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CARAVANNERS



NOW YOU CAN GO WITH WALLY TO EUROPE IN 1960!

Got an Airstream? Dreaming of a golden voyage? Can't resist a bargain? Then this is the Wally Byam Caravan for you.

Paris in the spring — the Boulevards, the Eiffel Tower, the Latin Quarter. Quaint Holland — meadow-bordered canals, windmills. The Belgium of Rubens and Van Dyck. Vivacious Vienna and its memories of Strauss' Blue Danube and Tales from Vienna Woods. Rome, Venice, Florence — these are but a tiny few of the many, many places you will visit, and all on the greatest Overseas Caravan-Bargain of all time.

Byam's Amazing Cara-Value Plan

This Caravan will sail and return to and from Europe on *its own chartered Luxury Liner*. Your car and Land Yacht will either go with you or on an accompanying ship — and at a combined fare-for-two and shipping charge so low as to make staying at home extravagant by comparison.

1960 is the year for Europe. The Olympics in Rome. The Passion Play in Oberammergau. Find out all about this golden voyage. Write today for details on Wally's Special 1960 Cara-Value Plan.



Dusseldorf, Germany



Rome, Italy



Rotterdam, Holland



Mont St. Michel, France



WALLY BYAM'S CARAVAN
822 Niles St., Bakersfield, Calif.



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There's a happy kind of sorcery in going places and doing things with an Airstream. You say goodbye to tedious routine and dull people; you slam the door on boredom. In command of a good car with a sassy-looking Land Yacht® slicing the breeze behind, you glide out on the highway. Ahead, the inviting distance where bright hills beckon you to meet the sky. No matter how taut the pull or crotchety the road, your Airstream enthusiastically accompanies you — down into the flaming illusions of a maple forest in autumn, or off into the occult silence of the desert; to a disused dock in some drowsy old New England seaport, or to the chattering color of a Mexican village at fiesta-time. Why even road signs play tricks of showmanship for your amazement — "Jewel Cave, 18 miles", "Devil's Postpile, 160 miles", "Craters of the Moon, just ahead". If all of this isn't magic, we don't know what is.

Of course, the ultimate of enchantment is your Land Yacht® itself. Jauntily neat on the outside, walk-around spacious within, it encloses a score of practical miracles for expansive living on the road. Bright electric lights all over the place; loads of instant-hot water, pressurized, for shower or tub; a sparkling refrigerator that makes every meal a little bit special; yawny beds that saturate you with sleep, every night, everywhere; these and many, many more conveniences and luxuries with you always, whether you go for a day or a stay. Wake up tomorrow and discover that it's *not* a dream. See an Airstream Land Yacht® tonight!

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September, 1959

"Say you saw it in TRAILER TOPICS Magazine"

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AIRSTREAM

Length	Body Length	Sleeps	Hitch Wt.	Gross Wt.	Axles
18'	15'4"	3	300	2180	1
22'	19	2-4	265	2730	1
24'	21	4-6	290	3170	1
26'	23	4-6	290	3170	2
28'	25	4-6	310	3500	2

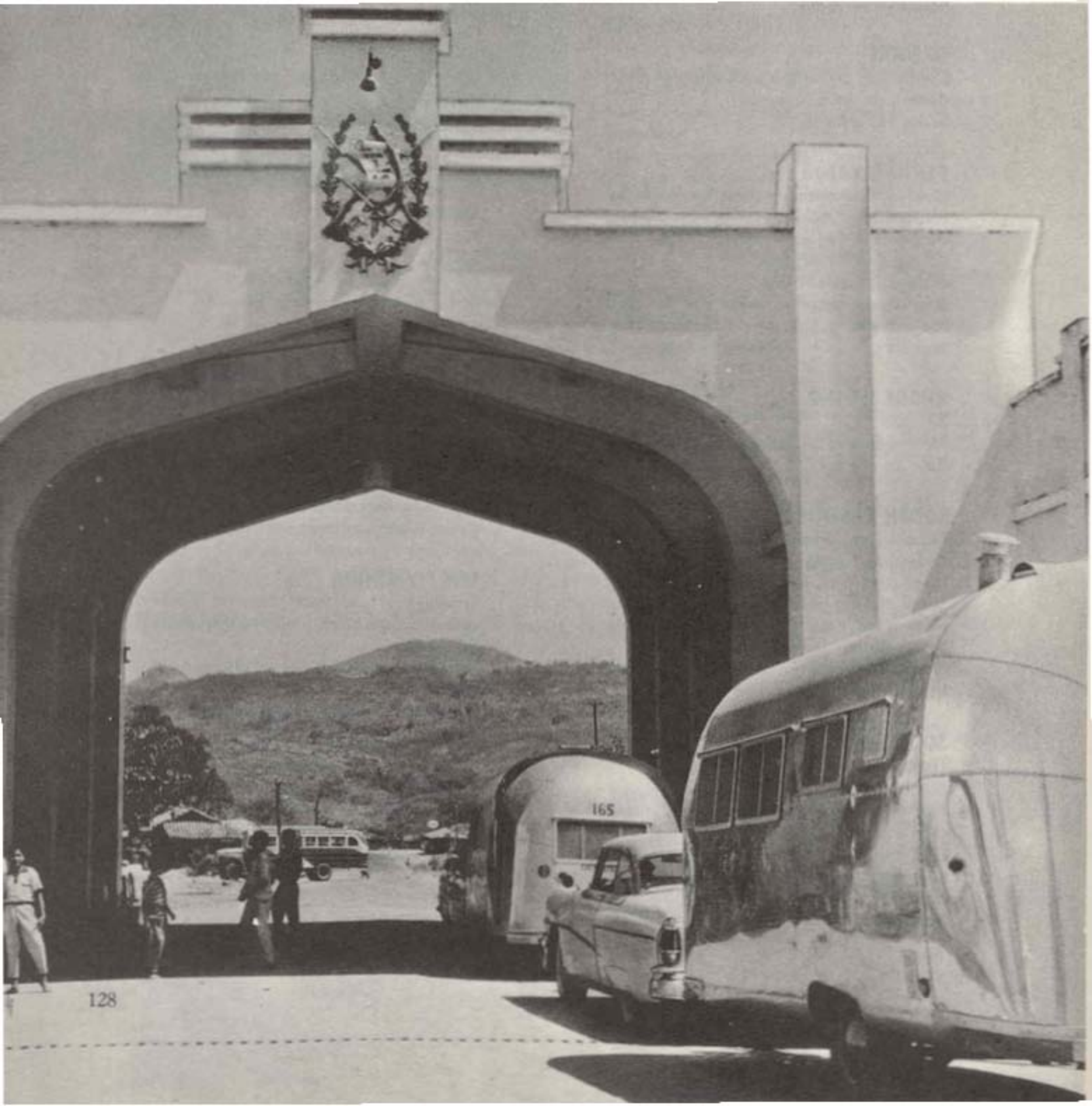
Since the fabulous Wally Byam founded Airstream way back in '31, the fame of these travel trailers has grown to the point where the superbly-engineered products now are known and respected throughout the world—including some of its remotest reaches.

