

Shunpiking with Ray

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1965 AIRSTREAM CARAVEL – FOR SALE – ORIGINAL

A hard decision, but, now June, 2022, and my LADYRAB III should be adopted by someone to enjoy. For many years I have been intrigued with cute little “canned ham” campers, and wanted one. Attending a rally and exhibit in June 2018, really got me excited, and in late 2019 a search renewed. Then a back operation and COVID shutting down travels. Actually it made more sense to be out in the air, and when in the fall of 2020 a friend said his neighbor wished to sell his 1965 Airstream Caravel, although not exactly what I wanted, I jumped on it. An original condition Airstream, I have traced its life, of only a few owners, back to New Mexico – and have the original license plate. Below is where I found her.



and, where she “sits” at the moment in my yard.



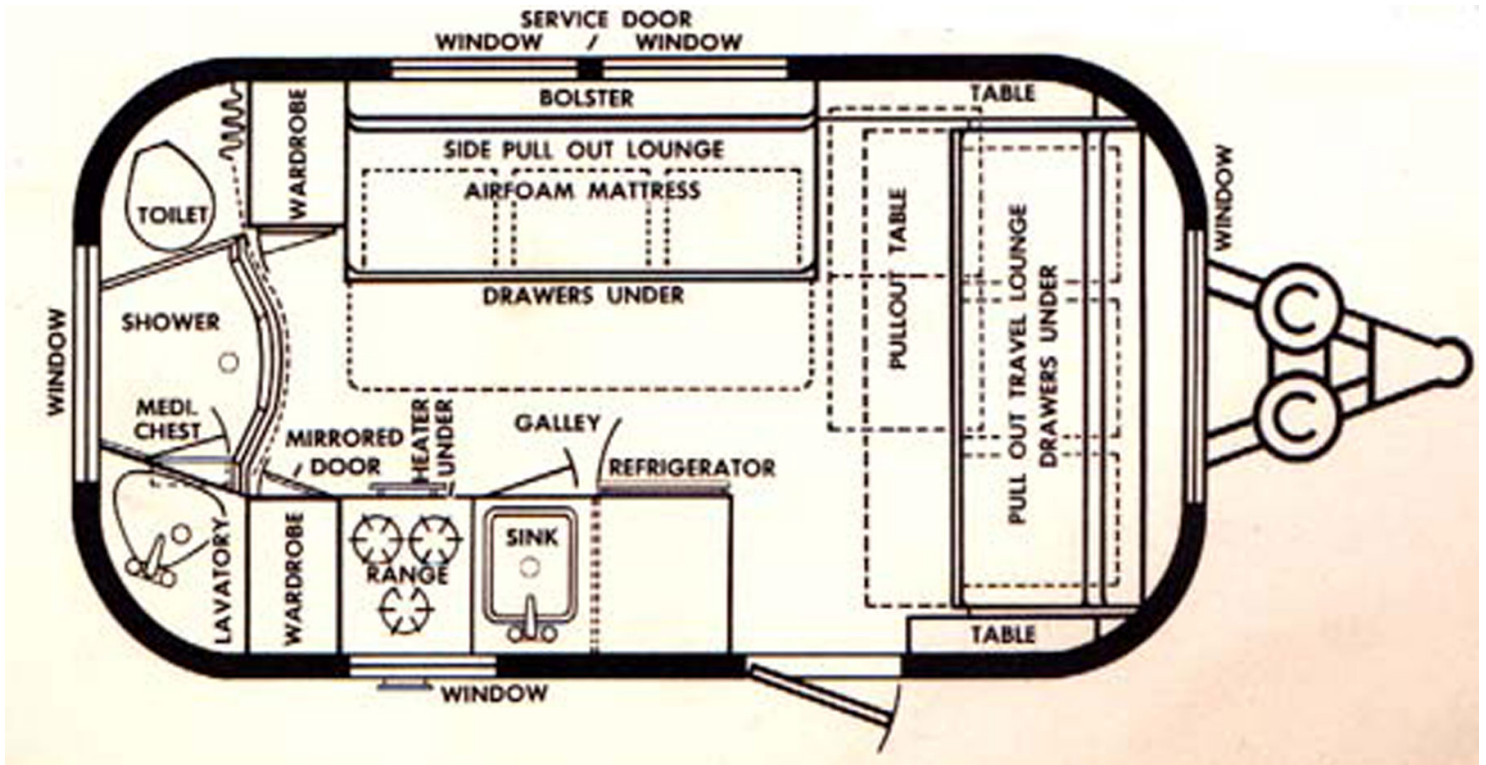
why am I selling? I just purchased a smaller 1959 FAN “canned ham” camper with the floor plan I really wanted.

When I purchased this Airstream an extension was on the rear for a large storage box and bike rack – not original, so we removed. Also at some point in its life the dump valve had gone bad and the rear plumbing inappropriately redone, so we removed everything. Winter set in, so the refurbishments put on hold. When we picked back up in 2021, bringing her home I lost a wheel bearing and had her piggy-backed to where she is resting today. I did not get back to the work, and then for some reason looked on-line and found my smaller 1959 true “canned ham.”

Below is a gallery of interior views – you can click to see larger views:



the only interior change not original is the refrigerator. The “black” color accents come from a previous owner whose sons decorated as their “pirate ship.” I learned this tracking down that owner. Below is the floor plan of my Caravel which you can click for a larger view.



Here is an image as we removed the rear extension to restore the rear to its original appearance. Then are two more galleries of interior views which you can click to enlarge.







The story of my “adoption” and more images can be found on these links:

[INTRODUCING – LADY RAB III – 20 November 2020](#)

[1965 AIRSTREAM CARAVEL – LADY RAB III – A Week Later, 27 November 2020](#)

[HOME and into HIBERNATION — 5 DECEMBER 2020 – 1965 AIRSTREAM CARAVEL](#)

Shortly after I purchased this beauty I found on-line a 1965 Caravel whose serial number is three digits apart indicating that she and my Caravel were almost next to each other on the production line. With an appraisal by Heintz Designs for \$26,550, it sold for \$21,500. I had Tim Heintz appraise my trailer, and [CLICK ON THIS LINK to see my appraisal for \\$22,100.](#)

Because the wheel bearing needs replacing, and we did not complete the plumbing, I know I will “take a loss,” but do want someone to have fun with this gem. You are invited to come and inspect. Serious offers welcomed and considered. Thank you for looking.

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