

1958 WESTERN CANADIAN CARAVAN ITINERARY

St Mary, Montana	July 11-15
Waterton Lakes, Canada	July 16
Calgary	July 17-18
Banff	July 19-20-21
Lake Louise (trip to Jasper)	July 22-23-24
Kenbasket Lake	July 25
Revelstoke	July 26-27
Kamloops (world renowned fishing)	July 28-29-30
Vernon	July 31- Aug. 1
Kelowna (on Lake Okanagan)	August 2-3
Penticton (beach)	August 4-5
Princeton	August 6
Hope	August 7-8
Vancouver Island - Albernie on Campbell River	Aug. 13-14-15-16
Duncan	August 17
Victoria	Aug. 18-19-20
Port Angeles	August 21-22

Mail pick-up - Address you mail as follows:

Wally Byam's Caravan
 Your Name
 General Delivery
 Town and State
 "Hold for Arrival"



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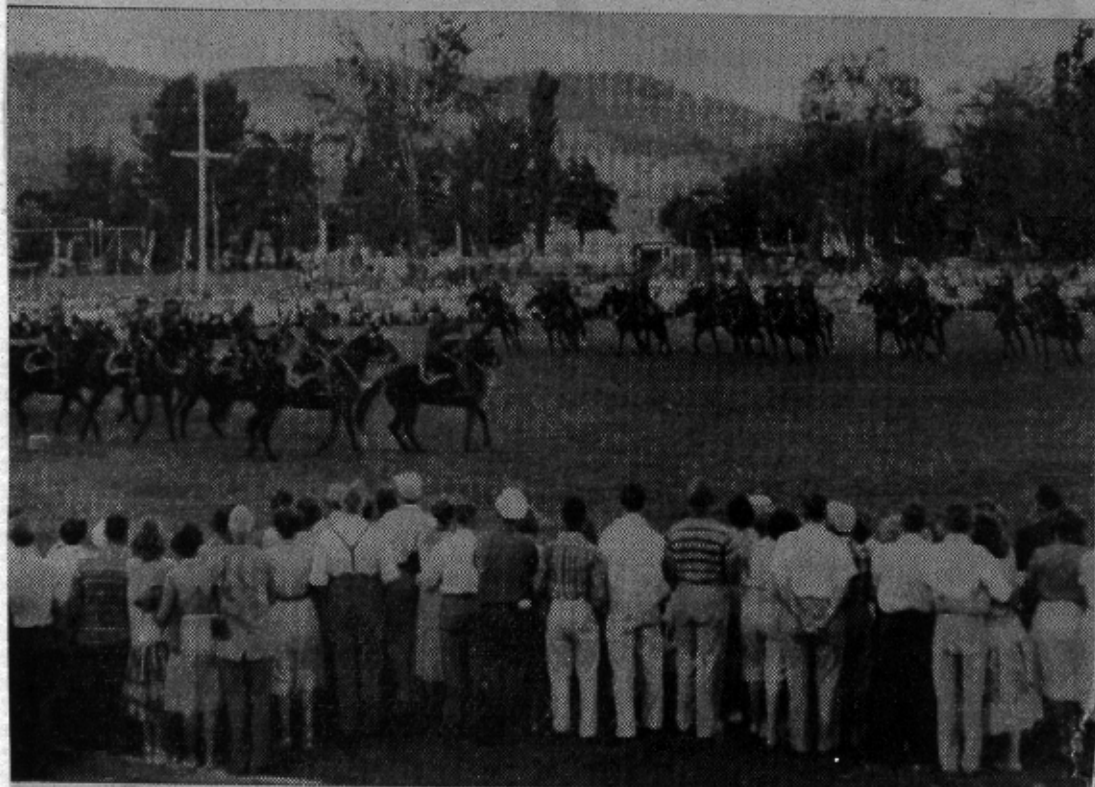
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RCMP MUSICAL RIDE WEDNESDAY NIGHT THRILLED THOUSANDS

Mobile "City" Takes Up Residence In Kelowna

A mobile "city" has come to rest for a few days in Kelowna's city park. Wally Byam's trailer caravan is a completely self-contained "democracy" of well-to-do Americans with more than a normal helping of wanderlust.

In 140 silvery trailers towed by big new cars, the caravan rolled into Kelowna Wednesday and set up shop with all the efficiency of the three-ring circus.

The caravan is a non-profit holiday and promotional idea conceived by Wally Byam, retired manufacturer.

