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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE



First of all, I would like to thank Tom Howarth (#6490) for his contribution to the VAC as editor of the **Vintage Advantage**. Tom has brought together timely articles that all of us appreciate and enjoy. The **VA** reaches over 1,200 subscribers and it has provided the club with a great venue for reaching Airstream enthusiasts. Thank you, Tom, for your contributions to the club as editor and as a club member that has been willing to volunteer for numerous jobs.

The WBCCI International Rally in Dayton will provide VAC members an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to the host city's community. We will, for the first time, participate as a club in a community service project. The service days will be Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27. Please reserve some time to participate.

With the close of my tenure as VAC President, I would like to make a final comment on the original goals.

1. *Development of a greater presence and activities for Vintage members at the Florida State Rally.*
Accomplished

2. *Development of a community service project, in conjunction with the International.*

Preston Pearson (#5502) will serve as coordinator of the project. The club will be working in conjunction with the International Chairperson.

3. *Development of Vintage rallies and caravans by geographical regions.*

The response has been fantastic. New rallies and member sponsored gatherings are being announced on a regular basis. VAC members now have a selection of activities from coast to coast.

4. *Development of standards for Concours d'Elegance categories, awards, and judging criteria.*

Much time has been spent in the development of new standards for categories and awards. Membership response in Dayton will allow the Steward to evaluate the effectiveness of the modifications.

5. *Development of "Favorite Places" Caravans, in which, VAC members take others to their favorite camping locations within their state or regional area.*

Although specific "Favorite Places"

caravans have not been developed, the number of member sponsored activities has been outstanding.

6. *Development of a program to move our Friends members to full WBCCI club membership.*

A successful program to encourage WBCCI membership was initiated at the Florida State Rally. Sponsors of new members were given cash awards and new members were given a year's membership. It then becomes the responsibility of the local unit to retain the member.

Thanks to all of you that contributed towards the accomplishment of these goals. The cooperation I have received from the officers and membership has been outstanding.

Jeri and I are looking forward to seeing everyone on the '99 VAC Sponsored Wagon Wheel's Way Caravan and the WBCCI International Rally in Dayton.

See you there.

Forrest Bone, #9712



THE EDITOR'S DESK

As you read this issue the WBCCI International Rally in Dayton has likely come and gone and with it, the sixth year of VAC existence is in the books. As we continue to move forward as a club, it is fun to see new directions and activities take form. This issue of the **Vintage Advantage** continues with the precedence set in our last issue in that the VAC has a number of announcements of exciting events to choose from now to the next century. These events range from the VAC Wagon Wheels caravan to the International and onto a number of more personal VAC rallies and caravans for many states and regions. There now should be an event that nearly all VACers can get to so it is time to leave the farm and get that vintage trailer a movin'!

Speaking of 'streamin' along, we just finished planning our summer trailering schedule and are looking forward to our own participation in some of these events. After we take in the '98 Wagon Wheels caravan and WBCCI International Rally, we will return home for a couple of weeks until the next event.....the Statue of Liberty PreRally and Rally. VACers Al and Eleanor Peskoe (#16486) have been hosting this Rally for 17 years and are planning bigger and better activities than ever. This is a Rally that actively recruits folks to bring their children and then plans specific day tours for these families to participate in. This Rally has been described as a "don't

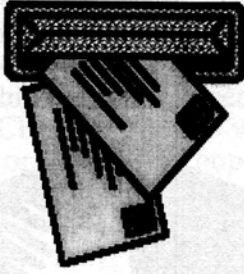
miss" event and one that we are eagerly looking forward to. This year 1st VP Don Perry (#5031) has organized a VAC PreRally at the Jersey Shore Airstream Park. Don has reserved a number of sites at this Park and then we will parade into the Rally together a day earlier than the general parking. Word has it that incoming VAC Prez Tom Reed (#10283) has also signed up such that the VAC should be well represented. Over 400 trailers have already registered for the Rally but Al wants more!

As announced in our last issue, this is my final issue as editor of the club newsletter. It has been a privilege and honor to serve in this way and I wish to thank the many folks who have contributed along the way. I have enjoyed my time in this position and look forward to the future directions of the club.

I plan to continue my involvement with the VAC as a CoMonitor of the Vintage Discussion List on our web site and hope that we continue to hear back from our membership in this exciting new forum. As we enter the new century I feel that the web site will in turn be one of our strongest club assets and thus look forward to continuing participating with its growth.

Thank you all for your help and support, it has been a pleasure.





LETTERS

Airstream Trailer Wanted for the USS Hornet Museum

I have been an Airstreamer since 1984 and have owned three Airstream Trailers. I am proud to be an Airstreamer and will continue to enjoy the "Airstream Way of Life." I now need some Airstreaming help as I am trying to locate an Airstream Trailer for the USS Hornet Museum.

First, let me discuss a very important part of Airstream history. On July 24, 1969, Apollo 11 plunged through the atmosphere on its return to earth. The spacecraft Columbia was returning from its trip to the moon. President Richard Nixon was on board to greet the astronauts. After recovery, the astronauts were directed to the quarantine site on board the recovery ship, the USS Hornet. The quarantine site was a 1969, 32' Airstream Trailer, as I am told by Apollo Historian and Curator John Babiak. The Airstream was modified somewhat to meet the requirements of this mission. The Airstream was on board the USS Hornet in July and November 1969.

Curator Babiak describes the Airstream Trailer as follows: It was 32' in length x 8.5' wide with an interior height of 6' 7" high. A door was used to enter and exit and was constructed around the rear window. I estimate the door was 3' wide x 4' tall. If you were facing the rear door/window, to its left, thus the left side of the trailer you would find a small window (approximately 2' x 2'). This window was about 6' from the rear curve of the trailer. Immediately forward of the left side window was a solid door, with approximate dimensions of 2.5' x 5'5". There were also four visible air conditioning ducts running down the center of the roof. Numerous other modifications existed as well.

It is my understanding that there were two Airstreams on board the USS Hornet. One was used as an office and one as a quarantine station. I am attempting to locate a 1969, 32' Airstream Trailer or as close as I can get to that year. The idea is to put it on the USS Hornet in the exact location that the original one was when the astronauts used it as a quarantine station. We are hoping that we can modify it, if

possible, so it will replicate the original one.

Records reveal that after stepping out of the recovery helicopter on Hangar Deck Three, the three astronauts walked the last few steps, now permanently painted on the deck, to their Airstream quarantine trailer, their home for the next three weeks.

The USS Hornet was recommissioned as a museum on October 17, 1998. Dr. Buzz Aldrin, Apollo 11 crew member, was the principle speaker. It was on that day while touring the Hornet that I decided that I would attempt to locate and place another suitable Airstream Trailer on the Hornet. After discussing my plans with members of the Hornet Aircraft Carrier Foundation, I received approval to pursue my objective. If we can locate an appropriate trailer, it will be placed on board and become a permanent part of the exhibits on the USS Hornet. It is my belief that both Airstream and the USS Hornet would be proud to have this important part of the Hornet's history restored.

The USS Hornet is berthed in Alameda, CA, at Alameda Point, which was the former Alameda Naval Air Station. The Hornet is open to the public as a museum. In addition to official government artifacts, the Hornet has acquired a few special items, including some moon rocks. It also has a unique home video taken from one of the Apollo 11 recovery helicopters whose pilot retired to Alameda. Four months later the Hornet pulled a repeat performance in a letter-perfect recovery of navy crew of Apollo 12, the second moon mission.

It is my belief that Airstreamers would be proud to play a continuing part in contributing to the achievement of the above described goal. Please help me locate an Airstream for the USS Hornet. Once we have the trailer, we can determine what is required to complete delivery and have it put on board as a permanent part of the USS Hornet Museum.

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Caution of LP Mounting Method

Fred Ettlines "PHRED SEZ" column in the February 1999 **Blue Beret** has motivated me to issue the following cautionary reply which may be of interest to other VAC members.

I have seen LP bottles come loose as well as cracked cast aluminum clamp/handles. Bad news, and another reason for shutting off gas bottles before hitting the road. The **Blue Beret** solution only makes things worse! **THERE MUST BE SOME "GIVE" SOMEWHERE OR SOMETHING WILL BREAK!** Always keep a "plastic" washer (dealers stock this item for this purpose) between the clamp and the handle.

This plastic washer acts similar to the discs in a human spine. DO NOT EVER OVERTIGHTEN. And for further insurance, tie the bottles together at the top with a light chain or cable (like you use to lock up bicycles) but NEVER use a padlock - an "S" hook works fine. Hey, a piece of rope even works great. Then if the bottles do come loose for any reason (like forgetting to tighten them at all) they'll hang up on the "A" frame. Not to worry!....and by George, that's THAT.

George James III, #6425



VAC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knowledgeable Airstreamers Needed

The Vintage Airstream IntraClub website (<http://www.vac.airstream.net>) Q&A Forum is looking for knowledgeable members who are willing and able to take part in answering questions submitted to the Forum. Currently, only three members are participating, Bud Cooper (#26019), Clyde Wagner (#8441) and Ed Stanley (#21491). We would like to expand the Forum to six members, and thus accordingly, we are asking three Club members to join the Q&A Forum team. A detailed knowledge of Vintage Trailers is needed, should be computer friendly, have Internet access, be able to send and receive email messages and be willing to learn to transfer email messages to the website Q&A page.

The duty assignment for a Q&A Monitor is a month at a time. With six Monitors that would mean 2 months duty a year. Currently, the Q&A Forum receives about 60 questions a month (2/day is the average). Bud Cooper has recently posted a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) List onto the VAC website and we are expecting that this will reduce the number of questions we receive monthly.

