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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from [New Horizons](#)

We all celebrate the Holidays in different ways. However, one common element is that it should be a time of reflection on the Blessings we have. I have been told by many, that I worry too much and look at the glass as "half empty" instead of it being "half full". However, at this time of year, I am truly thankful and know I am blessed. I have a wonderful wife and family, lots of friends, and a business that gives me the opportunity to meet many great people. So, it is with great sincerity that I say to each of you, "Much happiness and Blessings this Holiday Season." Thank you for making my life full.

Phil

[New Horizons](#) Holiday Schedule

New Horizons will be closed Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25, 2015 and also on Friday, January 1, 2016 to spend time with our families. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday!

How Well Does a New Horizons Handle Cold Weather?

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A frequent question I get from prospective New Horizons owners is about the performance of our coach in cold weather. It is common to see various RV manufacturers make claims about cold weather performance:

- "Guaranteed to -10 degrees"
- "Best insulation in the industry"
- "R-40 roof"

It goes on and on, and can be quite confusing to the consumer. So what is it that we really need to be aware of? Well, first, you need to reset your expectations. Most people judge cold weather RV performance based on their experience with a house. These are two totally different abodes - and no RV can perform at the level of a house. You need to set your expectations - an RV will have less insulation, and have more air infiltration than a modern house. So it is always more challenging to be comfortable in an RV. And comfort is

really what we are after.

What are the major contributors to comfort? Insulation plays a definite role, so looking at R-values is a consideration. But a more important factor is minimizing air movement inside the coach. It is the air movement that is the largest contributor to feeling 'chilled'. Lets look at how New Horizons addresses these two factors.

New Horizons uses high performance, high density foam in their walls, floor and roof. The exterior is a laminated structure that provides strength as well as insulation. The foam does not droop inside the walls as batt insulation can, and it seals air spaces far better. Using a laminated structure also reduces the number of wall studs, which minimizes thermal transfer through the aluminum stud to the interior. I like the laminated structure because by its nature it solves a lot of issues.

The New Horizons roof is two layers of R10 foam, and with the addition of the other materials carries an overall rating of R24. The walls are a 1.5" foam with an overall rating of R11, and the floor is 1.5" foam with astrofoil in places, and an overall rating of R25.

Note that New Horizons has insulated floors in their slides. Many other RV's do not have insulated slide floors - the only thing between you and the outdoors may be ¾" of plywood and some carpet.

Minimizing air movement is challenging in the RV environment. After all, most RVs have a lot of windows, and many feet of slide edges sealed only with rubber seals. Consider that a 14' super slide has four edges totalling around 42'. These all are places that air can infiltrate. The corners are particularly prone to air seepage, and have traditionally been the place the RV industry has had the most issue.

New Horizons addresses these challenges with a triple slide seal that uses very good corner blocking. Along with that are double pane frameless windows. These virtually eliminate air movement around the windows, since there are no drain holes and wipers on the sliding windows. Both of these let in a lot of air - especially when it is windy outside. In contrast, you can take smoke around a frameless window and see very little air movement - a major improvement over sliding or double hung "traditional" RV windows. In our personal experience moving from our 2010 coach to our 2012, the improved slide seals and windows made an immediately noticeable difference in our comfort.

New Horizons also does not cut into the walls for mounting electrical outlets. Outlets are mounted beneath upper cabinets, or in chases in the corners - not cut into the sidewalls. This also helps with air infiltration.

So the coach is relatively "tight" for an RV - but how do we heat it? Obviously we have an RV furnace - in our case we have two of them (coaches over 40' have two furnaces). We rarely use our furnaces, preferring instead to use our fireplace and in-floor heat. Yes, we have electrically heated wood floors throughout the coach. While the electric heat is not considered a primary heating source, we find that until temperatures get into the low 20's that just the in-floor heat and fireplace keep us quite comfortable. And the basement is insulated well enough to not need supplemental furnace heat until the mid 20's - at least in our experience. Below those temperatures either furnace will provide heat to the basement and tanks. However, if you were to spend long durations of time in teen and below temperatures you might consider the auxiliary tank heaters which provides heat pads and wraps the drains in heat tape. We personally avoid long term camping in temperatures below the teens, so that is not a factor for us. We have found that we are fine in teens without the arctic package.

All of these elements come together to make a New Horizons very comfortable in cold weather. In my opinion because they address the primary factors involved in user comfort - not just R-values.

Note: there is a companion video on this topic that you might find useful. It goes into some additional detail that a short newsletter article cannot. You can find that [HERE](#).

