

**LIVING BETTER IN YOUR DISCOVERY
NOTES FROM SE AREA RALLY
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A group discussion of various things folks have done to make their life better in their Discovery.

Kerry – 03-06 Coach. Have slide out wire racks in pantry – 1 gallon water jugs get pinched and leak. Made an aluminum tray that holds 4 gallon water jugs that fits in slide racks.

Toilets – Use a mixture of water, Calgon, Pinesol and water. Place in toilet. Dump 2-3 tablespoons daily when toilet is being used to remove “skidmarks.” Also prior to travel, add some and it will swish around to clean while you are in motion. Mix some in a jug and keep beside the toilet. Believe the receipt is ¼ cup Calgon beads, 40 oz Pinesol and the rest in water to fill a gallon jug. One owner also adds Baking Soda.

Brenda Fairfax: Put a rod in the RV behind the drivers seats to other wall (don't put on slide area) and place a sheet or blanket to divide the front from other areas. Allows privacy and helps in air conditioning.

2010 RV – Recommends if you have small house refrigerator, switch to commercial. There is a seminar today at 4pm.

Kerry – Find many parts, etc., at Colaws RV Salvage Yard, Carthage MO, Hwy 169 near interstate. Also near Joplin. Might call if you are looking for a certain part and see if they have it. There is also a great place near (about 10 miles) Goshen, IN called Bontragers.. There are other salvage lots in Michigan . Red Bay Alabama is where the Tiffin Factory is. Several large surplus stores there.. Information will be in the Express Newsletter regarding Goshen.

Low Volume of Water in Shower. He added a 2 gal accumulator (the high-val premium). Gets 4 gal per minute. Accumulator is a 2 gallon stainless bladder type. You place it where the water pump was originally located. He used small piece of plywood and added custom fitting switches Water pressure regulator is about \$50..Spent less than \$100 total.

Rick Blaher: Use the white foam extinguisher over the red. It is manufactured in Orlando. He has a 40E. He determined they couldn't get out the back window so you can spray yourself with the foam and move toward the front of the coach.

Keep step cover closed –Place a blanket over the steering wheel to help block cold air.

Use Queen Bee for washing windows, mirror, motor home. Throw it in the washer (no fabric softener) and it is ready to go again.

When it is extremely cold (11 degrees), the window at the headboard was cold. Used a mylar window screen (about \$10); folded and placed it from the valance behind the blinds. Get a blanket and wrap it over the steering wheel to help in that area. Also a clear bubble wrap on windows will help. Place a film of water on the window and the bubble wrap will stick.

Mary Anne Crowell: Close the slides in extremely cold weather to assist in heating.

Jeff Bradford. Traveled in frigid weather with no water except bottles in the coach. Has heat in the water tank such as light bulbs, space heaters. 40X gravity feed. Bay heated but not the tank. 8x5 heaters used. Regular light bulbs are difficult to find. Heaters are about \$9 each.

Tuff top toppers are good replacements for slide toppers and can be installed in about an hour each by 2 people with ladders.

When heat/air comes in around the driving pedal while driving–Harbor Freight has a device (blanket?) for about \$5 to use on pedal and drape over door.

There are different types of wiper fluids. Obtain the one that is for 20 degrees and below. Another suggestion

– pour vodka or rubbing alcohol in fluid.

Making Bed- Purchase a tarp or plastic sheet and put it under the mattress to help. Also use a spatula to tuck the sheet in up near headboard.

Suggest you buy a cooktop which is induction on one side and propane on the other. Use the propane in winter and induction in the summer. Can Google to find one. They are \$479.

Individual had water problem in the kitchen sink. The sink gurgles. Found oils, food, junk in the drain line. Solution Galley drain problem- Find the drainage hose (flex). Take shop vac and suck it out after taking off the hose. Need a hair dryer to heat and put the hose back on.

For Laundry- place a spring rod in the shower and hang clothing there. Also if unable to hang a caddy for soap and shampoo, hang a shower rod and then hang caddy on that. Another person said to move out the screws at the top of the shower and hang a caddy from that.

If you don't like the light from the skylight in shower, loosen the screws on the skylight and add sail cloth to cover. Sail cloth is the same stuff they make windshield privacy/heat shields from.

40X – Sliding mirrors in the bath can be moved and they can be replaced if needed

40X – vent going out. The hose was twisted and be fixed.

Update the booth- Estimate to take the booth out was \$3000. He found cabinets at Lowes himself, took out the booth and refitted with the cabinets for about \$500. Also took off the front panel and made small shelf to hold DVD and other items that size.

Landbright makes good furniture and will recover chairs, webbing, etc. Braddock and Hall also makes custom cabinets, furniture. Available in or near Goshen.

Residential Refrigerator Storage- leave plugged in and lock in shelves with expansion rods. Bruce Bruce bought adapters to hold refrigerator doors closed.

MICE- plug in ultrasonic; use steel wool, Irish Spring soap, Bounce, moth balls, traps, peppermint or a Cat. Use Flea & Tick dog collars (Lazy Day suggestion). None of these appear to work well for one person. Walmart and Lowes has Top Cat (Decon) in blocks for \$7-8. Place one block in each bay and don't use the box it is in. Just throw them in. Another suggestion is to soak cotton balls in peppermint oil and throw around in coach. Hang Scent Away natural mouse away in bags. \$7.99 for 5 pack. Another idea is Fast Track by Bell Laboratory for rodents

Another suggestion is to use Vaseline for ants Smear on your power and water hoses where they go in the coach. Ants don't want to cross it.. Advion is a great ant tiller. You can google it and buy online. Ants are gone in about 5 days. Other solutions include ingredients found at Lowes and Home Depot. – Ajax was also recommended. One camper has a 1 year subscription for service in their home and at the time, the company also treats their motor home by spraying around the coach to perform a barrier.

Use child proof locks to keep cabinets closed while traveling.

Where is the flasher on 2006? He cannot hear it. (turns out there isn't one.???)

40E has bed that goes up and down. Problem in that it stops and they have to keep fooling with it. Sounds like mattress is to close to the wall. On a 2016 40E, the switch used a motor that was too small. Weight caused it not to work. They moved pillows to the bottom of the bed and did not have the problem.

40X – how can he make fast throttle work? On 2006 hold resume till it comes up. On 2007 Cat, press control button in and slide till it comes up.

2009 40X- reverse camera doesn't always work with left turn signal. Make sure hand brake is off; air parking

brake contact button may have problem thinking brake is on; opened where camera was and sprayed DW40 on two connectors. Worked for several days and then stopped again. Thought there might be moisture and water caused it to stop again. When replacing camera he found moisture again. Switch box may be problem. WD40 is bad for electronics. Use dielectric grease only (Auto Zone has it)

Control box on left side of drivers panel on 2008 out. Ordered new one for split screen.

2006- Dump air bag doesn't dump – probably has bad air valve or solenoid

39S 2006-Acrylic panels pulling away and not sealed in shower. Do you Caulk ?– Strip across, top with screws about every 6 inches. That seals or may be gasket depending on coach.

Want to change interior- recommend you change yourself. Used Classic Coach for floors. Bought and replaced recliners themselves. Can be purchased at Iron Horse in San Antonio or Mayfair.

What is proper etiquette for parking in Walmart? No jacks, only bedroom slide open; ask permission. Same with Cracker Barrel or Lowes. Call ahead if necessary and check with the manager. Motor Home Magazine and Escape Magazine has information.

40X 2008 – use squeegee to remove water on top of the slide so you don't get a 'shower' while driving.