Please contact Ed Stanley at estanley@gte.net for further information.

Ed Stanley, #21491



VAC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Since the Spring 1999 Issue of **The Vintage Advantage** we have welcomed 91 new VACers. They include: Members (53), Associate Members (7), and Friends (31). The total number for the three categories together, as of June 1, 1999, is 1,131. The subtotals are as follows: 646 Members, 63 Associate Members, and 407 Friends. As a result of the response to the dues reminder notice sent out in February to those members and friends who had been dropped from the rolls of the VAC because of non-payment of dues, as well as the addition of the new members and friends, the active membership of the VAC is again approaching the figure reported in the Winter 1999 issue of **The Vintage Advantage** (1,181 members and friends). Of the 310 members and friends who were informed that they had been dropped, 97 have renewed their memberships. Obviously, it would be preferable if a system of notification could be instituted that would minimize lapsed memberships and thus it is anticipated that a more efficient approach will be employed next year.

To understand the levels of VAC membership and subscribers, the following classifications are provided.

Member: Members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) who own a vintage Airstream trailer (where a vintage trailer is defined as an Airstream trailer 25 years old or older). This is the dues paying voting membership. A VAC member may hold office or be appointed to a position.

Associate: WBCCI members who do not qualify by owning a vintage Airstream trailer but wish for mutually beneficial reasons to belong. Associate members pay dues, vote and have all the benefits of a regular member, except that they may not be elected to office or park their trailer in the Vintage area at the annual WBCCI International Rally. A VAC associate may be appointed to a position.

Honorary Member: Membership bestowed upon VAC benefactors provided they are WBCCI members. This

is a non-dues paying and a nonvoting membership.

Friend: Any person 18 years old or older who has an interest in vintage Airstream trailers and wishes to receive the VAC newsletter (**The Vintage Advantage**). Trailer ownership is not a requirement. This category is for non-WBCCI members who want a subscription to the newsletter only. It is the hope of the VAC that the Friends subscribers will be introduced to the WBCCI through the VA and subsequently join the WBCCI such that they may be upgraded to full VAC membership status

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The **Vintage Advantage** newsletter will NOT be forwarded by the US Postal Service. To ensure that you will continue to receive the VA, please notify me of any address changes at:

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Dick Mumma, #04333
VAC Membership Chairman

VAC TREASURER REPORT

For the reporting period of 7/01/98 to 05/31/99, the VAC financial status is as follows:

Beginning:	\$9,173.79
Income	\$9,259.97
Expenses	<\$7,705.65>

Ending Balance: \$10,728.11

Patrick Ewing, #3675
VAC Treasurer



WHO IS WALLY BYAM?

Wally Byam is the founder and president of Airstream Trailers, Inc., with factories in California and Ohio. He has headed Airstream since 1931, but was designing and building trailers for several years before that. During all this period he has built travel trailers only, never trailers designed specifically for living, and in the course of time has built hundreds of different designs and many, many thousands of trailers.

Airstream is the all metal, all-riveted, streamlined Aircraft type trailer, that has become world famous as being able to be towed with a bicycle.

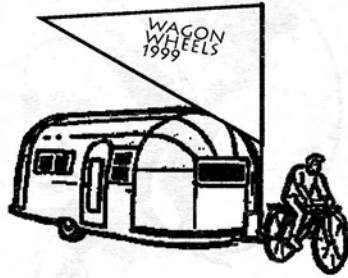
Caravan magazine, published in England, credits Wally Byam with having traveled more miles in a trailer and to more foreign lands "than any other living man". He organizes and leads the famous Wally Byam Caravan Tours (1) Down the Pan American Highway to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, (2) Down the West Coast of Mexico to Acapulco before the road was officially opened, (3) The 1948 European Tour to most of the countries of Europe with Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., (4) The 1953 European Tour covering all of Europe and attending the International Trailer Rally at Copenhagen, Denmark, (5) The 1954 Mexican Tour down the East Coast of Mexico and across the Tehauntepec peninsula. These tours include from 50 to 100 trailers and from 100 to 250 people. The tour in the summer of 1954 included the Canadian Rockies and Western Canada, British Columbia and Alberta. On these tours he travels with all kinds of people, in all kinds of trailers. He learns first hand what people like and what they do not like, what is good and what is not good. What is practical and what is not.

He writes for many magazines and many articles about him have appeared in hundreds of publications in Europe and America. He is the author of "Fifth Avenue on Wheels", a 125 page volume which tells just about everything you want to know about trailer traveling.

He has a regular monthly column in Trailer Topics, Trailer Travel and Trail-R-News entitled "Globe-trotting with Wally Byam".

(from Wally Byam's *Holiday Living & Travel Trailer*,
Vol. 2, No. 2, 1955)

VAC SPONSORED ACTIVITIES



Wagon Wheels '99 Caravan

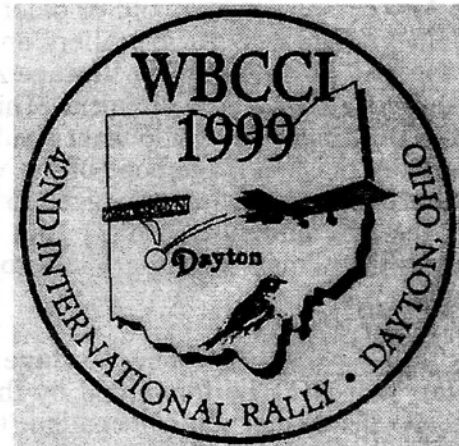
The Wagon Wheel caravan is slated from June 16th to 24th and is likely over as you read this copy. As in past Vintage caravans, there was a limit of 25 vintage coaches, and because of difficult maneuvering, it is recommended that only coaches less than 25' be used.

We will start at the East Harbor State Park on the shores of Lake Erie just north of Sandusky OH on Wednesday, June 16th. We will visit a Historic winery, and have our kickoff dinner. We will then visit the islands and the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. We then pack up and move southeast into Amish country to enjoy the sights and sounds, visiting a famous store in Kidron and having a special dinner at "Das Dutch Kitchen" in Dalton. Later we will tour Warther's museum then move on to Coshocton county and tour Roscoe Village, ride the canal boat, and have a banquet of prime rib and roasted turkey. We then travel to the Springfield fairgrounds pre-rally for an evening meal and entertainment and meet up with other vintage members to prepare for VAC entrance parade into the rally grounds in Dayton on Friday June 25. At some stops we will have hookups, and at some we will not.

The fee is \$250 for 2, and \$175 for a single where the fee takes care of all parking and many meals. Several nights will be potluck or on your own. When 25 shiny and vintage Airstreams get together and travel, we usually attract a lot of attention and have a great time.

The vintage group already signed up, are from the West coast, the Northwest, the midwest, the south and the East coast. We even have a couple from New Zealand. We have Bubbles and Bambi's, Zephyrs and Flying Clouds, Tradewinds and Caravelles, Safaris and Globetrotters, and for the first time, we have a 1974 Pristine Argosy Motorhome. Some of these VACers will attend the Wagon Wheel and then travel elsewhere, some will stay and attend the Dayton Rally. Even if you can join us somewhere along the way, please do, after all the whole purpose.....is to have a good time and make new friends. Hope you can make it.

Clyde Wagner, #8441
Wagon Wheels '99 Caravan Leader



Vintage Airstream Club Activities at the WBCCI International Rally Schedule

Thursday, 6/24, Meet at prerally site in Springfield, OH

Friday, 6/25, 11 am, VAC Parade into Rally Site

Saturday, 6/26, Community Service Project (TBA),
4-6 pm, VAC Welcome Reception

Sunday, 6/27, Community Service Project (TBA)

Monday, 6/28, 1-2 pm, VAC Board Meeting

Tuesday, 6/29, 11-noon, Don Grayson, "The Physics of Towing"

Wednesday, 6/30, 1-4 pm, Concours & Open House

Thursday, 7/1, 2:15-3:30 pm, VAC Membership Mtg
3:30 -4:30 pm, New Board Meeting

Friday, 7/2, 9-10 am, Bud Cooper, "In Search of Wally Byam"
10-11 am, Norman Holman, Jr., "The 1935 Airstream Torpedo"

Saturday, 7/3, 7:30-9 am, VAC Breakfast, Berry Room, Nutter Center

Sunday, 7/4, 1 pm, WBCCI Parade Led by VAC
Concours d'Elegance Award Winners

Monday, 7/5, Departure

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VAC President, 1998-99

Vintage Caravan to Statue of Liberty Rally

A pre-caravan will meet at the Jersey Shore Airstream Park in South Seaville, NJ in anticipation to caravanning into the WBCCI Statue of Liberty Rally on Tuesday, August 3rd.

The plan is to pay for your own campsite and do your own things on August 1st & 2nd. Local places to visit include Jersey Shore, Atlantic City, Cape May, Wildwood, the National Bird Sanctuary, etc.

We will assemble and caravan to the WBCCI National Statue of Liberty Rally on August 3rd. All caravaners need to have prepaid their Rally fees prior to the caravan. Once at the Rally site, we will have special Vintage parking.

The Rally ends on August 8th. We need a minimum of 15 trailers but not more than 30. The caravan is restricted to Vintage Airstream Club members with vehicles that are 25 years or older. To sign up for the caravan, there is a \$5 kitty fee payable to Don Perry (#5031), 4 View Street, Greenwich, CT 06830; don-dee@airstream.net.

