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Rear Bumper Storage Drawer Maintenance

The following is a suggestion from **Bruce Twigg, WBCCI # 2204**, for trailer maintenance. "I recently removed the mat from the rear bumper storage drawer of my 2004 Classic for cleaning and found significant rust in the bottom of the drawer. Rather than replace the mat, and probably have more rust in the future; I removed the drawer, thoroughly cleaned and sanded the rusted area and sprayed the inside of the drawer with a truck bed liner material which provides a thick protective coating that should be resistant to chips and scratches for many years. The mat found a new home in the garbage can. Truck bed liner spray is available in auto parts stores and department/discount stores in the auto paint area, and is also available for brush or roller application."

Aluminum Rim Maintenance

This is a suggestion from **Fred Bothman, WBCCI # 9318**, by way of **Franklin Simmons, WBCCI #19958**. Franklin indicates he has been very successful with *Aluminum Brightener Cleaner* on his **non-clearcoated** aluminum trailer rims. He indicates that you just clean and dry the rims, spray the product on, giving it time according to the directions, and hose it off – then rinse some more, since it is mildly acidic. His rims look very nice even though they are on a 1987 trailer. It is also suggested that the cleaner will work well on clearcoated aluminum rims that have been sandblasted by thousands of miles of road grit and are starting to loose the clearcoat finish and turn black in places, due to the oxidation of the exposed aluminum.

The product is *Aluminum Brightener Cleaner*, Item # BK 7651458, available from NAPA Auto Parts Stores in a 32 ounce hand-pump spray bottle for $9.49. You can see it on-line at www.napaonline.com by entering the *NAPA part number* above and hitting "Go". Unfortunately, it is not available for purchase on-line. Enter your ZIP code on the NAPA store locator and click on "parts store" to find a map to the store closest to you.

Refrigerator Bungees

Ever opened the trailer door to discover the contents of your refrigerator all over the floor - a gallon of spilled milk, left-over spaghetti, and a broken jar of olives? Chances are you weren't a happy camper! Worse yet, did the refrigerator door open and swing about damaging its door hinges as well as the adjoining cabinetry? **Bob Cooney, WBCCI # 4550,** has a permanent cure for this problem with his application of large bungee cords (See photo).

Although Renee and I have not personally experienced an unexpectedly open refrigerator door, we have had trouble with gallon milk jugs. After traversing rough road and opening the refrigerator for the first time, the gallon of milk would fall to our feet. When the plastic gallon jug had a snap on lid, the fall blew off the cap and our feet were sprayed with milk. Worse yet, one bent jug developed a slow leak that revealed itself a day later, having leaked all over other food in the refrigerator. When traveling we always try to buy the screw-on caps that will not pop off, but have found that some grocery stores do not offer any screw-on lids with gallon milk jugs. Since it is still unnerving to be attacked by a milk jug whether or not it spills, my wife uses a very small bungee, threaded through the handle of all gallon milk jugs to ensure her feet are never attacked again.

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