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To: gmclist@temp.gmcnet.org
Subject: Re: [GMCnet] GMC REAR BRAKE TORQUE REACTION MODIFICATION
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Chuck,
I LOVE what you've done with he development of the reaction arm. What an innovation!! Where were you in the 70's when they were designing the GMC...

It seems that, if what you say is true about the worthlessness of the rear wheel brakes in hard braking, that (absent installing of the reaction arms) one might as well disconnect the rear brakes. Then under hard braking, at least the rear wheels would be freewheeling and have the tendency to keep the coach from swapping ends in an emergency stop.

Also, I would love to install your reaction arms, but for those of us that have a stock system with drum brakes, the money involved in making the conversion (conversion to disc brakes first, then the reaction arm) is a hard pill to swallow... at present pricing something over $4000. And that doesn't take into account the cost of "well as long as I'm in here, I might as well...do ...enter your ownwishes" or other repairs/upgrades as needed. One could do it a piece at a time, but when you are doing the disc brake conversion, you still have the rear brake lock-up problem while you are waiting to get enough money for the reaction arm, and still driving a vehicle that doesn't stop the way it could/should. There's a point at which I have to say "Stop already!!"

I know that Jimmy and others have to make a living, but if I do this project and paint my coach, these things alone nearly equal what I paid for the coach and in the case of some coaches, may be more than what the coach is worth on the open market.

I'm not criticizing the effectiveness/need for the reaction arm...just venting the frustration of it all.

Sometimes ignorance is bliss...on the other hand, what is my and Lucy's live worth? We makes our best guess choices, and takes our chances.
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Larry :)
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