

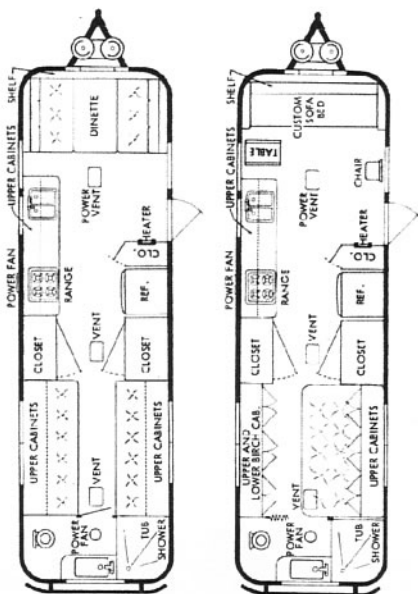


Meals are marvelous in this Avion dinette. For sleeping, the table drops down to bridge sofas.

AVION displays Four Lengths

The Avion Coach Corp. has planned for travel in comfort in the design of its traveling units from 21 to 30 feet. The big and bold 30-foot Imperial will take you in style. This traveler has been specifically designed to accommodate a family of four and can be converted to sleep six. The interior is tastefully furnished and appointed with an extra large kitchen, and modern bath facilities.

The 27-foot Travelcader also offers a choice of custom dinette (front) which converts to double bed or de luxe custom built in Polyfoam sofa bed which converts into double bed, table and two chairs. It has



been fashioned to take to the mountains home cooking and living accommodations. It contains complete bath facilities.

Hale and hardy Holiday 24 combines flair for traveling with practical slant in comforts. It's quality-built for budget-minded family of four, five—even six. Features include room, bath, choice of twin or double beds, de luxe refrigerator, built-in range and sink, choice of sofa bed or utility dinette.

The 21-foot Sportsman is compact, cozy and comfortable. Offering first class accommodations, even in the wilderness, for two. This coach also offers a complete bath.

Address inquiries to Avion Coach Corp., 1300 East Empire Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.



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*we electrocute each **AVION** to make it ship-shape*



After the drawing boards, the test trips and production line, each Avion undergoes a series of grueling checkups.

For example, a jolting 1200 volts is flashed through the 110 volt electrical system. Another: water is shot through the plumbing system with pile-driving force. In all, over 25 nothing-left-to-chance checkups are performed.

Such special attention to details results in this out-of-the-ordinary trailer, road-ready and rarin' to give you a lifetime of travel pleasure.

But there's much more to the Avion quality story than this. Your nearest Avion dealer has it all. Write for his name and a FREE Catalog.



Acrylic aluminum is the *unseen armor* that keeps Avion's finish like-new through years of travel.

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At day's end, you'll relax—pampered by the deluxe kitchen, modern bath with hot water, luxurious beds and closets. Could anyone want more? Not if you get Avion's riveted all-aluminum coachwork—it's Lifetime Guaranteed! Plan now for fancy-free (and budget wise) travel fun . . .

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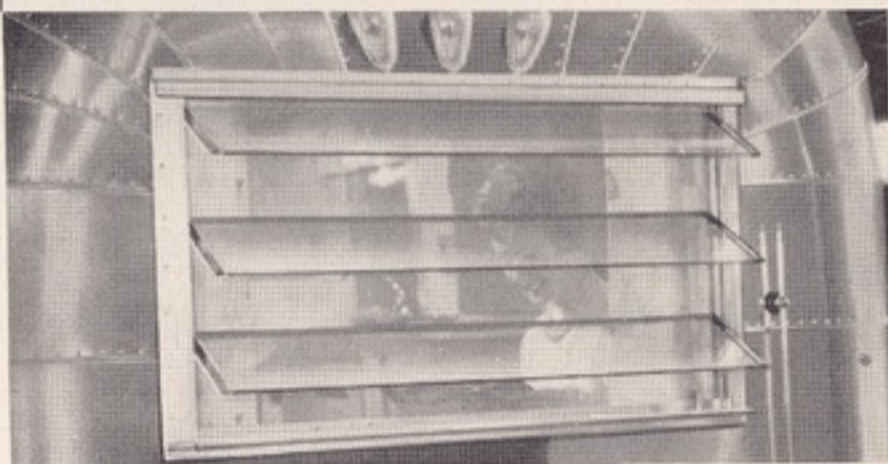
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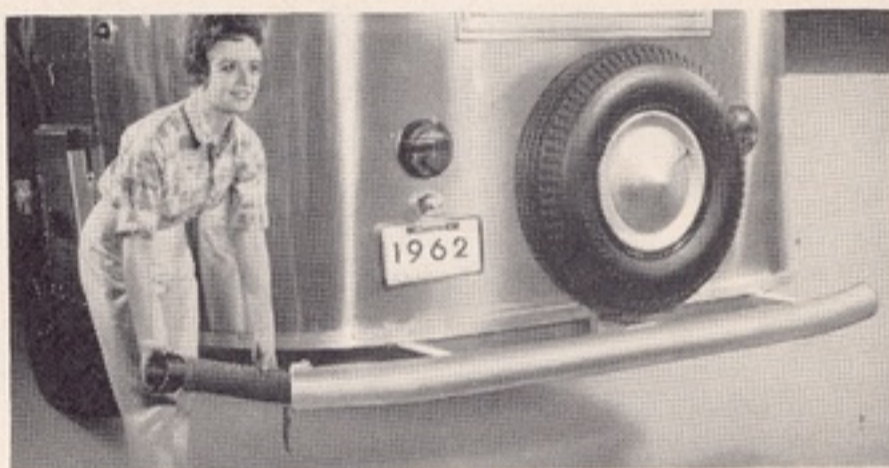


▲ **NEW COMBINATION DOOR and SCREEN** — Full-size hinged screen door swings open, keeps insects outside when closed. Latches easily to main door when desired. Provides more interior living space.



