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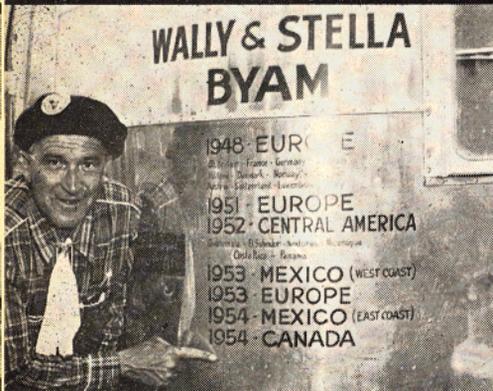
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I, personally, have trailered in most of North America and Europe for over 20 years—but this is only part of the story. The key men who are actually responsible for designing and building Airstreams at our two factories are likewise experienced trailer travelers. Both Andy Charles at Jackson Center, Ohio, and Art Costello at Los Angeles, Calif. have, only a short time ago, returned from our last Mexican Caravan . . . and they are hard at it now, building new Airstream models with every latest feature learned from our recent experience.

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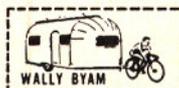
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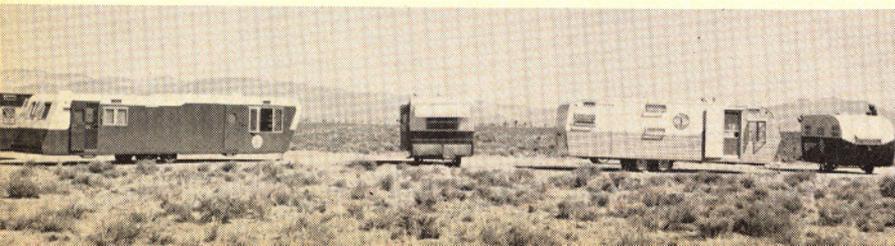
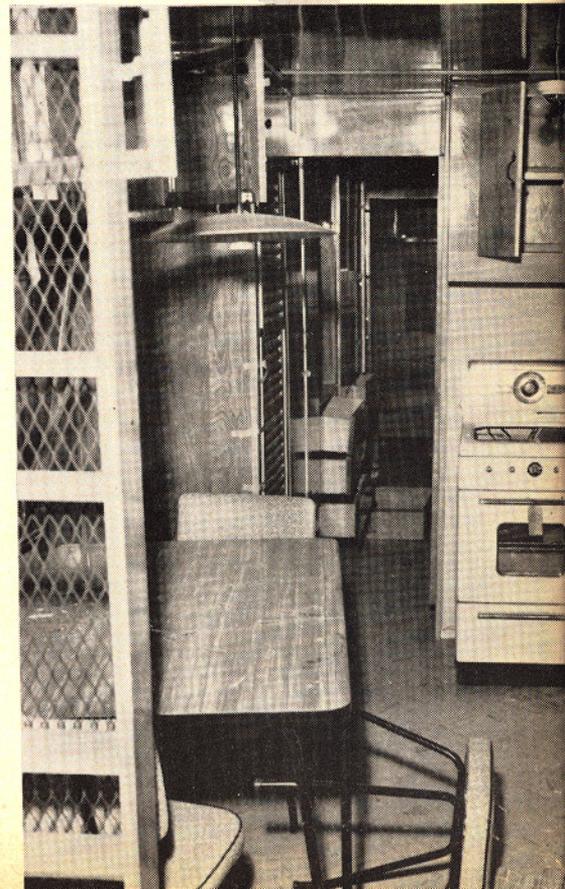
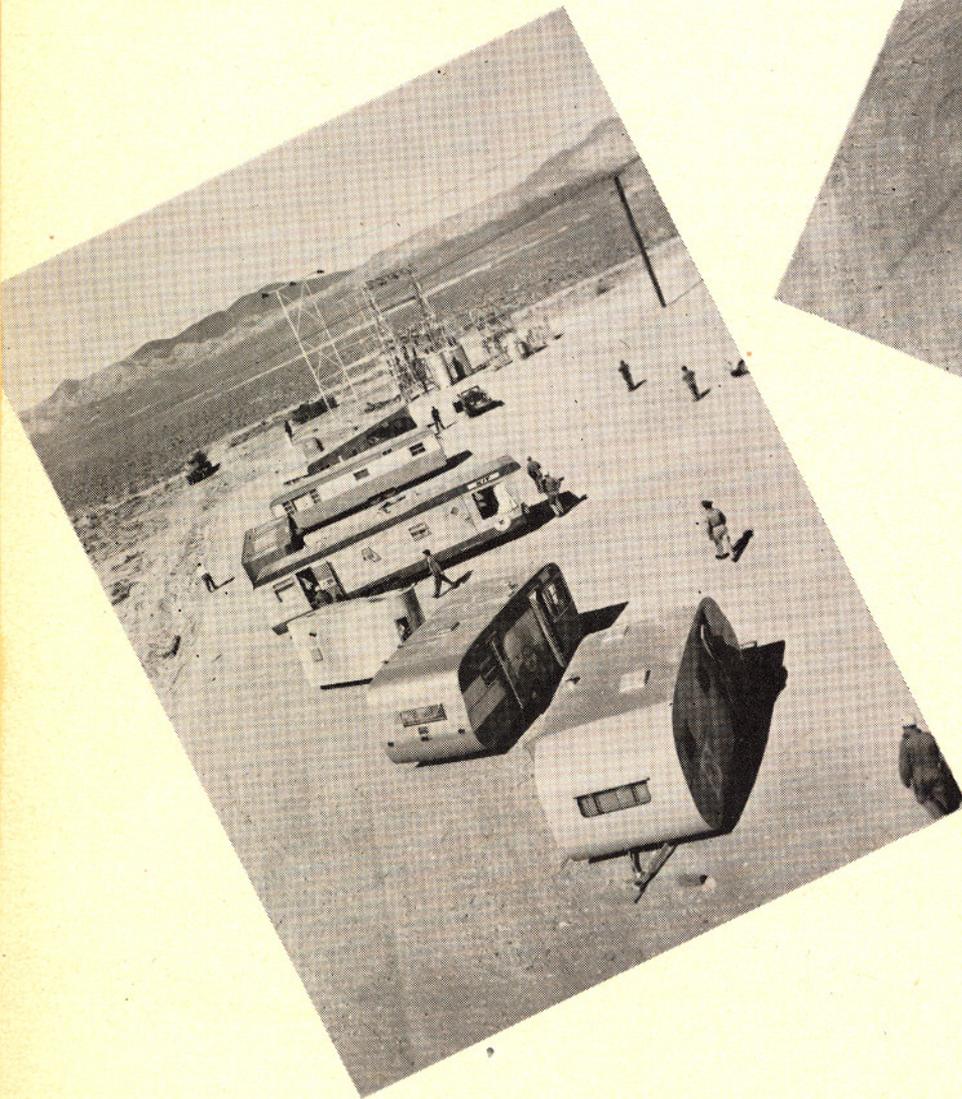
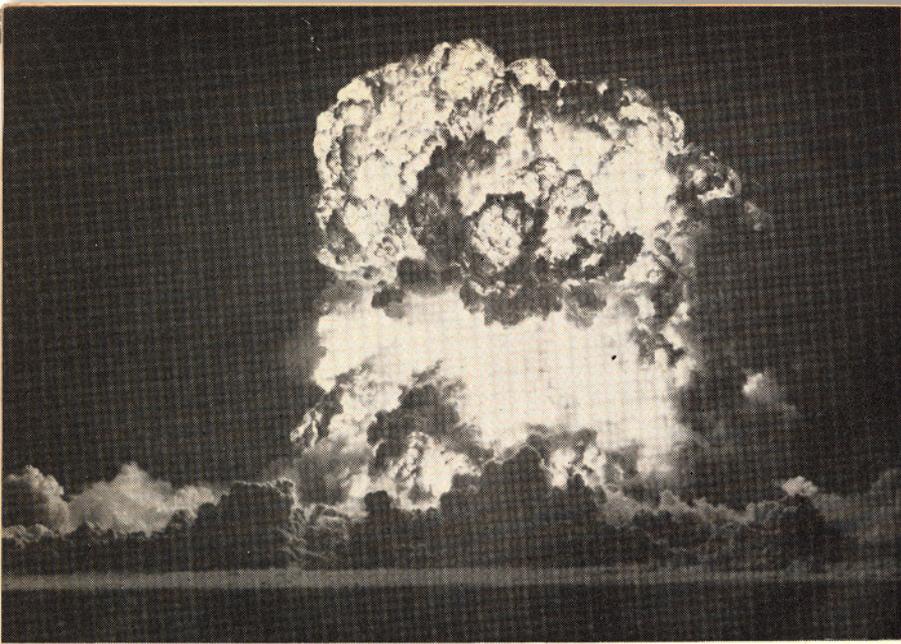
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ATOM BOMB TEST

