## AIRSTREAM



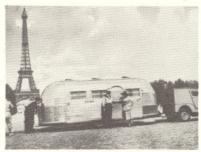
LIGHT-WEIGHT TRAILERS



When the first Airstream trailer was built there were no trailer parks anywhere in America. There were only two other trailer "factories" in the United States. Wally Byam conceived Airstream to be a trailer to achieve the utmost in travel comfort and convenience and roadability, and Airstream has always led the field in this class. Many of today's accepted conveniences were originated by Airstream—the jack operated castor action wheel on the tongue, front and back windows that you can see through while driving, the bullet body shape, monocoque framing, and many others.

Wally Byam has traveled over most of the North American continent and most of Europe in Airstream trailers. He lives in his trailers many months of every year. To his experience has been added that of thousands of Airstream owners.

There have been and still are some imitators of the travel-wise Airstream but none that even remotely achieved the comfort, convenience, practicality, extreme ruggedness and light weight of the genuine Airstream. Though many of today's Airstreams are large enough to live in more or less permanently, they still have basic Airstream characteristics; are always at home on the highways of the world.



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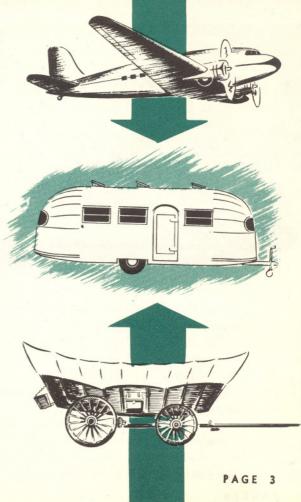
When I was a boy in knee pants I spent many of my summers on prospecting trips in Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada with my grandfather. Grandpa always traveled by covered wagon, the same old Conestoga in which he crossed the plains to Oregon as a young man with his father. It was pulled by four big mules and would go anywhere, absolutely anywhere—over bad roads or no roads. In addition to that, it had the most amazing capacity for stowing away the darndest amount of gear and still have room for more. We lived in it for months on end—comfortably.

Years later when I began to design trailers I could never forget that covered wagon. Its backbone was a hickory centerpole running from front to back. Although it had four wheels it really had three point suspension because the front axle was attached to the pole in what amounted to a "fifth wheel." The front and back of the body were swept up to facilitate the crossing of dips and gullies. The steamed hickory bows which gave the roof its shape had contours startlingly like today's air transports.

So all trailers designed by Wally Byam are distinguished by their practicality and ability to go anywhere—and at today's highway speed. Thus you will find Airstream trailers just about anywhere in the world that a man and a car have been there before him. The bows of the first Airstream built in 1932 were of laminated wood patterned after those of a plane—and a covered wagon. As years went by wood gave way to steel tubing and then to formed aluminum. By the late thirties Airstream was moving step by step with the best airplane construction, aluminum exteriors riveted to aluminum structure. After five years building airplanes during the war, Airstream's crew of skilled aircraftsmen returned to trailers again more aircraft minded than ever.

Thus today's Airstream is more airplane than trailer. It is built on airplane jigs, with airplane techniques, using airplane aluminum alloys, and with airplane insulation. It is light enough and strong enough to fly...but it still has the old reliable covered wagon undercarriage.