AWNING-TYPE WINDOWS — Larger than ever. They allow greater visibility looking out, more daylight inside. For walk-around safety outside, extend only 5½" when fully open. Accommodate safety glass and storm windows (optional). One crank operates all louvers.

COMBINATION BUMPER and SEWER HOSE CARRIER—Heavy-duty tubular steel bumper stores flexible sewer hose, too. Continental tire mount (optional) saves storage space.



Compare Avion feature-for-feature with other travel trailers. You'll discover thoughtful new appointments that leave "me too" models far behind. For example, Avion has roomier cabinets in kitchen and bath. (Behind every door is a man-sized helping of stow-away space.) A new shallow oval sink conserves water when you're self-contained. Even the trailer step disappears up and out of the way for obstruction-free road clearance. There's a host of other extra-value features, too. Together they place Avion miles ahead in style safety and owner satisfaction. Let your Avion dealer show them to you this week.

Avion Travel Trailers, lengths 20 to 30 feet, are lifetime guaranteed.



Send today for name of your nearest Avion dealer, free Catalog and details on Avion Travelcades.



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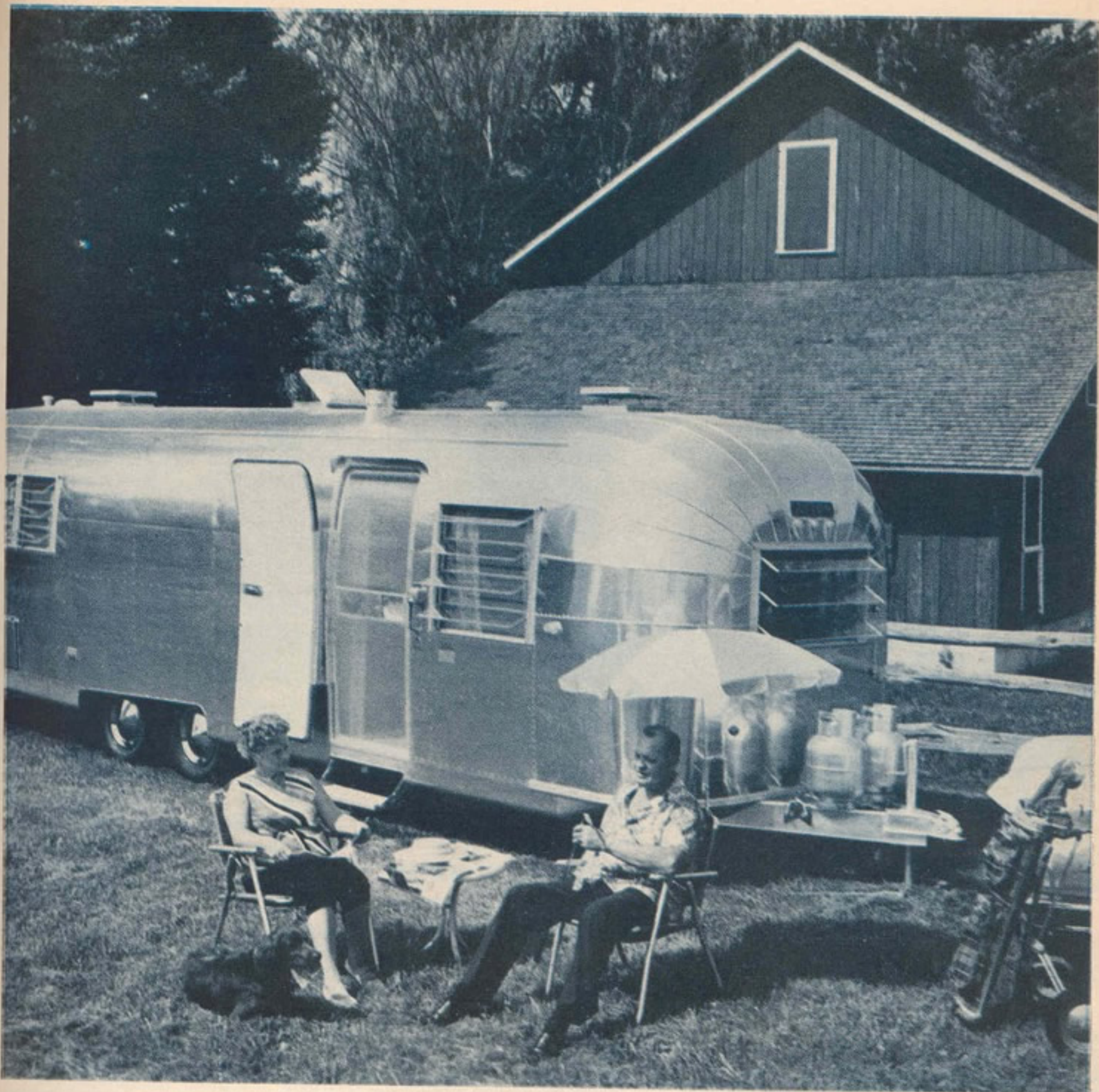
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Hitch your car to an easy-towing Avion and head for relaxing, sun-drenched destinations. Travel leisurely, carefree, scheduleless. Forget costly motel and meal bills. Avion offers red-carpet accommodations—hot and cold running water, modern kitchen and bath, plush beds. Other self-contained conveniences optional. Construction is the finest: lightweight riveted anodized aluminum. Lifetime Guaranteed. A quality investment for the practical, fun-minded and travel-wise.