by *Edward L. Wilson*

Managing Director Mobile Homes Manufacturers Assn.

ABOUT THE PICTURES

On the opposite page is a picture (courtesy of United Press) showing the atomic fireball of Operation Cue spreading across the desert floor and reaching toward Survival Town. Three of the houses used in the test can be seen as very small images at lower right. Other installations can be seen as small dots along the base of the fireball. This photo was made from a distance of 7.5 miles with a 36 inch lens. Exposure was 1/500 second at F-16.

At right is seen the row of mobile homes stationed at 10,500 feet from the blast center, just before the bomb was touched off.

Left, center, is the same row of mobile homes and travel trailers. Two of the smaller units in this line, at 10,500 feet, were tipped over by the blast. Note their position: it is obvious they were tipped over, but did not roll. The small units that did tip were broadside and at a 45 degree angle to the blast, which came from the right.

Below, right, is the interior of a mobile home after the blast. This trailer was parked in the 10,500 foot line. Except for a few glass splinters, an overturned chair, and a dislodged ceiling fixture, the peaceful scene before the blast was almost the same after the big bomb was detonated.

At the left hand bottom of the page is shown the mobile homes that were placed at 15,000 feet. Note that the glass is still intact in most windows. Hardly any more damage was noted than that suffered by the low-lying, windblown sagebrush on the desert floor.

"No major damage was sustained," the Atomic Energy Commission reported.

bomb dropped, and left for home and business, leaving sand, wind, blistering sun and the biting night cold of the desert to whip, tear and bake the two clusters of mobile homes, one stationed 10,500 feet from blast center, and one a good 15,000 feet away.

Behind them they left nineteen units, including a cabana type aluminum structure, the whole valued at almost \$75,000. These were just a part of the offering to the Great Bomb, for along with them were hundreds of thousands of dollar's worth of permanent type homes, buildings, electronic equipment, machinery, foodstuffs, refrigeration equipment, and specially designed bomb shelters.

And of course soldiers and newsmen, part of the experiment, huddled in trenches or crowded in tanks a few hundred yards from the mighty weapon.

Almost two years ago the Federal Civil Defense Administration called upon the mobile home industry to form a cooperative committee and work on the test program to be officially designated "Operation Cue." The FCDA explained that in order to conduct such a program all industries were donating material and man-power.

The program was presented to the boards of directors of Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association, Mobile Dealers National Association, and the Trailer Coach Association. All agreed to the program.

An industry steering committee was formed, and later a technical sub-committee went to work. Their job was to set up the units and later evaluating possible damage.