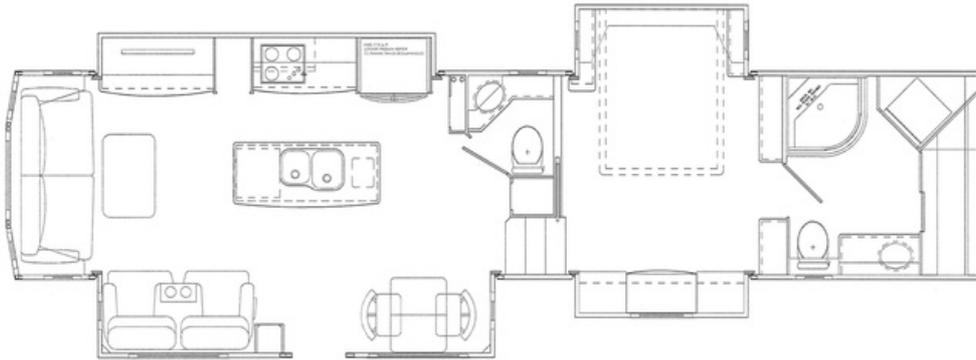
Long-time New Horizons Employee Passes

Tony Johnson, who worked for New Horizons from its first day in business and touched many of our customers' lives passed away on November 13, 2015. After working for many years on the production line, Tony was moved to our service team several years ago. Tony always had a smile to go with his knowledge and received numerous compliments for his great customer service. Additionally, Tony willingly took on the job of raising his grandson as his own. Tony not only leaves a void for his own family but for all of us at New Horizons as well. May God rest his soul.



2016 Summit

New Horizons is really excited to offer our customers the same great quality that is expected of a Majestic, in a new package. Our all new Summit line is built on the same 102" chassis as our Majestic line, with the same infrastructure built to full time in. The differences are in creature comforts and a few trim pieces we have scaled back. We are also offering savings versus the Majestic line, in the floor plans themselves. We have already engineered about 13 floor plans to take the guess work out of putting together a custom design. A bulk of our floorplans are in the 37' to 41' range, but we have a few small units (32' and 34') and a few really large units as part of the Summit offering. The base pricing comes in about \$20,000 less than that of our Majestic 5th wheels. The 2016 Show Model will have a factory direct sales price of \$180,273. If you love the layout, it will be available to purchase immediately, but not available for pickup until after the Tampa Super show in January.



Show Schedule

[Florida RV Supershow](#)

January 13-17, 2016
Florida State Fairgrounds
4800 US Highway 301 North
Tampa, FL 33610

Save the Date

2016 NHOG Rally

NHOG (New Horizons Owners Group) and Wanabees
May 16-20th, 2016
Best Holiday Trav-L-RV Park
Chattanooga, TN
Rally Masters - Roy & Ann Brody
email: NHOG2016@gmail.com
Phone: 917-747-3577
Blog: NHOG2016.blogspot.com

Recipes of the Month

SLOW-COOKER CRANBERRY GLAZED CHICKEN (from tablespoon.com)



INGREDIENTS

- 4 chicken breasts
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 1 (14 ounce) can cranberry sauce
- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

DIRECTIONS

Place the chicken and onion in the slow cooker. Add all the remaining ingredients in a mixing bowl and stir to combine. Pour the sauce over the chicken. Cook on LOW for 6-8 hours or HIGH for 4-5 hours.

5 Min Prep.

Serves: 4

Total Time: 4 hours

GINGERBREAD CHEESECAKE BITES (from afewshortcuts.com)



INGREDIENTS

- 1 Tbsp. International Delight Gingerbread Latte Creamer
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 Tbsp. powdered or granulated sugar
- 1 cup cool whip
- ½ cup gingersnap crumbs

DIRECTIONS

1. Line a 13" x 9" baking sheet with a parchment paper. Set aside.
2. Place the cream cheese in a bowl with the sugar and creamer and whip with hand mixer.
3. Add in the cool whip and stir in with a spoon or spatula, until just combined.
4. Spread it out evenly in the 13x9 pan. It will be thin. Place in freezer for 1-2 hours.
5. Place gingersnap crumbs into a small bowl.
6. Scoop the cheesecake mixture with a small cookie scoop or a tablespoon and roll in cookie crumbs.
7. Refrigerate for couple of hours in freezer until they get frozen.
8. When ready to serve, let sit out for 5 minutes at room temperature to desired firmness.
9. Serve and enjoy!
10. Refrigerate leftover bites in a ziploc bag or an air tight container.

Gluten Free

Use a gluten free gingersnaps for the crumbs

15 Min Prep.

Serves: 12

Total Time: 1 hour