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First, you have the proud assurance of owning the finest travel trailer on the road. Be prepared to have it looked at, admired and asked about—frequently.

Next, expect to enjoy the latest advancements in construction and features. An Avion is known for its years-ahead ideas. Just a few: Anodized aluminum exterior. Unique combination door and screen. All-in-one bumper sewer hose carrier.

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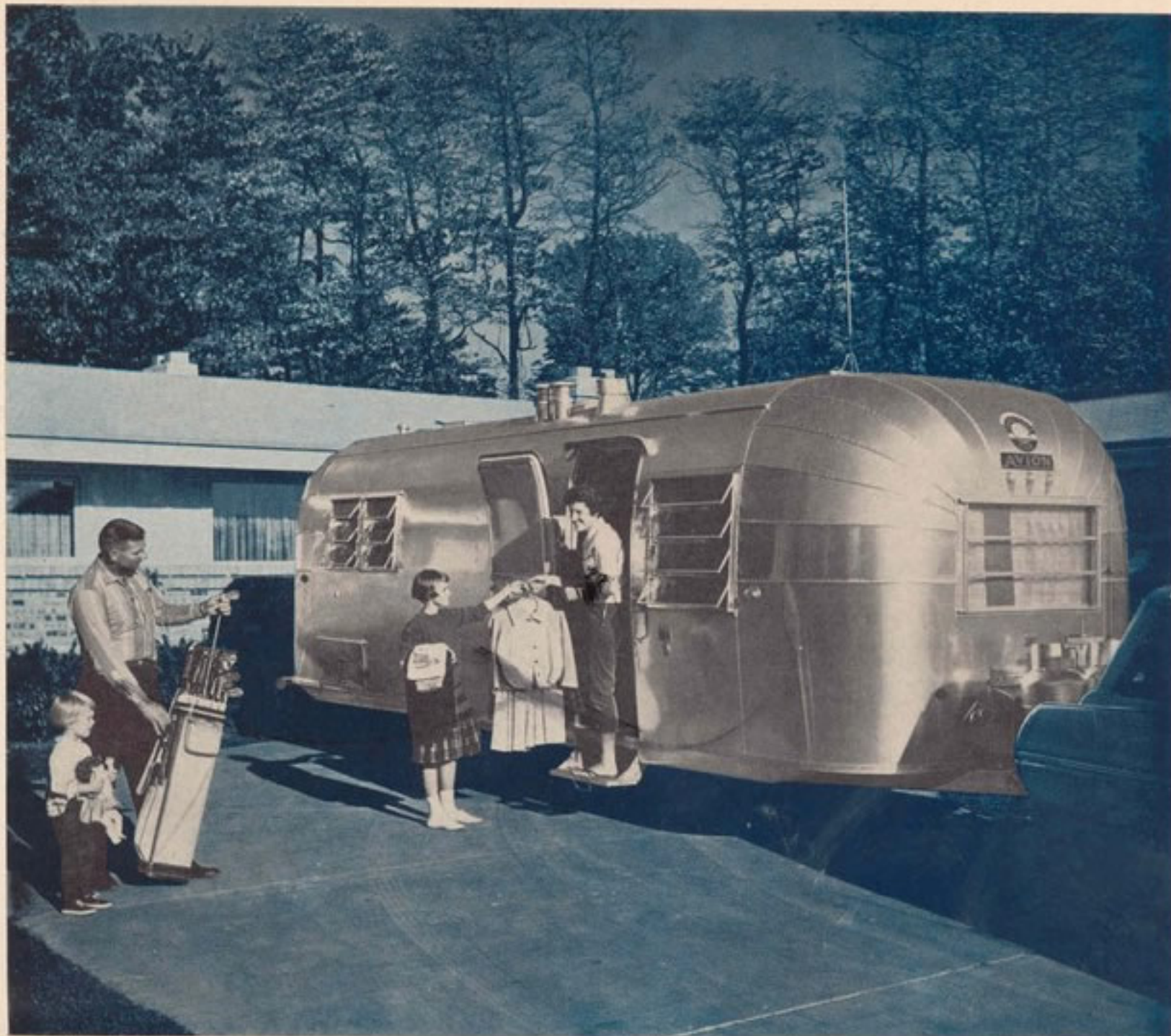
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With Avion's work-saving conveniences — hot and cold running water, complete kitchen and bath, generous storage space — you'll have more time for fun. Type 2 model and the new model in full-size living space built, really designed for an easy day of adventure. There's not much to it — but it's a beautiful plus. Avion's travel trailers are efficient, well-ventilated, aluminum alloy built Avion — it's designed that you'll be better off after your

No matter your pleasure in taking them to work, travel, with a well-organized Avion you can enjoy it with confidence. Join the happy, successful travelers who follow the Avion.

