

Live It Up on Your Vacation in a Motorhome



Quiet back country roads lure motorhome travelers who carry luxury living right along with them. "Shunpiking" opens new vistas for fun-minded families by allowing them to explore out of the way spots as they head for a relaxing time at the seashore, mountains or lakes.

If you drive the turnpikes and freeways these days it sometimes appears as if the whole world is on wheels out there on the interstates that crisscross the country.

And it also appears that about one out of ten of your fellow travelers are carrying their accommodations with them—from luxury traveling motor hotels to the old time tent.

It used to be that campers camped for the sport of it. Like sailors who find the sport is in the sailing, campers camped as a sport. It was an end in itself.

Going Somewhere
What's going on now?

Travelers are camping as a means of going somewhere. They stay a night or two; perhaps a weekend, then they are off to see the badlands, climb the Washington Monument or visit a grandchild half a continent away.

Allen Burrowbridge owns a campground with accommodations for travelers or campers, near the Delaware Water Gap outside of East Stroudsburg, Pa.

"It used to be that campers were a particular breed," Mr. Burrowbridge said one evening recently as he walked around his acres well filled with tents, campers, travel trailers and motorhomes.

"Now, however, it seems that most of the families who come in here are carrying their houses with them as a means of beating the high costs of motels and hotels, crowds and restricted quarters for children."

Such families have a wide choice of accommodations from which to choose. New campgrounds are generally owner-operated, well spaced across the country, provide spotless washrooms, laundry, recreation room and pool. Overnight price is \$3 per night for two, with extra charge for electricity.

The rigs that roll along the

highways are as varied as the families who occupy them. They will range in price from a \$30,000 motorhome with tub, shower, toilet, television and stereo tape deck down to an inexpensive tent outfit with cooking done over a campfire and sleeping bags on the floor of the tent at night.

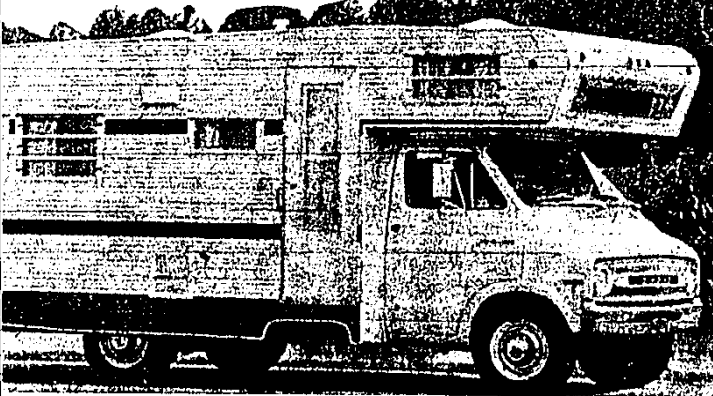
Self Contained

Many units, such as the Avco Grand Lodge, are completely self contained, that is, all waste is stored in "holding tanks" for disposal at "dumping stations" that now are found with increasing frequency at service stations and all campgrounds. Many

trailers and motorhomes have their own hot water, tub or shower or both, and are completely air-conditioned.

One obvious reason for the great growth of combining travel with camping or vice versa is the fact that children have an opportunity to run off excess energy after a day cooped up in the car. This is very often not possible with the family who takes a motel or hotel room and the kids are limited to sitting on the floor watching television. Once the chores are done, the kids take off for the swimming pool, playground or hiking trails.

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