Don Perry, #5031



The WBCCI National Statue of Liberty Rally

The WBCCI National Statue of Liberty Rally is quickly filling up for its August 4 to 8, 1999 rally. This National Rally is one of the must attend Rallies with jam packed activities for everyone. As of June 1st, there are over 400 trailers registered.

The daily programs include boat trips, tours of Manhattan, evening sandwiches, continental breakfasts each morning, a Saturday night BBQ, an ice cream party, professional entertainment each night, door prizes, rally plaques and pins, special gifts and free shuttle to New York City points of interest.

Vintage Club participants are encouraged to come



and join in. Those with families will be interested in the Thursday day trip on a bus into the city to do family things of interest.

The local attractions include the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the World Trade Center, the Empire State Building, the NY Stock Exchange, Trump Tower, Radio City Music Hall, Bronx Zoo, St. Patrick's Cathedral, United Nations and much, much more. Tour information will be forwarded upon receipt of reservation form.

Parking is next to the historical central RR Terminal at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, NJ. Overlooking the Manhattan skyline, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Rally is self-contained with water available but no dump station.

Costs are \$120 each for participants 12 years old and up and \$15 each for children ages 7 to 11. Children younger than 7 are free.

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Oklahoma VAC Rally at the 68th Annual Indian Expo

In on August 5th and out on August 8th at Anadarko, OK. The event is the 68th Annual Indian Exposition and Pow-Wow. Full details are given at www.indianexpo.org.

The planned VAC events are as follows: *Thursday*, Noon arrival at Randlett Park, just west of Anadarko to set up site. The trailers level enough, the dent can be removed and we hope the tree can grow back! Time to cool off at the Pool Party, 4 to 5 pm. Expo ground schedule includes a 2 pm Tribal Dancing, a 2 pm Greyhound Racing and dancing contests at 7:30 pm.

Friday, from 9 to 10 am, build your own Dream Catcher, guaranteed to ward off bad dreams and evil spirits. Class will be conducted by two Dream Catcher artisans, Brian and Michael Drews, ages 12 and 10. This will make a perfect remembrance of your trip to

Anadarko. 10-11 am, VAC open house. See why Wally could offer those lifetime warranties. Noon, we head to town and all get together for lunch and fellowship. After lunch you are on your own to see the Anadarko Post Office's sixteen famous murals, visit the local art galleries, tribal museums or visit Indian City USA. Expo ground schedule 2 pm Tribal Dancing, 2 pm Greyhound & Horse Racing, 7:30 pm Pageant. The grand entrance into the stadium is an event not to be missed. Bring your video camcorder to record the sights and sounds, the beauty of the Native American culture, its people and their costumes.

Saturday, grab your sun hat, folding chairs and head to town for the 68th Annual Indian Exposition parade. See the tribal Indian Princesses, fancy dancers, war dancers and more. Bet you couldn't get to all the sites yesterday. How about the Anadarko Philomathic Museum? Expo schedule 2 pm Tribal Dancing, 2 pm Greyhound & Horse Racing, 7:30 pm Awards & Fancy Dancing Championship!

Sunday, continental breakfast served from 8:30 to 10:30 am before we break camp. Yep, that tree snapped right back! 11 AM Dream Catcher guarantee expires!

Kitty costs are: one adult in unit \$50, one senior, 62+ in unit, \$38. Each extra adult, senior or child \$25. Price includes three nights parking, pool party, Friday Dream Catcher class, VAC open house, lunch and Sundays breakfast. All other Exposition events are \$6 adult, \$3 senior or children, some events are less, some are free. Please reserve by with a \$30 deposit, fully refunded if you cancel prior to July 20th. Limit 20 units.

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1999 New York State Rally

Every so often a State Rally Chairman goes gung ho for Vintage Airstreams and that's the case with this year's 1999 New York State Rally. Here are the details.

All Vintage Airstream owners are invited to attend the New York State Rally. It will occur from September 8 to 13th, 1999, at the Columbia County Fairground (off Rt-203) in Chatham, New York (eastern NY south of Albany).

Rally Chairmen Bob & Claudia Stark (#5300) of Hudson Mohawk Unit (071) have confirmed there will be special parking for vintage trailers. During last year's planning sessions this suggestion was made and immediately adopted with enthusiasm. If recent experience is any indication, the invitation will result in a strong turnout of vintage owners from the Northeast.

Once at the rally, each day will begin with breakfast and continue with tours to national historic sites, museums, antique shops, car races, hot air balloon meadows, the Empire State Plaza, the capital buildings and shopping malls. There will be golf, craft classes, craft shows and sales, and a flea market. Plans include a road rally (nothing like a nice Sunday drive) around the local country side. There are many local restaurants with great food and each day will end with nightly entertainment, hospitality and free ice cream.

This year's theme is "The Century Celebration" with red, white and blue as the colors. A "Century Celebration Social" will be held where each group (vintage included) will be asked to choose a decade from the 20th century and come to the social dressed in a costume of that decade. Everyone is asked to bring a hot or cold appetizer from your decade to share with others, and to bring an antique they'd like appraised (whaaaat? An appraiser, too?). Yes, it'll be exciting.

Bob & Claudia request that one of the VAC Officers contact them and select a decade to represent. They will confirm the decades as soon as received (sooner requested the more likelihood of getting our

first choice). They would also like to discuss details about an "Open House."

The Rally fee for 5 nights is \$99 (2 in trailer) or \$59 (1 in trailer) and includes parking with water, limited electricity, a dump station and all the good stuff listed above. An optional clam bake is scheduled for Saturday with 1/2 chicken, clams, white and sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, rolls, butter, desert, coffee and tea. Add an additional \$15 each to your rally fee when signing up for the clam bake.

To register, send your name(s), address, parking request (vintage), WBCCI# and Unit Name (if applicable), number in party and a check payable to: "NYS Rally '99" in an envelope to Sue King, 46 Alton Road, Circleville, NY 10919. Also indicate yes or no to (1) Craft Show and Sales, (2) Flea Market and (3) Golf Tournament. Further information can be directed to Bob & Claudia at 518/449-2427 or Mapletres@aol.com.

As an aside, In previous years Sandie and I have found the Fairground large enough to easily accommodate a big rally. There are numerous spaces available in case of rain. A mall with supermarket and small specialty stores is adjacent to the fairground. The town has all kinds of stores, garages and other specialty shops. We had plexiglass cut to order for our screen door at the nearby hardware store and they did it right the first time. The local folks were pleased to have us in town and staying at their fairground. Bottom line, we know this will be one of the best organized State Rallies in history and will be jam packed with fun and exciting activities. But especially, it will be an outstanding opportunity for vintage owners to get together and share the joys (and challenges) of owning the oldest and most recognized RV icon in America.

Come on along!!!

Terry and Sandie Tyler, #6477



Region 12 Fall Rally

This years Rally will be held in one of the most scenic locations in CA, Mariposa. Mariposa is in Gold Rush country and is on the doorstep to Yosemite Valley. The Region 12 Rally will be held at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds during October 11-16, 1999. The Vintage Airstream Club will have a special parking area with water and electrical hookups. For reservations contact: **Don Guy (#263), PO Box 1296, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270** or look for coupon in the WBCCI Blue Beret magazine.

Tom Reed, #10283
President, San Bernardino Unit, '98-'99
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1st Annual California Vintage Airstream Club Fall Caravan / Rally

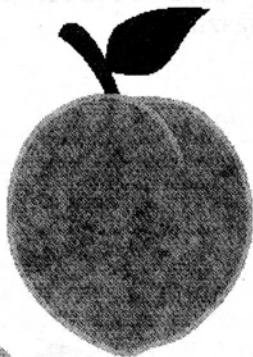
Immediately following the Region 12 Rally, October 16th to 19th, there will be a Vintage Airstream Club Caravan along the famous "Golden Chain Highway 49" to beautiful Bass Lake where we will spend four nights at the Five Star rated Bass Lake Recreational Resort. We will have full hookups and use of the Clubhouse facilities. Now is your chance to visit one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world, Yosemite National Park, before it is closed to

vehicular traffic. While you're there you can climb Half Dome, ride the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Steam Train, join us and other VACer's for dinner at the Wawona Lodge, visit the towns that were born during the California Gold Rush of 1849, pan for Gold along the rivers and streams, visit the giant redwood trees or just kick back and fish at Bass Lake.

If you are unable to join us at the Region 12 Rally, come and join us at Bass Lake. Arrangements can be made for those that wish to arrive before October 16.

Registration fee is \$120 per unit which includes parking with full hookups, continental breakfasts and catered dinner. If you are a member of Coast to Coast, AOR, or ROD, the parking fees will be reduced to special members rates. Make checks payable to: **Tom Reed (1st Vice President VAC)** and then mail checks to: **R. Skadden, 4010 E. Huntington Blvd., Fresno, CA 93702-2918**. For additional information please contact: Rosalyn Skadden at 559/255-8622.

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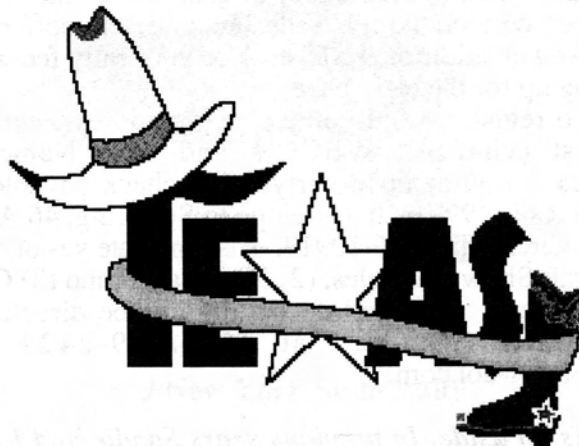


Peach State

Southeast Fall VAC Gathering

A VAC Gathering has been scheduled at the Top of Georgia Park for November 4-7, 1999. This Airstream park is located 10 miles north of Helen, GA, and all guests must be WBCCI members to stay overnight. Full five point hook-ups (electricity, water, sewer, cable TV and telephone) are included in the \$8/night fee. Park telephone number is 706/878-3590, and reservations are encouraged.

