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# JOIN THE AIRSTREAM DEMONSTRATION FESTIVAL! WIN PRIZES! PRIZES!

Once again we invite you to come in and try an Airstream. And when you do, you are automatically eligible for one of these big prizes. Simply deposit your name and address in the "Festival Barrel" and wait for the good news—that's all there is to it! Go to your nearest Airstream dealer between April 15th and May 31st and discover a wonderful travel experience for yourself!

Some people have qualms about pulling anything behind their car. This is understandable. Many people have struggled with a heavy, poorly designed and unwilling trailer. But here is something you should know...towing a lightweight Airstream doesn't compare to pulling an ordinary trailer any more than driving your car compares to driving a huge Diesel truck! That's because only an Airstream is designed to respond instantly to even the slightest forward motion. Airstream promises the strongest, easiest-towing trailer built in America...and that's exactly what we want to prove!

We want you to take an Airstream out on the road. Now you're in for the surprise of your life; soon after you pull out you'll realize that you're at full cruising speed with only the slightest trailing sensation! In fact, you'll have to glance in the mirror occasionally to remind yourself that it's back there! That's because you're towing the lightest trailer in the world.

Take the Airstream across the roughest, ruttiest roads you can find...notice how it remains level as it glides easily over the deepest bumps. Then take to the curves...now watch your Airstream follow your every move without slipping or sliding. That extra lateral stability comes from Airstream's exclusive Dura-Torque axle...you're actually riding on rubber torsion bars with many times the strength of steel. They require no attention and you'll never have to replace them for as long as you own your Airstream! Now try a steep hill...the Airstream leaps right up eagerly. Down the hill...the Airstream is so light, you descend slowly, brake normally. And now you've discovered what thousands of Airstream owners have always known...on America's super highways...backwood roads...or across the tortuous jungle trails in darkest Africa...you just can't out-manuever an Airstream!

By the time you pull back onto your dealer's lot, we know you'll be equally enthusiastic. And whether you plan to purchase a travel trailer sometime in the future, next month, or right now...we think you'll choose Airstream above any and all other travel trailers. A friendly suggestion; don't buy any trailer until you've taken it out on the road yourself. Then and only then can you be sure that it will be everything you want it to be...a lifetime investment in happiness!

Come in anytime during the 1963 Airstream Demonstration Festival—between April 15th and May 31st. It costs you nothing...and you could win one of the valuable prizes! How about today? You don't need a car, you won't need a hitch. Your Airstream dealer has everything ready and waiting for you to come in. All you need is a travel dream...we'll make it come true!

## HOW TO ENTER

1. Visit any Airstream dealer's lot between April 15th and May 31st, 1963.
2. Take a "Revelation Ride" with an Airstream Land Yacht hitched to a passenger automobile.
3. Print or type your name and address on the official entry form provided by the dealer, have the dealer sign the entry form and deposit the entry form at the dealership.
4. The contest starts with the opening of business April 15th and ends with the close of business on May 31st.
5. An independent judging organization will select winners in random drawings. The order of the

- drawing determines the prize won. All winners will be notified by the end of June, 1963. Judges decision final. List of all winners will be available after that date at any Airstream dealer.
6. Employees and members of their immediate families of Airstream, Inc., its subsidiaries, their dealers and advertising agency, and the judging firm are not eligible to enter the contest.
7. This contest offer void in Nebraska, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut, and Missouri and wherever prohibited by law. In these six states, see your Airstream dealer for details of a special contest.



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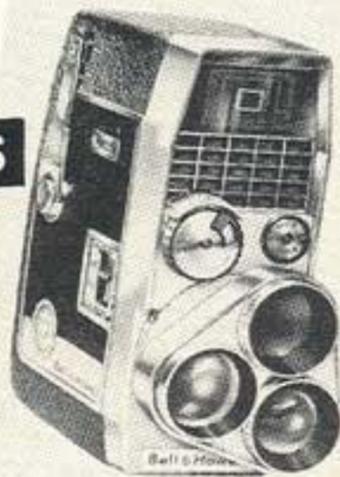


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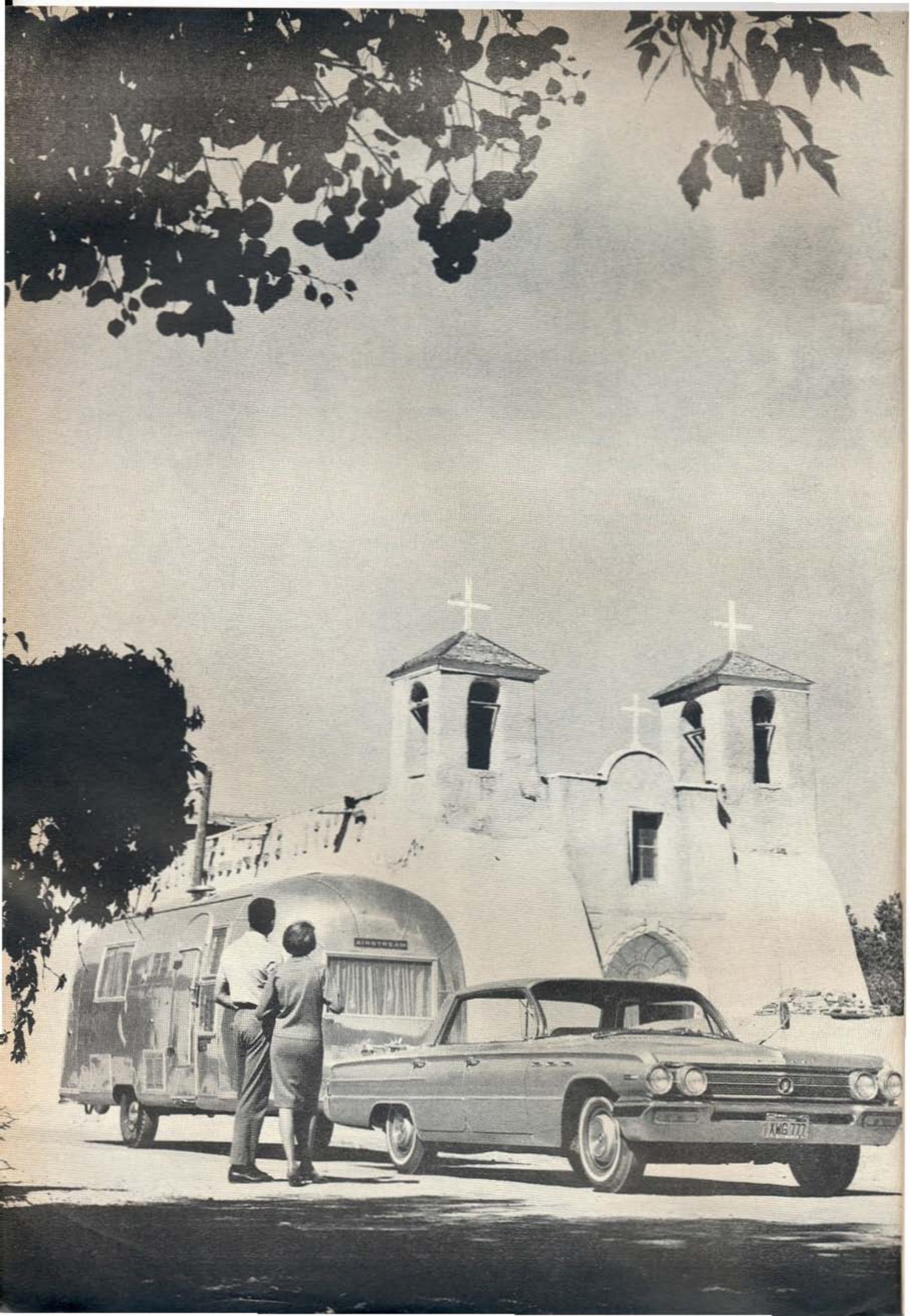
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*the 1964 Airstream has more dramatic engineering improvements than any other single year—improvements you won't see on other travel trailers for years to come!*

