

Don't miss out on your chance to get on board for the excursion to Desoto Park birthplace of the Tin Can Tourists in 1919.

We have 35 seats remaining on the 3rd Charter Bus. Get your seats reserved ASAP; these will fill up quickly.



Upon arrival at Desoto Park, we will enjoy a historical display of the earliest type of campers the Tin Canners used during the TCT's beginnings.

Featured will be Dan Hershberger's 1927 Auto Kamp Trailer and one of the largest collections of camping equipment and accessories of that era.



"A Look in the Rearview Mirror"

A feature of the Centennial's visit to Desoto Park will be roadside historian and TCT Hall of Fame member Daniel Hershberger's unique motor camping exhibit. On the very same ground where the organization was formed "to unite fraternally all autocampers" 100 years ago, this display will offer a historically accurate look at what roadside camping was like in the first decade of the TCT.

The centerpiece of the exhibit is Dan's restored 1927 Auto-Kamp fold-out tent trailer. Made in Saginaw, Michigan by one of the pioneer recreational vehicle manufacturers, it is one of a handful of rare survivors from this era. Sitting on original Ford Model T wheels, as was common of the early trailers, the rig features a large, canvas tent supported by a series of wooden struts, two comfortable spring-steel beds with felted mattresses, and two pull-

out drawers underneath the floor of the trailer, one a galvanized icebox and the other for dry storage. Once folded down and packed for the road, the trailer offered a compact, fairly lightweight package easily pulled by a Model T, or other similar car of the period.

The Auto-Kamp trailer is exhibited along with a full complement of authentic period camping gear. The two-burner gasoline camp stove, which was standard equipment when one purchased the trailer in 1927, is included along with a selection of folding furniture, an early gasoline lantern, cooking utensils, a folding gramophone, and even a folding camp bathtub. Everything in the exhibit has been carefully researched and authenticated to 1927 all the way down to the food packaging. Interpretive display boards also present information about the concept of motor camping, discuss the development of the roadmap, and offer some details about the Auto-Kamp trailer.

The product of nearly three decades of serious collecting and over four decades of research, Dan's award-winning exhibit is a highly educational experience and has been shown at prestigious antique automobile events, vintage trailer gatherings, and important historical commemorative events like the Lincoln Highway Centennial Celebration. As the TCT celebrates "100 Years of Rolling History," this exhibit offers a unique glimpse into the organization's roots and an informative look in the rearview mirror.

Herb and Sidra Spies amazing recreation of the Automobile Telescoping Apartment – Herb wrote:

"The amazing thing about this camper was that, like a Swiss army knife, it kept unfolding until it was big enough for two people(that like each other a lot) to sleep in it and it also had a storage cabinet and an outside kitchen much like a teardrop camper. It was called an "Automobile Telescoping Apartment" and was invented and then patented in August 1916 by Gustav De Bretteville in San Francisco."



Also, there will be several readings of actual, historical, first-hand experiences written down by Tin Cannors during the winter of 1919.

Upon the conclusion of the program and display at Desoto Park, we will travel a short distance to the famous Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. A sumptuous buffet will fill you before we all enjoy the painstakingly prepared visual presentation on the History of the Tin Can Tourists by Hunt Jones. His historical accounting of the TCT will certainly impress!

Help fill up the third bus – 30 seats remain.

Mail Check for \$40 per person to Forrest Bone, 4 High St., Bradenton, Florida 34208

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