Today's Airstreams are pretty universally regarded as the absolute final word in self-contained travel trailers and, through a process of dynamic refinement, that lead is guarded jealously. Hardly any wood is used in Airstreams, nor are nails; welds, rivets and bolts unite the rigid structure. Readers interested in these technical details will do well to write the manufacturer for a copy of *The Airstream Story*.

Even in the 18-ft. *Globe Trotter* self-containment has been achieved to a high degree, to the inclusion of an optional toilet. But all the comforts are to be found in the 22-ft. and larger models. The 22's will sleep 2 or 4, the 24's and up can accommodate 6. In addition to toilets (septic tank optional) all have bathrooms containing an efficiently compact shower and tub and a large lavanette with drawers.

Airstream is the choice of thousands of long-distance caravanners and that's an eloquent endorsement of the product. Factories are in Norwalk, Calif., and Jackson Center, Ohio.







AIRSTREAM is leading pioneer of aircraft construction in trailers. The self-contained 22-ft. Flying Cloud model is shown in the photo above.

AMBASSADOR, Airstream's 28-footer, right, is a good example why this company is forsaking the name travel trailer and calling it "Land Yacht."



School-Age Set To Take Byam Tour

Breaking with past Wally Byam Caravan tradition, a brand new "Grand Tour of Old Mexico" will take place this summer, during part of July and all of August.

"We decided to run a summer-vacation Caravan to Mexico this year because of the thousands of letters we have received at Caravan headquarters asking for a south-of-the-border fun tour for the school-age set," says Wally Byam. "The youngsters can't go in winter, so my friends in the Mexican government have offered University guided tours, lectures, and movies on the history of the Aztecs, and the ruins and shrines, plus visits to all of the famous tourist sights."

The Caravan will cross the border at El Paso, Texas, in July on a date to be announced later. Wally Byam urges all who wish to go along to register with Helen Byam Schwamborn, Caravan Secretary, 2204 Lindora St., Bakersfield, California.



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Any happy Land Yacht* crew can have a swimming pool right at the door—a swimming pool, a wave-swept beach, a timberline mountain panorama, a trout-filled brook, or any fun-setting they choose.

If you have an understanding with the mountains; if there's magic in the distance that beckons you to explore the far-off highroads of our own and foreign countries, then an Airstream is for you—an Airstream Land Yacht* with its total independence of outside sources of water, electricity, heat, refrigeration; its handsome interior, complete bathroom, and its utterly comfortable beds.

Land Yachting is the fun way to travel because it is carefree.
Find out about it today.

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crist, of Robert Crist & Company, 9100 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, pet Airstream's lion mascot, at dinner party, co-sponsored by Marty Sullivan's Courtesy Trailer Sales.

The Hallidays

Holiday on Wheels



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It is not fate that the Hallidays are about to realize their dreamed holiday. Years of constructive work and plans have made this dream come true.

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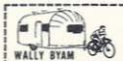
The Airstream Land Yacht* is a personal road-cruiser equipped with everything you would expect to enjoy aboard a first class ocean liner: distinguished decoration in a walk-around "stateroom," lights at the flip of a switch, hot water at the twist of a wrist for tub or shower, ice cubes ready and waiting even in a steaming jungle, dreamy beds, an almost wasteful amount of storage space—all yours and much, much more even for a prolonged stay in the wilderness.

Want to explore thousand-year-old temples in far-off Yucatan? Or maybe you'd like fishing in Alaska, or moose hunting in Canada. Perhaps you know a road somewhere near your own country you'd like to follow to the end. It's all the same with an Airstream Land Yacht.* Convenient, safe, comfortable, effortless.

Land YacHting means real travel independence—no time-tables, tickets, packing; no bell-hops, doormen, tips; no highway food, unworkable plumbing, lumpy or saggy beds.

