

Globe Trotting



WITH
**Wally
Byam**

MEXICO: By the time you read this, our Caravan of 35 trailers will be rolling along down the west coast of Mexico to Acapulco, where we will spend the Christmas holidays. Though not yet officially open, the new highway is passable all the way. Our principal problems will be the fording of streams and the detours caused by bridge-building. It goes through a country that many believe is the most interesting part of all Mexico, as yet unspoiled by American tourists.

CUBA: We have scheduled a trip to Cuba leaving Florida around the middle of February. Shipping rates seem terribly high, but we are trying to get them down to about \$400 round trip for car, trailer and two people. The Cuban Government is very anxious to have us come. They have rolled out the plush carpet and are already arranging a camp site for us in Havana.

Mark Smith, who was on our trip to Nicaragua last year and is a prominent AIRSTREAM dealer, is doing the major-domo work on this Cuban trip. If you want to go, write Mark Smith, 330 East Morton Ave., Jacksonville, Ill.

EUROPE: This is the piece de resistance of all trailer trips. Neil Vanderbilt and I have planned this trip in detail. We would like to sail for Europe sometime in March, stay there six months, see and practically live in every country in Europe, and the countries of Europe are very, very anxious to have us come. We want to see the Coronation, visit Holland at tulip time, live in Paris for a month, spend several weeks on the French Riviera, be guests of the Swiss Government camping in the Valley of the Jungfrau and on Lake Lucerne, and see all of Western Germany, Denmark, Luxembourg, Belgium, Austria, Italy and Spain.

The big problem is this. The total trip will cost the average couple about \$6000 from the time they leave the States until they get back home. This includes all expenses—gasoline, food, everything. Are there 35 couples who have trailers and cars and who want to spend \$6000 for the most wonderful six months trip they have ever had or ever will have in all their lives? Neil Vanderbilt, with his wide personal experience both as a traveler and a news correspondent, knows every inch of Europe and practically everyone there. I will roll the Caravan and Neil Vanderbilt will open the doors.

If you are at all interested in this European tour, write Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., 1048 Fifth Avenue, New York, or Wally Byam, 1755 North Main St., Los Angeles 31, Calif.

All of these tours which I conduct are not exclusively for AIRSTREAM owners. Anyone can go and everyone is welcome. We travel along together as a big happy family, showing the world how much fun trailering can be. If you are interested in any of them or any future tours, send me your name and address.

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ACAPULCO, MEXICO—For my money this is the topmost winter resort of the world. It has everything. The most unusual night spots you have ever seen, with spot-lighted water skiing and boys diving from 100-ft. cliffs as part of the floor show acts. The winter temperature ranges around 80 day and night. The water temperature is the same. Yet, with all this swank and foolishness, there are excellent accommodations for every purse. The market is one of the most inexpensive in Mexico and we think by far the most interesting. And the Playa Suave Trailer Park is just about tops, with a private "bano" (toilet and shower) for every trailer—all shaded by tall coconut palms. It is a tropical Paradise.

If you want to explore some typically native villages completely untouched by tourists for now and a long time to come, try going north to Zijuatenejo, the old seaport of the Aztec kings. It is on the most beautiful little idyllic tropical bay I have ever seen. Lobsters are a nickel apiece, a full course dinner is 50 cents, a room for the night is 50 cents—clean too. You can get there by fording ten rivers or crossing them on native canoe ferry boats. We spent a wonderful Christmas Eve there.

The Airsteam Cuban Caravan already has 55 reservations. We thought we would stop at 35 but it seems there is plenty of room to park in Cuba, and the Cuban Government are really rolling out the red velvet carpet. But the Cuban Caravan will not roll until the Key West Ferry is operating. At this time we cannot get a definite starting date from the ferry operators, but it looks from here like sometime in the early summer. We will keep you posted.

Airstream will conduct a small caravan to Europe this summer. It will consist of only a dozen or so trailers pioneering and piloting the big Wally Byam-Vanderbilt Tour which will be conducted the following year. We will ship our trailers to Europe to arrive about the middle of May. We have a very fine itinerary laid out to encompass most of Central Europe, including a gypsy convention in the South of France and the International Trailer Rally in Copenhagen. Looks like we're going to have a wonderful, wonderful time. If you want more details, write us at 1755 No. Main St., Los Angeles 31, California.



WHY WE CONDUCT TRAILER CARAVAN TOURS



It might be said that we have an itchy foot and love travel, which of course is unquestionably true. But we like to take our friends with us... and everyone who has a trailer is our friend.