You don't have to wait for the travel trailer of the future to catch up to *you*—in a 1964 Airstream you're years ahead in engineering, years ahead in travel pleasure. Step aboard and see for yourself... there seems to be no end to the exciting convenience-engineered features. Completely new floor plans and layouts now provide 52% more wardrobe space, 30% more shelf and storage space, 17% more drawer space and 15% more window area! Now a single Uni-Volt electrical wiring system delivers complete power for everything whether in the middle of town or the middle of nowhere. All hookups... water, electrical, sewer... are now located together in one convenient place and protected from the elements. The entire trailer is now lighter, tows even easier. The famous Aerostress chassis rides still smoother on the exclusive Dura-Torque axle with rubber torsion bars guaranteed for the life of your trailer! Inside, you're surrounded by the princely luxury of new coordinated colors and contemporary fabrics, Scotch-Gard treated to wash and wear year after year. And again in 1964 you can choose from a wider selection than offered by any other travel trailer... 13 thrilling models from the 16-foot Bambi to the 30-foot Sovereign of the Road. Each is engineered for convenience, comfort and completeness to bring you a lifetime of service and satisfaction. This is only part of the story. Your Airstream dealer will tell you the rest... and now is the time to trade up. Get a head start on adventure—see your Airstream dealer right away!

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## Airstream Courier Service

Airstream Inc., announced a new service for its travel trailer owners whereby they may have their mail forwarded to them when they are caravanning away from home.

Called the "Wally Byam Courier Service," it will be directed by Mrs. Helen Byam Schwamborn at 822 Niles Street, Bakersfield, California.

Basically, the Wally Byam Courier Service will act as a central mail box for all Airstream owners arranging for the service. Mail forwarded to the service will be held until the Airstream owner phones or writes for the contents of his special "box" to be sent to him.

Envelopes, boxes and labels of varying sizes will be imprinted with a distinctive Wally Byam Courier Service design and the private box number of the Airstreamer.



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supplier should be included. Where there is a loudspeaker explaining what is going on via recording (this is deluxe superintending) it should also be explained what is going on in the trailer. Just as the weight and clearance specifications of vehicles appear on the side of motor equipment, the maximum gross weight, MGW, and clearance, CL, should appear in small letters on the side of the office trailer.

As night approaches the day of construction comes to an end, but the trailer does not become dark and unoccupied because the night watchman often makes his office in the trailer. The trailer is still a communication center—this time mostly a radio receiving center as a radio plays music to pass the hours for the guard! This is more like easy trailer living. If the weather is cloudy and then there is rain, the guard may make the tour of the building and get a little wet, but he can return to the trailer coach and brew some hot drink on an electrical appliance. There is not much activity in this part of the day. A few couples walking, a group going to a restaurant or dance. The mailman makes a collection at a nearby mail deposit box and greets the watchman. The watchman makes his first of many tours around the job-site.

The sidewalk trailer superintendent passing the construction area at night observes the glow of light from the trailer window. With a casual glance inside the window he can see a few cylindrical cardboard concrete sample test containers, a leveling rod and the drawing board. Against the trailer wall is a time clock and time cards. Signs read "Think" "An Accident is No Fun." There is a fire extinguisher and a first aid kit in the corner. What appears to be a cartoon of some sort is attached by a paper clip to some notices on the wall. The new building has the earthy smell of drying concrete and the scent of new unpainted lumber. The boards in the temporary pedestrian walk creak as someone walks by.

The trailer is in a different setting—but to the trailer enthusiast—being a sidewalk trailer superintendent is the next best thing to being on a trailer vacation.

## LETTERS

*(Continued from Page 7)*

New York City was spending money to entice yachtsmen to visit the fair and nothing to lure the out-of-state trailerite. I tried to explain that a visiting trailerite would spend his vacation dol-

lars as loosely as a visiting yachtsman. The Fair Corporation informed me that a section of the Sanitary Code of the City of New York prohibits living in a trailer within the city limits.

I know the fair is a year and a half away, but if you intend to bring your family and trailer to our teeming metropolis in '64 or '65, I suggest that each one of you write a letter to Mr. Robert Moses, President of the New York World's Fair 1964-1965 Corporation, Flushing Meadow Park, Flushing, New York and another letter to Mayor Robert F. Wagner, City Hall, New York, New York. Urge them to change the sanitary code so that construction of private trailer parks may be started. Better yet, urge them to start construction of travel trailer parking facilities at the New York World's Fair grounds at once. If you belong to a trailer club, it is better for each member to write the letters, rather than just one letter representing the club.

When these men realize how much money will by-pass the city because of their own short sightedness, perhaps you will be able to bring your family and trailer to the fair after all.

Gil Shuttleworth

V.P., New York-New Jersey Unit  
Wally Byam Caravan Club  
Babylon, New York

*I had to delete part of your letter as space just wouldn't permit the whole. There are some fine parks in New Jersey that can help service trailerites, but as you mention, I fear not nearly enough. TT will attempt to keep you posted on developments.—Ed.*

I understand that recently Mr. Gil Shuttleworth of Babylon, New York wrote you about his concern for travel trailer parking facilities at the New York World's Fair in 1964-65.

