

Couch “Table Arms”

Does your trailer have a front couch as well as a dining table that folds up from the wall?

When we owned a trailer with that configuration, unfolding the table and chair and then putting them away after each meal, became a bit of a hassle. We frequently found ourselves sitting on the couch to eat. But there was the problem of where to put the plate and drink. A creative idea by **Dave Brett** of the Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit, **WBCCI # 1315**, solves that problem. He describes it as follows and provides pictures for visual clarification:

“Our 88 Excella 25’ was originally equipped with upholstered arms at each end of the couch. We have no dinette and we end up using the couch for meals, reading, watching TV, and so on. With the upholstered arms, there is no convenient, stable place to set a glass or plate while sitting on the couch. We solved this problem by replacing the arms with finished wooden pieces as shown in the photos. We were concerned about the edge of the wood rubbing against the upholstery and wall, so we trimmed the edges by wrapping a foam strip in Naugahyde and attaching it to the edge.”



Original upholstered arm.



Couch arm replaced by new “table arm.” There is one on each side of the couch.



The original arm sits on an L-shaped stand that also provides a storage area (see arrow). Both original arms are kept for future trailer resale.



L shaped cleat on bottom of arm holds the arm in place – size and position match original factory arm.