Charlie Pildis, #14813
George James III, #6425



South Texas Unit Rally to Honor Vintage Airstreams

The South Texas Unit (WBCCI Unit #143) is sending a general invitation to all VAC members and vintage owners from any state to come to their rally in Fredericksburg, TX, February 10-13, year 2000. This is the first time in Texas that a Unit has sponsored a rally to honor and enjoy vintage trailers. They are the hosts, we are the guests. A variety of vintage trailers from Texas and surrounding states will be there. A Bowlus trailer has been promised. For details bug Ray Mandes II, 956/682-7854. Reservations close January first.

Rutherford L. Cooper, #26019



COOP'S CORNER

My Tool Box -

Riding in my grandfather's car one day back in 1935, I sat in the back seat of his '28 Buick with my grandmother and sister. "May I look through your purse?" asked my sister innocently. "Perhaps just a little peek," replied Grandma sweetly, "it's a very personal thing, you know." I'm sure she had nothing to hide except maybe the five dollar bill she had pinned to the lining for emergencies. She just wanted to impress on my nosy sister that even grandmothers had a right to keep secrets.

I have decided, however, to reveal what is in the tool box I keep in my Bambi. It weighs five pounds, four ounces and, while it has been a secret up to this moment, I have decided to let you all look.

In years past, many superintendents wouldn't hire a man until they looked over his tool box. You can tell a good deal about a person by their tools. Don't embarrass me now, don't ask questions and don't gossip.

The box itself is red, made of steel, only 15 by 6 by 3 inches. Inside are:

1 12" Crescent wrench. This is admittedly overkill. Nice for the gas bottles though.

1 10" Arc-joint pliers. A gift from my wife, a quality tool and useful.

1 13 oz Ball peen hammer. Was inside a used car I bought, had to have a new handle.

1 Socket set, small sizes, 1/4" drive.

Cheap. Just the essentials, used only rarely.

1 small needle nosed pliers. Belonged to my Dad. Frequently useful.

1 Common pliers. Painted gray. Cheap but useful.

5 Open-end wrenches, light pattern. 1/4" to 3/4". Rarely used.

9 assorted tools rolled up in a plastic sheet with pockets. This is a handy-dandy. The kind of thing you win at golf outings. But this is actually useful. Tiny pliers, tiny crescent wrench, and a screwdriver handle which clutches and holds: a scratch awl, a flat screwdriver, a Phillips, a tiny flat, a tack puller, and a wood chisel. Frequently used.

4 small screwdrivers, 2 Phillips, 2 flat. Some overkill here. Need to sort these out.

1 Hub cap remover, aluminum. Home made. Vital.

1 super-small screwdriver set as for eyeglasses.

1 toothbrush. Unappetizing appearance. Shortened handle. For refrigerator burners.

1 Copper tube, one end sealed, 1/16" hole in side. For blowing refrigerator gas burners.

1 Neon circuit tester, 120 V.

1 Broken mirror on crooked handle for refrigerator burners.

1 Poly bag of assorted screws and pop rivets. Why pop rivets when no rivet gun? Because I can always borrow a gun or lend a rivet.

3 short pieces of wire. Uses vary, but I can't be without them.

2 strips emery cloth, fine. Rarely called for.

4 boxes 12 V cartridge fuses. When you need them, you really need them.

2 light bulbs, 12 V.

1 Tube graphite powder. Essential for keeping old (seldom used) locks working.

1 Poly bag with 10 garden hose washers. There is definite overkill here, but who can just throw away good washers?

1 Styrofoam spool with 8 inches of

hair-fine wire for cleaning out water heater pilot orifices. Not really useful and I am going to throw this out. Once they plug, they will do it repeatedly till a new one is installed.

1 roll electrical tape. I started carrying this before there was such a thing as duct tape.

1 Drinking straw. Use? Don't know. Pretty dirty for soda pop, not good with coffee.

3 wire ties. Eventually these will be useful.

1 small whetstone. Never used. Should be discarded.

1 tiny can of grease, almost empty.

1 24" steel tape, pocket size.

2 hacksaw blades, fine and coarse. Very useful. I'll tell you a story some time.

1 Water color brush. Never used, but seemed like a good idea.

A piece of heavy string. Throw away.

2 "O" rings for a trailer I no longer own.

8 Film cans containing the following: Small screws and washers, pop rivets, solder, Silglyde, grease, stainless screws. This could be thinned out.

1 Razor blade packaged in stiff paper. A razor knife would be better.

I hope that this exercise has been useful and maybe entertaining, to me it was useful and at moments painful (parts for a trailer I don't own). Each tool has poignant associated memories, and lifting it out of its place brought them back to me in a rush. I noticed a spot of rust on my father's pliers. I will sand it off right away.

To be in trouble, and to get out of trouble by your own foresight and skill is a triumph. I hope each of you will, at times, experience it. The object of the tools is to facilitate repairs that can reasonably be expected, not to do all possible repairs. Some things still have to be fixed with a \$100 bill (not kept in the tool box). Once, at a rest stop, I saw a rig with repairs in progress but stalled for lack of tools.

Scattered around the area were camp chairs, barbecue grill, fire starter, festoons of lights, poles, games, but no tools. They were ready for anything, but prepared for nothing. A break-time conversation in the office once prompted me to comment that many people don't know if the lug wrench for the car will fit the trailer. The next day an engineer sheepishly admitted that he went home that night and tried his. It didn't fit.



Mexican Maids in High Heels -

My Suburban, with 27 foot Airstream in tow was approaching the hotel. This handsome stone building was on a hillside in Mexico. A level parking lot was on the lower level. I parked, then hiked up a steep winding drive between high walls. I soon found the reception area. An attractive Mexican lady explained in acceptable English how the trailer park worked. Mine would be the only rig in this 25 space area. I returned to the car, looking forward to several days in this charming spot. We circled the parking lot and headed up that steep drive, moving cautiously because of foot traffic. Suddenly, the engine quit. I had earlier had symptoms of vapor lock and was sure of it now. I urged Bettye to hike as fast as she could to the top of the hill and hold all traffic. (*Imagine for a moment what that would be like with screaming Mexican drivers, arm waving ladies, and no place to go.*) A man pulled up behind me and politely asked what was the problem. My Spanish is barely good enough to handle such a situation, but I explained that I had "vapor in the line gasoline" and that it would start in "unos minutos". He instantly understood and returned to his car to wait in comfort. Mexicans know that cars aren't perfect and sometimes break down, their patience and courtesy can be counted upon.

I simply waited and tried to restart the engine every five

minutes. (It wasn't until later that it dawned on me that there was a cure at hand which would have started the engine almost instantly. What was it? What did I miss? I'll tell you later.) It was now quitting time and many of the room cleaning maids began marching down the cobblestone drive to be picked up by waiting husbands and boy friends. Something bothered me; it was the high heels they were wearing. There is something jarring about a maid in high heels, especially in Mexico.

In about fifteen minutes the engine started and we drove without trouble up the steep grade. I later measured it at 15%. We stayed several days enjoying the sights in the neighborhood, then worked our way to Lake Patzcuaro, staying on the shores of this lake for about a week. Many times during this period, the engine lost power on grades, but never stalled. It was clear that something had to be done about whatever was wrong. The park owner took me to his favorite mechanic; we discussed the characteristics at length in Spanish. He volunteered to rebuild the carburetor, I demurred. Laying awake in bed that night, I firmly concluded that it was incipient vapor lock and decided to do something about it. Reasoning that the critical spot was at or just behind the fuel pump, I determined to cool that area with a blast of air. Normally, it is cooled by air which has been already heated by the oil intercooler, the air conditioner, and the radiator. That air could already be 150 degrees F when it hits the pump. What I needed was fresh cool air at that exact spot. Next day I inquired for a hardware store and soon found it in a beautiful colonial building. We had no trouble getting a stove pipe and some wire, but not elbows. Showing the clerk my sketch drawing of a gasoline pressure gage and connecting lines, he assured me that those parts would only be available in Mexico City. Not to worry, I set about

building my air duct. Measuring the space, I sawed off the correct length of 4 inch pipe with a bare hack saw blade. Then with some notching, and a lot of pounding (in the soft dirt) with the ball peen hammer I formed an elbow. Fastening this under the front bumper, it directed cool air to the fuel pump and lines.

A road test the next day was encouraging. In fact, that car never again lost power. I give the credit to my little red tool box.

Now, what was it that I missed when the Suburban stalled? In the refrigerator were ice cubes and a handful of these, held against the fuel pump and lines, would surely have cured the problem.



PHRED SEZ -

This column in **The Blue Beret** recently pointed out that mice can find a path into your trailer via the tubular frame members which have open ends just under the hitch coupler. To prevent this, cut pieces of screen cloth and stuff them in each opening.



Polishing Advances Brilliantly-

Followers of this technology recently noted that five separate methods are now being used to polish Airstreams. They are 1) by hand, 2) dual orbital polisher (Cyclo), 3) axial 8" buffer bonnet, 4) horizontal cylindrical buffer, and 5) horizontal spindle buffing wheel with stick compound. Each method has certain advantages, however, it is yet to be demonstrated that any particular one will obsolete the rest.