Yes, Land YacHting is an exciting way to travel, here on this continent or anywhere in the world. Get the facts, then see an Airstream Land Yacht.*

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Land Yachting



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Byam**

At this time of the year those of us who have "discovered" Land Yachting tend to get mighty smug. We've actually found out how to control the weather! We can talk about it, and then we can do something about it. And when we do something about it, we can even make a choice of what kind of weather we want: We don't have to sit and wait for better days. All you have to do is get out your maps, hitch your Airstream up and you can pick your own weather. Like nice dry sunshine, with crisp, clear nights? Try the desert. You can even have your sunshine with or without mountains, civilized or miles from another human being. Suit yourself. Do you like to watch the breakers curling up the beach? Pick your sunshine along the southern coast and then you can throw in some deep sea fishing for good measure. Maybe your particular fun is exploring the historical places of our country. Our founding fathers left lots of relics in the more temperate east and south. Then, of course, there's always the possibility that you and your co-pilot have different ideas about where to go. When you're Land Yachting you don't have to flip a coin and have a winner and a loser. All you have to agree on is what to do first.

Because wherever you decide to pick your weather and your activities, it's going to cost the same, and you're going to be just as comfortable. Even if you decide to push on down South of the Border and combine foreign adventuring with weather controlling, you'll still be sleeping in your own beds, fixing the kind of food you like, and living on your own schedule. Land Yachting eliminates the causes of travel tension—time tables, uncomfortable accommodations and limited menus.

Just to make sure, we make trips like ordinary tourists. We stay in hotels and eat in restaurants—and we come back to our Airstreams more convinced than ever.

And then when we add the fact that we can pick the climate—and have the weather plus the convenience of home with no pocketbook strain—we know there's nothing better than Land Yachting.



Airstream Trailers, Inc.

Exhibiting: 22-foot Flying Cloud and 26-foot Overlander. Show personnel: Ed Brown, Art Costello.

◆ *Firm address: 12804 E. Firestone, Norwalk, California.*



NEW PRODUCT—PRIZE

Dean Vandenburg, of Wally Byam's Caravanners, is shown on the right being congratulated upon winning a Cleaning and Brightening Wash for his trailer at the recent Palm Springs Trailer Show and Rally.

Vandenburg's Airstream trailer was cleaned and brightened with a new product, called Elpaco Aluminum Cleaner and Brightener. This product is manufactured by The Electric Paint and Varnish Company, manufacturers of Kool-Seal and a complete line of roof repair products.

Others in the picture are Art Costello, President of Airstream Trailer Co.; Bill Rogers, of E. W. Rogers Co., Inc., Agents for The Electric Paint & Varnish Co.; and washing the trailer is Frank Pantano of E. W. Rogers Co., Inc.

Elpaco Cleaner and Brightener is available at most trailer supply centers in both quart and gallon size containers. One quart of this material should clean and brighten a trailer up to 18 ft. long. The retail prices are \$2.50 per quart and \$7.95 per gallon.

For further information, write to—E. W. Rogers Co., Inc., 321 E. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 15, California.



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Everywhere is within lazy reach with an Airstream Land Yacht*. The Grand Tetons can be your window-mural today, the Painted Desert a door-vista tomorrow. The lightest pressure on your accelerator can bring the shuddering boom of Pacific breakers within sleeping distance, or the endless brawling of trout-filled brooks to a short cast from your hungry refrigerator. In fact, anywhere is just a dream or two away. Your Land Yacht* is a swank hunting lodge this week, a smart beach house the next. It gracefully accompanies your car on velvet toll-road or crumbling washboard and then invites you in for a relaxing tub or shower, an ice-cube decorated drink, a delicious repast, and a downy sleep, whether you drove a hundred miles or two thousand.

And don't forget—no time-tables, taxis, bellhops, crowds; no tips, luggage, checking, and never a "No Vacancy" sign. Traveling, and staying, with an Airstream Land Yacht*, is space-age modern—more fun than wishing. Find out about it today.

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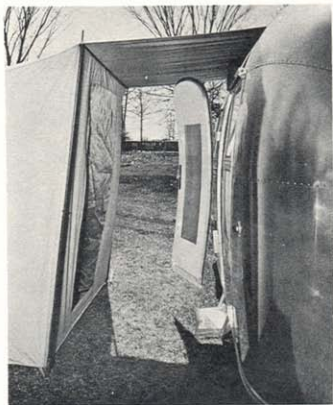
Four-Sided Sputnik Tent for Travel Trailers

Gast Pat. Pending Sales Co., P.O. Box 133, Sylvania, Ohio, offers a revolutionary new concept in travel trailering in the Sputnik Tent, by mail order only.

Any trailer long enough to take a 7-foot awning rail can add a room at very reasonable cost. All that is needed is to install an awning rail seven-foot long or longer over the trailer door.

Beaded edge of the tent roof is fed into the awning rail, and four telescoping poles are adjusted. Two poles farther from the trailer are secured by ropes and stakes.

The body of the tent is slanted slightly toward the trailer at the top. The weighted and reinforced tent door flap stays closed by gravity.



Sputnik tent attaches to trailer awning rail adding room which sleeps three comfortably.

There are netting vents under the extended rear eave and the floor is sewed in making the tent entirely insect proof.

Due to the unique design of the Sputnik tent a dry, roofed area is provided between tent and trailer so that in rainy weather access to and from the tent and trailer door is comfortable. Distance between tent and trailer is about four feet. Tent floor is six and a half by seven feet.

