

Removing the Safari Table

Thanks to a suggestion from Mike Babbitt, MCC Tech at Monaco Coach I was able to easily remove the table from my 1996 Safari Sahara.

Although the table is a well-crafted and useful part of the coach, we have a special need for the space it occupies. We travel with a 150 lb Newfoundland dog, Ch. Pouch Coves Wild About Harry. We want him safely in one location as we travel, and using a crate (cage) does that very well. The crate is Harry's cave or den. He eats and sleeps there and retreats to it whenever things get too hectic for him.

The problem I faced is that Safari built too well. It took quite a bit of study to figure out how the table was attached to the wall, and all of the screws at the top of the frame were difficult to reach.

Thanks to Mike's suggestion to remove the table top, the job became very simple.

1. The table in its normal position:



2. Open the cabinet and remove the table leaves:



3. Remove the top. Looking straight up locate the 4 screws holding the top on and remove:



4. Here the table top has been removed and slid forward. Save the loose shims for future re-installation.



5. With the table top removed, access to the top 3 screws attaching the cabine to the wall is easy. Note the screwdriver angle; in my coach the 3 screws were driven in at a slight downward angle.



6. Remove the three screws holding bottom of cabinet frame to the wall.



7. The table is now free. Note that the wallpaper was applied before the cabinet was attached. Removing the cabinet leaves no unfinished area.



Why go to all this work?



Having a Newfie is like having a bearskin rug in every room in the house.