But more important than that, we believe in traveling by trailer. It is a creed and almost a religion with us. We are positively convinced that it is the finest way to travel known to man. And we like to get as many converts as we can. But even more important, we build trailers. We want to continue to build the world's finest travel trailer. We think we do. But we are continually trying to make them better. And the best way to find out where improvements are needed is to go out in our own product and put them to the acid test.

We have heard not once but a thousand times that every man who builds trailers should be required by law to live in his own product at least half the time. That's what we do. Thus in our factory we represent the customer, the people who spend their good money to buy our product. We are one of them. That is why Airstream always has, does now and always will continue to be the world's foremost travel trailer.

Thus traveling together with our big group of trailer friends we find what is needed, what improvements would be better and what things are bad...and these changes are reflected immediately in the new Airstream models. But above all, it is a lot of fun. You had better plan to go with us on our next trip.

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COPENHAGEN, DENMARK: "Wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen"—so goes the Hans Christian Andersen song, and so it is. Travel writer Fielding calls it the "Paris of the North." It has the pomp of a capital, the verve of a metropolis, but it's still a roistering seaport town. It has canals a la Amsterdam, sidewalk cafes, grand boulevards and beautiful parks a la Paris, and elaborately costumed soldiers a la London. It is clean, orderly, shipshape and prosperous.

To top it all, it is more like America than any country in Europe. They even celebrate the Fourth of July. However, most Danes, unlike many other Europeans, do not want to come to America. They say, "You Americans have great abundance too, but you have to work so hard for it. We have as much, but we take it easier." There are not many millionaires, but no poor people. They retire at 65 to very nice little homes furnished by the Government and are given pensions that allow them to live very comfortably—a little on the plush side, in fact. The Danes look forward to growing old.

They have the best highways in Europe and some rather unusual traffic laws. In the first place, they won't let anyone come into the country without a good insurance policy. If you don't have one, they'll sell you one right at the border. Then there are no speed limits. You can go as fast as you want to if the road is clear and straight, but you have to use good judgment—and the judge will decide whether you did or not.

The Danes love to have fun—just plain romping, stomping fun. There are dozens of nightspots in Copenhagen, all of them packed, and the folks never seem to go home. They are orderly, have wonderful things to eat, very excellent floor shows, and the customers really have a good time.

Here at the International Camping and Trailer Rally, held on the grounds of an old castle, there are two to three hundred trailers and so many tent and auto campers that I just can't count them. The very excellent loud-speaker system announces all kinds of events—excursions, meetings, etc. The announcements are in seven languages—Danish, Swedish, German, French, Italian, Spanish and English. It's a wonderful way to learn languages except that we don't know what they're talking about until the last translation. Between announcements, they play music. Incidentally, popular music is about the same in all countries. They sing our songs in their languages just as we sing theirs in the United States. Sounds funny to hear familiar American melodies with Danish or French words.

Everyone is friendly and wears a little pennant of the Rally which stamps him as "one of the gang." If you can't talk to someone, you can pantomime and grin. All of them are the finest folks you'll ever meet. What are we having wars for, or even thoughts of them? What we need are more camping and trailer rallies. Here's to the Danes and their wonderful, bouncing, prosperous, beautiful, progressive, fun-loving country!

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**WHEN YOU BUY AIRSTREAM
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FINEST TRAVEL TRAILER**



Airstream **1936**

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Erwin, 1145 Hermosa Road, Pasadena, Calif., bought the above 14-ft. Airstream in 1936 for \$840. After 17 years of happy trailering they sold it for \$500—and it's still going strong.



Airstream **1953**

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Erwin in their new 25-ft. Airstream Cruiser. "We bought an Airstream again, because we feel that it has no equal for traveling ease, comfort and durability. We love it."

"Mrs. Erwin and I bought our first Airstream for \$840 in 1936. For 17 years we traveled throughout the country over the roughest roads and often in areas where no trailer had ever been. Never a bit of trouble. The Airstream was always comfortable, easy to tow and easy to handle. This year we sold it for \$500, and still in fine condition. Just think of it, the trailer cost us only \$20 a year. You can't beat this for resale value. Recently we bought a larger trailer—obviously it was an Airstream. From long, happy experience we know that for travel, comfort and trouble-free service you can't buy a better trailer. We expect to have the new 25-ft. Airstream for another 17 years!"

Yes, here's positive proof... if you want to go places in a trailer, buy an Airstream, the greatest value in travel trailers. Built since 1932, Airstream is designed to be as lightweight and dependable as an airplane with its all-aluminum, all-metal, all-riveted construction...four great models to choose from, 17-ft., 21-ft., 25-ft., and 29-ft. Buy with confidence and assurance of long years of service and satisfaction. Don't take our word for it... "Ask the man who tows one!"