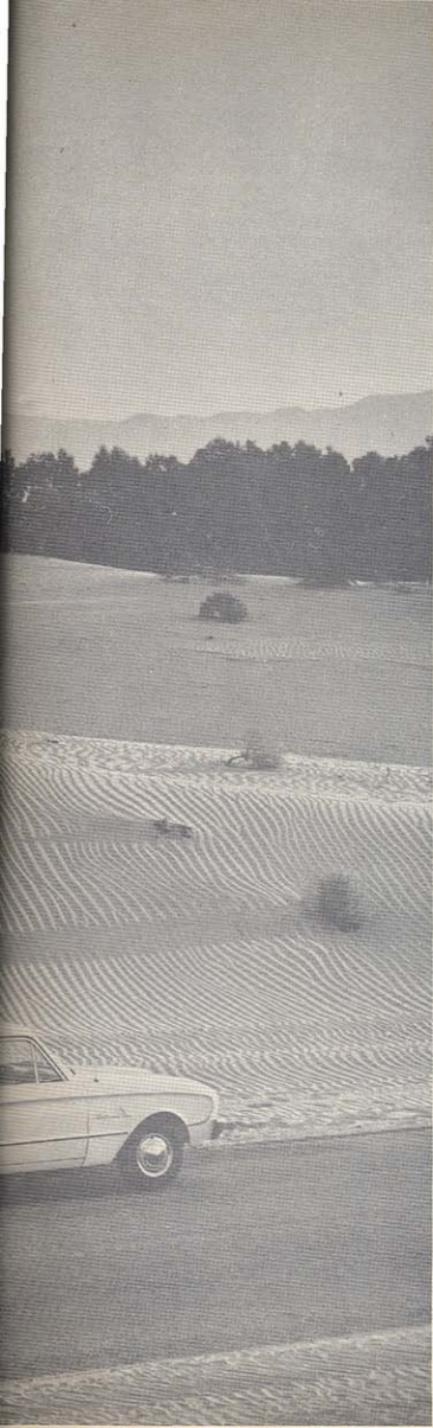
The Travel Trailer Division of MHMA is also deeply concerned about the lack of travel trailer parking facilities in the New York Metropolitan area at this time—to say nothing of the situation at the time of the Fair. I have made two trips to the area to attempt to line up such facilities for the Fair.

We are now in process of some negotiations about which I am most encouraged. If these negotiations are successful, an announcement will be made as soon as possible, probably within the next two or three months; this would handle the travel trailer parking problem at the Fair almost completely, and provide for up to 3,000 daily parking spaces.

Merrill D. Ormes, Director  
Travel Trailer Division

*Write us, he did. Mr. Shuttleworth's letter appears above. TT readers will be anxious to hear more on the subject.*





