

## Living Better in Your GMC Motorhome – Part Three

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- The Doanes showed their multi-purpose table. It's based on a folding table from Wal-Mart. Surface was removed and replaced with wood. Folded in half it works as a table for two or four in the coach. Unfolded it seats eight and can be carried outside.
- Close curtains behind seats and AC works better.
- Adding an additional AC unit under dash (available from Applied)
- Curtain behind seats made from clear shower curtain liner allows you to see through it so you can keep track of things happening inside the coach.
- Additional AC units can be found in passenger vans under the rear seat or on the ceiling. Self contained units.
- Table Mate II folding table, multiple heights, legs straddle passenger front seat pedestal. Bed, Bath & Beyond, Walmart, online
- Under dash (or hood) trouble light out of 88-92 GM pickups comes with long cord. Find them in Junkyards
- Use rigid or foam insulation to make an interior cover for fans to keep out heat/cold.
- Fantastic Fans in bathroom are a GREAT upgrade!
- Some carry a small pen light in their pockets always. \$6 from Advance/Lowes etc.
- Black shower curtains work around windows to darken the coach in bright areas. Use Velcro to hold in place.
- Cosco has a rechargeable flashlight (amazon, too). Doubles as emergency light. When you lose power it comes on automatically.
- At Cosco, you can ask for a visitors pass. Won't get the discount but can shop.
- The new 10 blade developed by John Biwersi lowers cockpit sound level. Available from Applied.
- Tight cell foam 3/4" Put in windows cut to fit for cold weather. Also works in hot weather.
- Got A/C with heat strip. Install a line voltage thermostat. Here is the link to the seminar notes: <http://www.gmcmi.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Pinkerton-Line-Voltage-thermostat.pdf>
- A model of the Fantastic Fan (possibly others too) have a built in thermostat to regulate temperature.
- Atwood bought Fantastic Fan and is honoring the FF warranty like the old days.
- On the shower bar above the toilet, hang a fabric shoe holder. You can store sundries in the pockets.
- The bathroom vanity shelves slope down and stuff falls out. Use double sided tape or silicone to put some clear drywall corner protectors on the edges. Keeps things in place and you can see through it.

- Clear Plexiglas at bottom of closet keeps things from falling out and you can see through it.
- A piece of cedar panel on the back wall of the closet keeps things smelling nice.
- Sand cedar lightly to wake up the smell
- Bob Donahugh widened his door 8" and added a ramp to make it wheelchair accessible. He's willing to advise anyone needing to do similar.
- Use a spring loaded shower rod from wall to wall in the hall to hang wet/damp clothes to dry.
- Add a shelf inside the overhead cabinets to increase storage space.
- Adding a lower shelf in the closet reclaims unused space.
- Ventilated closet shelving can be bent to fit. Walmart has extendable shelving.
- Search for plastic boxes that fit inside shelves and cabinets. Keeps things in place and easy to find.
- Slide out shallow drawers can go under the top of the big cabinets.
- On some double sinks, a modified cutting board will sit around the faucet and cover the small bowl for increased work space.
- Moen makes a small pull out kitchen faucet that works well in our spaces.
- When remodeling, move the P-trap to the back wall away from directly under the sink. Frees up a lot of space.
- Replace large propane tank with smaller tank and use the reclaimed space for storage.
- BBQ propane tanks are not legal to go in all tunnels but the smaller RV tanks can. Must be permanently mounted to be legal.
- 3" memory foam mattress pad over original.
- GET a carbon monoxide monitor!
- Move the water fill on late model coaches closer to the water tank and eliminate the 4" bulkhead at the foot of the rear bed. Gain 4" of legroom and use less pink stuff to winterize.
- Use a flexible spatula to tuck bedding in on the back bed.
- Sew the bottom and top sheets together at the foot.
- Some folks make their own "BedSacks" but sewing two sleeping bags together. One side is lighter weight and use that as the top in warmer weather. Thicker side in cold weather.
- Add more cigar lighter sockets by dash for connecting more 'stuff'.
- If you're replacing your headliner, microfoil under whatever you are using works great. You can order it on-line.
- Get a plastic cup holder that hangs in a window. Most auto supply and WalMart has them. Cut off bracket and screw to the plastic by the cockpit windows for somewhere to put your drinks.