Wally Bryam





## 21-FOOT AIRSTREAM FLYING CLOUD

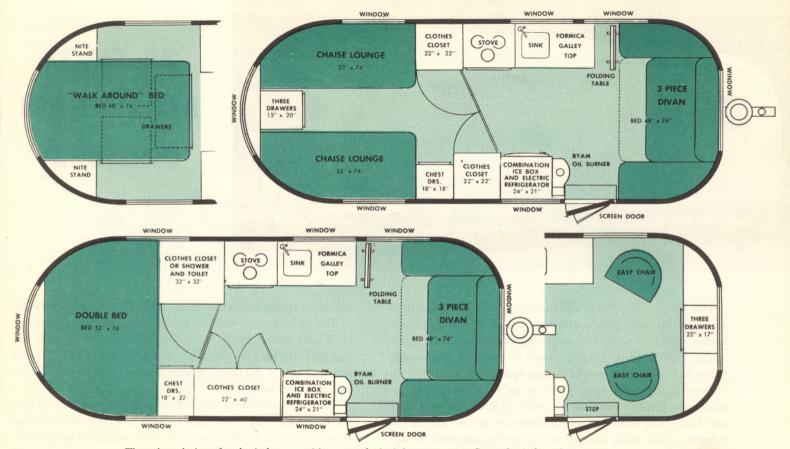
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The Flying Cloud is a direct descendant of the very first Airstream built in 1934. It is the same all aluminum, all meral, all riveted lifetime construction. This newest Airstream with millions of miles of ancestry behind it, and with thousands of Airstream owners to tell us what to improve, is the last word in deluxe travel and a genuine "Fifth Avenue on Wheels."

The body is a little less than 20 feet in length, slightly over 7 feet wide and high enough for a Texan to walk around with his hat on, but, still small, light weight and light footed. It sails along like the breeze behind your car. Owners tell us "We take

practically all the hills in high." Dollies are unknown to it and overload springs seldom used. With the big windows fore and aft, you see right through it, and travel as if it were not there.

There is a choice of twin beds or a walk around bed. Standard equipment includes two clothes closets, two chests of drawers, one a high-boy, a formica topped galley with stainless steel sink, a Marvel combination electric and ice refrigerator. a circulating oil heater, a formica topped folding table and a three-piece divan in the front that seats four at the table easily and makes one good comfortable double bed for two.



There is a choice of end windows - - either curved plexiglass or a more flat end window that opens. Both ends can be flat or both ends curved - - or one flat and one curved. All at the same price.



## 24-FOOT AIRSTREAM CRUISER

This Cruiser model was designed specifically for the retired couple, or for those people who want to live in trailers over extended periods of time. It is a genuine Airstream. It is lightweight. But, it is big. There is plenty of room for comfortable living and more than ample storage space.

Every thought has been given to an attractive livable interior arrangement. Beds are big, wide, comfortable twin beds with box spring and inner spring mattresses, or they may be the more beautiful chaise lounges which can be converted to daytime reclining chairs. Or, the walk-around double bed, with box and inner spring mattresses can be installed in place of the twins.

The toilet-shower room is equipped with either a Superior or Wilcox flushing toilet, a stainless steel wash basin, with hot and cold taps running through a mixing spout, a hand operated shower head, all in a completely enclosed metal shower stall with stainless steel bottom.

The galley with twin sinks, has a genuine formica covered top, an apartment range with broiler, with a suction fan over the stove. An electric 4 gallon hot water heater is standard equipment.

There are two enormously large clothes closets, the door of

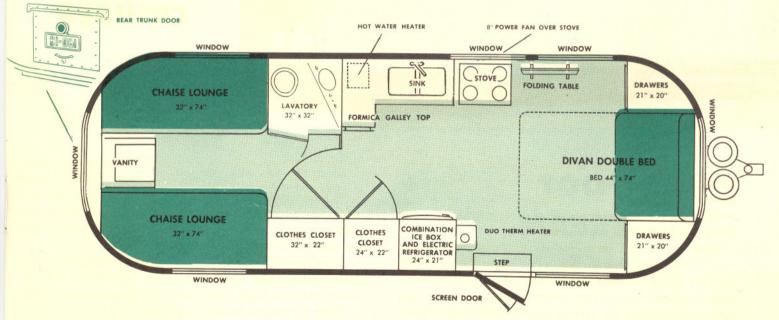
the larger closing off to separate the trailer into two rooms. The space over the refrigerator is closed in and the refrigerator is raised off the floor at the no-stoop level. Either a Duo-Therm or Barns heater are standard.