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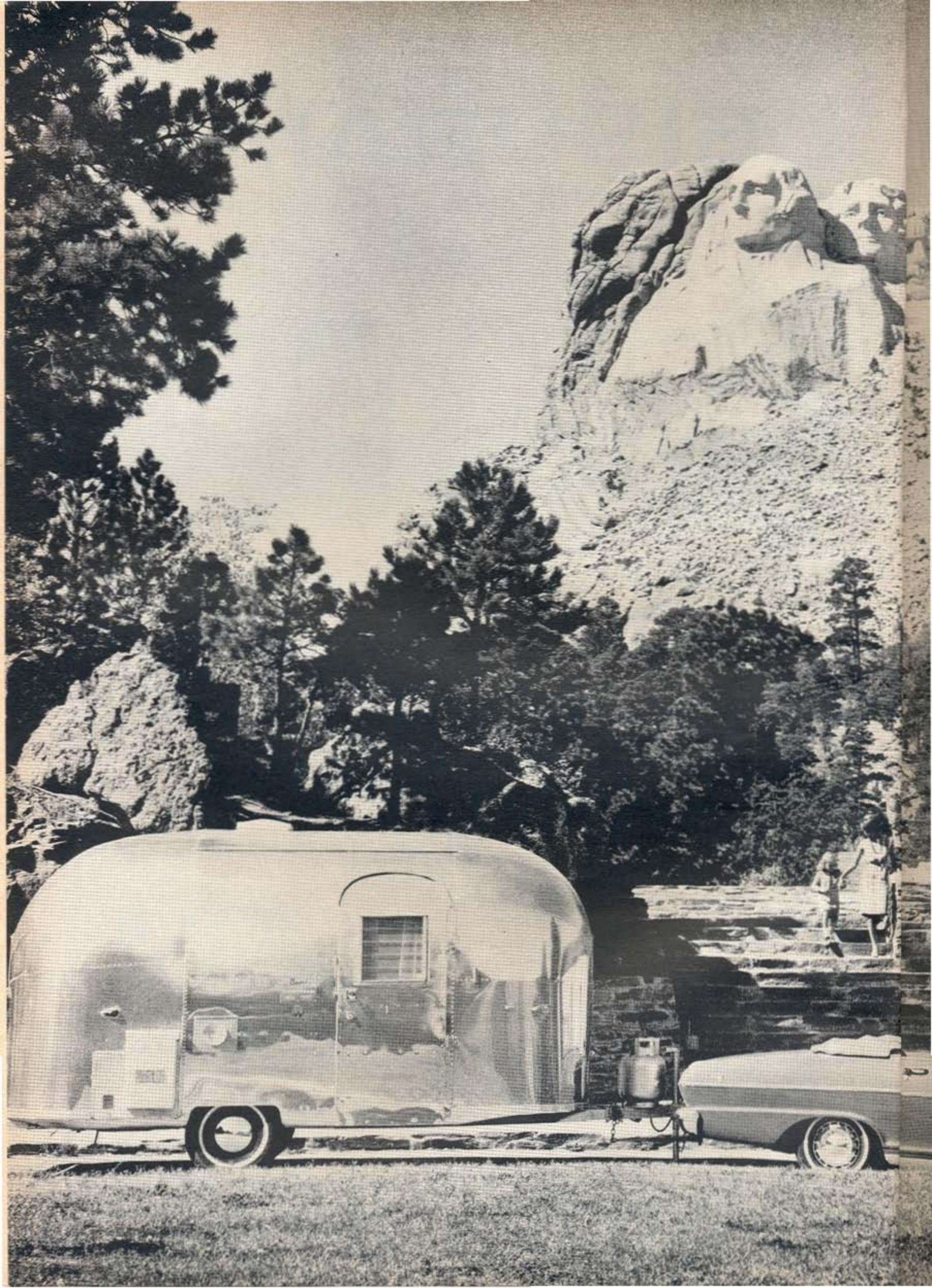
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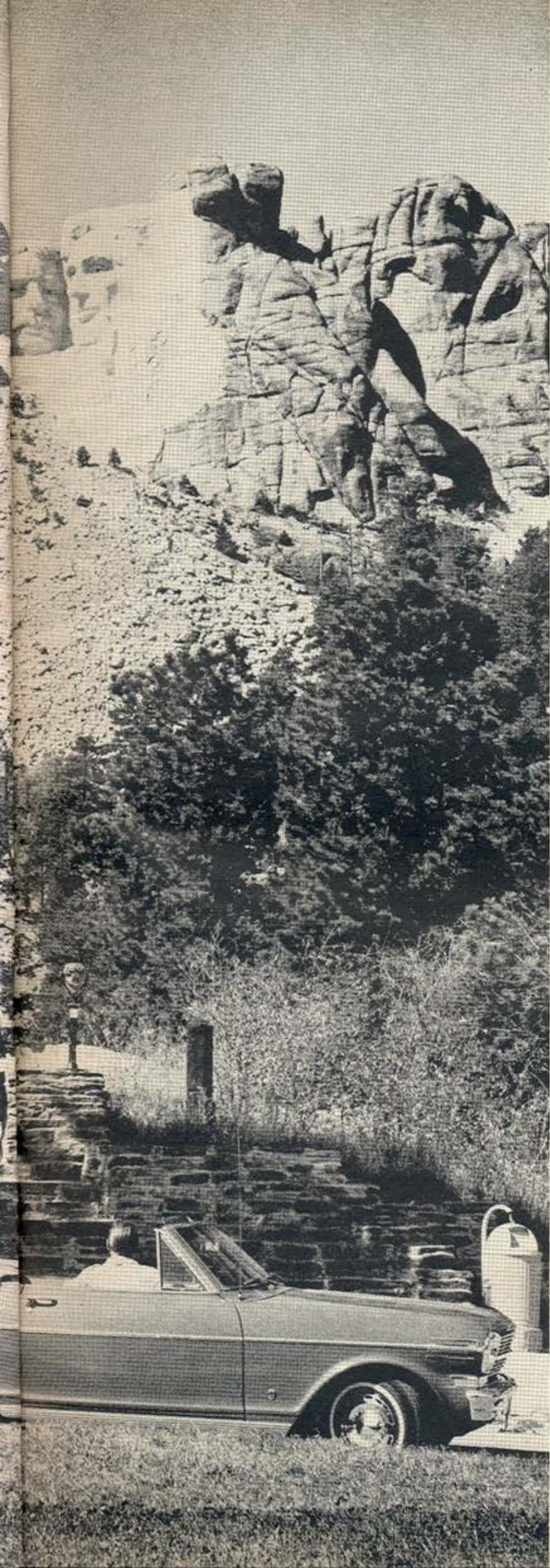
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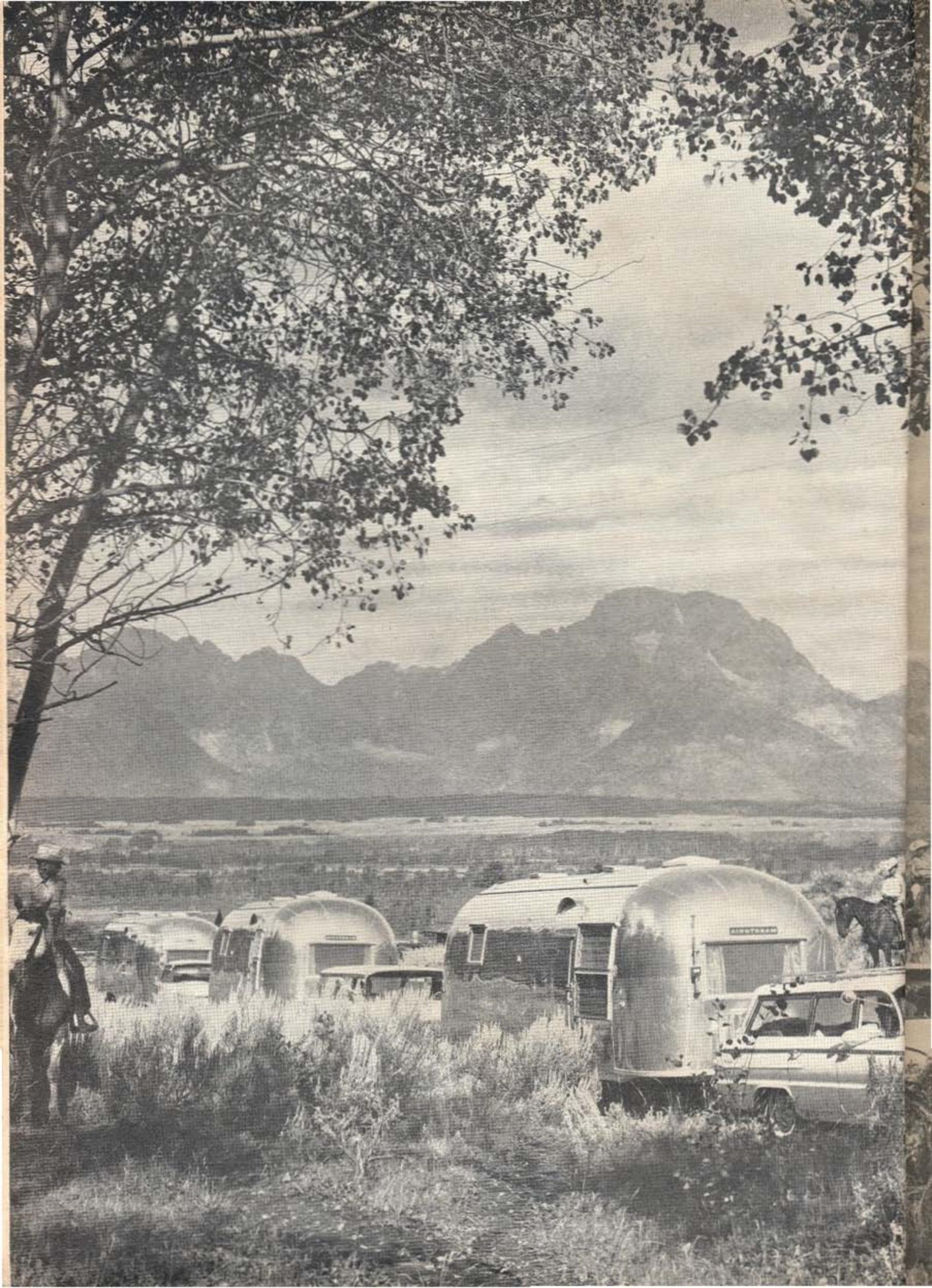
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## Pulling Problem

*We own a Ford Econoline truck with a 101-horsepower engine. Can this truck pull a 22-foot Airstream?*

*Mrs. Don Eddy  
Ukiah, California*

**I**t can, but don't try it. The Ford Econoline is underpowered and a 22-footer, even an Airstream, one of the best towing trailers in the world, is too much.