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Retirement travel joy is so relaxing (thrifty, too) in an AVION Travel Trailer

It's so easy to see the sights . . . visit new lands . . . and save several dollars when you go in an Avion Travel Trailer. For less on the road, another way to make travel cheaper than ever. Make this be your car and take off camp and go to any place with an electric line or generator. This remarkable travel trailer is built for group, family and solo. And with treatments, accommodations — running water, flush toilet, modern kitchen . . . all the comforts of home. Best of all, Avion matches your budget and adds real miles of carefree, joyful touring.

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From Coast to Coast, AVION has many models, sizes, colors, prices to suit your needs.



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Avion 10 foot Camper Coach

What are America's quality travel trailer specialists doing building a camper coach?

Wonders! That's what...

There's a lot you're going to have to forget about pickup campers when you start learning about this new Avion. It's just *not* like the others.

This camper coach has *riveted* aluminum construction, like Avion Travel Trailers. It isn't bolted, screwed or nailed together. It can't rattle apart. That's why we Lifetime Guarantee it. The all-aluminum framework makes it a real lightweight — up to 30% lighter than comparably equipped units. Hauling is easier, gas mileage is better. And the *anodized* aluminum exterior makes polishing, painting and pampering only bad memories.

Styling? Handsome and functional. The aerodynamic contour laughs off air turbulence. Road handling is smooth, almost effortless.

But inside! Family-size room. Family-size comfort. And you won't be bothered by ordering a lot of extras like a pressure water system, 3-burner gas range with oven and combination gas-electric refrigerator.

They're all *standard* in 8½ and 10 foot models. Other self-contained features such as a marine toilet, and 12-volt lighting system are standard, too.

The *best* part of owning this Avion is the *fun* you'll have. Hunting and fishing with the boys. Camping as a family. Adventuring with your own Avion Travelcade Club unit.

So if you're in the market for a pickup camper, look no further for quality and luxury. Avion now has the last word.

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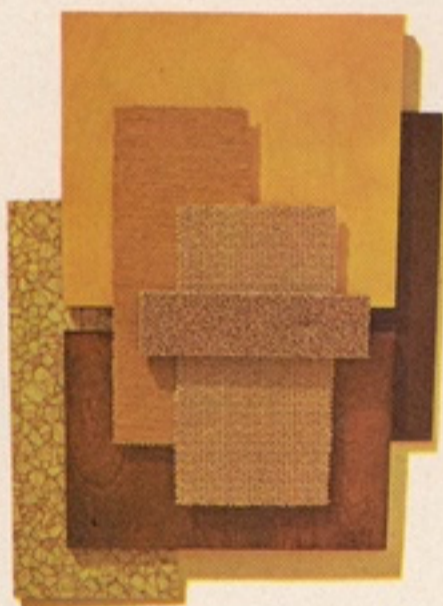


Introducing Maverick Blue—Group 3 in Avion's four exciting color-coordinated decors.

And why shouldn't a travel trailer be excitingly beautiful inside?



Group 1—Colony Cocoa



Group 2—Mojave Sandstone



Group 4—Spanish Moss

If it's a new AVION '66^{1/2} ... it is!

Interiors by Armond — heralding a new concept of high fashion on wheels . . . now available in your choice of four color coordinated groups.

No wonder folks keep saying, "and what will Avion think of next!"

This time it's completely new inner beauty through smart color harmonies and meticulous choice of quality materials. The designers call it "decor". We call it "liveability with a luxury look!"

Armond T. Travis, noted interior designer, has personally selected the four color coordinated groups shown here. Their various combinations are tasteful, restful; yet invit-

ing and exciting. Components include drapes, upholstery, floor covering, choice of woodwork stains, and carpeting.

If "a picture is worth a thousand words," an actual look-see at your Avion dealer's will be worth a million! And "a million" is exactly what the new Avions look like.

So . . . see for yourself . . . soon!

Meanwhile, write us today for dealer's name and for your copy of the full-color, all-new Avion Catalog TP, just off the press and yours for the asking.

