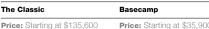


THE AIRSTREAM'S BODY "IS A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF ART AND AERODYNAMICALLY VERY FUNCTIONAL ... IT'S GOT A GREAT WINDOW RIGHT ABOVE YOUR PILLOW, SO WHEN YOU WAKE UP IN THE MORNING, YOU'RE LOOKING RIGHT AT THE OCEAN OR WHEREVER YOUR BACKYARD IS THAT DAY."

Matthew McConaughey, Actor







Price: Starting at \$135,600 Sleeping Capacity: 1-5 Interior Width: 8' Interior Width: 6' 4.5' Exterior Length: 31'3' Exterior Length: 16'3 Exterior Width: 8' 5.5' Exterior Width: 7 Exterior Height w/ AC: Exterior Height w/ AC:

Interior Height w/ AC:

Interior Height w/ AC Fresh Water Tank: 54 gal Fresh Water Tank: 22 gal **Gross Vehicle Weight Rating Gross Vehicle Weight Rating:**



Sleeping Capacity: 1-2

International Serenity

Price: Starting at \$67,600 Sleeping Capacity: 1-4 Interior Width: 7 Exterior Width: 8' Exterior Height w/ AC: 9' 9 Interior Height w/ AC:

Fresh Water Tank: 23 gal





Interior Width: 7'

Exterior Width: 8'

Exterior Length: 19' 2'

Exterior Height w/ AC: 9

terior Height w/ AC:

Fresh Water Tank: 23 ga

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating



Fresh Water Tank: 23 ga

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating



Sleeping Capacity: 1-4 Interior Width: 7' Exterior Length: 16' 4" Exterior Width: 8' Exterior Height w/ AC: 9' 3" Interior Height w/ AC: Fresh Water Tank: 23 gal **Gross Vehicle Weight Rating**

3,500 lbs.

Price: Starting at \$44,900

AIRSTREAM: Driving Quality Through the Decades by Angela Sabarese

irstream trailers from decades ago are still on the road today 1950s. With business thriving, Airstream had outgrown its facchanges, only improvements" to an already brilliant design. These where the trailers are still manufactured today. "silver bullets" embody a visionary architectural design that has

a successful business for Byam in 1931, when he opened the to quarantine the ones who traveled on Apollo 11. Airstream's first Airstream factory. The first model that set off his successful role was to construct a "mobile quarantine unit" to take Neil Armcareer was the Torpedo Car Cruiser, from which every mod-strong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins to the USS Hornet. el thereafter was inspired. For \$465, Airstream advertised that buyers could "travel to Hollywood from any Western point," and three different touring coaches, all of which embody the and by 1932, more than 1,000 Torpedo Car Cruisers had been quality of the original models from the 1930s. The current trailpurchased. At the time, not even 50 trailer manufacturing com- er models, which include the Classic, International Serenity Sepanies existed; then, by 1937, there were about 400.

A irstream trailers from decades ago are still on the road today because Wally Byam, the company's founder, "did not make tory in California and relocated to Jackson Center, Ohio in 1952,

As Airstream's popularity continued to flourish, so did its apgiven Airstream the well-deserved title of the oldest and class- pearance in contemporary culture. The company even played a iest manufacturer of recreational vehicles in the United States. role in the moon landing in 1969, when fears that the returning What started as a hobby on his own property quickly became astronauts would be carrying diseases with them prompted NASA

> Today, Airstream manufactures six different travel trailers ries, International Signature Series, Flying Cloud, Basecamp,



(Above) The latest Airstream trailer, the 2018 Globetrotter / (Opposite page) Airstream Sport / www.airstream.com

When World War II erupted, however, the trailer companies and Sport, and Globetrotter, come in various sizes that meet the took a hard hit and closed down as the country's collective focus standards of a range of customers. shifted toward assisting the war effort. The United States govfor travel, and not as substitutes for homes.

It turned out that World War II would positively impact Airstream's future in other ways. After closing the factory, Byam trailers. Ralph Lauren purchased Airstream trailers, remodeled and some of his staff ended up working in aircraft factories, them in a way that represented the vintage aspect of the brand, and the skills they learned would influence the manufacturing and accepted bids from customers. Many owners mix vintage of Airstream trailers when the company reopened after the war. and modern styles in their redesigns, making the interior of their Out of all 400 trailer companies that had been started in the travel trailers look like their homes away from home. 1930s, only Airstream survived the war.

about the trailer that he could improve. As a creative inventor, quality travel trailer. he naturally found that improvements could be made. Airstream For ongoing coverage of affordable and luxury transportation, trailers became the first to implement hot water heaters in the see the next issue of the Graphis Journal.

Even some celebrities are fans of the beloved travel trailers. ernment issued an order stating that travel trailers could not be Actor Matthew McConaughey said the Airstream's body "is a built for any reason other than to back the war effort, since alu-beautiful piece of art and aerwodynamically very functional... minum was needed for building planes. Byam decided to close It's got a great window right above your pillow, so when you the Airstream factory because he wanted his trailers to be used wake up in the morning, you're looking right at the ocean or wherever your backyard is that day."

Today, many Airstream enthusiasts have remodeled their old

Airstream's quality has continued to improve as models have In 1948, Byam and his friend, Neil Vanderbilt, traveled to been updated through the decades. With approximately 65 per-Europe and toured the land affected by the war in an Airstream cent of all Airstreams ever built still on the road, it is clear that trailer. Byam's purpose was to see if there was was anything Byam's creation has stood the test of time as the quintessential

AN AIRSTREAM IS A LOT LIKE A FIRST LOVE: YOU ARE LURED BY HER CHARM, SEDUCED BY HER BEAUTY, AND ONCE BITTEN, YOU ARE FOREVER CHASING AFTER HER MYSTIQUE.

Bruce Littlefield, Author, Airstream Living