

Making Life Easier in My GMC

Presenters: Kerry & Carolyn Pinkerton

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Kerry & Carolyn Pinkerton led a sharing session where people spoke up and described things they had done in and to their coach to improve their livability.

1. Cut foam squares to cover interior windows and ceiling vents for increased insulation.
2. Use the KISS tray to store the oil filler cap while putting oil in the motor. Or screw a wire basket on top of the headlight bucket.
3. Vaseline around hoses and cables will keep ants out.
4. Bleach kills fire ant hills.
5. Plastic shoe boxes are great organizers for overhead cabinets.
6. 1 gallon Ziplock bags for storage of 'stuff'. Just carry inside when not on the road and carry out to load.
7. Hanging a shoe holder over the closet door allows for lots of storage for stuff besides shoes.
8. Put a magnet on the gas door and put your gas cap on it when filling so you don't leave the cap behind.
9. Bathroom vanity shelves slope and things fall off. Glue or tape plastic drywall edge protectors to each shelf.
10. T-Fal made pots and pans with removable handles that nested and were easy to store.
11. The Regusa 3 battery tray is great for storage. Ken Henderson also has paper templates if someone wants to cut out a plywood shelf in front of the front wheels. Located in Ken's folder on the photo site.
12. The Doanes demonstrated their fold up table that expands from 2 1/2x3 to 2 1/2x6 for seating up to six.
13. Microwave/convection oven needs ventilation. Don't install without sufficient air space.
14. Use a water pressure regulator to keep from blowing out your plumbing if the city water is too high. Adjustable regulators are best. Several people reported leaks (some disastrous) from overly high city water pressure.
15. A thin cedar panel in the back of the closet keeps clothes smelling fresh.
16. You can now buy an induction hot plate. VERY fast but requires cooking pans that are ferrous, that is, magnetic. Aluminum won't work. SOME stainless will.
17. Emery Stora has published how to increase the heat from the front gas burners by drilling out the orifice to a new size. Details in his photo album.
18. A clear Plexiglas panel at the bottom of the closet keeps things from constantly falling out when you open the door and you can still see what is there.

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19. Raise the bed on 1x8s and hinge it for additional storage underneath.
20. If you ever have your windshields out, take the opportunity to remove the screws holding the dash in, clean, and reinsert finger tight so they will be removable IF you ever need to pull the dash. They are very difficult to remove in the best of conditions but if rusted in place very, VERY difficult.
21. LOTS of space behind the fridge can be utilized. Some of the fridges want ZERO space behind the fridge.
22. Use a belly board when working on the engine. If cut to width of the aluminum angle, it can be placed wherever it is needed.
23. Use a heavy plastic spatula to tuck in the bedspread where you can't reach it.
24. If your dash or satellite radio has 'electrical' noise on it, try running it from a new dedicated 12V wire and ground from the fuse panel under the hood. Twisting the ground and hot wire around each other throughout the run helps.
25. Use city water to fill the water tank and run off the water tank instead of city water. When you've used the 30 gal of water, your black tank is full and it's time to dump.
26. Use an adjustable window rod (spring rod) on the top closet shelf to keep things from falling off.