Vintage members can take credit for popularizing polishing which was practically unknown on the amateur level five years ago. Standards for what constitutes an acceptable finish have risen remarkably. It has been suggested that a five way demonstration be attempted at the 2000 International. Volunteers?



Club Services -

It was recently pointed out that new VAC members were not advised of the variety of club services we offer. To correct this, all new members are now getting a brochure outlining them. The nine major VAC services are as follows (not in any specific order):

- 1) Parking together at the International Rally with a social and technical program catering to the interests of VAC members. Attendance surpasses 60 units.
- 2) A library of how-to information is available in both written and video formats. Ask for our video on polishing old trailers, body repairs. New topics constantly being added. Material is gathered from members and non-members wherever it can be found and circulates at cost. The librarian is Willard Duncan (#12630), 1444 South Indian Creek Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; 404/292-6064.
- 3) Newsletter with buy and sell listings. Each issue contains articles written by vintage owners, sharing their experiences in vintage trailer ownership. Taken together, they constitute a tutorial on trailer repair, restoration and operation. There are four issues per year, back issues are available (see item 8).
- 4) A judging (Concours D'elegance) of best vintage trailers. Meets take place at both the Regional and International levels. Awards are given for Best-in-Show, with two runners up, and special awards as announced by the Steward although plans are being made to expand this scope for the Dayton International Rally.
- 5) An open-house so guests can see that Airstreams have provided gracious living for at least 60 years. Tremendously popular, this event attracts many outsiders who are curious to see what trailer life is all about. Some of the VAC members trailers are historic and extremely rare.
- 6) Seminars and demonstrations.
- 7) Club historian, Jim Lochhead (#5913) keeps files of photographs,

literature, and videos, pertaining to the history of Airstream and trailers in general.

- 8) Obsolete manuals at cost, also back issues of the club newsletter **The Vintage Advantage**. Write to: Noland Vogt (#447), 447 Maple Way, Woodside, CA 94062.
- 9) An active website (<http://www.vac.airstream.net>) that offers many photographs, updates of VAC events, email addresses regardless of service provider, and several different venues for restoration and club news. The venues for advice include an active discussion group with over 150 members, a Q&A Forum for posting specific questions that are fielded by knowledgeable club members and a recent FAQ section.

Other notable website features include The Airstream Web Ring (a grouping of Airstream related websites linked and registered under our website umbrella), a listing of Club Officers and Appointees as well as recommended sources and contacts. The website is still in its infancy and is promising to continue to promote the club in a positive manner for both VAC members and vintage Airstream admirers.



Door Bolt -

For those who are looking for a light duty door bolt suitable for mounting in an Airstream entrance door, consider this one. It is a model S48B26D made by: H. B. Ives Co., New Haven Conn. This is an Ace Hardware item.



Cache Discovered -

A & H Discount RV in McAllen, TX has an assortment of body and dome segments for years '68, '69, '70, and '72. These parts go by a part number like #6 or #13. To match up your needs, you will have to consult a dealers parts book for the one and two digit numbers. Available at 956/687-7865.



Concours Winners -

Winners of the March 24th. Region 9 Concours in Wichita Falls, TX, were Best in Show, Don & Mickey Myers (#3415), Reserve Best, Bettye Cooper (#26019) and 2nd place went to Lon & Lavern Roberts (#12715).

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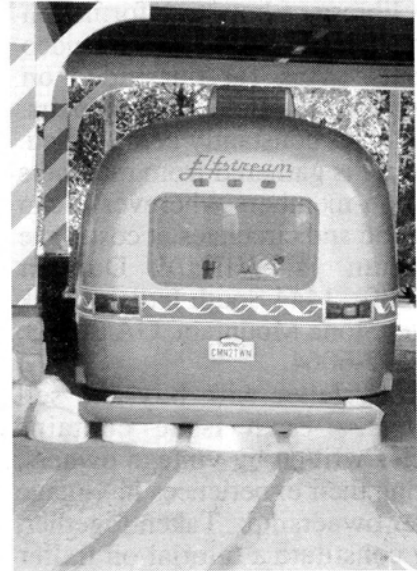
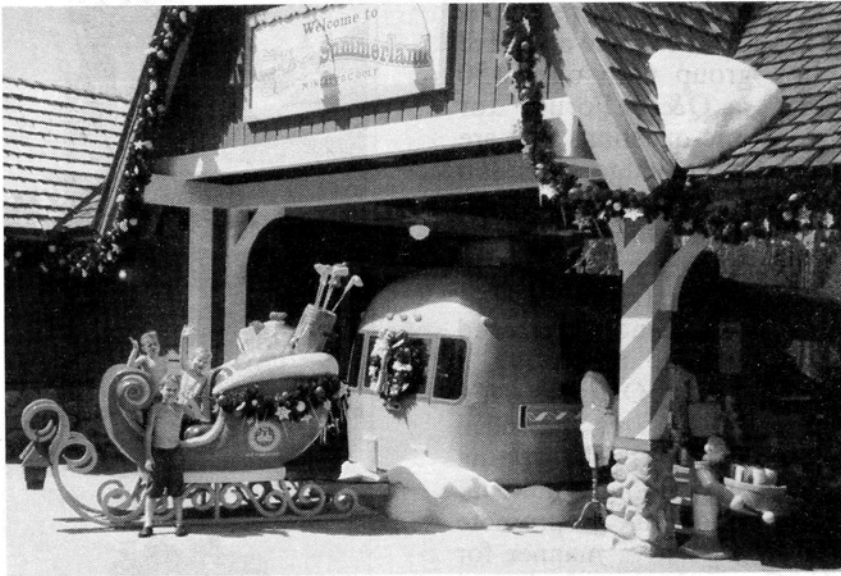
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Land of the Elfstreams

In April 1999, my family and I spent our Easter vacation at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, FL, staying at their beautiful Fort Wilderness campground (our family favorite). On one of the days we visited the Disney Blizzard Beach waterpark and as we approached the park we noted something of great interest. Right next to the waterpark is a brand new miniature golf course called Disney's Winter Summerland. The "course" is arranged like a Santa Claus station at the North Pole where Santa's sleigh is placed at the facility entrance "towing" a large *Elfstream* travel trailer. This plastic rendition of a vintage Airstream is used as a concession stand. As we wandered in, we noted that each of the golf holes represent an elf's personal camping site complete with a miniature *Elfstream*. These "campsites" appear as a typical site complete with electrical hook-ups, a campfire and various other touches. Although we didn't end up playing the course (we were on our way home after spending the day at the waterpark and were just too tired for more activity), it looked fun and is a tribute to the current nostalgia and popularity of vintage Airstream travel trailers.



Front and back views of Santa's Elfstream at Disney's Winter Summerland miniature golf course in FL.



Two of the golf holes showing the individual elf Elfstreams at their campsites.

Bambi 'streamin' with Heidi

The first Airstream that I purchased was in the fall of 1993. It replaced a small 13 foot fiberglass trailer that had no bathroom. I saw an Airstream Bambi advertised in the local paper. I knew that Airstream had a great reputation for quality and "Bambi" sounded small and cute. Curiosity forced me to go and take a look. It was sitting sad and forlorn looking. It was all dirty on the outside from sitting under an Evergreen tree in the owner's backyard. I opened the door and took a look inside and fell in love with the terrific original condition and the layout of the interior. The rest is history.

My daughter, Heidi, was ten years old at that time and we had been using trailers for traveling and camping, which included hiking, swimming and bicycling. After bringing the Bambi home with my Volvo 740 Turbo Diesel, I wanted to do some work on it so I went to the closest Airstream dealer for parts where upon they informed me about an Airstream owners club called the WBCCI. It sounded interesting so we joined and shortly thereafter we joined the newly found Vintage Airstream IntraClub as well.

Driving to our first rally, I felt self-conscious as my daughter and I were pulling into the North Cascade rally site at the beautiful Lynden Fairgrounds. We were looking at all of the big and late model rigs and the big and new tow vehicles. I felt very out of place with my little and old rig. The group was just about to go to their potluck dinner in the meeting hall and warmly invited Heidi and I to the delicious fixings. We ate well and met new friends. It surprised me that so many of the folks asked to see the "cute little Bambi." I was even asked to give a "tour" of my trailer right after dinner. So after dinner Heidi and I opened our door and many of the rally folks paraded through our humble little trailer, some with camera in hand. There were many positive comments and "I remember when" stories. Needless to say we had a friendly and warm welcome to the group.

Heidi and I also went to several WBCCI sponsored Salmon Potlatch Rallies at the Washington Unit's Land Yacht Harbor in Lacey, Washington. These are large and well attended gatherings with folks coming from far and near. The first time we attended they had us park right up front by the main entrance so that everyone could see the little Bambi as they drove by. We ended up giving "tours" and had many taking pictures as well as take videos. One fellow that came by was in the process of redoing the interior of a 1949 Wee Wind, a late 1940's sixteen foot Airstream. I was very impressed with the Land Yacht Harbor and it's nicely set up residential community, large terra-port with full hookups for visitors, large meeting hall, and most importantly, all of the wonderful fellow Airstreamers. My daughter and I rode our bicycles all over the place on the nicely paved streets. During the days there were many car pool type outings to many different and interesting places. I remember going to a large outdoor game farm and also a tree farm during these outings. There were many educational things for my daughter to see and learn from. Going on these outings we would car pool in other's rigs and at times others would ride in our own rig (I had sold the Volvo and replaced it with a Suburban). This helped out on gas as well as having quality time to meet and visit with new friends. Most every evening there was excellent entertainment in the beautiful meeting hall. Often during these events they would have professional entertainers up front on the raised stage that was a delight to behold. They would also have door prizes where my daughter was volunteered to help "run" the prizes to the many happy winners. She, and others, did a lot of footwork! After one such event, a talented and kind hearted older gentleman presented Heidi with a beautiful musical jewelry box that he had made. He said that she had earned it with all the help that she gave delivering the door prizes. This was a very nice and unexpected surprise!