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## DR. KARR, AUTHOR, USES 1963 OLDSMOBILE



*Dr. Harrison M. Karr, retired university professor and authority on trailer travel, shows Mrs. Karr the view from Inspiration Point at Idyllwild, California. Author of "Retire to Adventure!" published by Griffin Publications in Glendale, Calif., Dr. Karr drives a 1963 Oldsmobile equipped with such factory-installed towing options as heavy duty frame and rear springs, air-operated rear shock absorbers, anti-spin differential, special duty Hydramatic, 52-amp Delcotron generator and special duty cooling system.*



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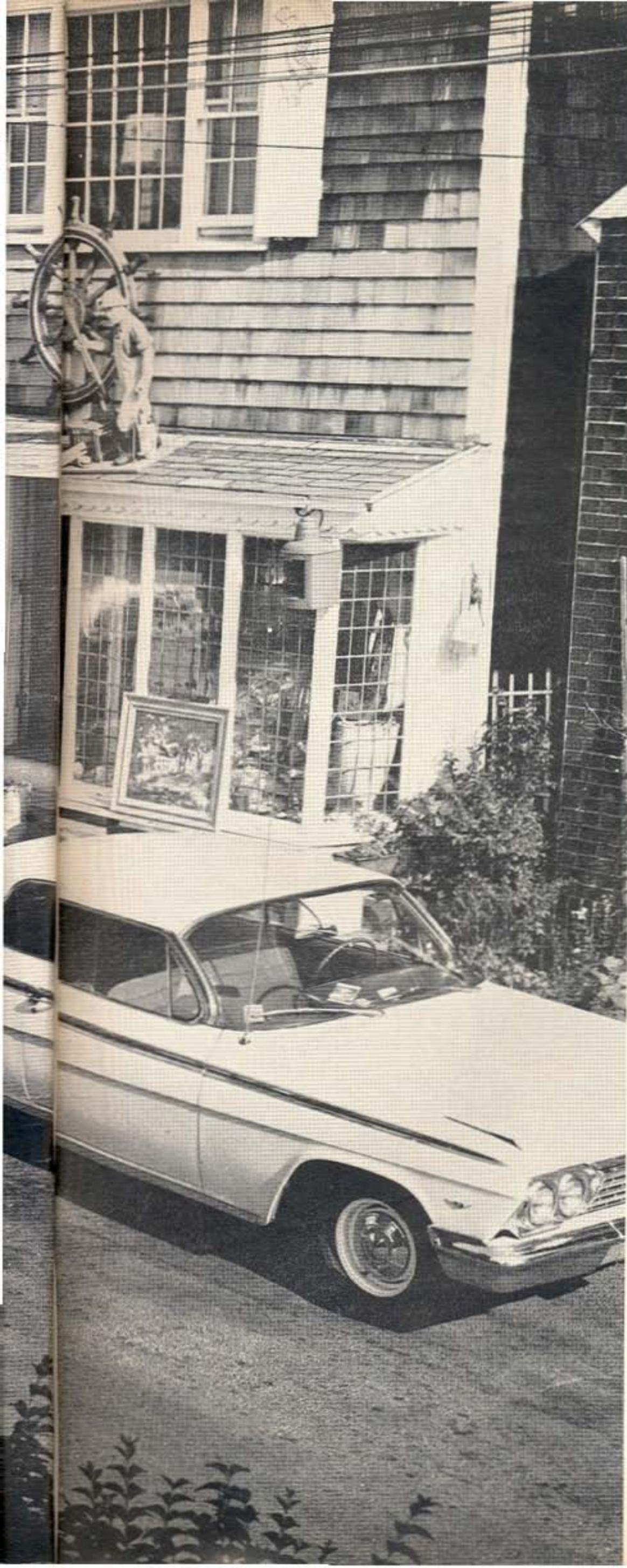
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## Airstream treasure hunt: FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND HIGH ADVENTURE!

All the wonderful treasures of life are hidden in the corners of your tomorrows. Wooded glens and crystal brooks are tucked behind great mountains begging to be explored...unseen places are waiting to be discovered...new friends and interests are just around the next bend in the road. And the 1963 Airstreams are ready to uncover these priceless treasures for you *today*. The 22-foot Safari and Flying Cloud make long range travel realistically practical. Each person enjoys his individual comforts and luxuries...dreamy beds, complete bathroom, hot and cold water, forced air heat, lights, refrigeration...all independent of outside sources. The twin-bed Safari sleeps four (five with added bunk) and has a large galley with built-in expansion table. The double-bed Safari sleeps the same number and offers a divisionalized living area. The Flying Cloud "sleep-two" model features a spacious living room with abundant storage area, ideal for the traveling couple. Remember...*only* Airstream has proven its reliability in 8 million miles of Caravan travel; *only* Airstream offers over 30 years of travel trailer engineering know-how and a guarantee that is good for as long as you live. Your friendly Airstream dealer will let you try any model on the road yourself. Come in soon...there is a treasure of travel adventure waiting just for *you!*