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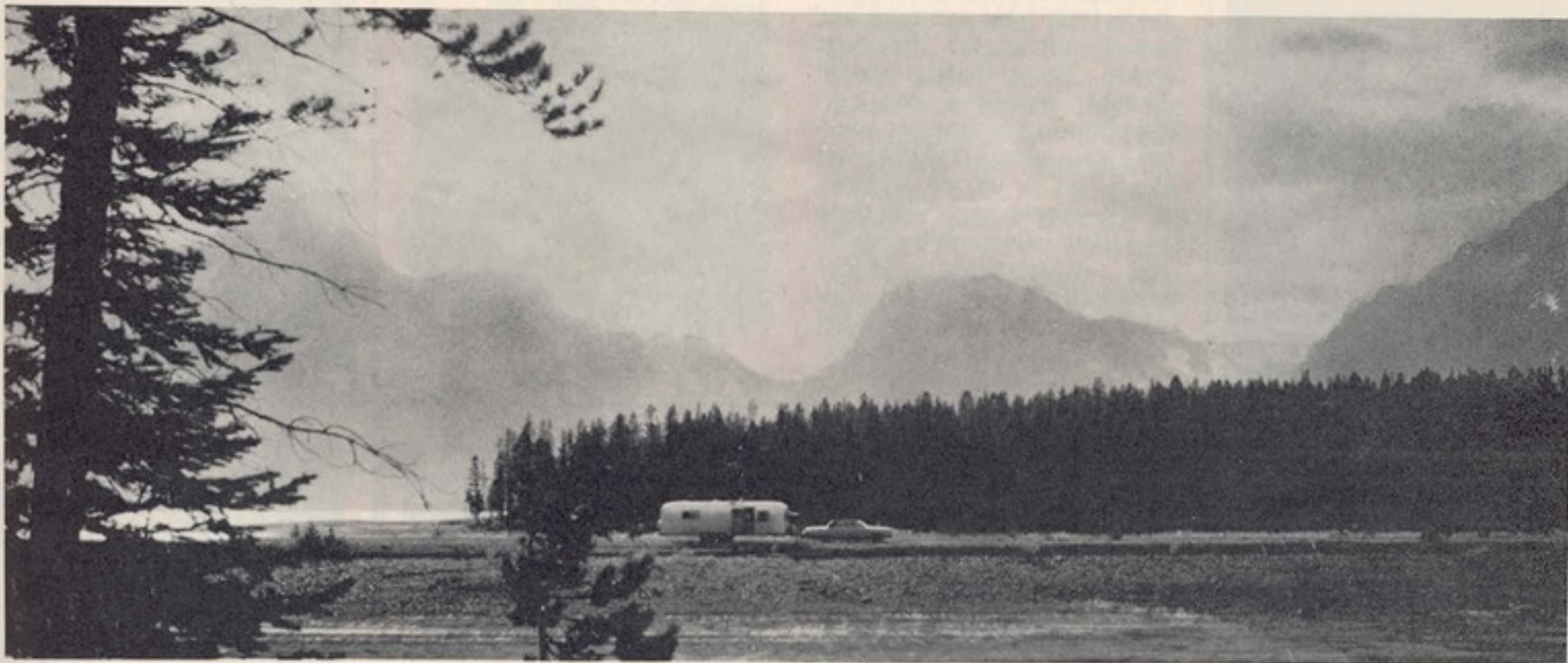
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Take a long look at the great-idea AVION for 1968

Your fondest dreams of travel trailer features come true. Here. Now.

ON THE OUTSIDE — All new ASTROVISION WINDOWS. The greatest idea yet in a trailer window. They're made of Plexiglas®, the same type used in jet aircraft and helicopter bubbles. Many times more impact-resistant than ordinary glass and stronger than safety glass. Shatter-proof! Tinted bronze color cuts sun rays for substantial reduction in heat gain. Helps you stay cooler in summer. Tint serves as a protective window shade for more privacy, too. Big picture pane above gives you larger-than-ever viewing area. Below, a torque-type vent pane opens to let in lots of fresh air. And both are mounted in a new flush-type frame. Completely anodized exterior trim has a smart black edge around the vent pane. Inside, the trim is a royal gold. Frame takes screens and storms with ease. All are so typical of the new Avion elegance. ASTROVISION windows alone are reason enough to buy a '68 Avion.

AND ON THE INSIDE — with FULL-TIME DUCTED HEAT you're never without warmth and comfort. Avion's new hot air system provides forced air heat when you have power . . . gives radiant heat with no power on. Hot air registers are located in bath and front living area.

GLAMOROUS BATHROOMS, completely redesigned, exquisitely decorated. Truly here is the

dream bathroom you've been waiting for. And with all the quality conveniences you'd expect from Avion.

SMART NEW VINYL-LAMINATED INTERIORS. Surround yourself with total luxury! Every square inch of walls and ceiling is now laminated with a rich warm-toned vinyl. Lavish to live in, easy to care for. AND now you can choose from dozens of mix-and-match decor combinations of upholstery, drapery and counter top materials. Choice of woods and carpeting*, too. So, live it up in decor of your own choosing. Have fun!

You'll find it's fun to visit your nearest dealer for a first-hand look at the great-idea Avions for '68. We'll send his name and literature. Just write Avion Coach Corporation, Dept. TT, Benton Harbor, Mich. 49022 or San Jacinto, Calif. 92383.

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1. Beautiful *anodized aluminum exterior*. Retains its like-new beauty for years. A highway safety factor, too.
2. *Smooth-Glide* suspension by Mor/ryde. Soaks up bumps. Belongings stay-put. Maintenance-free. Tires last longer. Towing is easier — like hitching your car to a floating cloud.
3. Avion's amazing *Thermo-X insulation* — nearly twice as effective as others. A sprayed-on, weatherproof seal. Gives comfort enjoyment winter and summer.
4. The utmost in wardrobe, cupboard, drawer, shelf and cabinet space. Prove it with the tape measure test!

And you still get all four in the '68 Avions!

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We've compacted all this Quality into the Avion pickup camper, too. You simply provide the pickup. Avion furnishes the fabulous fun-house camper for it. Go see for yourself at your Avion dealer's. Maybe you'll feel the itch to switch . . . and maybe you will! Meanwhile, write for color brochure K, and name of nearest dealer. Avion Coach Corporation, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 or San Jacinto, California 92383.

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See this 1970 Avion Travel Coach? It's called the **ULTRA** Series. Because **ULTRA** means "going beyond others." Which it does. You can tell it's an **ULTRA** by the new side trim. And the white sidewall tires. And see the new front bay view window? All are standard equipment. By these markings you let everyone know you own

the **finest**. [Why shouldn't you show-off a little? ULTRA owners have a right to be just a bit smug.]