During the fall of 1995 Heidi and I went on a British Columbia Unit's caravan up into the interior of beautiful western Canada. We all met at Hope, B.C. in a heavily wooded campground right next to a river with rugged and tall mountains surrounding us on all sides. My friend Don and his family were with us at this campground with their 1956 Airstream Bubble. We had both helped each other in restoring our trailers. It was great to have him there. We took a number of walks to the river which was running slow and low in the late fall. This exposed many rocks and spawning salmon which Heidi enjoyed watching. Our first day of traveling together in our little caravan of around a dozen units was up the rugged and scenic Fraser River Canyon. This is a narrow canyon running north through the mountains with the river moving very strong over its entire length. Our knowledgeable caravan leaders, Bruce and Louis Cooper (#1209) provided CB dialogue of various points of interest. On the front cover of the May 1996 **Blue Beret**, there are two color pictures of our caravan. During the caravan, our group went on a prearranged tour of a large open pit copper mine where the company put us on a crew bus and drove through their operation including up an observation platform that looked down, way, way down into their huge pit. From our lofty vantage point the over-sized equipment looked like little ants working. I feel that traveling together in a group is what enabled us to receive the red carpet treatment and tour of this mining operation. At times it seems that the power of a group enables folks to see points of interest that might otherwise not be available. It was interesting passing through some of the small back country towns in a caravan and then watching the locals look on in wonder at all the shiny Airstreams. Perhaps we might have been triggering a bit of wander lust somewhere deep within their souls. On the

week long caravan we made many new friends around the campfires in the evenings, dined in some excellent restaurants, saw beautiful fall colors in the high country and saw many interesting and tempting fishing lakes. The last day of traveling with these wonderful people was a hard one in that I didn't want this magical week of wonderful weather, beautiful country and new experiences with fellow Airstreamers to end.

During the few all too short years that my daughter and I Airstreamed together in the Bambi, we had many wonderful and memorable moments. In the North Cascade, British Columbia and Washington units of the WBCCI, my daughter met many loving "grandparents" that opened their hearts to her. They let her play with their pets and in general spoiled her rotten. She loved it! I know that they all have enriched her life greatly with many positive and fond memories. At times there were other children to play with as well and during our participation at the many local rallies, we did many fun and interesting things such as visit a large private model railroad collection that was housed in it's own pole building and even had outside track. We rode bicycles on many different country roads. We dined in many interesting and delicious restaurants. We went swimming during good weather. There were many other numerous fun and educational activities that we participated in. We were constantly expanding our horizons with something adventurous.

As I grow a bit older and reflect back on these events I am ever so thankful that my daughter and I had our Airstreaming times together. I am sure that Heidi will also recollect many happy moments looking back as well. Children grow up fast, very fast. So if you have young children and an Airstream, the time to get out as a family and together expand your horizons is now. Time does not wait and before you know it this window of opportunity may pass until it is forever gone. The Airstreaming years with my daughter have been some of the best times of my life. The times shared with my fellow Airstreamers have enriched both my life and my daughters.

Pat Ewing, #3675



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(from Trail-R-News, January-February 1963)

Bambi Goes to the Movies

Several years ago I received a number of messages on my answering machine from a fellow that said he was "interested" in my Bambi travel trailer. I did not return his calls as I thought he was interested in purchasing the trailer and I was not interested to sell it. Finally the fella made contact and explained that he represented "Bedford Falls Production Studio" out of Vancouver, B.C., and that he was interested in renting my Bambi to use in making a commercial. When I asked how he knew about me and the Bambi he stated that he had called Airstream and that they referred him to the local B.C. Unit. My daughter and I had just been on a caravan with them and the Unit's President referred him to me knowing that I had a nice condition Bambi. They sent out a representative to take photographs of the trailer and then after review, I was called back and told that the trailer was suitable for what they wanted and that they wanted to write up a contract to rent the Bambi. So off to Vancouver I went to negotiate an acceptable agreement which included my time to do the personal towing of the Bambi to the various locations using my Suburban as the tow vehicle.

The production studio wanted the trailer for several days before actually taking it out and filming it at the various on site locations. I delivered the trailer to an auto repair facility in Vancouver where they manufactured an aluminum framework that enabled them to mount cameras on the trailer in order to shoot video looking forward towards the towing vehicle. The only place that this framework touched the Bambi was on the tongue and rear bumper. They were very careful to not touch the actual body of the unit with it and used plenty of soft padding where needed. They also removed my rear bumper mounted spare tire and hung blue cloth inside as curtains, replacing the light beige ones that belonged with the unit (upon completion, they replaced everything back to the way I originally had it).



Bambi all dressed up and ready for filming.

Before dawn on a foggy fall morning I met the film crew in a huge gravel parking lot that was at the end of a narrow and scenic country road right next to a lake where we were surrounded by majestic mountains. As I approached the site, I was impressed by the number of flood lights and the scurrying about activity of a large crew. There was a truck that was serving breakfast to all the crew and I was promptly invited over to partake. In fact all day long there were all sorts of great things to eat. Along with a lot of other trucks, there was a large motor home that was used as an office and dressing room for the two actors from Hollywood, CA.. The actors were supposed to be a husband and wife that were on vacation from AZ (the crew had installed AZ plates on both the mid-'60's T-Bird convertible and the Bambi). The film company was shooting a commercial for a health insurance company geared towards the retired folks. In a few hours the fog burned off and the sun came out which made for a nice, warm and

beautiful day. I watched a number of small boats come and go out on the large mountain lake while the entire day was spent in this one basic location with the film crew, car and Bambi coming and going for many various and different shots along this quaint and picturesque road out in the country. There were a number of small wooden bridges with decking that curved upwards in the middle of the bridge that added to this fantastic setting.

Darkness fell and there was talk of the entire crew going to stay over night in Hope, B.C. at a motel so as to get an early start the next day up in the Fraser River Canyon. I mentioned that I lived in Everson, WA which was not too far away and that I would take the trailer home with me and meet them early the next morning in Hope. They wouldn't hear of it! They wanted to make sure that the Bambi was ready to go first thing in the morning and they wanted to take no chances of any delays. In fact, they then also put me up in a nice motel (wouldn't even let me sleep in my own trailer).

Since I wasn't planning on being out overnight they took me to a store and purchased what I needed such as toiletries. After a great nights sleep I had an early breakfast with the crew at a nice restaurant there in Hope, B.C. and then up the canyon on HWY-1 to various location shots. We stayed the longest, about half the day, at a small town called Boston Bar. Next to where we were stationed with the motorhome and crew, there was a helicopter flying back and forth over the mountain with a large water bucket hanging underneath. Apparently there was a large forest fire burning just over the ridge. It was at this location that I was sitting in a chair, watching the crew, trying to stay out of every one's way, or so I thought. The whole time I've been with this crew I was being treated just like royalty.



Bambi being fussed over by the film crew.

I didn't realize just how big of a deal it was to properly get the job done. I overheard that they obtained the proper permits from the Provincial Government to shut down the highway for several different short periods during the day. They even hired a professional flagging crew for this job. As the flaggers were stopping traffic, including many large trucks on this very busy two lane road, I watched the T-Bird and Bambi, along with the film crew, roll out onto the pavement for another shot. They would come and go throughout the day with much preparation work between the shootings. Late in the afternoon we moved to another location for a nice evening, sun going down, type of scene.

From start to finish I was impressed with the overall operation as well as with the professional manner that I received during my participation. It seemed like I was on a greatly pampered vacation! I learned a lot about film making as well as made decent money from the trailer rental and the mileage for towing it. The opportunity to meet the many wonderful people was good in itself, one couple on the crew even asked about renting the Bambi for a vacation as they fell in love with it. However I decided to decline their offer for insurance purposes amongst other reasons.

A big mistake that I made was to forget to ask for a copy of the final product. I was told that it was to be a health insurance commercial that would be mainly aired in the southern U.S. This was several years ago. If any of the readers recall seeing a Bambi being towed by a mid-1960's blue T-Bird convertible this is how it all got it's start. Also if you remember watching this commercial please drop me a line. I've never had the opportunity to see it and would appreciate hearing from you.

Pat Ewing, #3675

Griffin's Trailer News, December 1968.

