help you take your corporate job on the road in your RV. Travel, and get paid!

## **Meet Scott**

Since February 2019 I have lived in and worked a corporate job from my 2019 Winnebago Travato GL, a 21' campervan motorhome.

In 2017 I was very frustrated having to spend a great deal of life energy on a long commute to an over-air conditioned corporate cubical to do things

that I didn't really enjoy to get a paycheck that allowed me to have the beautiful storage unit... I mean house!

My desire to smash the status quo was so strong that my partner, Kyle, and I developed the "Fantasy Plan". It involved selling the house and buying the Winnebago to become a full-time RVer.



The plan included reinventing

my corporate job so I could take my job and ditch the desk. You are learning from my real-life experience so you can hit the road sooner with fewer frustrations.

I wish you to... Live happy. Live free. Live RV.

## Introduction

Meeting the obligations of being a remote worker from an RV can be tough.

This is especially true if you are reporting to a boss that does not support or company policies do not allow remote work.

This workbook contains 5 simple strategies you will love, your boss and company can agree to, and provide you the RV freedom you desire.

Special thanks to Camille Attell at More Than A Wheelin' and Remote Work School for working with me on this exciting project. She offers a free resource course to help you get your remote plan underway. See her info on Resources page.

## **Next Steps**

- 1. Pour yourself a cup of coffee
- 2. Watch the companion video
- 3. Craft your plan in 60 an hour
- 4. Discuss with your manager
- 5. Take the job; ditch the desk!



Scott's remote work setup.

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## REMOTE WORK positioned as a company "benefit"

Working from an RV is a single step beyond working from a traditional home office. The idea here is to craft a plan where your company supports you working from an RV turning that around into a no-cost employee benefit.

- Talk with manager as to risks and benefits of working remote.
- Gain manager's support to work remote.
- Write up plan for HR to work remote as a no-cost employee benefit.
- Guarantee your Internet connectivity. Expense cellular MiFi hot spot.
- Do Lunch & Learn about remote work & travel for fellow employees.

What are the risks to you and to the Company by working remote?			
What are the benefit to the Company by working remote? And, to you?			
Write up your remote work plan. Include: transparency, job deliverables, connectivity, work hours, tools, etc.			

# RESET JOB DUTIES to be objectives-based, not time-based

When you go to work are you actually working for a full straight hours or are you more likely occupying your chair starring at your computer screen?

When I distilled my work efforts and compared those to the results my employer expected I discovered by chunking my time and tasks I got more done, produced the restyles, and stopped running my day on "business hours".

Remove guilt about not "working" during biz hours. (Should I travel during work hours?)

Focus on completing tasks, not "time on the clock".

With your Manager, set goals, distill objectives into weekly and daily tasks

How your job results are measured now?				
What objectives can your current role be distilled down to?				
List out those objectives by month and week				

# TEST DRIVE working from the road

Taking your RV on the first few trips are HUGE learning experiences, and can be overwhelming. Add to that learning curve, working your job from your RV in a beautiful distant location, can add unwanted extra stress.

Here is a way to slowly break into working your job from your RV creating success for both experiences: RVing and working.

#### Step 1

Work from your RV in your driveway.

Use your Internet connection from a cellular carrier source, not from house. Work should include several hours to complete a particular task or project.

#### Step 2

Locate a public park and drive your RV to that location for half a work day. Run Step 1, but add making a meal and do a work AV conference call. Write down what went well and what could have gone better.

#### Step 3

After completing Step 2, make necessary adjustments.

Locate an RV park or county/state/national park within 60 miles of home.

Make a week night reservation and stay over at your campsite.

Work a portion of the day working from your campsite.

Write down what went well and what could have gone better.

what are the 3 closets R	or county/state/or national parks nearest you?

# PLAN YOUR TIME to avoid burnout and see the sights

Break your job duties into objectives first.

OBJECTIVE	TASK	TIME NEEDE	D DEADLINE
	online tool such as ith already, and pu	· ·	or use a system you're a workflow.
BACKLOG	WORKING	DUE THIS WEEK	FOR DONE REVIEW

Then place those tasks into your calendar as time blocks and complete that task. Treat those time blocks as if you're meeting a colleague or customer.