But wait. There's more than skin-deep beauty here. Go inside. Color it glamorous. And don't be shy. Because there's a fun world of eight different coordinated color schemes to choose from. We call it our Colorama Collection. Whether you're mod or moderate, you'll love 'em. You also get a lot of ULTRA extras as standard. Like hand finished antiques wood trim on all doors. Wrap-around draperies. Decorative cornices to shield recessed lights [a totally new idea in interiors]. And lots of other standard goodies.

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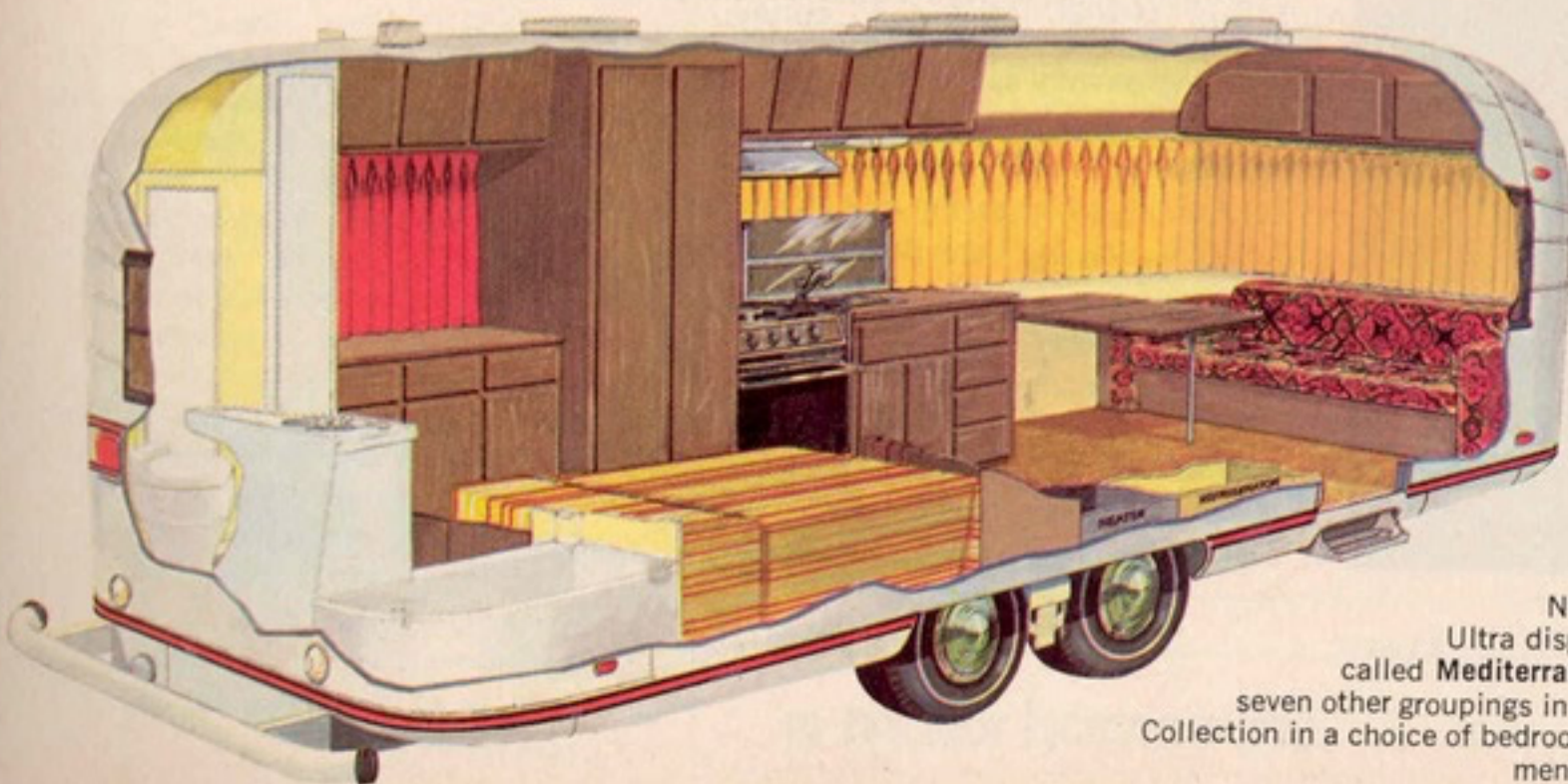
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For one thing Avion shows its colors brilliantly!



New 28 foot Travelcader Ultra displays an interior decor called **Mediterranean Melon**. There are seven other groupings in Avion's 1970 Colorama Collection in a choice of bedroom and dining arrangements. All just as exciting.

Polyurethane foam, anodized marine aluminum, rubber block springs, tinted safety Plexiglas®.

these are a few of the many unusual components that put Avion in a quality class by itself.

The polyurethane foam for example, is our insulation. We call it Thermo-X. It's expensive to buy and difficult to apply, but well worth it. Laughs off Avion temperature extremes as it does in nuclear submarines and space ships. Avion was the first to use it.

Avion's marine aluminum shell is anodized for greater strength, beauty and low maintenance. It has a high content of magnesium and manganese for greater corrosion resistance. Few recreational vehicles use it. And no one else anodizes it as a standard feature.

