

Stupid RV Trick 01

Testing the crash strength of a slideout!

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We parked the RV at our house to load for the Boerne rally. Of course, when you are a little behind schedule there is a tendency to bypass the checklist. Well, I had opened the back slide to make loading the closets a little easier. You know what's coming. I hit the gas pedal and there was this loud crashing sound. Yep, the slide hit a tree. The slide was partially caved in and the edge angle iron looked like a pretzel. I spent the next 2 hours removing aluminum angle iron and trying to straighten it with a sledge hammer. After installing the partially straight angle irons, I could now get the slide closed and we were off to Bearne.

LESSON: The checklist was created for a reason, especially when you are behind schedule.