



## Old Aluminum Adventures

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Nothing says '60's' like turquoise Melmac dinnerware and pink flamingo margarita glasses.

#403901-306 in complementary Sky color, which reinforces the grey and aqua theme of Maxwell. The new drapes are lined on the back side for a darker interior when closed.

These interior soft goods set the stage for the truly fun part of vintage trailer living: period accessorizing. Whether your vintage Airstream has been preserved or restored, you can personalize it by selecting appropriate accessories that make it your own without altering the fundamental appearance, features or value of your trailer.

The key is to develop an eye for the times and to accessorize your trailer with items appropriate for its era. Thanks to eBay, there's plenty of stuff out there to choose from – too much, in fact – so restraint will be harder to exercise than good judgment. Being neither expensive nor installed, period accessories can be changed with the seasons or on a whim. The tasteful and tasteless alike can be tried on for size and appearance, then quickly changed if unsatisfactory or embarrassing. Shari's chosen accessories continue her twin themes of shiny or aqua.

Nothing says Sixties like turquoise Melmac dinnerware, and with her

complete set Shari never has to utter that word again. This festive dinnerware is stored on a rubber coated wire rack in an overhead bin.

The pink flamingo plastic margarita glasses are a gift from a loving mother, so cannot be lightly discarded. Their appearance usually improves as Happy Hour progresses, and they have been heard to squawk whenever their bowls become empty, a helpful feature. The bright aluminum ice bucket is like a homing beacon that keeps the flamingos' glasses anchored and chilled so they don't fly too far away. A simple aqua tablecloth draped over the folding end table holds everything together.

Ice water for hot days is kept "cool" in the sleek yellow and green streamline plastic pitchers that inhabit the Davis' trailer. Shari's nice assortment of inexpensive yet colorful plastic kitchen utensils brighten her trailer lifestyle every day. Her eye for aqua extends to the potholders and place mats kept alongside the stove.

To maintain a restored feel, Rob has rebuilt or repaired all the original appliances: furnace, refrigerator, stove, oven and water heater. Extensive wood cabinetry, a distinguishing feature of all 1964 Airstreams, has been rejuvenated with

a blended mixture of wood oil and preservatives. The Davises searched the Internet and networked extensively among vintage trailer owners to locate and buy missing original parts like plastic cabinet drawers and broken shelves in the refrigerator. Each small find has been a trailer lifestyle victory.

Shari and Rob's '64 Globe Trotter gives them a vintage Airstream lifestyle with many of the modern conveniences that make trailering comfortable and enjoyable. They got the infrastructure functioning, altered the floor plan to fit their social needs, and decorated to suit their taste. Their refurbishment of Maxwell produced a trailer far more comfortable and useful than the frugal conveniences of the preserved 1948 Wee Wind.

Further information on Rob and Shari Davis' restoration of their 1964 19' Globe Trotter can be found on their web site:

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