Under the tough-knuckled steel frame is a rubber spring suspension system. It has revolutionized trailer towing. Smooth-Glide gentles your Avion so tenderly that we guarantee the complete suspension system. As far as we know, no one in the industry offers such assurance.

Window visibility, safety and beauty are important, too. Avion's Astrovision tinted Plexiglas windows give you the best of all three. They're shatterproof — many times stronger than tempered glass (safety glass rating) and the restful tint shades the interior from solar heat build-up. You can buy storms as an option. True, Astrovision windows are more costly. Small wonder no one else can afford to use them throughout!

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That's what Avion trailers are made of!

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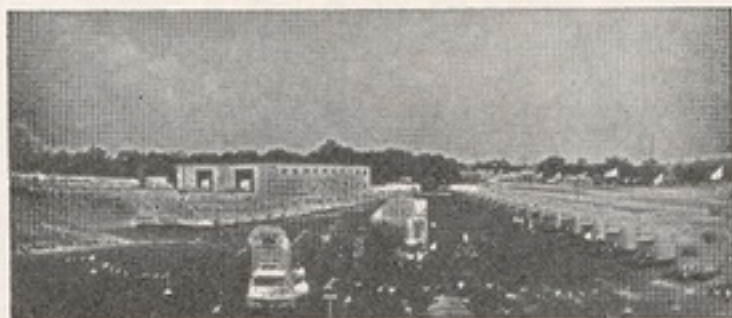
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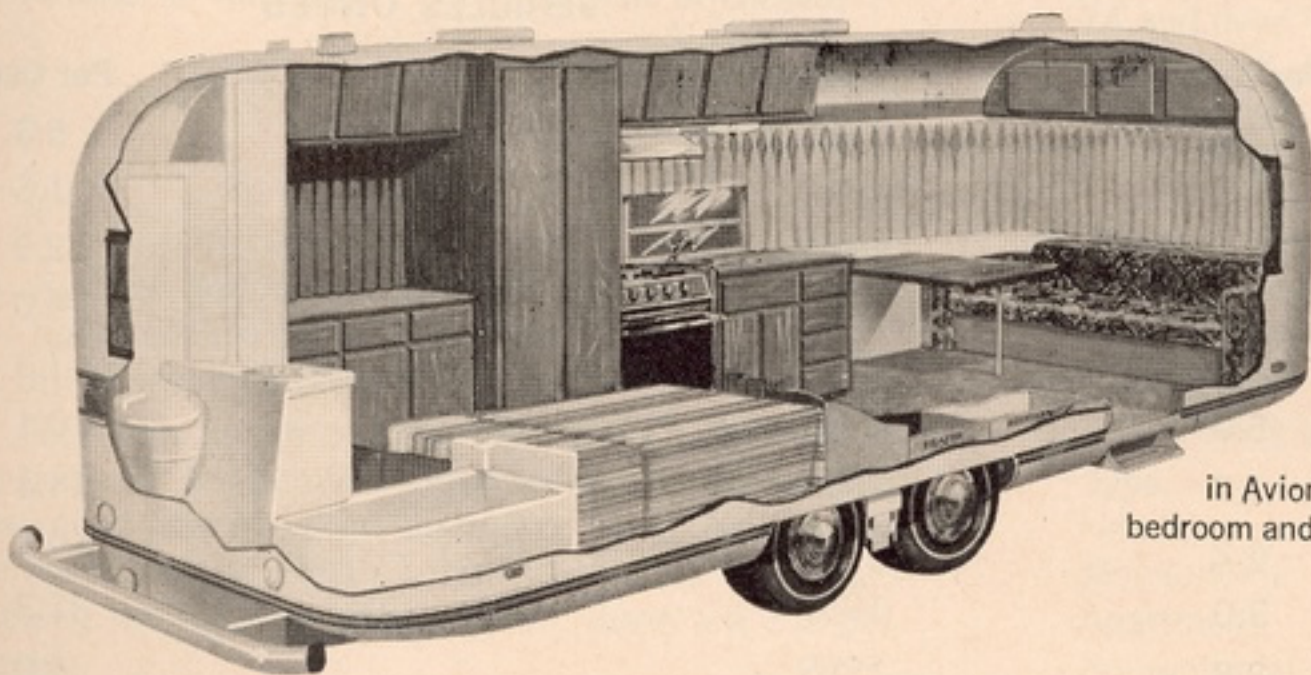
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A Posh Pickup Camper

By Wayne Thoms

SINCE I possess one wife and two sub-teen children, the editor of MI recently gave me the job of family-testing one of the most elegant campers on the market—the Avion. Our test camper was mounted on a 1968 $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton Chevrolet Camper Special Truck. The makers of Avion have been making travel trailers for about 12 years, but they have made campers only since 1965, when they became the first to adopt the riveted anodized aluminum skin technique. The rounded corners possible with this technique lend a distinct appearance and add to aerody-

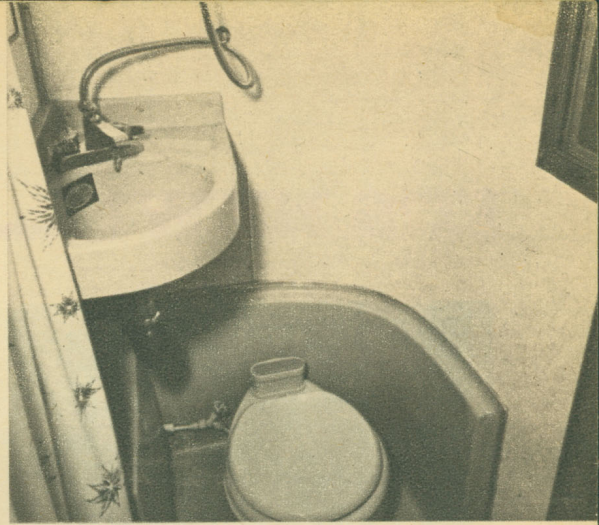
namic stability—an important quality.

