

Handyman Tips For Trailers!

Leaks! Closet Space! Cushions! High Chair!

Written & typed by Laz Plamo; U.S.A.: I got convicted about sending in some things I had learned about fixing up trailers. . . especially since reading FN No. 36 "Survival, Health & Travel Tips: Section." In Jesus' name, I pray that these things will help.

I. Sealing the trailer for rain:

Most trailer manufacturers will agree & include in their manuals that at least once a year the roof (outside) needs to be coated completely with a plastic or asphalt-based aluminum roof coating. (The latter of the two being the better coating.) And if you travel a lot, it is recommended to coat your roof each 6 months. This practice will seal and prevent most leaks occurring if kept up with faithfully.

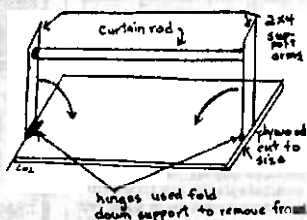
However, because most of us have PROBABLY BOUGHT used trailers and have no certain idea nor record of the previously performed maintenance on the trailer, it would be wise to check your roof closely, especially around all vents and seams for cracks or moisture or rain penetration. If so, before you apply a roof coating, you may need to treat your roof with a plastic roof cement. This is easily done. Directions usually will appear on the can and simply mean wire-brushing the surface & removing any previously applied coatings, then on a clean, dry surface (free of dirt & grease, etc.) apply the roof cement and let dry. . . then your roof coating.

Also, you can then coat the entire roof which helps as an insulation for containing heat as well as a reflecting surface for the hot sun. PTL!! (And one gallon of plastic roof coating usually runs \$3.00 & whereas a gallon of asphalt roof coating is \$6.00.)

II. Making extra closet space:

This idea was originally from Kelia & Shiza in an earlier FN. But, I improvised a little on it. Basically, I converted our bath/shower into a closet. Materials: metal rod for a shower curtain, plywood to cover entire top of tub, and 2"x4"s.

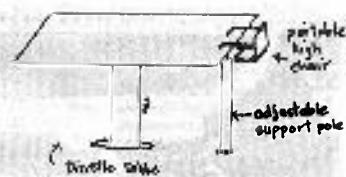
Simply, all I did was to cut a piece of plywood to cover the top of the tub. Next, I cut the 2"x4"s to the height that I wanted to have the clothes pole. And, attached them to the plywood piece with hinges so that the boards could fold down flat onto the plywood for easy removal when we need to use the bath. By doing this, we have much more room for hang-up clothes & can store things like shoes, sleeping bags, etc. by stacking them on the plywood.



Then, to complete the clothes pole assembly, I drilled one-inch holes about half-way through the board to hold the pole in place. Incidentally, the 2"x4"s were placed at each end of the plywood piece so they were flush with the walls of the shower area. Hallelujah!

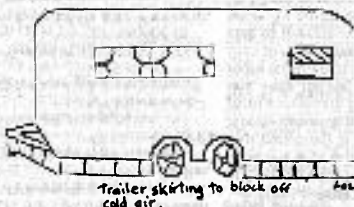
III. Dinette cushions:

One thing that has been well worth every dollar that we spent is when we had our dinette cushions covered in clear plastic. What a savings! . . . on wear & tear and on spills. We found a place where for 10 to 12 dollars per cushion (depending on size) they made clear plastic covers which zip open and have heavy duty seams. I've heard of others provisioning a vinyl or naugahyde material and then having 'em sewn to fit the cushions. . . whatever method, it'll be a real savings!! PTL!!



V. Hi-Chair:

As seen advertised in an earlier FN (the number I can't recall), a hi-chair which attaches to any table-top whether in a restaurant or trailer. We purchased one (they're made by House of Minnel in Illinois, U.S.A.) & had to improvise a little to make it work in our trailer. To insure that once you placed your baby or child in the hi-chair that it didn't make your table top-sided or even weaken the table structure (which can happen, & in fact, did to our table) we placed an adjustable pole from the floor to bottom-side of the table to support the extra weight. And it worked wonders! In the U.S., you can buy a pole like this called an adjustable gym bar (in sporting goods store). PTL!! (Or curtain rod! - D.)



IV. Trailer skirting:

For insulation from cold air & drafts on your trailer floor, I have learned from observing other campers at our mobile home park that rigging up a skirting to go around the bottom of the trailer (outside) where air circulates and blows freely underneath will cut off the cold air significantly which comes up thru floors. People have used very inexpensive materials to do this, such as: aluminum sheeting, fiberglass sheeting, etc. (Perhaps plastic, even a canvas or thick, durable & weather-proof will do.) PTL!! Try it! In cold climates it would really save on heating.