The 400 people in the caravan are mostly retired professional men and their families, but there are also a New York ballet teacher and her young student, a radio "ham" operator, a doctor, a lawyer, an engineer, and so on down the list.

Members of this group met at Kansas and are halfway through a tour of western Canada. From Kelowna they will go to Kam-

loops, then down the Fraser Valley to Vancouver, over to Vancouver Island, and via Victoria and steamship back home through San Francisco.

Mr. Byam explained that they can join or leave whenever they like. Other caravans elsewhere in the U.S. are currently on tour, and next year, a caravan from Capetown up through Africa to Egypt is being planned.

As in other groups on tour, this caravan has its own "mayor," police chief, fire warden, and entertainment committee. Trailers themselves add to the self-sufficiency of the group.

The trailers operate lights, stoves, refrigerators, heating, air-conditioning, and hot water from propane gas.

In a trailer caravan of this size, occasional problems crop up, but major decisions are solved by majority vote, and others are taken care of by committees among the caravaners.



Wally Byam Displays Goodwill Plaque Presented By Caravaners

Caravan A Mobile Park Avenue

By HARVIE GAY

Fifth Avenue on wheels. That's what Wally Byam, 63, ex-Los Angeles newspaperman, calls his caravan.

And well it might be. A quick glance around his luxurious trailer is all that is needed to convince anyone it could be a penthouse—a slightly cramped one, mind you—on New York's fabulous millionaire's row.

One hundred and forty-seven trailers, part of the huge Wally Byam caravan, bedded down in McDonald Park Monday. They left this morning for Kelowna as the next stop-over on their Western Canada tour.

Close to 500 tourists from all parts of the United States, even some from Canada, are

making their homes in trailers while touring the continent.

19,000 BELONG

There are 19,000 Wally Byam disciples altogether, "but we don't all make the same trips."

They spend two-thirds of their retired life just meandering around, doing nothing in particular but seeing the countryside.

"All of us have homes or farms. But we find it more fun to travel," explained the genial host on Tuesday.

The bright aluminum trailers—regulation with the caravan—have become an international goodwill trademark.

They are self-contained to the point of individual septic tanks. One water hookup is

required to serve the entire fleet.

Tastefully decorated and furnished, this is a home-from-home for the armchair travellers.

RUN ON DEMOCRACY

The entire caravan is run on pure democracy, asserts Mr. Byam. Committees handle everything. Votes are taken on any proposals.

The fleet carries its own professional cameraman who shoots film for television travel shows; a tow and repair truck; an advance man who speaks several languages and who arranges sites; and a former police chief of Detroit, Michigan, who is sometimes called in to settle ar-

guments and arrange for police protection in places where tourists are regarded as curiosities.

There are no qualifications to belong to the caravan. Just a trailer, a car to pull it, and the love to travel.

Those who form the caravan are plain ordinary people. They could be one of the richest cattlemen in Texas, or a Hollywood star—maybe an oilman. But for the main part they are just retired people who live on pensions, looking for companionship and an interesting life.

The Wally Byam caravan has left its indelible mark of goodwill all over the world. It has travelled Europe and the UK extensively, the southern American countries and even passed through in the thick of a Cuban revolution.

AFRICA TOURS PLANNED

Now, next August, the caravan plans to make a tour of Africa from Capetown to Cairo and then, if possible, through the Arab states.

Want to go along? Got \$10,000?

Actually living is pretty cheap in trailers—sometimes cheaper than at home. You don't have to be a pensioned oil company president to join the caravan.

The average person spends between \$10 to \$20 a day. Some get along nicely on \$7. This includes gas, maintenance and groceries.

Trailers can pack up, go and come, as they please.

Many friends are made in the course of a stop-over.

"MISUNDERSTAND U.S."

Mr. Byam admits frankly that a lot of countries misunderstand the US. "They think of us as loud mouth, bragging millionaires all from Texas. We prove this is not true."

While here the caravan organizer presented Mayor Frank Becker and acting mayor Geraldine Coursier with "Wally Byam" berets. It is the first time he has presented a beret to a woman member of city council.

This is part of his goodwill mission.

The caravan has been received cordially wherever it goes. It was given a special welcome here.

"All the world loves a tourist," Mr. Byam said.



CROWDING JUBILEE BOWL
in background are 140 trailers
in the Wally Byam Caravan
from the United States which
arrived at Kelowna Wednes-

day for a three-day visit. ¹⁹⁵⁸Near-
ly 400 caravaners are in the
month-long tour of Western
Canada. Other Byam caravans
tour all parts of the world.

