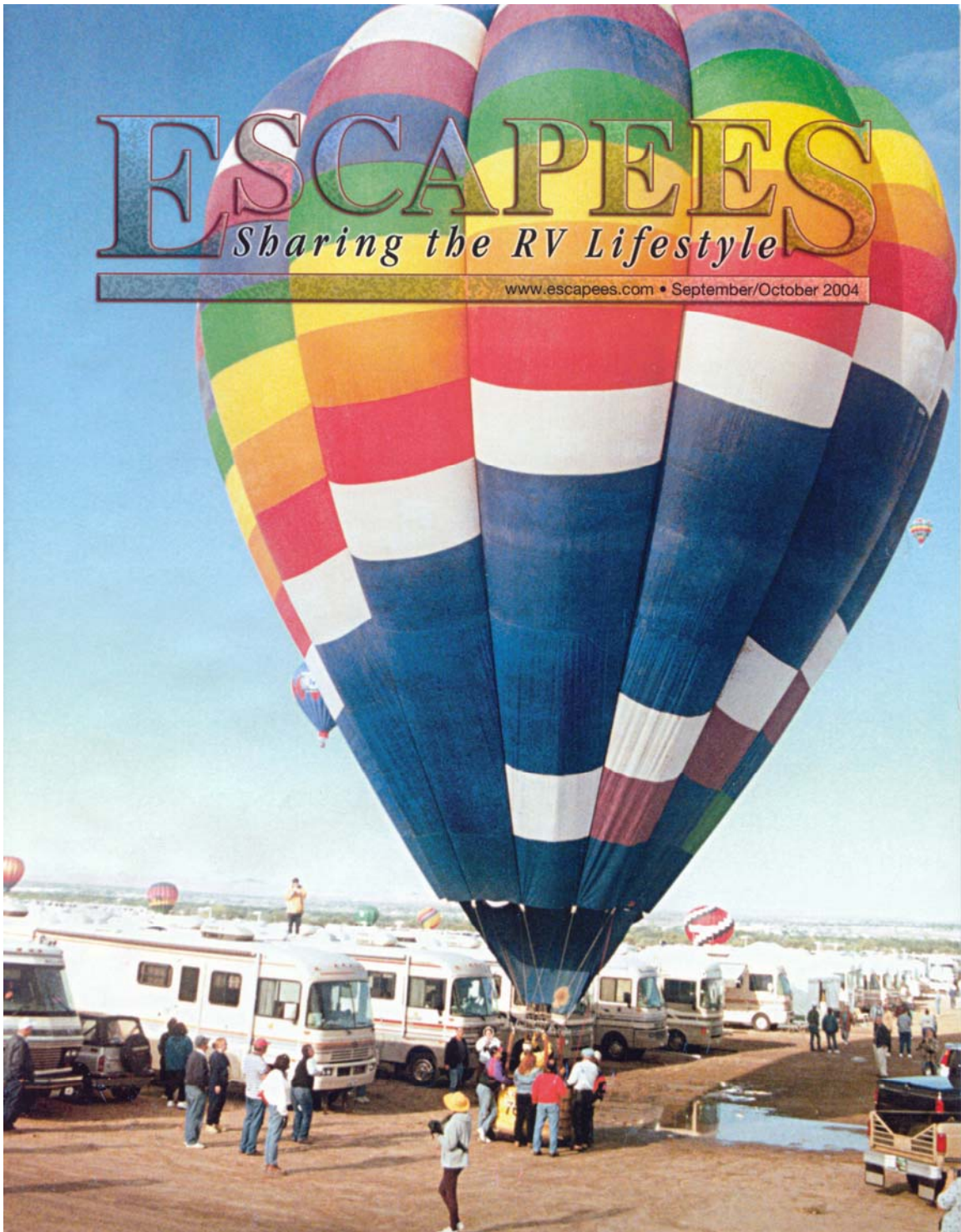


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evasive. Homeowners do their normal home-caring tasks on a regular basis and may leave out details because of their familiarity with the routine.

If the homeowner requests a contract or agreement, you can find a sample at [www.ilrg.com](http://www.ilrg.com) (Internet Legal Research Group) if the homeowner doesn't have one. There is a hold-harmless agreement at the Housecarers Web site. My advice is to go to the Web site, click on the site map and do some exploring.

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me.

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### **Extend life of leather**

To retain its beauty and other desirable qualities, leather requires frequent conditioning to replace the natural lubricants lost during normal use.

With proper care, leather can be protected from excessive dryness that can cause it to crack and from moisture that may cause it to swell or mildew.

Because unprotected leather is susceptible to spotting from water and other liquids, a newly purchased leather item should be treated immediately to help prevent permanent stains. Be sure to use only the proper protection for your particular type of leather.

Here are a few tips for the care of pigmented leathers, mostly found in RVs:

✿ Too much oil or wax can clog pores, causing leather to lose its ability to allow air in and moisture out. Use a mild dishwashing soap such as Ivory liquid: one part Ivory liquid to 10 parts water. It's an excellent way to keep leather clean and looking new.

✿ Dairy products that spill on darker dyed leather will leave a spot. After cleaning, the oils in the dairy products will eventually rise back up to the surface. Be careful with any dairy product next to your leather.

✿ Clean light-colored leather often. Dirt, dust and clothing, especially black and dark-blue dyed jeans, will leave traces on leather.

✿ Never use preparations made for smooth leather on suede or "rough out" leather. Use only cleaners or preparations made specifically for suede.

✿ It is important that all leather goods, including car seats, footwear, clothing and furniture, receive proper care, which will enhance and extend the life of any leather good.

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### **Sunscreen door**

Using sunscreen material to replace the regular screen door material has worked out well. The material can be color coordinated if you want it to blend with the interior or exterior colors. It will also stay tighter longer. And it is easier to clean. It is easy to see out, harder to see in and rich looking, as shown in the two photos on the opposite page.

You will need some basic hand tools to remove the screen door at the hinges and lay it on a large flat and hard surface.