

Quotes from Wally Byam

From the book *Trailer Travel Here and Abroad* by Wally Byam

"A well-built travel trailer is so feather-light you almost forget it's there after the first few miles."

"A number was assigned to each trailer to be painted on the outside so they could be checked in at each stop. Names were also painted on the trailers so people could find each other easily in camp. I gave everyone a blue beret to serve as a sort of identification badge of the group." This is part of the arrangements of the first caravan to Mexico in 1951.

"From the time Cornelius Vanderbilt and I toured Europe in the summer of 1948, I had been completely sold on it as the most exciting place to travel - especially by trailer - in the whole world."

"It was at Copenhagen, (at the 1953 International Trailer Rally) indeed, that I received my come-uppance. Anxious not to offend anyone with a crude display of American wealth and proficiency, we had decided to take a rather primitive little 16-foot Airstream Bubble. But when I saw the fancy European trailers there, I was the one who was embarrassed."

"Parked right alongside us was one of the smartest little French jobs you ever saw...an interior that looked like Madame Pompadour's boudoir. The German trailers were mechanically ingenious, full of folding and unfolding furnishings...The British trailer was ...absolutely the last word in conservative taste...."

"I think trailering should begin at home. It is cheaper, more necessary to our education and, very important to neophytes, more convenient (than trailering abroad)."

"Trailerling has been developed to a high art in America because we developed the automobile that made it possible, a technology that could make it more comfortable, and an elaborate highway network and system of fine trailer parks to make it more pleasurable."

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