There is a sequence that unfolds when someone contemplates taking the leap from an anchored existence to a wandering one. At first it’s about determining whether this is really something we want. But once we pass that threshold, it becomes about how to make it a reality. There’s a lot to consider, and one of the problems is how to stay connected to an ever more internet-reliant world.

This is something I’ve been conflicted about on more than one occasion. One of the biggest potential benefits of road life is simply unplugging and engaging with what’s right in front of us. Why risk compromising the experience by burying our noses in technology? But then I remind myself that connectivity is what makes the adventure possible for many of us in the first place. How else would we earn a living, educate our children, or stay engaged with our communities as we roam?

You might think, “What’s the problem? I have unlimited internet on my cell phone,” or, “It’s 2020 – every RV Park must have WiFi,” or even, “Can’t I just throw a satellite dish on the roof and call it good?” But if you talk to people about their experiences trying to stay connected while traveling full-time in a bus, RV, van, or boat, the most common response is… utter exasperation. Despite