

Kitchen Storage

One of the joys of an Airstream RV is the realization that you can get along very adequately with the reduced space inside the confines of your rig. The feeling of liberation comes from having less to look after while on the road and having more time to spend traveling and enjoying life.

As you mature into longer trips the desire to carry a larger variety of food and kitchen supplies conflicts with the absolute limits of space in the RV. The answer is to learn to pack it better.

Enter Doris' Cupboards.

At a recent rally **Doris Duke, WBCCI # 1617**, invited us to see what she had done to her cupboards in the

Airstream. The ensuing tour made us realize that she had:

- Expanded vertical storage space considerably within each cupboard by using stackable storage containers, rather than the original food packaging (see photo below)
- Expanded vertical storage space by using a plate rack
- Extended freshness of foods as well as stopped insect invasions by using storage containers with easy-to-use airtight lids. (The lids have a rubber gasket and easily lock and unlock on all four sides.)
- Increased storage space by using collapsible bowls and strainers (see picture of both collapsed and expanded bowls at the right).



The containers can be purchased at a combination of **Wal-Mart, Target, and Costco** stores and are sold under the brand names **Sterilite** (which can be vented), **Lock & Lock**, and **Snapware**. They are freezer, microwave, and dishwasher safe. Sterilite containers have color-coded lids to make it easier to reach for the lid you need when you store the lids separately. She recommends saving your receipts since she needed several trips back and forth to get containers appropriate to her specific space and in the correct numbers.

Needless to say my wife took on a similar project as a personal challenge for our Airstream. In Renee's experience several trips were needed to **Target** before they were able to restock the various sized containers she wanted. Containers are available individually or in boxed sets.



Clear containers make it easier to see contents.



Plates divided among levels of a rack are easier to access



Collapsible bowls pack easily in a drawer along with container lids.