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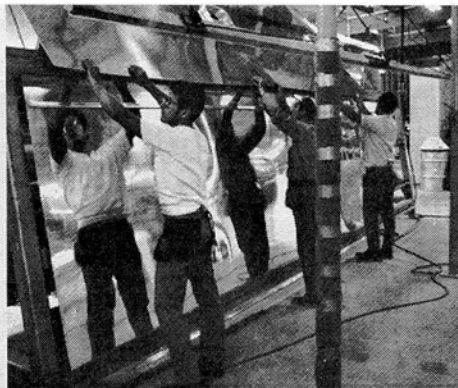
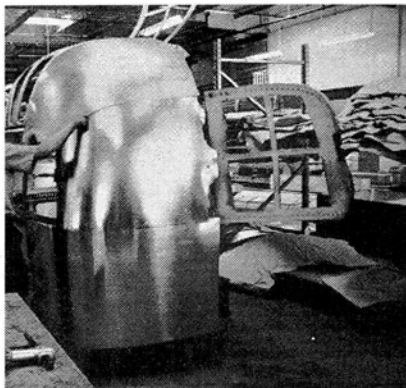
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Season's Greetings





AIRSTREAM FOR '69

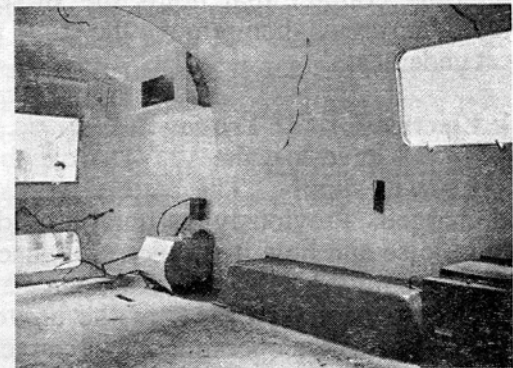
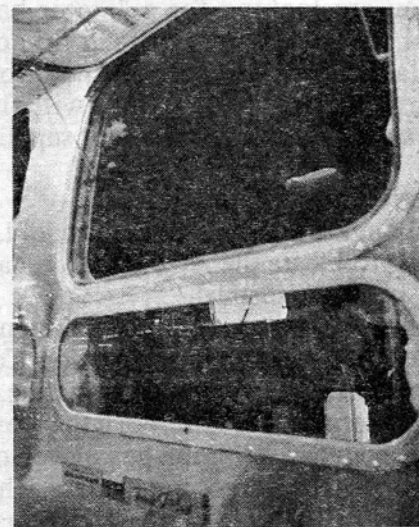
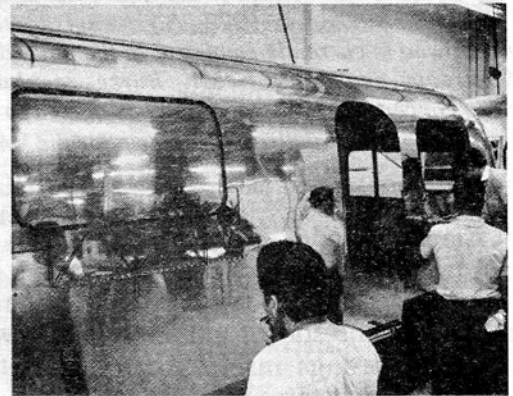
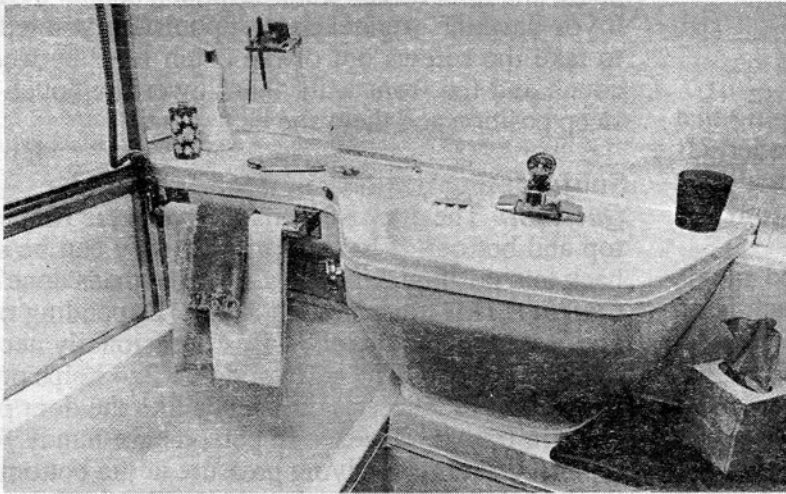
THE beautiful new Airstream on the cover is one of a totally new breed for 1969, and marks the first major change in Airstream's design during the past nine years of production—probably the largest “single” change in the company's history. Always at the forefront of the American travel-trailer scene, the company with its 1969 line culminates 35 years of trailer production with the most advanced Airstreams yet.

In presenting the Airstream trailer for 1969, we thought it would be a good idea to let you see the inside of the company's brand-new western manufacturing facility at Cerritos, California, the first of two ultra-modern factory complexes that will be devoted to the manufacture of future Airstreams. In that the new Airstream external shape is so much predicated by its engineering and design concept, we thought we should concentrate on the actual building of the unit rather than elaborate on one particular model placed in an idealistic setting; hence, the numerous photographs of the various steps involved in the manufacture of the Airstream travel trailer shown on these pages.

Radically new travel trailer design and engineering methods produced the prototypes and tooling for the new units. Borrowed in part from both the automotive and aerospace industries, these methods mean that the 1969's

were created “brand-new,” from sophisticated clay models and detailed mock-ups, rather than from existing forms. Generated along with the prototypes were a whole new series of tooling and construction devices, virtually all unique in the travel-trailer industry.

The new Airstreams are longer, wider, stronger, and more fully developed in all systems. Major and minor refinements in appearance, convenience, comfort and total performance extend to virtually every part. Twelve distinct models presently comprise the fleet in two series, the Land Yachts and the deluxe Internationals. Later in the production year a third series, the Special Land Yacht, will be introduced comprising at least two models, 18 and 21 feet in length. All the 1969 models are one foot longer and four inches wider than last year's models yet are no bigger on the outside. The new Airstreams gain a foot more usable interior space . . . and



without a corresponding increase in the length of the outer envelope. Redesigned front and rear end segments account for much of the increase. While the classic "bullet" shape of the Airstream is basically retained, the use of stretch-formed compound curves perfect it.

Another new feature this year is found in window design . . . Airstream has gone to rounded corners for all its windows in the '69 models. Safety glass is now set in one-piece extruded aluminum frames, a company exclusive. The total window area is larger, contributing significantly to a feeling of spaciousness and beauty inside the new models. A dramatic new wrap-around front window extends a total of 6½ feet across the redesigned front end. A clear plastic rock guard is installed over the front window to protect it while traveling, but without blocking the admission of light and see-through capability.

There have been other major changes, too, in the adopting of the fully unitized, pre-assembled wiring harness that carries both 12-volt and 110-volt power throughout the trailer. The new harness is constructed independently of the vehicle under carefully controlled conditions, and installed as a unit behind an attractive removable ceiling panel. Airstream's Central Control Panel, introduced in last year's models, has been further refined. It is now installed in the

front-end locker area, along with two battery-operated clocks and a barometer.

Once again Airstream has designed a new bathroom, called the "Bel-Air." It is larger and more comfortable, and features this year a larger tub and sliding shower door. The toilet is concealed under a fold-away dressing room seat of padded plastic. The new mirror runs the entire width of the bathroom and is fully adjustable at the touch; contains built-in lights for brilliant, even illumination.

Virtually every 1969 model has been benefited by enough changes to qualify as an all-new layout. New patio-side galleys, new wardrobes, new appliances and accessories are seen throughout the line, particularly in the larger models. Galleys on all 25-foot and larger models are now on the door or patio side of the trailer. Incorporated in them are many new standard and optional accessories that further Airstream's pent-house-style galley layouts. The extra large M-70 Dometic refrigerator is now standard equipment for 29- and 31-foot models. The front room area has been given new sculpturing to conform to the new, scenic wrap-around window. Made of molded fiberglass, it incorporates storage space for the Airstream entertainment center, including an optional stereo tape player and AM/FM radio, and the Central Control Panel. ■

BEST OF THE WEB

Questions & Charlie Answers

This column is a regular VA feature with the best questions and answers from the Airstream Central Internet website (<http://www.channell.com/users/brosius/air.htm>). The Airstream Central website (and this column) is written by Mr. Charles Burke, a 1972 Airstream factory trained technician who is currently employed in the parts department at an Airstream dealership. Mr. Burke regularly answers questions concerning Airstreams and has agreed to take the best of these each quarter and republish them for the VA.

Subj: Electric for '61 Land Yacht

Question: I am having a problem finding a plug that fits the shore power electrical inlet to the trailer. It seems to be some sort of marine hook up with a three curved male prongs inset. I can't seem to find the female part at any stores, suggestions?

Charlie: You are looking for a "motor based plug". The original style used on your (and my) coach is no longer available. You can still get motor based plugs designed to modern standards that will fit the inlet. Check with a local electrical contractor supplier.

Subj: Electric for '71 Land Yacht

Question: I have a L23T2 - J2265 model Land Yacht and am trying to locate the AC/DC electrical converter univolt box, I have no manual.

Charlie: Actually, you have a '72 23' twin bed, Land Yacht model that was made in Jackson Center. The Univolt is located both under and behind the stove. The easiest way to service it is to remove the stove which is easier than it sounds. With the gas turned off, remove the gas line under the burner top and at each side along the top you will find up to 4 screws into the surrounding counter that holds the stove in place. Remove the screws then remove the stove and see the univolt underneath.

Subj: Electric for '72 Tradewind

Question: I have lost the 12 VDA capability in my univolt power supply. The battery works but is not being charged. Previously the univolt used to make a buzzing noise and now it is quiet. If I disconnect my battery I lose my 12 VDC electrical source even though I continue to have 110 VAC at the univolt, just no output. All fuses are operational as I can tell. Has the unit has burned out?

Charlie: Not good, 110 VAC in and no 12VDC out means one dead univolt. You did check for 12VDC power right at the fuse panel bus bar right? Newmark makes a 50 Ampere converter with built in fuse panel much like the univolt. It is the closest thing to a drop in replacement there is. They cost around \$250-300.