The Sputnik is a full four sided tent and sleeps three adults with ease. Made of the finest tent material, present production pearl gray in color.

Kohler Electric Power Plant

Trailer's Air Conditioned Power Furnished by 2500 Watt AC Unit



Winter in San Diego, Alaska in the Spring is the plan of the William H. McKinleys, a pair of self-styled vagabonds who have traveled more than 30,000 miles since 1957. And they've done it in their truck and trailer. The trailer is completely self-contained home on the go. One of the comforts is air conditioning. Power is furnished by 2500 watt AC Kohler electric plant which has been equipped for remote starting. The power plant is housed in the McKinley truck.



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When you lightly tow an AIRSTREAM LAND YACHT* behind your car you really are traveling in the best circles. Smart people everywhere have discovered that road voyaging with an AIRSTREAM means total travel independence. All you need is the mere whim to go somewhere—to the sun-drenched Florida Keys, to the sculptured vastness of the Canadian Rockies, down to quaint Old Mexico, or overseas to exotic Cuba, or even to Europe or Africa or Australia. No matter where you choose to go your AIRSTREAM LAND YACHT* will accompany you with its whispering efficiency and metropolitan elegance.

Dine in state, on home-cooked food, in your own happy living room. Take a hot tub or shower in your own *completely* appointed bathroom. Slide into the soft, relaxing comfort of your own good bed—tonight, tomorrow night, every night.

And remember this: No time-tables, no taxis, no bellhops, no tips; no luggage, no carrying, no checking, no packing. Going now, or staying longer, is as easy as wishing, with an AIRSTREAM LAND YACHT*.

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Good Turnout at Airstream Rally

Almost 250 Airstream travel trailers turned out for the recent Mid-Winter Rally at Key Largo, Florida, despite strong winds and cold weather, it has been reported.

Numbered among the Airstream dealers who attended the rally

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7 REASONS WHY

AIRSTREAM

IS YOUR MOST VALUABLE FRANCHISE



AIRSTREAM BUYERS ARE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT

The majority of Airstream purchasers are retired or semi-retired, not dependent on a job for security. They are free to travel and to enjoy life. When a prospect comes on your lot, he is ready and able to buy. 90% of all Airstreams are sold for cash.

AIRSTREAM CONSTRUCTION IS UNIQUE

Airstream has pioneered travel and travel-oriented construction for over a quarter of a century. Its all-metal, all-riveted, streamlined design has been proven, year after year, in the latest on-the-road testing program ever given a similar product. This is backed up by a factory service policy that insures enduring good will and customer satisfaction.

AIRSTREAM PROMOTION IS SPECTACULAR

The advertising and promotion program carried on by Airstream is the largest and most effective sustained campaign in the industry. Only Airstream can, and does offer fabulous Wally Byam Caravans to everywhere — plus sales-promoting color movies, radio, TV, newspaper, consumer magazine and direct mail advertising and promotion.

AIRSTREAM PRESTIGE IS UNEQUALLED

When you sell Airstream you sell the most wanted travel trailer anywhere. There is nothing to compare with Airstream. It is the acknowledged leader in its field . . . the travel trailer that most people will tell you they hope to own.

AIRSTREAM INCREASES TRAFFIC ON DEALER'S LOT

Hundreds of thousands of prospective customers have become aware of Airstream and the travel way of life. They want to find out more about this fabulous trailer and its unique self-containment features—features that permit travel anywhere, completely independent of outside sources. They visit dealers' lots and ask to be shown this specific trailer.

AIRSTREAM SELLS IN THE FASTEST GROWING MARKET

Travel continues to set new records each year. Americans are no longer content to just sit. They have the itch to go places and see things — and as further economic progress permits earlier retirement and greater social security, Airstream remains poised in an uniquely advantageous position. For Airstream and the Airstream dealer will continue to sell the travel-conscious market in ever increasing numbers.

AIRSTREAM OFFERS YOU A STAKE IN GROWTH

The franchised Airstream dealer can be confident that he is part of a vigorous, aggressive, expanding organization. He is assured that the prestige and distinction which goes with an Airstream franchise will continue to be sought after and valued. What better test is there for a sound investment than the assurance of profitable sales in the present and even greater sales in the future.

Some protected franchise territories are still open to wide-awake dealers who know how to merchandise a superior product. Get in touch with us today!

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Airstream Sets Date For Dealer Meeting

April 27 and 28 have been announced as the dates for the Third Annual Airstream Dealer Homecoming, according to officials of Airstream Trailers, Inc., of Jackson Center, Ohio.

No other details were available concerning the meeting.



NEW — Airstream Land Yacht was delivered to G. E. Morris (third from left) by (L-r) Al Gillespie, Art Costello and Stanley Long (far right).

California Official Buys Travel Trailer

G. E. Morris, general manager and superintendent of building, City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, recently accepted delivery of a 1959 Airstream Land Yacht from Pomona, California dealer Al Gillespie; Airstream president Art Costello and vice-president Stanley Long.

Morris is planning hunting expeditions to Mexico and fishing excursions in the north whenever he can take time from the duties of his position in which he supervises 910 employees, among whom are 500 inspectors who study the one-half-billion-dollar yearly construction in the 500-square-mile area of the city of Los Angeles.



Don Waters and his jeep-trailer outfit. He was the first person to haul a trailer down the 1000 mile length of Baja, California and return to relate his experiences.

