

CAPE TOWN TO CAIRO

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An African Adventure in an Airstream Trailer  
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ROSTER

- 2058     ANDREW, Dr. Earl & Helen  
          ANDREW, Carmen (age 14)  
          117 North Main Street  
          Maquoketa, Iowa
- 2201     BENHAM, Elmer & Ida  
          P.O. Box 665  
          Coquille, Oregon
- 2397     BIGHAM, Dr. Reginald & Dorothy  
          910 Melaleuca Road  
          Delray Beach, Florida
- 598     BOS, Joe & Toots  
          108½ West Linn  
          Marshalltown, Iowa
- 1        BYAM, Wally & Stella  
          3684 Roseview  
          Los Angeles 65, California
- 115     CALMES, Dallas & Helen  
          4605 Locust Street  
          Bellaire, Texas
- 2474     CARLE, Abraham & Helen  
          650 Dunlieth Circle  
          Elm Grove, Wisconsin
- \*Truck   CHARLES, Nick (age 17)  
          174 Rosewood Drive  
          Dayton 15, Ohio

1986 CHRISTIE, Don & Genevieve  
420 NE Second Street  
Carmel, Indiana

747 DIAMOND, Darrell & Janis  
DIAMOND, Susan (age 14)  
9353 Lemon Avenue  
La Mesa, California

1166 DICKEY, Horace & Alice  
Route 1, Box 162  
Bakersfield, California

2400 DOUGLASS, Leon & Catherine  
DOUGLASS, Berry Lee (age 15)  
DOUGLASS, Ronald Scott (16)  
1285 Crest Drive  
Encinitas, California

342 DOUGLASS, Ralph & Lillie  
Box 143  
Sedona, Arizona

2421 EDGAR, John & Ruth  
Route 1, Box 330 C  
Ramona, California

2198\* ENFINGER, Paul  
Guest - Lincoln Trailer  
1000 NE 84th Street  
Miami 38, Florida

- 2345 FROSCH, Alfred & Mildred  
FROSCH, Judith (age 12)  
FROSCH, Linda (age 10)  
FROSCH, Susan (age 6)  
Alfro Farms  
Hurlock, Maryland
- 2186 GERMANN, Nick & Ruth  
GERMANN, Gregoary (age 15)  
402 Main Street  
Ripley, Ohio
- 692 GOLDEN, Virgil & Grace  
GOLDEN, Lee (age 19)  
605 South Commercial St.  
Salem, Oregon
- 1309 GOLDEN, Walter & Carrie  
13096 Blackbird St.  
Garden Grove, California
- 1408 GRABOSKI, Anthony & Gladys  
GRABOSKI, Toni (age 15)  
GRABOSKI, Michael (age 8)  
Box 233  
Hershey, Pennsylvania
- 767 GUSTAFSON, Henry & Nina  
327 East 13 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, Michigan
- 616 HALBRITTER, Harry & Eileen  
521 B Street  
San Diego 1, California

- 1604 HAMER, Darwin & Loretta  
DIXON, Roger (age 15) nephew  
3036 W.Willow, Lansing MI  
317 Curtis Building  
Detroit 2, Michigan
- 627 HAWKS, Guy & Louise  
4310 Southern Parkway  
Louisville, Kentucky
- 2359 LaFRANCE, Dr. Charles & Beatrice  
296 So. Pacific Ave.  
Redondo Beach, California
- 2198\* LINCOLN, Lee  
1000 NE 84th Street  
Miami 38, Florida
- 2209\* LIVINGSTON, Mary  
Guest, Mackay  
15 Treasure Lane  
St. Petersburg, Florida
- 985 LOHOF, William & Nellie  
NOLTE, Robert (age 18) Grandson  
1201 N.28 St. Billings MT  
1145 No. 28th Street  
Billings, Montana
- 2209 MACKAY, Adam & Helen  
201 So. Evergreen Ave/.  
Clearwater, Florida

- 2380 MARTIN, Arthur & Ellen  
420 North 2nd Street  
Maquoketa, Iowa
- 1954 MEISSENBURG, Albert & Georgia  
MEISSENBURG, Albert (age 15)  
MEISSENBURG, Michael (age 11)  
422 W. Fleetwood Place  
Glendora, California
- 1042 MILLER, Dr. Loren & Loretta  
MILLER, Diane Louise (age 9)  
G-4443 Beecher Road  
Flint, Michigan
- 1506 MILLER, Paul & Laurane  
5610 Baltimore Ave.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 608 MONROE, Dr. Duncan & Alberta  
MONROE, Ann (age 21)  
Univ of Redland, Calif.  
504 Beattie Steet  
Sterling, Colorado
- 50 MOUSLEY, Louis & Mildred  
Box 3131  
San Bernardina, California
- 2374 OLSEN, Alfred & Fern  
9954 Rainier Ave  
Seattle 18, Washington

