

## The way we carry tools – Ron Parks

Rob,

Sorry I am so late getting back to you on this, but it has been a busy fun year. I attached the garbage cans to the pack saddles with a basket hitch.



It is important to make a large loop similar to what you would do if you were tying a crowsfoot on one side and then take this to the middle of the pack saddle and tie to the rope on the other side.

(Basically tie the loads together over the top) The reason for this is because the garbage cans are slick and they will work up out of the basket hitch.



Attached are some pictures of the garbage cans on pack animals. I like them because they are deep and fairly easier to access items without removing. They carry shovels and polaskis well, rock bars of any length are a problem. I bungee cord the rock bars and the brush cutter to the rings

on the pack saddle to keep them from rocking the load to bad. I tried to use them for packing t-posts, but there was too much weight up high and I did not like the load so abandoned this idea.

Tools are noisy in them, so you need a calm animal if you pack everything loose, or you can wrap and bundle items, but this makes them harder to remove as you need different tools going down the trail.

At the BCH of Washington Rendezvous, I have seen garbage cans for sale that have a nylon sling made that holds the cans and hooks on a pack saddle just like a set of pack bags, but I do not remember who sells them.

Several of our members have chain saw carriers they have designed similar to yours. Most of ours just pack the saw and not the carrying case. Mine has wing nut fasteners to the decker and takes about 30 seconds to attach to the saddle and about fifteen seconds to get the saw off.

I have used the garbage cans to haul personal gear also, and they work quite well. I have a nylon strap fastened to each handle of the garbage can with an adjustable tie down buckle that I latch over the top of the lid if I am hauling items that I do not want to get wet.

Hope this helps!!  
Rod