Pioneer Trailerite

By OWEN GALLIN

DON WATERS, despite his 72 years of age, has accomplished something no other trailerite has ever done. He is the first and only man to pull a house trailer the length of the 1000-mile-long desert peninsula of Baja, California, and back.

Those wanderers familiar with Baja, California, will recognize Waters' accomplishment as a feat few trailerites would care to attempt. For the information of those who do not know the peninsula, the paved road ends approximately 175 miles below the border.

From there on to La Paz, near the tip, the road takes those who dare its rigors over barren mountains with 18 percent grades a commonplace, through sandy deserts where a shovel and winch often come in handy, and over dry lake beds where the driver must straddle deep ruts in the trail.

Don describes his trip, which was taken last year, in one appropriate phrase:

"I found my way back by following the trail of parts which fell off the trailer on the way down!"

About 500 miles south of Tijuana the frame of his trailer broke as the result of the rough pounding and Waters' ingenuity was taxed to the utmost to make repairs. Luckily, he found a broken-down truck in the vicinity and was able to salvage part of its framework to patch up his trailer.

Waters, whose physique denies his age, is one of the few trailerites who could take such a trip and be able to cope with its difficulties. His survival measures were learned in the adventurous life which has been his since he graduated from a Pennsylvania electrical engineering school many, many years ago.

"Engineers in those days were a dime a dozen," he explained. "So I bought a ketch and went to sea."

In that ketch he spent 15 years sailing the Caribbean and it was during that period he found himself a new avocation which he has followed constantly—that of writing.

His articles have appeared in *Saturday Evening Post*, *Argosy*, and many other national publications. Readers of the old *Sea Stories* will remember Don Waters as one of that magazine's most prolific contributors.

Don's first writing attempts came when he conducted or helped to conduct many hydrographic experiments carried on in the West Indies waters by national foundations and other organizations. The experiences he encountered served as a background for both articles and fiction stories.

He married and a daughter was born to the union. She was raised aboard the ketch.

However, after his daughter became of age, Don and his wife decided to leave the sea and embark

upon another form of adventuring with which we are all familiar—the life of a trailerite. The author, however, went a bit farther than most of us.

He fell in love with Mexico and most of his later years were spent south of the border, especially after his wife passed away several years ago. Since then he has made his home in such communities as La Paz, Rosario and Santa Rosalia, in Baja California, and in other towns on Mexico's west coast.

When Army engineers blasted out the Alcan Highway to Alaska Don's trailer was one of the first to make the trip to Fairbanks. He's keeping abreast of the situation along the Pan-American Highway to Panama. When it's completed he wants to be one of the first to make the trip from the United States.

Last summer Don made his home along the seashore near Rosario, a few hundred miles south of Tijuana in Baja, where more than likely he made plans for another adventurous expedition. Last spring he spent many weeks among the Seri Indians in lower Sonora, getting material for more magazine stories. Where he'll be this spring we're not sure.

However, he had two goals in mind when we talked to Don and snapped a picture of him and his outfit last winter at a community camping place near Laguna Dam across the Colorado River at Yuma.

He had heard of a band of Indians inland from Tepic who make a business out of trapping black jaguars by hand, and another mysterious band of settlers farther on down the Mexican coast whose members were descendants of a group of slaves shipwrecked centuries ago.

In connection with these plans, Don had purchased a movie camera for taking films which he intends to show on Television.

Don has his trailer fixed up in typical bachelor-writer style. It has bunk beds, a fixed desk where his typewriter is located. He carries two ten-gallon butane tanks and has butane-operated stove and refrigerator. In addition, he has a conventional wood-burning stove which is pressed into operation when he leaves civilization far behind and his butane tanks go dry.

His jeep has such extras as twin fuel pumps, twin batteries and two winches to pull his outfit out of the sand or other tight places.

"I sure hate to break down a million times from a garage," he says.

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the sportsman's way to travel



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Even a rodless Walton, a bloodless Nimrod, finds an Airstream Land Yacht[®] irresistible. The old rhyme, "To the hunters who hunt for the gunless game, the streams and the forests belong," has much wisdom. But for those of us whose eyes light up when we appraise the lithe capability of a 12 gauge Franchi Automatic, or the sweet balance of a 338 Winchester Magnum, the Airstream has a very special appeal. Here is space-vehicle engineering and gunsmith craftsmanship combined in one gleaming package. Here is handsome decor, walk-around roominess, and elaborate attention to practical detail for splendid comfort here or a thousand miles from here.

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Mr. Sportsman -- compare a Land Yacht, for fishing, hunting, exploring, or just for loafing in far-off places. You will instantly recognize that Airstream is the final statement of your keen judgment and good taste.

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CAPE COLONY, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, 1959

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the adventurous way to travel

Even as you read this, 41 Airstream Land Yachts® are criss-crossing the great continent of Africa in an amazing adventure-trip from the southern-most tip of Cape Colony, to Cairo, Egypt, in the far north—12,600 air-miles, and possibly 16,500 miles overland. What sort of people are piloting their Land Yachts® over the vastness of veldt and desert, through endless rain forests and steaming jungle, into lion and gorilla country? Foolhardy youngsters with no responsibilities? By no means. The oldest member of this Wally Byam Africa-Caravan is in his 80's. The youngest is—6! Not counting the children, the average age is a sensible 55.

The point we are trying to make is that big-league adventure with an Airstream becomes reasonable, safe, stay-at-home easy. These charmingly average Americans are taking with them the life they are used to whether they go big-game hunting in the Congo or Pyramid-climbing in the Land of the Pharaohs. Whether they live with the giant Watutsi people of Ruanda-Urundi or the strange Wagogo tribe of Kenya, they will have ice-cube chilled drinks, hot or cold showers, electric light and wonderful beds, always with them.