165 PAYNE, Oscar & Etta  
Box 674  
Laramie, Wyoming

2486 REIGER, Dr. Anthony & Helen  
R.F.D.  
Jensen Beach, Florida

1199 RITCHIE, Gene  
97 Memorial Blvd.  
Newport, Rhode Island

\*Mech. RUIZ, Arturo  
Airstream Trailers, Inc.  
Santa Fe Springs, California

2420 SCHNEIDER, Herman & Harriett  
73 NE 32nd Street  
Miami 37, Florida

Truck SCHWANBORN, Dale (age 20)  
2204 Lindora Street  
Bakersfield, California

2279 SUTCLIFFE, Val & Mary  
SUTCLIFFE, David (age 19)  
R.R. #1 Paragon Estates  
Boulder, Colorado

2359\* TIBURSZY, Erika  
Guest, LaFrance  
296 So. Pacific Ave.  
Redondo Beach, California

2375 TOTTEN, Norman & Era  
Route 2, Box 526  
Benton, Arkansas

\*Photo TURNER, Peter, his Wife  
& their 3 (?) very small children  
130 Van Bergh Avenue  
Rochester, New York

163 WAAS. Roy & Lorraine  
Box 265  
Adelanto, California

360 ZEIGLER, Harry & Grace  
121 Orchard Place  
Burlington, Iowa

THERE WERE NINE (9) GIRLS AND TWELVE (12)  
BOYS.

THERE WERE Two (2) Advance Trucks driven  
by: Nick Charles and Dale Schwamborn  
(Wally Byam's nephew)

CAMERA Truck - Peter Turner  
MECHANIC Truck - Arturo Ruiz

\* indicates guest in trailer other than  
immediate family or driving .other mechanized  
equipment.



### TRAILER NUMBERS

1	Byam	1506	Miller,P
50	Mousley	1604	Hamer
115	Calmes	1954	Meissenburg
163	Waas	1986	Christie
165	Payne	2058	Andrew
342	Douglass,R.	2186	Germann
360	Zeigler	2198	Lincoln
598	Bos	2201	Benham
608	Monroe	2209	Mackay
616	Halbritter	2279	Sutcliffe
627	Hawks	2345	Frosch
* 692	Golden,V	2359	LaFrance
747	Diamond	2374	Olsen
767	Gustafson	2375	Totten
985	Lohof	2380	Martin
1042	Miller,L.	2397	Bigham
1166	Dickey	2400	Douglass,L.
1199	Ritchie	2420	Schneider
1309	Golden,W	2421	Edgar
* 1408	Graboski	2474	Carle
		2486	Reiger

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

This is information written by Grace Golden in 1960.

In 1959 we traveled with Wally Byam Caravan group from Cape Town to Cairo Egypt. We shipped our trailer and 4 wheel drive Travelall from San Francisco June 1st and we flew July 7th from Salem (Oregon). With summer weather (in the USA) we arrived in Cape Town, July 11th, in the middle of winter.

There were 41 trailers that began the trip and 107 people. The oldest person was a retired Doctor 86 years young. There were 22 young people most of them teen-agers. The youngest, 6 years old. Our youngest son, Lee, 19 was with us.

Wally Byam, designer and owner of the Airstream Co., had 3 service trucks equipped with a winch to help pull people when needed and each service truck also had a trailer hitch so they could tow a trailer when needed.

I should mention that only 35 trailers continued the trip North of Nairobi, Kenya.

We were told in Johannesburg we could not possibly make it through Ethiopia with our rigs --- BUT WE DID!!

We had Committies: wagon boss, butane, laundry, religious, kitty and security officer.

We bought powdered milk, canned butter or margarine, canned bacon, fruit, vegetables, bananas (several for a few cents), 1 doz. pineapple 28¢. GAS: Cape town, 46¢; Congo, 56¢; Tanker, \$1.00; Truck (Ethiopia) \$1.00; Addis, 80¢.

We drove 13,000 miles in 7 months.

1006 miles from Southern border of Ethiopia to Addias Ababa (8500 ft Elevation).

10,000 miles from Cape Town to Addis Ababa in 4 1/2 months.

In 1959 Grace wrote: AFRICA comprises 1/5 the land area of World. Total population 220,000,000 and of this total 214,000,000 are black or natives and 6,000,000 whites

REMARKS around the campfire:

"An Adventure in 4 wheel drive."

Oh, yes, they've redone the whole trailer - even had the cupboards, refrigerator and closets reshaped.

Quiet Caravaner to HARRIET SCHNEIDER "You talk yourself out of a lot of the nicest listening."

After traveling 20 miles from 9 AM to 5:15 PM - Four wheel drive and out four wheel drive <sup>and in</sup> and out through mud holes -- one of the younger caravanners sighs and remarked, "Mommy this is the most miserable fun I ever had in my whole life!".

You're on the road to Success, not to Cairo, when you realize 4-wheel drive is merely a detour.

Byam knew the power of following the road to 'CAIRO BY EAR'.