

Good, Bad and Bizarre AMAZING Bard's AIRSTREAMS



Perhaps my all-time favorite RV, blending practicality and eye appeal, is not an Airstream but a Cayo Motovator. My nostalgic side always thought Airstream Inc. should have made an aluminum riveted class C motorhome. Kathy and I have only seen one of these motorhomes in person and that was in South Dakota back in 1995. We were instantly drawn to its uniqueness. They do appear every now and then on eBay but are becoming very rare since they were only produced from 1971-1974 as a limited production run. Last week I was fortunate to acquire an original sales brochure for this super-neat Airstream look alike off of eBay.

They closely resemble the truck campers made by Airstream's rival, Avion, that were produced in the 1960's. There is good reason for the resemblance. Loren Cayo, President of Avion, introduced the Avion truck camper in the mid 1960's as an adjunct to his popular all aluminum Avion travel trailer. His brother, Robert Cayo, became Avion Coach president in the late 1960's and sold the Avion name and travel trailer line which ultimately ended up as part of Fleetwood Enterprises. Robert Cayo did retain the popular truck camper production and rebadged it as a "Cayo". During the Cayo years, 1970-1974, Robert tried several variations of the original Avion C-10 truck camper. One of these variations was the Cayo Motovator. Sadly, it never received customer appreciation due, at least in part, to the growing oil crisis in America. ~ Bard Fuller