Crowd in photo has been watch-
ing dress rehearsal of RCMP
musical ride staged in park
specially for Byam group. Band
and horses are leaving the park

along road at edge of trailer
area.

(See story "MOBILE CITY" on
page 3 in this issue.)

(Courier Photo: Dolman)

130 Trailers

Huge Caravan Stops Four Days

The largest international goodwill tour of trailers in Canadian history rolled into Maple Ridge on Wednesday afternoon when the trailers — about 130 of them — of Wally Byam Caravan stopped in Maple Ridge for four or more days.

The trailers represent nearly every state in U.S., and with family units they total over 430 persons.

RCMP escort brought the first group through Haney, where special arrangements have been made for them to remain in Maple Ridge Park.

The group of visitors have joined on a Pacific Northwest tour, and have just completed a visit to Okanagan Valley.

While here the party expects to visit Maple Ridge and Lower Mainland points of interest, tour of Vancouver and

Vancouver Island, before leaving for Seattle.

The party will be special guests at several functions, including the corn roast and street dance, Saturday, in Haney.

Replace Bridge

Replacement of 17th avenue north bridge with fill and culverts was approved by council Friday. The bridge is one of the structures which may require substantial financing by the municipality.

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City Welcomes Members Of Wally Byam Caravan

Mayor Frank Becker and Acting Mayor Alderman Geraldine Coursier, were presented with navy blue Wally Byam berets on Monday afternoon, after they had welcomed the members of the Wally Byam caravan which rolled into Vernon about noon that day.

Wally Byam, who has led caravans through North, South and Central America and in Europe recalled a visit he made to Vernon four years ago, during which he enjoyed warm hospitality and made many friends. He went on to introduce Mayor Becker to his fellow caravaners.

The mayor welcomes the visitors, saying that it was the second time in three years Vernon had had the pleasure of welcoming the Wally Byam Caravan.

He told them he would be delighted to arrange fishing expeditions for those interested and named off a few of the best fishing lakes in the vicinity. At this point a snag was experienced. Since the caravan had arrived on Monday, closing day, the fishermen planned on setting off early on Tuesday morning, the problem of fishing licences loomed up.

Mayor Becker promised to do what he could in this regard and was later seconded by Jim Holt, chairman of the Fish and Game Association.

Mayor Becker went on to introduce Vernon's first lady alderman, Mrs. Coursier, who received a hearty round of applause.

DESCRIBED ATTRACTIONS

Alderman Coursier described the attractions to be found in Vernon—two beaches and Polson Park, which she was unfortunately too small to accommodate the 150 trailers of the caravan. She pointed out that the visitors should not miss seeing the floral clock and she made special mention of the fish pond, noting that there were children in the company who might like to try their hand. She ended her talk by inviting the members of the caravan to stay longer than planned.

In presenting the two berets,

Mr. Byam declared it was the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting a lady acting mayor.

Others who welcomed the caravan were A. J. Gilroy, president of the Board of Trade, who brought with him brochures on the Okanagan Valley, and Mr. Holt.

At the close of the welcoming ceremonies, it was announced that one enterprising hairdressing establishment had invited the female members of the caravan to have "their hair done without appointments on Tuesday morning."

Later in the afternoon, the McIntosh Girls' Pipe Band, which had entertained the previous caravan two years ago, and had been requested to play by Mr. Byam, delighted the visitors with selections.

On Tuesday the Vernon Girls' Trumpet Band played and an exhibition was given by the Ver-nettes Drill Team.

Welcome Caravaners

The visit of the Wally Byam Caravaners should mark a new high in development of the tourist industry for the district, and to the more than 100 holidaying families Maple Ridge and district extends a cordial and warm welcome.

It is, without question, the largest international goodwill visit of any group to come to our shore, and it is the hope of the residents that you enjoy your visit, and learn some of the advantages of our district.

We are an old and a new community.

We are complete within ourselves and yet, within a few miles, are adjacent to peak level of recreational or entertaining desire that our friends from any part of the United States could seek.

The Wally Byam Caravaners are veteran travellers, and this jaunt is a trip around the Pacific Northwest of Canada. The members of the caravaners are interested in seeing places and meeting people, and enjoying the opportunities with fellow-travellers of the newest phase of visiting, via trailers.

The trail-way of life is comparably new to Canada, and particularly in B.C., but to the south of us it is a giant, and still growing and spreading into every aspect of life in any community.

The caravaners have proved that they enjoy life, that they know how to travel, and to them is extended an invitation to include Haney in their annual stop-overs for many years ahead.

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