

# ~Refers n' Coolers~

Keeping things cool on the playa can be challenging, here's some idea's that may help to deal with it.

The refer in your coach, especially if it's a vintage has to work pretty hard to keep up. If you park where the refer side of your coach is facing south this just complicates things; shade or insulate this area if you can. If we get some major wind check that the burner hasn't blown out. If you have a combo refer use the gas, as it is more efficient than electric. They make little fans that can be placed inside the refer to help distribute the cool more evenly and another type that fits in the back near the condenser coils that helps dissipate the heat. Both can help the efficiency, most any RV supply will have these. Also don't pack the refer full; leave space on the shelves for adequate airflow, but it's okay to pack the freezer. Randomly opening the refer like you may at home complicates the situation drastically, plan ahead. Placing warm things in it, like volumes of microbrew may really stress it out. Pre-cooling in a cooler before placing in the refer also helps and one-brew-out-one-in may help.

Coolers ~ Ice Chests really help out...

- Camp Artica usually has a good supply of ice but you can limit the trips there with some simple measures.
- Cooler efficiencies are often rated in days; use 5 or 6 or 7 day rated ones.
- Have several coolers, one for very perishables that you rarely open.
- Keep them in the shade, always.
- Wrap them like a package, no bottom, with aluminized bubble wrap (Reflectix™) & seal w/duct tape. You can get both at most hardware's. This will make them a real 6+day cooler; see photos. I've also seen the inside of cooler's lined with Reflectix.



- Then cover with old comforters and/or blankets and maybe even a tarp.
- To restock put your brew, etc out in the night air then into the cooler early in the morning.
- Frozen foods keep well in coolers with dry ice but handle with care and don't mix with regular ice, ask Dan where to get it near Reno.

Disclaimer...

According to Mister Jango and Master Dennis, just skip the cooler and bring things like PBR and Spam; both taste best basking in the sun laced with a nice layer of playa dust.