Travel *anywhere* with an Airstream Land Yacht® is safe, exciting, luxurious, and—economical. Find out about Airstream. Begin *your* big adventure!

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KIMBERLY, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—By now we've been traveling in Africa for a month and we're storing up lots of impressions. The reception of the Caravan has been terrific. Everywhere we go there is some kind of an official greeting plus all kinds of social invitations. We do our share of entertaining too, mostly informal because what everyone wants to see is the inside of an Airstream, and invariably each one is amazed at the completeness of our Land Yachts.

So far the countryside reminds us most of southern California, though when we left Cape-town we had to climb up over two steep passes with 18% grades. The local police offered to close the road until we had made the climb, but we declined and everyone made it fine. The view from the top was tremendous. Then we came back down to the shores of the Indian Ocean for our camp at Mossel Bay where the lighthouse swept its beam over us all night long.

At Oudtshoorn we went to see the Ostrich Farm and learned how to pluck ostrich feathers—there's quite a trick to it but I wonder when we'll have a chance to practice. Anyhow we had ostrich omelet that we all thought was delicious, and some of the Caravanners went riding. You have to be careful around ostriches, they can kill a steer with one kick.

So far we've discovered no supermarkets. In the big cities we buy our food supplies in department stores, the hardware stores are more like our drug stores with a variety of items, drug stores are called chemists and sell only drugs and films. In the little villages we shop in the Indian markets which are very much like the Mexican markets.

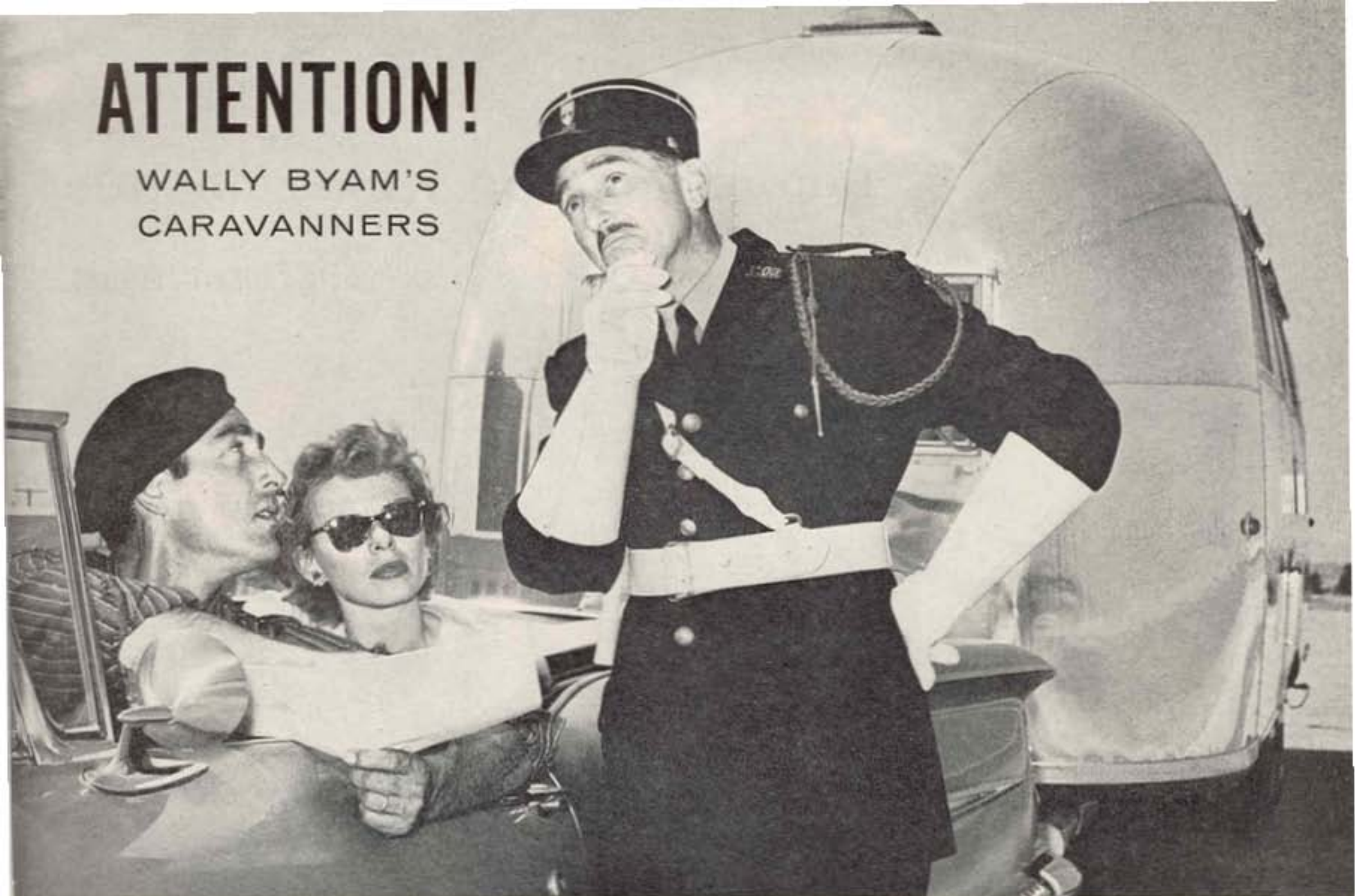
One day we all went to the Stinkwood Furniture Factory, you wouldn't think they'd come right out and call it that, but out here stinkwood is very rare, a beautiful hard wood that takes a high polish, so if you have stinkwood furniture it's something to be proud of. And in a Port Elizabeth tea room we got real big, juicy hot dogs smothered in onions for a shilling—about 14¢.