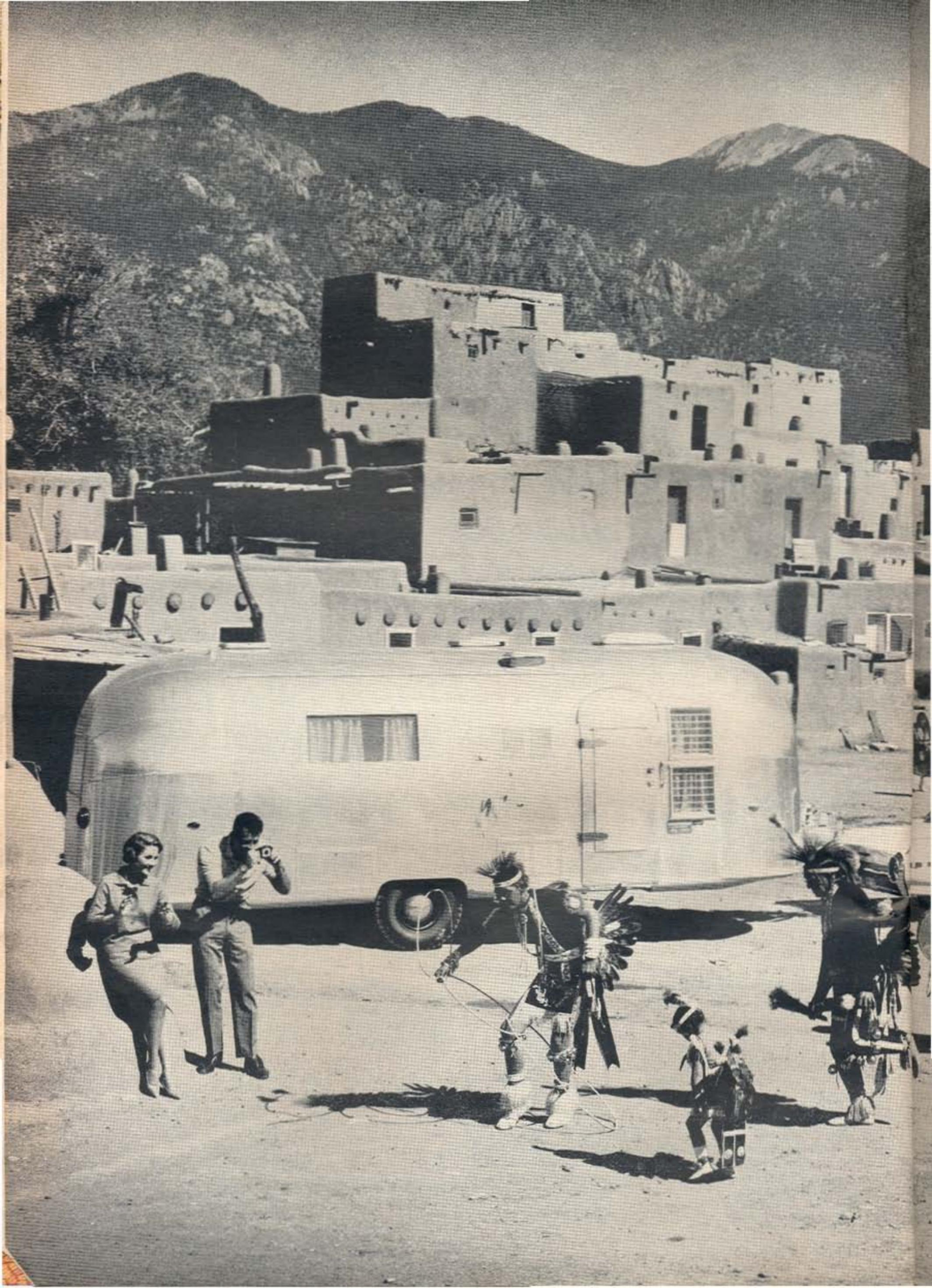
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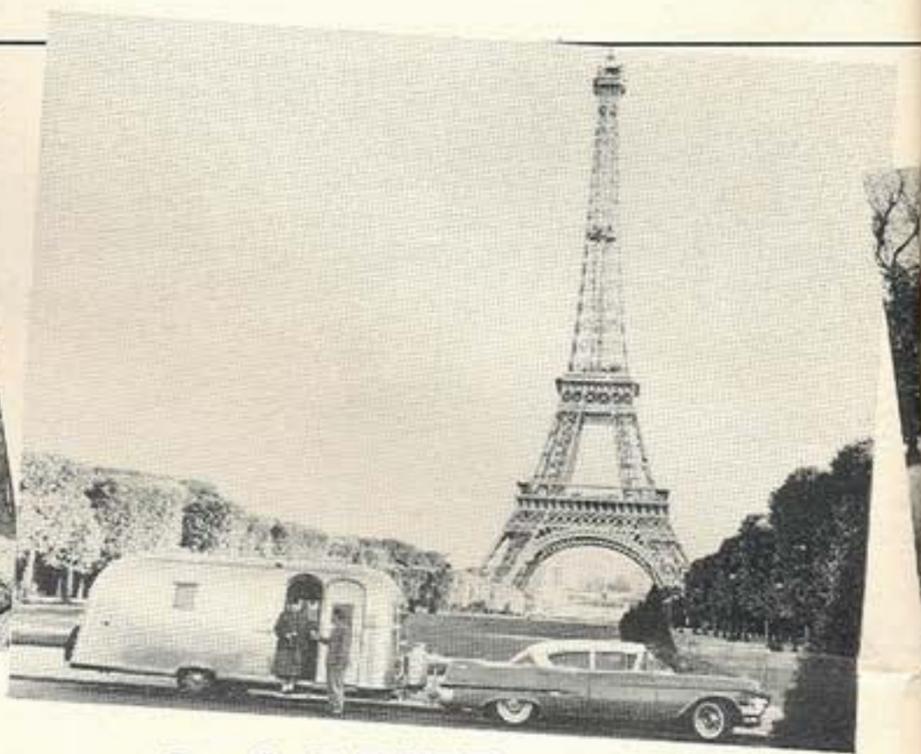
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Everybody who enters receives a free Airstream key protector with sterling silver Airstream mounted on lustrous rhodium plate!

Everyone who buys an Airstream during the Sweepstakes is eligible to enter this exciting event and stands a *better than average* chance to win it free! Here's how it works . . . pick up an official entry blank at your Airstream dealer, complete the sentence, "I bought an Airstream because . . ." in 50 words or less, and send it to us. That's all there is to it! The judges will select the 10 best entries. The first winner will receive a full refund of the total purchase price of any Airstream purchased during the Sweepstakes . . . from a 17-foot Bambi to a 30-foot Sovereign of the Road! The second winner will receive an unforgettable, one month all-expense Airstream vacation in Europe for two. Includes cost of shipping Airstream and tow car both ways, passenger accommodations, the complete planning services of Caravan Club Headquarters and \$10.00 a day for travel expenses! We can even arrange for you to meet the Around the World Caravan for a tour of Russia! The third winner receives the new Armstrong Bay Breeze air conditioner that keeps you delightfully cool in any climate; fourth and fifth winners receive a Sony all-transistor portable tv; sixth through tenth winners receive a complete set of the fabulous new Centura dishes. This new tableware by Corning is so elegant it is in perfect company with candlelight and silver, but so tough and durable, it is practical on the patio! And here's more big news . . . for every 800 Airstreams sold during the Sweepstakes the contest starts all over again! So you see, here's a contest where you *really* have a good chance to win! Your chances are better than 1 in 80!

Imagine yourself the winner of a magnificent Land Yacht. Your fondest dreams of travel adventure come true the moment you

# SWEEPSTAKES!

November 10, 1963 – January 31, 1964

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**3rd PRIZE** The fabulous new Armstrong Bay Breeze trailer air conditioner.