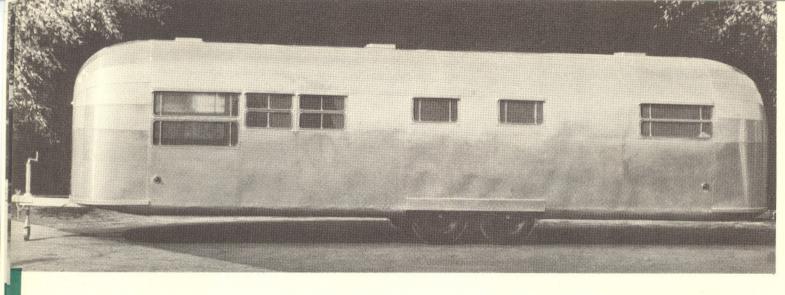
The divan in the front makes into a good double bed and there is generous drawer space on either side.

And yet, with all this comfort, bigness and roominess, this trailer, completely equipped and ready for the road, weighs

around 3000 pounds. Few automobiles in America today are as light weight.

It is a natural for a couple who would eat their cake and have it too. All the space of a big trailer and the easy towability of an Airstream. The lightness of an all-metal, all aluminum, all riveted Airstream. You never have to strain your back or your car with the Airstream Cruiser, but you can take all the comfort of home with you wherever you may go.





## 32-FOOT AIRSTREAM LINER

The Airstream Liner is a big trailer to live in that is still light enough to tow, with any ordinary automobile. It is 30' of Body and 32' overall. It sails straight as an arrow behind your car, as fast as the law will allow, and more, and it takes the hills in stride.

Yet, here is a trailer nearly as big as the biggest. It features a separate shower room in an especially large and convenient bathroom. It has all the features including double sink, formica galley top, a charm of a kitchen, stove with oven, and a plastic upholstered dining nook.

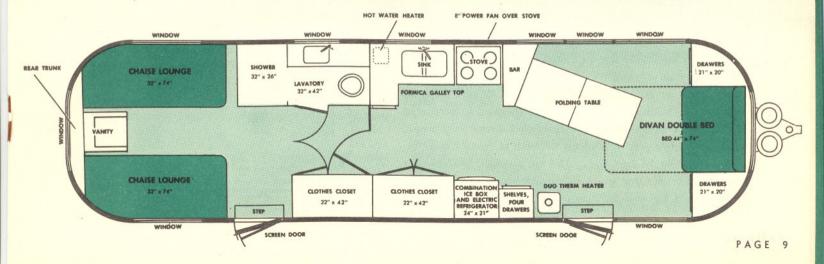
### Big Trailer to Live in -- easy to tow

This easily towed Airstream trailer has storage space, more storage space, and more storage space. It features a total of 17 drawers. It has nearly 8' of clothes closet space. It has everything that you can think of and a number of things that you have never thought of before.

The living room is big and long, long enough for a TV set. The big sun windows are high and wide and deep and all open. It is a trailer that you can live in years

on end, yet hook on and sail away at a moment's notice. It actually does what you have always wanted a trailer to do. If you are looking for a big trailer to live in permanently, look at them all, tow them all, then come and hook onto this big 32' Airstream Liner, and let your car decide.

This model is a dream come true. You must see it to believe it.

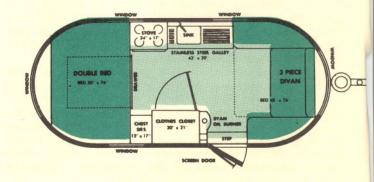




# 18-FOOT AIRSTREAM CLIPPER

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This is the trailer for the rugged individualist who wants to go in comfort wherever his fancy or a Jeep could take him—roads or no roads. Too lightweight to sink easily in sand or mud—sturdy enough to take knocks and bumps in stride. Easy to push or pull around—yet sleeps four people and stows their gear with plenty of room to move around in. Approximately 16-foot body—18-foot overall. We couldn't recommend anything smaller, but do know our Airstream Clipper is a lightweight champ that can take it.



#### THE AIRSTREAM TRAILER - - AND YOU

Trailers are more house than an automobile. No one style or size of house will fit the needs of all people. The same goes for trailers. It depends entirely on you what your habits are, how you live, where you want to go and what you want to use your trailer for and how you want to use it. All these things are more important than price, for the deep satisfaction of owning an Airstream trailer will remain long after the price has been forgotten. Stop any Airstream owner and ask him.