At Umtata, the Pondos (called the Red Blanket Tribe) put on some masked fertility dances with the maidens parading their charms in front of the young men who were all tired out from some earlier rites. The poor girls didn't get much response from their act. And when we went to see the elephant herd they lured the elephants into a clearing with straw and then threw down oranges and grapefruit for them to eat, but the elephants wouldn't touch the grapefruit until all the oranges were gone.

We've covered over 2000 miles and we've hardly begun the tour. But already we've found that in Africa, just like anywhere else in the world, the Caravanners see more things and meet more people than other travelers ever do.

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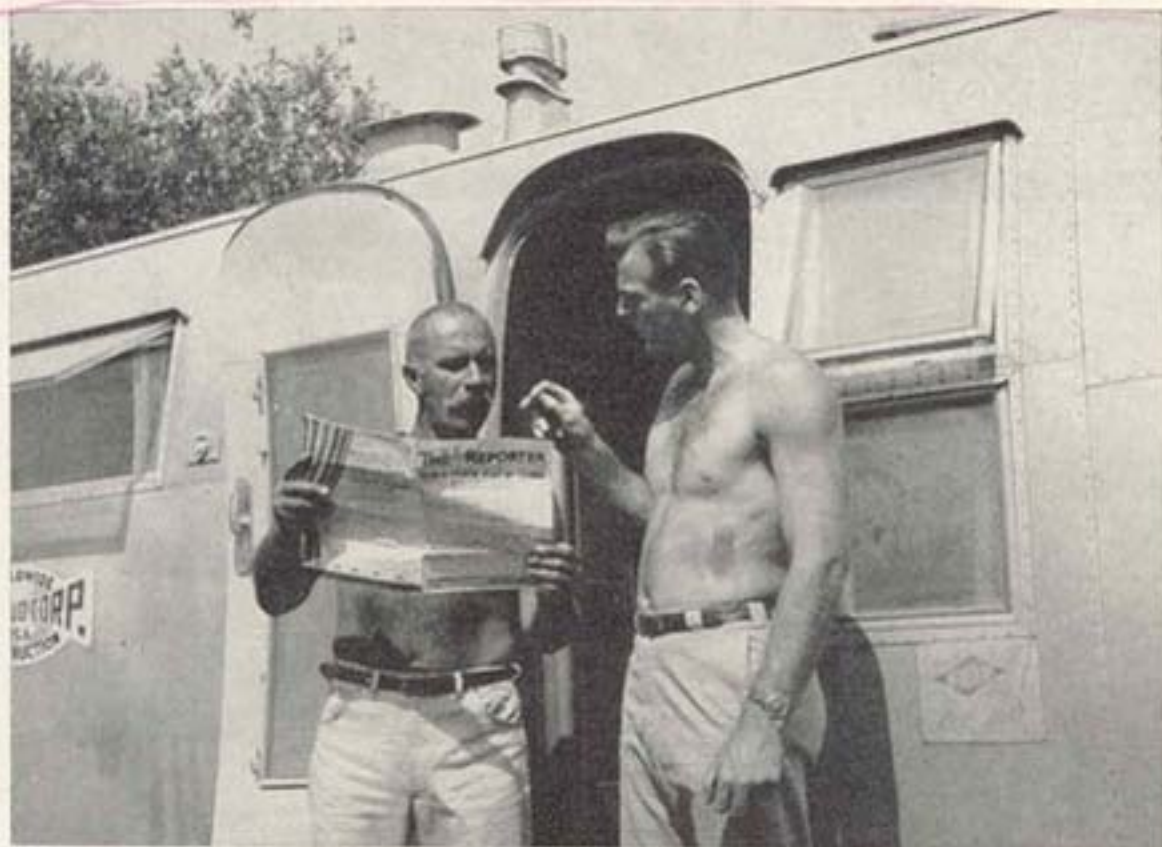
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Airstream Co-stars In New TV Series On NBC This Fall



THE NEW NBC dramatic TV series "Troubleshooters," released by United Artists, depicts the brawling adventures of a globe-galavanting construction crew, blasting, bulldozing, and battling its way to jobs well done in a score of the world's out-of-the-way places. The stars of this weekly thriller are Keenan Wynn, Bob Mathias, and their Airstream Land Yacht.

Director Robert Altman cast Airstream in the top, non-human, stellar role because he felt that the Land Yacht most accurately symbolized the brains-plus-brawn character of the typical American field engineer or technician.

"Troubleshooters" premieres on September 11 and the first show tells the story of the meeting of Kodiak (Keenan Wynn), a veteran construction man, with Jim Dugan (Bob Mathias), a young engineer just hired by the Stenrud Construction Company. After their first adventure together, the two men wind up fast friends—sharing the Land Yacht home and office as they move from job to job.

Original idea for the action series as a modern day answer to westerns, came from Keenan Wynn. United Artists felt this theme would fit in-

to the new scientific age in which people are receptive to adventures that depict man building a new world and meeting the challenge of harnessing its resources. Again, Airstream fitted into the theme with its design and construction.