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take command... perhaps you'll choose to soak up sunshine on some tropical beach... just relax beside a mountain stream that warbles an invitation to repose... or perhaps you'll explore the remnants of an ancient civilization in Mexico. You might even hitch up and join Wally Byam's happy Caravanners, a wonderful source of fun, friendship and adventure.

If you've been planning to own an Airstream, now is the right time. The 1964 Airstream is unquestionably the finest Airstream ever built with new improvements and features you won't see on other travel trailers for years to come. It's years ahead in engineering to give you a lifetime of travel-living pleasure... and you could easily win it free! Is your accelerator foot beginning to itch?... isn't it about time you fulfilled that promise of high adventure and faraway places? Don't put it off now... purchase your new 1964 Airstream between November 10, 1963 and January 31, 1964... you could very easily win it free!

### HINTS TO HELP YOU WIN!

Here are some sample entries that might help you win. Entries will be judged solely on sincerity and adeptness of thought, so just tell us in your own words, why you bought an Airstream. You might easily be the lucky winner!

"I bought an Airstream because I travel with my family and when we travel we want to be comfortable. Airstream's complete self-containment means we can go anywhere, stay anywhere and all the comforts of home go with us."

"I bought an Airstream because my wife and I wanted to join the Wally Byam Caravans, Clubs and Rallies. They are so much fun and we have made so many new friends!"

### NEWS ABOUT PREVIOUS WINNERS!

In 1962 the Sweepstakes winner was Howard H. Barricklow, 2765 Parkside Boulevard, Jackson, Michigan. He bought a 24-foot Land Yacht and won it free. Now the entire Barricklow family, Mr. and Mrs. Barricklow, their young son and daughter are making their travel dreams come true.

In 1963 the Sweepstakes winner was retired Naval Commander Hugh L. Crandall of Alexandria, Va. Now Commander Crandall and his wife Agnes are seeing the world from the doorstep of their 24-foot Trade Wind.

You might easily be this year's winner!

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# Early Retirement—



The die is cast. The last ties have been severed. There can be no turning back. Were we right or wrong in making our decision? Only the weeks and months ahead can tell. Early retirement is not a decision that one makes easily. It is, rather, something to mull over, to examine carefully from every angle. Certainly it is not a decision to be made overnight.

Early retirement had long been a conversation piece with us at home, but when we introduced the subject at a gathering of friends, we might as well have dropped a bomb! It was apparent that most of them thought we had lost our minds. Some were frank enough to say so. Others too polite to hurt our feelings, kept silent, but you could plainly see the skepticism they felt.

Perhaps we *were* crazy, but somehow we didn't think so. Surely life must have a deeper meaning than the futile attempt to keep up with the Joneses. This mad race for money and prestige led nowhere—nowhere at all, unless to an early grave. We had seen many (too many) friends, relatives and acquaintances die suddenly, never having reached the goal of retirement. Unwilling to live on a reduced income, they kept hammering away, building up their mighty house of dollars, until it came tumbling down, doing them no good in this world or the next.

Time is not something we can save up for a rainy day. It must be used now—today. The present moment will never return, so we must make the most of it.

There are many arguments for and against early retirement. One making a great deal of sense is the one regarding age and ability to do things. How often, at age 65, do you find the individual *able* to climb those mountain trails, or participate in any of the more strenuous activities? Though not entirely relegated to the rocking chair, they are nevertheless content to sit back and "let George do it." Ten years earlier they had the stamina, and yes, the desire, but not now. We wanted to do things *now* while we still had the desire *and* the strength to do them.

Early retirement should certainly carry with it deep study. Go to your local library. Take home books that you will find there. Read them diligently, buy yourself a notebook and jot down pertinent facts.

## BOON Or BANE?

By GRACE CARTERON PAVLICK

If you are wise, you already have retirement insurance. This should be taken out early in life, the earlier the better. We did not wake up to this fact until we were forty—we found then that the rates would have been considerably less had we taken out this insurance ten years earlier.

For those early years too, I would like to suggest the following: Buy a United States Savings Bond whenever possible. If your place of employment offers the payroll savings plan, take advantage of it. Somehow it is much easier that way. Once the money is in our possession, ways to spend it are readily found. Taken out at the source, we manage to do without it. Thus, with no effort on our part, it is there, piling up dollars for the future. We started taking bonds by the month in 1940. Today they are on their third lap, having passed the 20-year mark. They provide a safe backlog, ready and waiting whenever we need them.

To decide the vital question of whether you will have enough money for early retirement—that is the sixty-four dollar question! No one can tell you how long you will live. If you are 55 now, and live to be 75 years old, then you must plan for 20 years. On the other hand, God willing, you may live to be 90—what then? On this you will have to gamble just a wee bit. (So maybe you've never played the races, forget it, throw caution to the winds!)

Sickness, or disability, you *must* provide for. Here, a good reliable medical insurance is the answer. With such insurance it is possible to dismiss worry on that score.

If you own your own home do you intend to keep it? We studied this subject thoroughly and the best advice given seemed to be the following: Do not sell your home in haste. You may later be sorry. Rather, take several years to travel through this country of ours, and make your decision only when you are *sure* that it is the right decision for *you*.

Now what about those real estate taxes, fire insurance, and other expenses? They must all be provided for, with enough money left over for travel and living. Get out a large sheet of paper—on one side list "money going out" and on the other side "money coming in." Be sure that everything is included, for even the smallest item may later prove to be important.

Somewhere along the line you will come up with the amount of money you can count on for actual living. It may not equal the amount you are living on today. Will you be satisfied on less? Ask yourself the following question—What is *really* important in life? Perhaps you are guilty of putting first things last, and should sort out your sense of values.

Although financially able, many people postpone retirement because they fear change. Others seem to feel that early retirement carries a stigma of some sort. Nothing could be further from the truth. Why not feel proud instead? Proud that you have made your life successful enough to warrant early retirement. Is it not better to retire voluntarily, because you yourself want to? Why wait until you are forced to step aside?

Having considered all these things we made our decision. We realize there are many questions yet to be answered. Right or wrong, we are heading west with The Grey Ghost following closely behind. The curtain is going up on an entirely new way of life. Retiring at an early age on a reduced budget is experimental and certainly a challenge.

Can it be done—not only money-wise, but happiness-wise as well?

Will we be bored?

Not being old enough to class ourselves as Senior Citizens, where will we fit in?