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France . . . Here we are in Southern France parked smack up against the shore of the blue blue Mediterranean between Cannes and Nice in the very interesting old world town of Antibes. All of the famous spots of the Riviera are a hop, skip and jump, a matter of less than an hour from here, Monte Carlo, Nice, Juan les Pins, San Remo in Italy. The famous Eden Roc is next door. Off shore lie many ships of the American Navy, and it is something to see when in the afternoon the liberty parties start coming ashore in LST boats, disgorging hundreds of sailors on the beach, many with cameras out to get snaps of the gals in bikini bathing suits. There are many of them too, but only on the beach. A short beach coat is worn over the suits around town.

The sea water is really blue blue blue. You can easily see why it was here that the face mask and breathing tube were originated. You lie on the water face down, breathing easily through the tube that sticks up over your head like a periscope and see beautiful underwater growths that you would never believe possible. Lazy big fish can be within hand shaking distance. There are a few nice beaches along this coast but mostly small round rocks. Wonderful weather, about 78 degrees most of the time, not muggy, rains occasionally, just enough. You can readily realize why it is one of the topmost vacation paradises of the world. At one in the afternoon most of the shops close down until three in the tropical siesta custom. Dinner is late, mostly around nine, then the nite spots open up seemingly more colorful than Las Vegas. Over half the people are in shorts, men, women and children, with the exception of the swank places at Monte Carlo. Yesterday was Bastille day, their Fourth of July, with fireworks all up and down the coast, lots of colorful little torchlight parades and concerts and dancing in the town squares and plazas.

Prices are about the same as in the states. Eggs 75 cents a dozen, wine 30 cents a bottle, perfume cheap, but hardware and clothing very expensive; for instance, an ice pick is a dollar and a half. In our park with 27 tents and four small trailers in addition to us, only four people speak English, a Swiss couple and a Dutch couple. We have encountered very few Americans here this year. There are many camp spots and hundreds of campers, many on scooters, some even towing trailers.

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and to be sure, buy Airstream,
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Airstream has reserved 30 spaces at this great rally. The first 30 writing in for reservations will be admitted free. Write in for yours!



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* WEIGHT! IS THE TRAILER EASILY TOWED?

The average trailer built with wood lining and wood ribs carries too much weight both overall and on the hitch to tow easily. Every hill becomes a major obstacle with the excessive strain on your car. The Airstream, however, is built to be towed—easy on the hills, easy on your car. As an example the 29 ft Airstream Liner weighs only 3980 lbs complete, whereas the average trailer of a comparable size weighs about 5500 lbs—1500 lbs more!

* DESIGN! IS THE TRAILER ENGINEERED TO TRAVEL?

Most trailers give very little heed to travel factors in their design and are at their best standing still. The Airstream, made to travel, is designed with a torpedo body and with a completely covered underbelly to reduce wind resistance as is done in all racing cars.

* CONSTRUCTION! WHAT MATERIALS ARE USED?

In a travel trailer materials used must be such as will insure reduced weight and maximum durability and comfort. The Airstream is built like an airplane with all-metal, all-aluminum, all-riveted construction, always lightweight and dependable—and every Airstream trailer is equipped with large automotive-type shock absorbers that cushion the ride, the trailer and its contents.

* ASSEMBLY! ARE FASTENERS VIBRATION-PROOF?

Most trailers are assembled with wood, nails and screws. Travel, vibration and weather work havoc with this type of assembly—loosening, warping and often breaking the body of the trailer. The Airstream uses no nails or screws. It is assembled with vibration-proof rivets, nuts, bolts and welding only. There are thousands of rivets in every Airstream. Once driven home they are there for life. Vibration, weather, nothing loosens them.

* VISION! IS IT SAFE AND EFFECTIVE?

You wouldn't travel in your car with your rear window painted black—neither should you in a trailer. Airstream's famous "See-Thru" vision permits you to see clear through your trailer to the road in back, insuring safe driving.

* TESTING! IS THE TRAILER TESTED FOR TRAVEL?

It's one thing to claim travel features, but it's another to prove it. Airstream spends thousands of dollars every year travel-testing trailers and pioneering new trailer routes. The Airstream will go anywhere, and to prove it, we take them there—Mexico, Central America, Europe, Canada and many other places—millions of miles of travel-testing under all road conditions.

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Walter Knight, owner of Knight's Trailer Sales at 3351 4th Street, North, in St. Petersburg, Florida, recently had this fine large sign erected on US 19, just north of the city to remind trailerists and others that he is still on the job to serve them. And the term—"Trailer Engineers," is well deserved for the Knight organization can design, build or build coaches for every requirement and this includes mobile homes for dogs and humans as well of the thousands of trailer-minded folk who flock to the Tampa-St. Pete area each season.