From L.A. we went up into the Mojave desert, to snoop around the old ghost towns, and up into the Sierra Nevadas where the air was thin, the fishing fine and the roads a rugged test for any vehicle.

The 11-ft. Avion ranks as a big camper; it took only a few miles to show that the Chevy truck was more than adequate to the job of carrying it. If truck power and suspension are not matched to the camper load a trip can be miserable; this one was not going to be any trouble. The Chevy was rigged



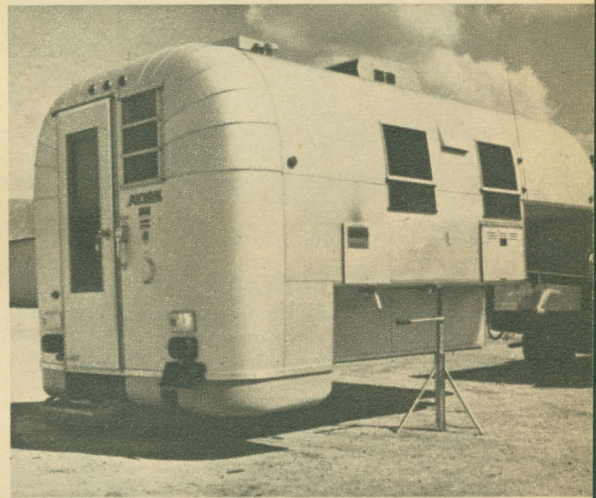
INTERIOR, showing dinette area and the children playing on the adult's cab-over bed.



BATHROOM has marine toilet, wash basin, shower; big sump tank empties simply.



GALLEY is efficiency in a small space; a wise crew member will not crowd the cook.



JACK STANDS are built in, allow camper to stand alone, separated from the truck.

with a 325-hp V8 heavy-duty front and rear springs, power steering and brakes, Hydramatic, air-conditioning and enormous 10x16.5 six-ply-rating Nylon tires. When you said "Go" to this rig it hardly shrugged at the 2,700-lb. weight of the Avion. Moderate crosswinds proved no trouble and we maintained speeds up to 75 mph easily. Extra weight and drag brought our fuel consumption to 7.9 mpg at times, though we got as much as 12 mpg on some hauls. Presumably headwinds made the difference. Stability on turns on mountain grades was superb. My family tells me there was a

little sway in the camper unit. From where the driver sat the worst thing was a slight case of freeway hop—a resonance noticed at 50-60 mph as the truck crossed tar strips.

Best advice we have for novice camper drivers: install the biggest West Coast mirrors you can get, left and right. Have them adjusted and tightened before you start. Seeing to the right rear is limited; this makes turning left onto a highway tricky. Halfway across you no longer see the line of traffic with which you plan to merge—so allow lots of clearance. [Continued on page 117]

Posh Camper

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The '68 Avions come in two styles: side dinette, with a three-sided eating area, and side gauchó, in which everyone sits in a line at the table. The gauchó is easy to turn into a 48x76-in. bed; the side dinette is more complicated and turns into a smaller 45x76-in. bed. The gauchó is poor for card-playing and table-talking but better when you have four in the party and use both beds every night.

In the Avion the bathroom comes with marine-type toilet, curtained shower, wash basin and medicine cabinet. The 12-gal. waste tank can go a week without emptying, is easy to empty. A 3-cu. ft. Domestic refrigerator works on butane or 110-v. external power. The galley has a stainless double sink, a 3-burner butane range by Trav'ler with a thermostatic oven. There is plenty of cabinet space.

On cold mornings a wall heater warmed the camper in minutes. In the heat of the day the 6,000-btu roof-mounted air conditioner was ample—but it ran on external 110-v. current. The urethane-foam insulation between layers of aluminum, with the bronze-tinted plexiglass windows, helped to keep inside heat way down.

Built-in jack stands let you remove the camper and drive the truck away with no sweat. By itself the Avion is a complete living unit. It has a 20-gal. water tank and a 75-amp. battery and a charger that runs on external power. There are two 20-lb. butane tanks and an automatic switch that switches from one tank to the other as needed. The 12-v. water pump is automatic and the 6-gal. water heater works fast.

Our unit cost \$4,166 without extras, \$4,954 with the bargeload of extras we had. The Chevy pickup was \$2,647 plain, \$4,598 with extras. People spend more on boats, but the total tab will seem steep to many shoppers. Is it worth it? Our family is sold on camping, if that is the verb. The children think it is the only way to travel on vacation, and we old folks call it the best way to see the terrain without worrying about destinations or reservations. And we can recommend the Avion as among the best-built, most comfortable campers ever to ride a pickup. •



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