Six months or a year from now, we should know the answer to these questions. At the end of two months, or three, there will definitely be some conclusion regarding the financial side of retirement, and I hope to report on that and other things of interest. □



# AIRSTREAM 1964...MORE FEATURES, MORE IMPROVEMENTS, MORE TRAVEL PLEASURE!

*Whether you're buying your very first trailer or whether you want to trade up to the most superb travel trailer ever built...you will discover the 1964 Airstream gives you everything you ever wanted. See it, try it, prove it to yourself!*

You've heard us say that the all new 1964 Airstream offers exciting new features you won't see on other trailers for years to come...that it is years ahead in engineering...and now we'd like to prove it! We want you to compare the 1964 Airstream feature for feature, inside and out. We know what your reaction will be...you'll say it is the most remarkable travel trailer you've ever seen! Step inside, notice completely new floor plans and layouts. They provide 52% more wardrobe space, 30% more storage space, 17% more drawer space and 15% more window area. The new Uni-Volt wiring system operates all lights and appliances. Switch from 110 V to 12 V just by flicking the master switch! In place of household bulbs, now special lamps designed specifically for trailer use, give light that's city-bright, cooler too. You'll love the new airliner type bathroom. All bathroom fixtures are boldly sculptured in durable fiberglass that will keep its age a secret. Sweeping, contemporary lines form a full size bathtub, shower, concealed toilet, medicine chest, clothes hamper, extra storage space and in some models even additional wardrobe space! The result is a roomier, more comfortable bathroom that is as practical as it is beautiful...smooth, seamless, easy to clean. You'll appreciate the new marine water pump that silently provides instant water under constant pressure in any circumstance. A lightweight polyethylene water tank supplies 30 gallons of tasteless, odorless, fresh clean water. The enlarged septic tank

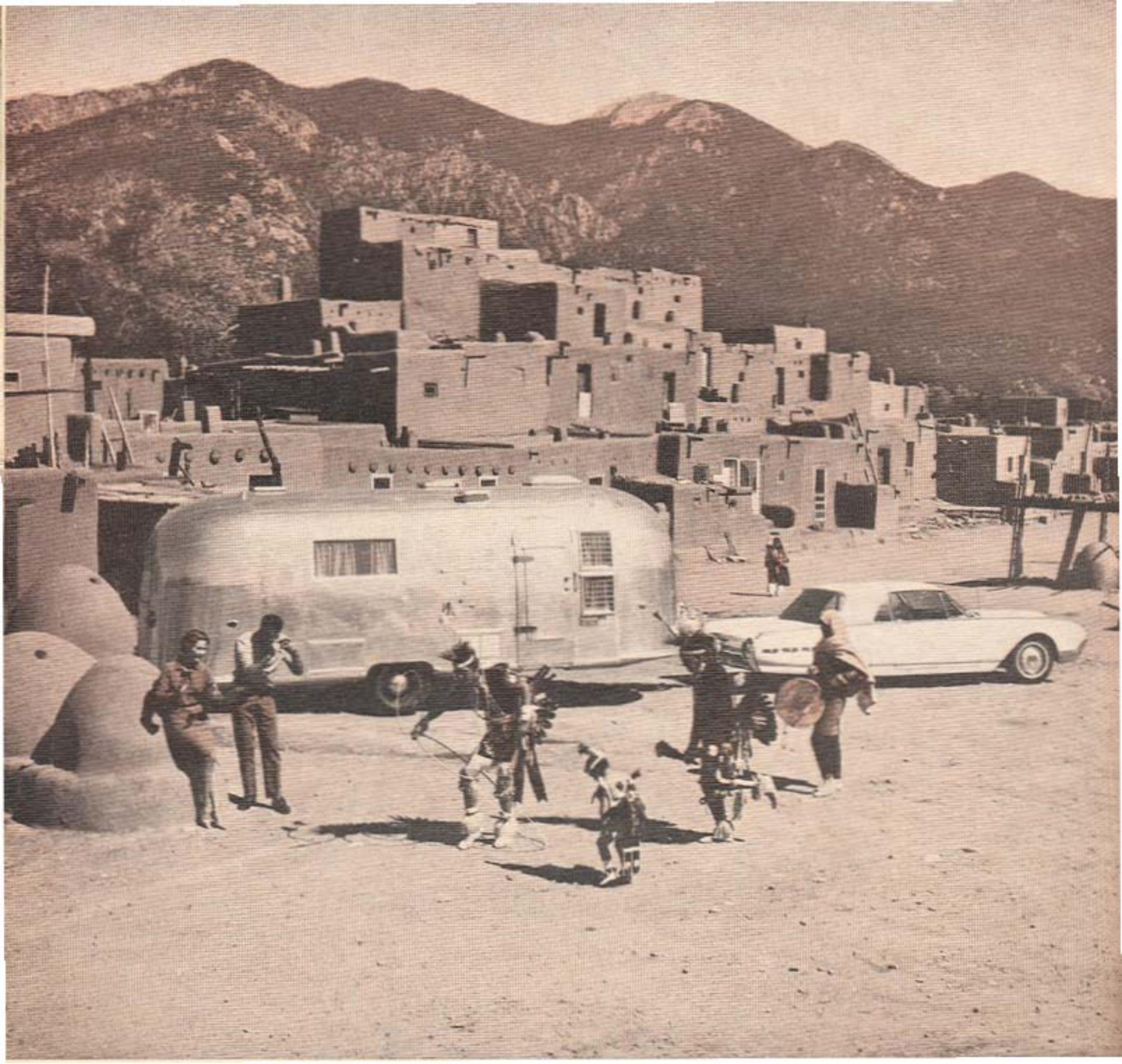
is now plumbed to hold wash water too whenever necessary. And here are three new features planned to give you added confidence on the road; a sight window to tell you how full the septic tank is...a sight gauge to tell you how much fresh water you have on hand...a battery condition meter to tell you how much power remains in your battery! The optional air conditioner, an Airstream exclusive, is the first air conditioner designed specifically for trailer use. It is substantially lighter, more compact, efficient. Step around back now and check the one-stop service center. Water, electrical and sewer hookups, the battery, water pump and septic tank valve are all located in one easy-to-reach compartment that's protected from dirt and weather. In fact, you can open and close the septic tank valve with white gloves on and never get them soiled! Now step back and notice the five-segmented ends. This patented feature makes the configuration more streamlined, provides a still smoother air flow plus added strength. While you're about it, take an Airstream out on the road. Notice how easily it tows, how obediently it follows your every move. The Aerostress chassis floats almost vibrationless on the exclusive Dura-Torque axle with rubber torsion bars that require no attention and you'll never have to replace them for as long as you own your Airstream. These are only some of the thrilling new features. There are many more. Hurry to your dealer and see a 1964 Airstream for yourself...then the world!

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