Airstream trailers are built so that the prospective customer can arrange furniture to suit his needs. The photographs shown in this booklet are merely suggested plans of our most popular models. You can change anything you want, usually at no extra charge. Thus, all Airstream trailers are practically custom built to fit the person they are built for.

The first thing that controls the size of trailer for YOU is sleeping requirements. Beds must be comfortable. You can have what you want and what you are used to in an Airstream-twin beds, double beds, walk-around beds, crossbeds, and even bunk-beds. You can have any type of mattress, either double inner-spring, box spring and inner spring

or rubber airfoam (when available).

The next controlling factor is cooking. If you go in for a lot of fancy cooking you will want four burners, a good oven and a good broiler. If you want to use your trailer principally for vacation and travel, probably the Coleman three-burner would be sufficient. If you don't like to use butane gas, we can install gasoline stoves or the Coleman kerosene, two-burner Marine stove. Some people seldom use an oven, others could not live without one. Airstream gives you what you want. Just tell us.

The third factor as regards space depends upon the amount of possessions you want to take with you. There is more than enough room in all Airstream models to accommodate the belongings and gear of its occupants. You are amazed at how much stuff you can "stash" away. Remember in figuring space that many items can be put in bags and stored under beds and that there are many roof lockers in an Airstream trailer to accommodate a lot of light weight things.

You can be comfortable in an Airstream in sub-zero weather and you can be more comfortable than in most trailers at 100°. The shiny aluminum surface bounces much of the heat of the sun's rays. The spun-glass insulation, in which the trailer is completely encased, keeps out the winter cold and the summer heat. We have never been able to make an Airstream trailer "sweat" and have the same reports from hundreds of our customers. There are many scientific reasons for this that we will not burden you with, but it is a fact.

Remember that Airstream trailers are built to travel in and to live in. Thousands of people have used them before you. They are built for big people to move around in. There is ample storage space for the things a human being carries with him. Women love the many drawers and the big clothes closets. Men appreciate the light weight and the unusual towability. If an Airstream passes you on the highway, try to catch up with the proud owner and ask him how he likes his trailer. Airstreams may cost a few dollars more-but the man who tows one will tell you it is worth it many times over.

#### **FURNISHINGS**

The shell or body of an Airstream trailer is built complete like an airplane or a Pullman coach, then the furniture is moved in. Unlike most trailers, Airstreams are not dependent on built-in furniture and partitions for structural bracing. So all Airstream furniture is movable and changeable. You can buy an Airstream without furniture and furnish it yourself or you can have it furnished with pieces designed especially for Airstream.

Clothes closets and chests of drawers and all doors are made of selected birch finished in natural light tones. Light weight and ability to withstand vibration are kept topmost in mind. All drawers and doors have metal locks to keep them tightly closed on the road.

Electric refrigerators are usually Marvel. Stoves are usually Coleman or Dixie. The most popular heater is a "Byam Burner," our own design and make. Takes up little space. Gives heat and plenty of it, both radiant and circulating. Burns kerosene and stove oil, vented for good draft, Detroit valve. We guarantee it. Other heaters can be installed on request, sometimes at slight extra cost.

Upholstery material varies from month to month and is always selected by a professional decorator. Samples can be shown on request.

A good solution to the bath problem is the "Byam Bath," a shower stall made of durable plastic material, the whole having a zippered front opening and a completely waterproofed bottom, all hanging from the ceiling on four hooks. A bucket of warm water, a stirrup pump and a shower hose and spray complete the deal. Sells for \$20.00 complete. Rolled up, takes very little space.