Both Wynn and Mathias have insisted that they actually do the work depicted in the show. They do drive the huge machinery and both of them have become adept at grading roads or manipulating the steam shovels, cranes, hoists, drills and steam rollers used on projects in episodes of the series.

Just as the Caravanners do, the Troubleshooters take their Land Yacht overseas in the script. And the stars will be shown comfortably living and working in Italy or Alaska depending on the location of the story. Actually, the scenes are being shot on location in California. But while the rest of the scene is "dramatic license," the use of the Land Yacht is real. The fact that they could have ice-cubes and refreshing showers after making the long, hot, dusty takes, appealed to both stars as a wonderful bonus and they have become enthusiasts for the Airstream self-containment features.

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CAPETOWN, THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—Well, here we are in Africa. In spite of all the dire predictions, we're ready to begin the great adventure. And, as usual, we're discovering that things are much better than we had been led to believe. The ladies have found out where they can get their hometown brands of canned goods, our rendezvous camp is a real knockout with everything we could want, and the people are trying to outdo each other to make us welcome.

All this just proves a point I've been trying to make for years. You have to go ahead and just do what you want to do and stop listening to the people who say it is impossible. While we have been planning this tour to Africa I must have talked to dozens of self-appointed experts who told me this was a pipe dream scheme. If you could see our 41 Land Yachts all "wagon-wheeled" with Table Mountain in the background, you'd have to admit that this is a pretty substantial dream. I'm really proud of all these Caravanners who had the courage to decide that they were going to run their own lives, and if that management included a Caravan to Africa, no one was going to talk them out of it.

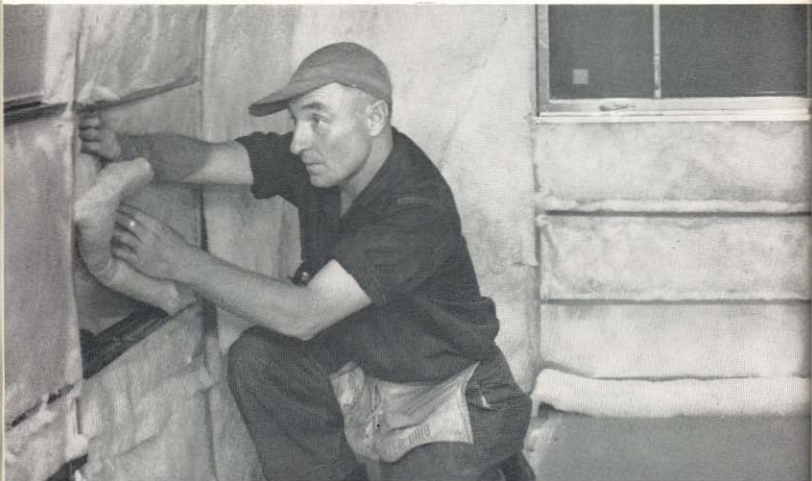
Of course, we can't all just take off to explore the DARK CONTINENT, but I spend a lot of time wondering how many of you wanted in the worst way to be here with us and then "listened to reason"? And how many just plain thought, when they read about our plans, how much they would like to be going somewhere—just anywhere. In this day and age it's practically a sin, in my book, for anyone to be mired down in one spot. How are we ever going to figure out how to get along with the rest of the world, if we don't find out something about it for ourselves.

Sure, we'll be telling you about our experiences in Africa, but where are YOU going to be traveling so we can exchange ideas? You wouldn't be reading this if you didn't have some plans, secret or otherwise, to get out and get moving around. If what you need is a shot in the arm to get your plans into action, think about these folks just like you who are over here. The oldest one is 85 and the youngest is 6, with the others every age in between. They're not all millionaires by a darn sight, either. Some of them are doctors, others are farmers, quite a few are managing on a pension. We only have one couple I'd call more well off than average. But all of them have made the big decision to invest in living, not just existing.

Next month, when we've found out more about it for ourselves we'll start telling you what Caravanning in Africa is like. In the meantime we hope you start widening YOUR world by getting over that first hill.



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There's a happy kind of sorcery in going places and doing things with an Airstream. You say goodbye to tedious routine and dull people; you slam the door on boredom. In command of a good car with a sassy-looking Land Yacht® slicing the breeze behind, you glide out on the highway. Ahead, the inviting distance where bright hills beckon you to meet the sky. No matter how taut the pull or crotchety the road, your Airstream enthusiastically accompanies you — down into the flaming illusions of a maple forest in autumn, or off into the occult silence of the desert; to a disused dock in some drowsy old New England seaport, or to the chattering color of a Mexican village at fiesta-time. Why even road signs play tricks of showmanship for your amazement — “Jewel Cave, 18 miles”, “Devil's Postpile, 160 miles”, “Craters of the Moon, just ahead”. If all of this isn't magic, we don't know what is.

Of course, the ultimate of enchantment is your Land Yacht® itself. Jauntily neat on the outside, walk-around spacious within, it encloses a score of practical miracles for expansive living on the road. Bright electric lights all over the place; loads of instant-hot water, pressurized, for shower or tub; a sparkling refrigerator that makes every meal a little bit special; yawny beds that saturate you with sleep, every night, everywhere; these and many, many more conveniences and luxuries with you always, whether you go for a day or a stay. Wake up tomorrow and discover that it's *not* a dream. See an Airstream Land Yacht® tonight!

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AMBASSADOR, Airstream's 28-footer, right, is a good example why this company is forsaking the name travel trailer and calling it "Land Yacht."

