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Any discussion about the rear brake torque reaction system presented at the Auburn GMCWS rally and actually driving Rick's Flanagan's coach lasted about two day on the net and people were back posting about more interesting items. Are there any folks on the net that drove Rick's coach,or is there anyone that know someone that drove Rick's coach other then Steve F.? Everyone knows that Steve is a very savvy GMC technical person and is not afraid to speak his mind. For him to say that Rick's coach stopped better then his 2010 pickup was about as good of an endorsement as anyone could make. We need some of the other drivers of Rick's coach to come on the net and state there thoughts, good or bad. I have been presenting this modification at various GMC rallies for almost 4 years with very little interest shown and there are only 4 GMCs in the USA that have installed this modification. At the Auburn rally, I had numerous GMC openers stop by and tell me what all they had done to get "great" brakes on there coaches and how happy they were with there brakes. I asked everyone one of them to go drive Rick's GMC and come back and tell me if they were still happy with their brakes, Most of them did drive or ride in Rick's coach but there was not one person that came back and told me they were still happy with their current brakes.

The OEM drum brakes on a GMC have excellent braking capability but there is nothing that anyone can do that I know of that will eliminate the 50% brake loss caused by the GMC swing arm suspension. There are ways one can eliminate the lifting of the rear of the coach during braking but that only reduces shifting weight to the front brakes. With the OEM GMC brakes, you cannot prevent overloading the mid axle and front wheel tires even during moderate braking braking.

We need to get some of you engineers and highly tech savvy folks to express some of your thoughts/concerns. Until we get some of you folks east of the Rockies to install the system on your coaches and let people drive them at rallies will we ever get thing moving and possibly save some GMCs and/passengers.

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