A-Clothes closet G-Byam Burner B-Chest of drawers C-Drawers over wheel housing D-Corner Cruiser drawers

E—Cruiser vanity and drawers

F-Galley

H-Stove over wheel housing O-Chaise Longue I-Stove with broiler J-Electric refrigerator

K—Three position folding table R—Three-piece double bed L-Oil Heater

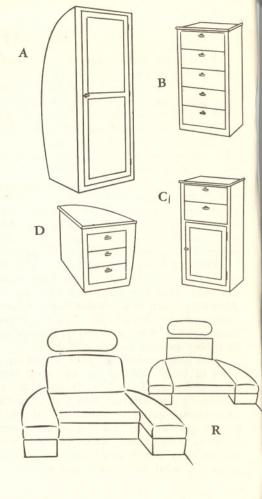
M-Cross-ways double bed

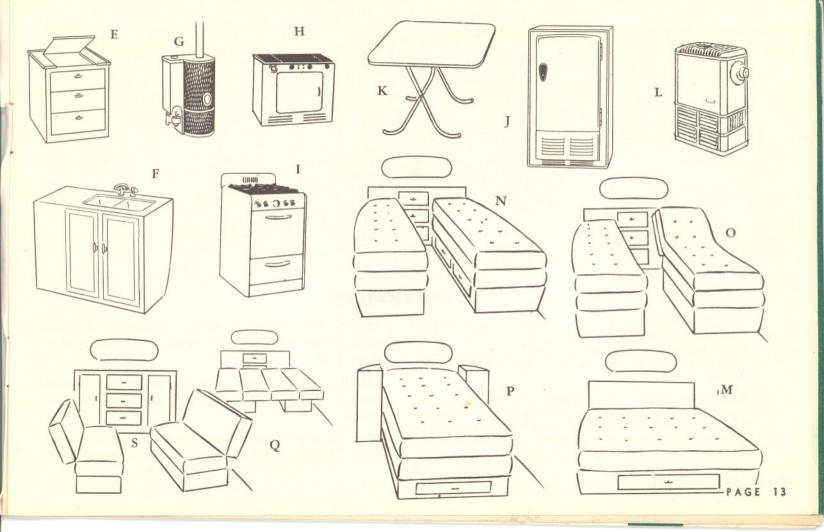
N-Twin bed

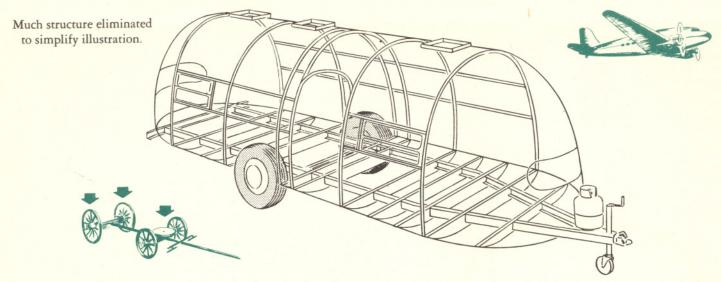
P-Walk around bed

Q-Dinette double bed

S-End vanity (see Q)







#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

UNDERCARRIAGE of all Airstream models except the Liner is 3" light weight channel steel in an "A" frame running longitudinally with cross members of 1½" angle, all securely electrically welded together. The Liner has a 4" channel.

**FLOOR**—The floor is  $\frac{5}{8}$ " plywood with  $\frac{11}{2}$ " spun glass insulation securely fastened to the underside. The underbelly is completely closed in with aluminum sheeting and an additional 5" of dead air space between the underbelly and the floor.

HITCH—The hitch works with a standard 2" ball and safety locking socket with the famous easy action weather-proof hoist.

SPRINGS—The springs are the best grade of automotive steel. Two sets of springs are used in the Tandem Liner model.

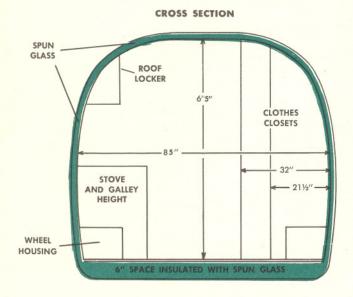
AXEL—Equipped to carry double the weight with a 4" crank drop. SHOCK ABSORBERS are hydraulic automobile type.

BRAKES—Warner Electric, world's largest manufacturer of electric brakes.

WHEELS—Heavy steel truck type.

TIRES—Heavy duty, 4-ply on the Clipper Flying Cloud and the Globe-Trotter and heavy duty 6-ply on the Cruiser and Liner models.

