Living better in your GMC Motorhome, facilitated by Kerry and Carolyn Pinkerton

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* To verify your refrigerator is working properly, put a bag of ice cubes in the freezer. If you come home and find them melting, you have a problem.
* Use the remote (outdoor) monitor of an indoor/outdoor thermometer inside the fridge to check the temp at a glance.
* Speaking of temperatures, put the wireless outdoor thermometer in a plastic jar surrounded by packing peanuts to keep it from rattling around and place behind the bumper to get an accurate outdoor temperature.
* Junkyard rear view mirrors with built in outside temp display. The sensor is usually behind the front bumper somewhere.
* Road noise can be reduced by sealing off gaps in the firewall, especially the steering column.
* Make a departure checklist before pulling out…don’t forget the wife.
* Ken Fry said there is a position on the bathroom lights that can be used to turn on/off the water pump.
* You can put the no slide rubber shelf liner on top of the toilet lid during showers to hold shampoo, etc. They also work as floor mats to keep your feet from slipping. When you are finished, just hang them on a suction hook and they dry almost immediately.
* Wipe down the bath module with a flexible squeegee (Lysol has a very flexible one) or California water blade. Pull any water directly to the drain. Easy to pick up any hair that might go down the drain and the module dries in minutes.
* Kerry Pinkerton has posted a how-to on rebuilding the shower diverter in the GMC photo albums. No more leaking faucet while showering.
* Price Pfister Catalina is a bathroom style faucet that has a nozzle that comes out and works just like a handheld shower wand.
* Sew denim with pouches that hangs on the towel rack above the toilet. Bathroom items can store in the pouches. (kind of like a hanging shoe bag)
* You can get bamboo with rubber feet from Amazon.com for the bathroom floor. It is ¾” thick and easy to cut to fit.
* Many small towns have campgrounds that are free or nearly so. Freecampgrounds.com is a good resource. Many county fairgrounds and county seats also have some camping spaces for very small costs.
* Vodka in a squeeze bottle is great for removing mold and mildew. You don’t even have to wipe it up.
* Bounce dryer sheets seem to keep mice out. So will Cayenne pepper.
* Comet around your wheels keeps ants away as will a ring of Vaseline on your water hose, TV coax, and power cord.
* If you have carpet and want to cover it, you can make cardboard patterns and have a glass company cut 3/8 or ½” lexan cut to your specifications.
* A cheap and effective way to balance your tires is to put 4 oz of Airsoft beads (Walmart) in each tire ($17 worth will do all 6). Similar result to Equal or Counteract. If you’re using either of those products, don’t put ‘wet’ air in your tires or it will clump.
* Got a dog? Hang your leash by the door to ease dog handling.
* Use a collapsible hose for the macerator output. Wrap it around two hooks inside the rear bumper for storage.
* Ever left your gas cap at the station? Put a magnet on your gas door (it is steel) to hold your gas cap while you fuel. Some folks put their gas cap in the slot where the fuel nozzle goes. Can’t put the hose up without picking up the cap.
* There is a lever on the door lock (inside the door), when set, the door will only lock with the key from outside. Impossible to lock your keys inside. Still locks with the knob from inside.
* If you want remote door lock/unlock capability, you can get a two contact switch from hot rodder supply and key fobs receiver/transmitter 2 button controls for about $10 on ebay.
* To increase effective storage, some have put a shelf in the overhead shelves over the galley.
* Radio Shack has turn signal flashers with BEEPERS. You can add a switch to turn off the BEEP in city driving to cut down on the annoyance and turn on when you’re on the highway and need the louder reminder.
* Use plastic boxes for storage. Just carry in the house when you get home and back to the coach when you’re ready to travel again.
* There are small trash cans designed to be lined with plastic grocery/Walmart bags.
* A BRIGHT flashlight will help pinpoint oil leaks.
* Whack your tires with a bat type stick. The sound will tell you if one is lower on air than the others.