Mobile homes were to be placed some distance from the bomb, about the distance that suburban areas of a major city are from the center of the city. Individual units were placed at various angles to the point of blast to determine effects. Some had full sides exposed directly to the blast; some ends; and some corners.

The project committee was advised it could enter the blast area as soon as possible after the blast—possibly a matter of minutes or hours, and start its evaluation of possible damage.

Within three hours members were checking the mobile homes . . . and found things about as they expected. The official government report, issued fol-

lowing the blast, agreed with their findings.

In the first area, according to government observers, two of the smaller units were tipped over, but five others remained upright. Some exterior walls were slightly dished in and most windows broken. Most glass from windows fell outside but, in the case of picture windows, glass was blown inward except where the insides were protected by venetian blinds. Upset furniture made interior scenes disorderly.

At the 15,000 foot line some windows were broken, but none of the units were overturned.

Industry officials were satisfied that the test proved their point. Mobile dwellings, usually located on the perimeter of major cities, provide not only comparatively safe habitation during possible air attack, but also offer great value for emergency housing.



BLAST SURVIVOR

Above are four pictures of the Airstream after it had been exposed to the Atom Blast at the 10,500 foot marker. The trailer was then towed down to Los Angeles, where these pictures were taken.

Note slight dents. All windows—and door—open perfectly. Interior was undamaged. All other damage suffered can be seen in these unretouched pictures.

Photos are by Peter Furst, supplied courtesy of Airstream Trailer Co.

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN TO TOUR EASTERN CANADA

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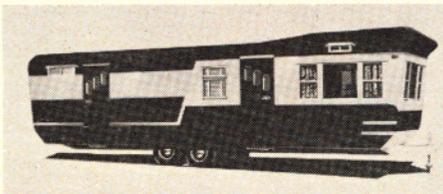
All of us on the Del Mar Rally Committee want to express to your Mr. Roy Morrison a thank you for a splendid show given on Sunday evening of the trailer rally. His slides and interesting narration brought down the house. I have never seen a more interested audience or heard more favorable comment after a picture showing. Mr. Morrison kept the audience so well entertained that about midway through when he commented "Bear with me a little while longer" an eager voice from the audience was heard to say "take all the time you need". This was the opinion of the entire group.

R. A. MacDonell in behalf of rally committee



AIR VIEW OF DETROITER'S NEW MOBILE HOME PLANT NUMBER 1

This unusual view of the Detroit Mobile Homes plant located in St. Louis, Michigan, effectively illustrates the modern, low slung buildings and shops, as well as the abundant, enclosed parking and storage areas surrounding the plant. Detroit's #1 plant encompasses over 60,000 square feet of actual manufacturing space in which only the most modern, streamlined assembly techniques are utilized. Construction of additional offices and manufacturing extensions are already nearing completion, and the recent purchase of a new plant #2 with approximately 10,000 square feet of manufacturing space was recently announced by Detroit principals. The manufacturing facilities of the new Detroit plant #2 will be used exclusively for the fabrication and further development of the new line of Detroit "Deluxe" coaches.

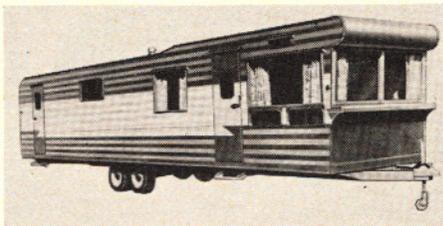


New Safeway Model 34 one bedroom mobile home

NEW SAFEWAY MODELS

Two new decorator styled Model 34 mobile homes are now being introduced by Safeway Trailer Sales Co. The one bedroom model is the Pathfinder, the two bedroom the Special.

New descriptive literature on both models may be obtained from Dept. TN, Safeway Trailer Sales Co., North Bend, Nebraska.



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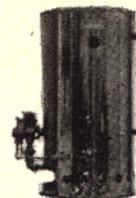
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