

**LIVING BETTER IN YOUR DISCOVERY**  
A group discussion from the DOAI Goshen Rally, 2018  
Moderated by Kerry and Carolyn Pinkerton

Phil Skip, first timer - He installed rubber bumpers behind his toilet lid to prevent wear against the wall – several other folks did the same.

Mike Kessler – He needed assistance with an electrical problem regarding a charge to the battery. Everyone was helpful and willing to help. Thanks for all the help in resolving his problem.

Brenda Allen – They installed a towel bar at the right side edge of the sink to hold bottles and other small items that would sometime fall out when traveling. The bar is about 2 inches from the counter.

A **full timer** who travels with two children and works full time in the coach. Has a 2012 Discovery. He had problems with TV and internet. To solve the problem he purchased an in-motion antenna; however that did not work. He removed and purchased the Winegard Travel System. He took his Direct TV with wireless Genie system from home. He was using Verizon internet (25GB). He purchased a Cradle Point Wireless IVR1400 data bridge and took his Simm card and inserted in the IVR1400. This amplified the system's ability with the 2 antennas and 12V system. He also joined the Mobile Wireless Internet Resource Group (about \$25 a year) Techno Mod offers data break to unlock the Simm Card (This was about \$300) but not necessarily legal. Uses SSID from his cellular for security. The new LTE is coming out and will be available down the road.

Al Don? Changing a Simms card is illegal and some vendors are taking legal steps for those who abuse the system.

Kerry - Has a 2006 Discovery. Discussed removing table when installing carpet. On the '06 there are four thumbscrews that, when removed, allow the table to be moved around for better seating.

Consider replacement for power bay hatch. Purchased (\$60) roller & managed to feed the cord through. Requires grinding the area some. "Fairlead" (winch type) allows line to roll smoothly.

Teresa – Use Snap Pads for leveler about \$200 a pair. Increases surface area. Just use a little soap on the beads and snap them on to the jacks. (Amazon costs \$180 for 4)

Kerry – Note Jack Seminar. The further the jack goes down, the less stability.

Teresa – Uses springy curtain rods to put across pantry and medicine cabinet to hold items from falling. (Bob & I also use them in the refrigerator)

Diana – They keep their wireless printer in the Bedroom and it kept sliding off. They used the curtain rod to keep it from moving. Also Bed, Bath & Beyond has a spice rack that holds 36 spices and they can move it in and out of the cabinet with no problem.

Kerry – He carries Gallon water jugs as they don't use on board water to drink. He found that wire baskets rubbed holes in the gallon water jugs. He fabricated a metal tray the size perfect for holding the jug and he can store four gallon jugs in his coach to prevent them from moving.

Purchased a “Berkley Water Filter” to have pure water. Sits on the counter. Can be purchased on the internet for \$292.

Burnett – Has 1999 Discovery, 38 foot. His windows have fogged over. Several suggestions were offered for Florida and Arkansas for someone to fix them. Also, U-Tube has video for “Do it yourself.” The RV Fog Doctor his shown in the FMCA Magazine.

Had some fogged windows fixed in Mesa. He hits the FMA rally where there is always a vendor. Also recommended making a list for “Closing” and “Opening” the coach and laminating it so you don't forget such things as closing the toilet lid, etc.

For Foggy Windows Lazy Days in Seffner, Florida, does a good job. They may come to your coach or you can take to the shop. Should make an appointment before you go to Seffner.

If you retired at an early age, explore converting your IRA to a ROTH. Requirement varies by state. Will save on tax and cost is usually minimal.

Kerry – He made his own electric shades by purchasing an aluminum motor and shade fabric on the internet. He made two sets and used drapery lining which is available in several colors. It was about \$250 for both shades.

Kerry – Hose reel for black tank. Splitters are difficult to line up. Washing machine hose works well. Don't forget to close off!

A 6 inch hose, a 45 degree angle with multiple cut offs can be purchased at Lowes or a hardware store.

Another option for storage is to purchase an ottoman (Big Lots) and add non-slip feet. Use near driver area to hold cups, etc. Might also purchase a console box that swings out when mounted. Will hold 2 cup holders.

Rick B. – He is a new full timer. You may have a flat tire, blow out or lose tow bar without realizing it. The cable to the brake-away pulls the switch out. Hook up 1<sup>st</sup> to safety cables, back up till cables are tight and 6-8 inches from bumper, then pull vehicle forward to hook up. Brake is not functional if not hooked correctly.

Do you stop tow or does it stop you? Be sure if you have Brake Buddy you pump your vehicle's brake 3 times. Shut the engine off and put foot on brake – you lose the vacuum. Newer Brake

Buddy has a button to push. Pumping brakes on Airforce 1 does not apply. Air Force one systems requires you to pump the RV three times to charge the auxiliary cylinder in the tow vehicle.

Tires age out- they do not wear out. Don't accept tires if delivered and installed. They may be as old as 2-6 years. Check and see how old the tires are that you are buying

Chris – Watch where your jacks go down. He backed in to a concrete pad and didn't realize until he was ready to leave that the center of the hydraulic jack were on the edge of the concrete.

Kerry – parking brake only does back wheel. Without weight on tires you have no parking brake.

Kerry – When installed new washer all the clothes had a smell. Water in the fresh tank had turned skunky. Don't forget to flush water heater and tanks.

Gary Osborne - Has a 42M Discovery. Closet had wire clothes baskets. He removed and purchased wooden dowels to use as clothes rod. He actually purchased 2 for stability and installed one of them vertical in the middle for stability. He moved the clothes bar up about 2 inches to keep the clothes from jumping or falling off.

Al – has 40X. Cabinet is hard to close when humidity is bad. He purchased a de-humidifier which helps. It has about a 6 quarter container.

Russ – he was frozen in Asheville, NC. Had jacks down, slide out for 3 days. Didn't realize that snow melts and the refreezes. He couldn't close slides when ready to leave. If you know there is prolonged snow, close your slide until snow stops.

Dick Tracy – Has 99 vintage coach. Needs shade out. Kerry – has 2 screws and also 1 outside of shade.

Tip: Save propane – Be careful about using space heaters as they use a 15 amp circuit. He had two dead outlets after using. It melted wires that he found when he took cabinets, etc., apart to locate problem.