# GET INTERNET at high-speed without wasting money

The #1 problem with the Vanlife / RV lifestyle, from my experience, is internet connectivity, and more specifically, really lousy data speeds.

Good internet is a must-have for those of us that work a job or run a business from a RV.

5 Tips for High-Speed WiFi Without Wasting Money

- 1. Buy a cellular, unlimited data MiFi hot spot from a carrier different from your phone carrier.
- 2. Check if your cable TV provider has external WiFi hotspots. If so, create an account. You may find those hotspots available where you are traveling and speeds can be quite good.
- 3. Use a gym such as Planet Fitness. With your membership you then have access to workout, take showers, and fill a one gallon water jug to take back to your rig.
- 4. Visit local business such as coffee house, restaurant, brew put, etc. and setup a "work station" while consuming their food and/or beverage. However, using the app Speedtest, check their WiFi speed first, BEFORE buying anything. Nothing worse than getting setup, spending \$20 on food and beverage only afterwards to learn their WiFi if RV Park quality... which is to say nearly worthless.
- 5. Utilize the local public library for free, highspeed WiFi. In addition, the location is heated/ cooled, quiet, and perfect for knocking several task in a few focused hours.



Speedtest app

# PARK RV & FLY from airport long-term parking lot

Several times a year my location is such that have to fly to a location a great distance from where my RV is parked. If you find yourself leaving your RV in a long-term airport parking lot these tips will give you a bit of peace and mind.

#### **PARKING**

- Locate parking using parking apps such at ParkWhiz or Spot Hero. Google searches work too, but I like the apps.
- 2. Find a couple lots that you like and then drive to those locations to check them out. Are they staffed 24/7, well lit, clean, content nice cars, and might ask the staff about break-ins.
- 3. Buy parking through the app. If you need to extend your time it is easy to do in-app.
- 4. Ask for staff advice for the best parking spot. Make a big deal that you are parking your house at their facility.
- 5. Talk with the manager if possible. Give them your mobile number is case there is an issue
- 6. Watch out for overhead / height restrictions and look for a parking spot with plenty of space.



#### **RV PREP**

- 1. Empty the fridge and freezer of perishable items.
- 2. Check cabinets for food that can go bad, like bread.
- 3. Turn off house battery so there is no electrical draw. This ensures that you will have house power when you return to your rig.
- 4. In below freezing weather it is a good idea to follow winterizing instructions for your RV prior to leaving it unattended.

## TOOLS resources and course

#### **Virtual Meeting Tools**

Zoom, <u>zoom.com</u>
WebEx, <u>webex.com</u>
Google GSuite, <u>gsuite.google.com</u>



#### **Shared Workspace Docs**

Pages/Numbers/Keynote, <u>apple.com/pages</u> Google Docs, <u>gsuite.google.com</u> Microsoft Office 365, <u>www.office.com</u>

#### **Productivity Tools**

Trello, <u>trello.com</u>
Asansa, <u>asasna.com</u>
Miro Board, <u>miro.com</u>

# In Progress Done + Homepage headline drafts Nov 17 Analytics implementation Nov 30 SEO keyword analysis Done Accessibility research Nov 21 SEO Nov 21 Accessibility research

#### **Blogs**

The Padgetts, <a href="https://heathandalyssa.com">https://heathandalyssa.com</a>
Camille, <a href="https://www.morethanawheelin.com">https://www.morethanawheelin.com</a>

#### **Remote Work Course**

Remote Work 101, <a href="https://remote-work-school.teachable.com/p/remote-work-101">https://remote-work-school.teachable.com/p/remote-work-101</a>

## CONNECT with us online

#### Scott with Go Small. Live Large!

GoSmallLiveLarge.com contains additional info on Vanlife and the RV lifestyle including your free access to a monthly teleconference!

On YouTube you will find over 125 videos about People, Places, and Vanlife.

Follow me on Instagram to get near real-time sights, sounds, and tips form the road



#### **Camille with More Thank A Wheelin'**

MoreThanAWheelin.com contains RV life, travel and remote work resources.

See Camille's YouTube channel.

Follow Camille on Instagram.

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## **YOUR NOTES**