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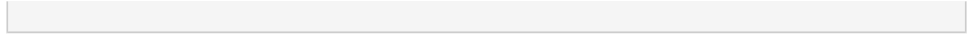
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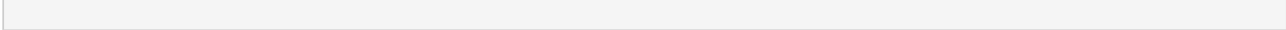
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"The book has solid, practical advice on what to look for if you want to buy an old Airstream, what parts are sure to need replacing and much more. One section is devoted to questions and answers taken from more than 170 hour-long podcasts."

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#### About the Author

Tim Shephard is the creator and host of The Vintage Airstream Podcast. The show, created in 2005, is a restoration resource for vintage trailer owners, and is heard in over 22 countries worldwide. Tim has restored two vintage Airstreams of his own, and lives in Northern California. He has enjoyed traveling in his vintage Airstreams for over 10 years. For more information visit [restoringadream.com](http://restoringadream.com)

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