(Ed.: Thanks, Laz, for typing this in a finalised form. Family, try it if you like! - Only type on one side of the paper & make each column width the same! We'll use it as is if we can! GBY!!) (Great new idea! - D.)

Miracle Month At MWM!

"One-Take Video Rev.!" Visiting Musicians! Three Knew Disciples! Kid Power!

From Paul & Marianne; MWM, Greece: ANOTHER WONDERFUL BUSY MONTH HAS PASSED BY, & as we look back to all the Lord has done we can indeed say, "Look & behold these days of Heaven upon Earth & be thankful 'ere they perish & shall be no more... Thank You so much, Lord, for Thy protection, care & love, & Thy constant guidance & supply of our every need. Thank You Lord, for how You've helped, blessed & kept us, used us and made us a blessing. Thank You for all Your blessings, TYJ, PTL!!" (DM 244) "If you will continue to overflow on others, God will continue to overflow upon you & keep the waters of His blessings, His Spirit, fresh & alive, & out of your innermost parts shall flow forth rivers of living water (Jn. 7:38)." (DM 293). The Lord has indeed blessed us in every way possible, pushing & helping us to pour out more & produce more both in our audio & video ministries. PTL!!

WE HAD A GREAT FLOW OF VISITING ARTISTS from various parts of the world. First of all, arriving from Poland & staying with us for a month & a half, the very precious & talented "Stars & Beggars" recorded many beautiful songs in our studio. Next came a colourful couple arriving from Colombia: Black Zaccheus & his Caribbean wife Sympathy! They left Latin America by faith to come & record for the International MWM Show, the Lord supplying every step of the way, & they are now working on their way back across the ocean!



Caribbean Sympathy & daughter Suzanne. Photo by Tiras Seeds.

VISITING FROM SWITZERLAND, RUTH MANUEL CAME FOR 3 WEEKS, followed by Marie Swiss, a faithful pioneer & real fighter who at nearly 7 months pregnant worked long hours in the studio & contributed to the show with many very beautiful French & English songs & a tape of instrumentals for the DM readings. Her flute brought some new spice to our music, & she also helped by adding a flute part to many recently recorded pieces.



Dutch Ruth Manuel, busy reading our babies while not in the studio—Here with little Nathaly of Michael & Patience. Photo by Tiras Seeds.



Jonas. Photo by Tiras Seeds.

Vicky from Hungary sings "Just a Little Love Song" for the video show. Photo by Marianne.

A VERY SPECIAL GUEST WAS POPULAR SINGER VICKY FROM HUNGARY who was able to come to Greece for a short week. Paul Michael had met her six years ago while on a short trip to the East Bloc. She then received the Lord & was mated with a brother, Jonas. It was certainly a real experience for her to meet such a big group of us & she was thrilled to be able to work with the musicians. She said she had never in her 10-year career felt so moved by the meaning of the songs & felt such concern for her as an artist in the studio. She recorded "Just a Little

Love Song" in English & Hungarian, "Love is the Way" & a beautiful song Paul Michael wrote for her "Lover of My Soul" PTL!!



Jeremy having a break after a long recording session with Hungarian Vicky! Photo by Paul.

WE ALSO HAD A VISIT FROM EZRA & ITALIAN ROSE to record for our Italian Show "Musica Con Messaggio", & recently arriving from France are Shulamite with little Mene, & Armendria of Jeremiah & Priscilla. They will be recording all of Aaron's songs as well as some children's songs, which we all have had a burden to use more of in the Shows. PTL!! Please pray for them as they will be in the studio in the next few weeks!



Shulamite with little Armendria & Mene, arriving in Greece to record all of Aaron's songs! Photo by Paul.



Simon interviews beautiful Danish Rachel of "Stars & Beggars" for the video show! Photo by Paul.

FIRST OF ALL, DAD'S LOVING CORRECTION GREATLY HELPED US to get our video shows rolling, thru' a "one-take revolution"! PG! Instead of shooting the same song or show over again till we reached the "perfect take", he strongly suggested that we do no retakes, which compelled each artist to be more prayerful & better prepared, as well as the video crew to be more desperate for each shot! It has borne such good fruit in helping us to produce more with more inspiration!—And it has been a real help too when we have had so many different artists to record! PTL!!