**INSULATION**—Genuine Libby Owens, plastized spun glass in the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cavity between the inner and outer aluminum skin.



**BUTANE TANKS** are securely bolted to the front frame structure with two tanks on the Cruiser and Liner and single tanks on the other models. Twin tanks can be attached to any model for an additional charge. All tanks are ITC with a regulator.

Our entire undercarriage frame assembly is built by Howard Ward.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS—All Airstreams have right and left directional signal lights, yellow running lights and stop and tail lights. 110-volt lights are installed in all models with an average of 8 outlets. Light fixtures are plastic semi-indirect.

DOOR is airplane type with Airstream's own insulated screen door, with quick set lock and Yale locking bolt.

BOWS are hydraulic and hand formed channel of same hardening aluminum alloy as used in latest planes. Exterior skin is Army and Navy specification with genuine 24ST alclad. This alclad has a protective coating of pure aluminum on the outside. It never needs paint or special care.

INTERIOR SKIN is aluminum alloy, painted to the customer's choice of light pastel green or buff. Any color can be obtained at slight extra (additional) cost. This color has been selected by Hollywood technical color experts as the easiest on eyes and emotions.

DRAPES to harmonize with walls and woodwork.

INTERIOR FURNISHINGS are of birch and poplar with selected natural graining finished in semi-gloss lacquer.

VENTS, three or more in all models, easy action, telescoping but quickly (easily). Removable screens for easy cleaning.

#### AIRSTREAM, A SOUND INVESTMENT

#### LOW UPKEEP

The exterior skin is genuine Alcald aluminum, the same as used on trans-Atlantic transports and fighter planes. It is as near weather-proof as anything can be. It never requires paint. It can be easily polished with the usual non-scratching kitchen cleansers. The body is all riveted. There are no nails or wood screws to shake loose. There is no wood in the structure except the floor. The metal body expands and contracts with the heat and cold in one homogenous unit. It is so sturdily constructed that it is not easily damaged but is inexpensively repaired and usually costs much less than the same work on an automobile.

The first Airstreams, now fifteen years old, are just as road worthy and look just as bright and shiny and new as the day they left the factory.

#### **SEE-THROUGH**

The front and back clear-view vision windows of Airstreams are positioned at a height so that you can see right through the trailer, either by looking back through your car's rear window or through the rear-view mirror. This adds tremendously to the safety factor and avoids nervousness in towing. It makes backing easy.

#### WEATHER CONTROL

Spun glass insulation around and over the entire body encloses all Airstream interiors in a warm blanket in winter and prevents heat penetration in the summer. The floor is exceptionally well insulated. Other factors that contribute to a consistent and comfortable temperature regulation in all kinds of weather are excellent ventilation, a shiny exterior which bounces heat, and the circulating, oil-burning Byam Burner.

#### STREAMLINED

Airstreams are as modern as today's new cars or today's new airplanes, advancing with new trends since 1934. Some Airstream owners report that they get more mileage with their cars towing an Airstream than they do with their car alone when they are traveling at high speeds. They slip through the wind without the usual eddy currents that occur at the back of most trailers. When parked, they will ride out a very heavy wind and we have never known one to be blown over.

#### **EXCEPTIONALLY EASY TOWING**

Because they are built like an airplane and so scientifically balanced with a low center of gravity and a minimum turning inertia factor, Airstreams tow like a dream. If you want to go fast, their streamlined light weight lets you. They are balanced so well that there is very little weight on the hitch and most owners never use overload or helper springs. Their hydraulic shock absorbers keep them rock steady. They can be pushed around by hand "like a baby buggy" and hooked and unhooked from the tow car without lifting. A woman or child can do it.

#### HIGH RESALE VALUE

Because there is no "wearout" to an Airstream and because the interior as well as the exterior is metal, signs of wear are not noticeable. There is never any odor even after years of use. They can be easily cleaned and polished inside and out. Thus, Airstreams, even the old ones, have a high resale value. You see very few of them on the used trailer lots but when you do, you will find them commanding high prices.