Subj: Electric for '74 Land Yacht

Question: I have lost 12 VDC interior power. The battery appears good and the fuses checked out. A wiring diagram in the owners manual shows a circuit breaker inside the front wall where the shore electrical connection enters, but I cannot locate it. The hook-up to the univolt is correct and all exterior 12 VDC is operational. The interior 110 VAC is also operational.

Charlie: Boy, did I have fun with this one. I had to go find a similar coach out on the sales lot and go hunting. The circuit breaker panel is mounted in the front wall below the front center window hidden behind the coach. If you have the original couch upholstery you will have to take the screws out of the catch liner between the couch and the front wall, then lower the couch to the sleep position and there she be.

Subj: Mating the door of a '65 Overlander

Question: The door is not mating with the frame at the top and bottom. I have heard that they can be sprung back into position with 2x4's, but how that's done?

Charlie: Don't hit em with 2x4's! Depending on how you need to bend the door, it is occasionally necessary to use a pry bar. The softwood of a 2x4 helps preserve the metal. In your case, it sounds like the door popped open in transit. Two large persons are handy for this repair. With one applying pressure at the bottom of the door, have the second push out at the latch while pulling in at the top. Remember that this stuff is springy so you will need to pull further in and allow it to spring back to where you want it.

Subj: Early '60's Bambi Dimensions

Question: What is the height and width of a early '60's Bambi travel trailer?

Charlie: Went out and measured our's. It's approximately 96" high plus 5" or so for the vent. The width is 82".

Subj: Towing a '58 24' Airstream

Question: I'm considering getting a 1958 24' Airstream travel trailer. Can you tell me approximately how much such a trailer would weigh? Would a Chevrolet Tahoe with 5000 lb. towing capacity be sufficient?

Charlie: The lengths listed for that year did not include a 24' but the 22' Panorama Flying Cloud dry weighted 2,545 lbs with a hitch weight of 320 lbs. The 26' Romany Cruiser dry weighted 2,980 lbs with a hitch weight of 490 lbs. The Tahoe should have no problem towing your trailer.

Subj: Towing a '70 23' Safari in Snow Conditions

Question: I have a 23' single axle Safari that I tow with a Ford 1/2 ton van. It's been fine, well within the tow ratings of the van, and I'm pleased with the handling and performance of the pair on the road. However, I've only driven in fair or rainy weather, weather that I feel

comfortable driving in. I want to go to Yosemite National Park in the winter, but I've not driven much in the snow, and never with a trailer. Are there any particular precautions that one takes when towing a trailer in "chains required" conditions?

Charlie: I have had occasion to do what you are proposing and quite frankly if it isn't a vital necessity, I do not recommend towing in snowy or icy road conditions. In my case it was a heavily loaded double axle. Knowing that single axles are more unstable under similar circumstances, I would be reluctant to tow unless I had to. Not that single axles are universally unstable, its just that they get squirrely faster.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARAVAN: If you ever wanted to go to South Africa, now is the time to do it. Dot and I will be leading a group of 20 rigs for 6 weeks from January 17 to February 29, 2000. When we arrive in South Africa, we will meet up with our host leaders, Gerald and Lyn Hoxley, who are natives and have led many other caravans. In fact, Gerald is a RV dealer. The International Caravaning Association is the umbrella club that all participants must be a member of. The \$30/year membership fee will be included in the kitty fee. The caravan fee will also include air fare from Miami (for 2 people), fuel, site reservations, motorhome rental, insurance, bus tours, cook-outs and banquet, and a visit to Victoria Falls. Total cost is \$9,700 and what is not spent is given back as this is a not-for-profit trip with a private tour guide. This fee does not include food and gifts. I am half full as of March 1999. For further information, contact Bert and Dot Kalet (#6957), 3132 Gladstone Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104; dkalet@juno.com.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1994 Ford Club Wagon, 5.8 l EFI V8 engine, 4 speed automatic transmission, power locks/windows/steering & brakes, 35 gallon fuel tank, Ford's class I/II/III/IV tow package, 4 wheel anti-lock brakes, driver's air bag, side door guard beams, privacy glass, speed control, tilt wheel, power mirrors, AM/FM/CASS, clock, 3.55 reg. axle, A/C & heat front & rear, female hitch receiver front & rear. Randy Thiele, 3050 Pleasant Valley Rd, Seven Hills, OH 44131; 216/328-9457.

CAMPING MEMBERSHIPS

Thousand Trails alliance membership, \$1,800. All preserve privileges, purchaser pays transfer fee. Bob at 618/664-1207.

AIRSTREAM PARTS

For Sale: Items from a 1974 Airstream Land Yacht. Complete couch assembly for living room; complete credenza with cabinet and table; couch for rear bed room; fill-ins for making full bed. All in great condition. Buyer responsible for shipping. Make offer. Ralph Hall, 1017 W. Highland St., Branson, MO 65616; 417/335-8126; rehall017@aol.com.

For Sale: Bottom window clips for 1960's Airstreams. Exact steel replicas clip onto glass in order to catch crank window opener/closer, \$4 each or \$20 per six + \$2 S&H. Tony Whitman, 310/395-8706; 1035A 9th St, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

TRAVEL TRAILERS WANTED

Bambi. Any condition. Bill Hossfield, 50 Oakwood Drive, Ringwood, NJ 07456; 973/839-9053.

TRAVEL TRAILERS FOR SALE

1948 22'8" Airstream, \$3,500. Excellent outside skin, lots of original equipment. Towable and ready for refurbishing. Janet Penn, 530/581-1556.

1957 22' Airstream, \$6,500. Interior 95% original and in near perfect condition. Recent exterior polish. Rear bed and bath. New 3-way Dometic fridge, new tires, overhead ac, this trailer is road ready. Bill Adamson (#7483), 2609 Brooken Hill, Ft. Smith, AR 72908; 501/646-2341.

1960 16' Airstream, make offer. Planned to restore but hindered by health. Original equipment. Not used for several years and needs work on floor, window seals and a polish. Floor plan similar to new Bambi. Boyd Cammack, 1011 Witter St, Storm Lake, IA 50588; (712) 732-5339; boycam@rconnect.com.

1960 18' Pacer, \$3,500. Exterior polished to mirror finish. Rear bunk beds & bathroom. Original toilet, cook stove and heater. Interior needs restoration. Have photos of original looking interior. Road ready. Bill Adamson (#7483), 2609 Brooken Hill, Ft. Smith, AR 72908; 501/646-2341.

1961(2)? 16' Bambi, \$5,250. Serial #16TSS1874 (CA mfg). Clean interior, all woodwork complete and towable. Photos available to serious prospects. Needs TLC. Located in New Mexico. Jim Caspi, 914/636-1222; JHCaspi@aol.com.

1962 16' Bambi, \$15,000. Excellent condition with exterior and

interior redone in 1997. Howard Lawson (#8060); 2889 Marion Street, Lewiston, MI 49756; 517/786-4349.

1962 19' Globe Trotter, \$5,000 firm. Very good condition, original except for fridge (Dometic) and furnace (catalytic). Calvin Verduin, 7887 Pine Island Dr, Belmont, MI 49306; 616/887-1730; fax 616/887-2862; cpverduin@juno.com.

1963 19' Globe Trotter, \$6,500. Mirror finish polished exterior. Interior 95% original and in very good shape. Overhead a/c, new electric fridge, new TV antenna, new tires. Road ready. Bill Adamson (#7483), 2609 Brooken Hill, Ft. Smith, AR 72908; 501/646-2341.

1964 29' Ambassador, \$2,500. VIN #5128420009. Good condition. Garaged in northern MN. Rod Medicraft 505/627-6498.

1964 24' Trade Wind, \$1,500 (OBO). Interior gutted except bathroom. Good floor, one exterior dent, correct awning (needs canvas). Bill Hossfield, 50 Oakwood Dr, Ringwood, NJ 07456; 973/839-9053.

1966 22' Safari, \$4,950. Very nice original unit with original awning and tire shades. Replacement furnace and new radial tires. Exterior has been polished. Trailer stored in south central WI. Ray Rodenwald, 4110 E. Superior St, #14331, Duluth, MN 55804; 218/525-5326.

1967 24' Trade Wind, \$1,500. Original and very restorable condition. Rear bath, two convertible double bed/lounges, owner's manual & lifetime warranty, original folding wood Zip-Dee chairs, no broken cabinets or glass. Needs caring owner. Pete Poly, 928 S. Union Ave, Salem, OH 44460; 330/332-5544.

1970 21' Globe Trotter, \$4,500. Over all good condition, single axle, a/c (needs cover), furnace needs repair, all else works. Rear side bath. Includes E-Z Lift hitch. 2nd owner-- owned since 1972. Mildred Farnell (#26742) 201 17th St, West Sacramento, CA 95691; 916/371-7238; Sidnmid@aol.com.

1970 31' International, \$5,500. Exceptional condition and ready to go. New furnace, new upholstery on convertible bed, a/c, oven, range, fully self contained. Original owner's manual. Can deliver in US if desired, buyer pays expenses. W.H. Frymire, Box 485, Grand Rapids, MN 55744; 218/326-9709.

1975 27' Overlander, \$5,500. Nice interior with microwave, TV/VCR, a/c, awning, new brakes, magnets, fresh bearing pack, excellent tires, spare tire. All appliances work. Darrell Pitts 360/398-1388 (Bellingham, WA area).

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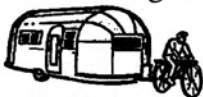
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