



Glamping in a spiffed-up Aristocrat Lo Liner

Glamping – that is, glamorous camping – isn't just for summer. A lot of people with homes on wheels roll out to scenic places in the fall, when bronze leaf colors beckon and days are cooler.

Scott and Jane Morrill will be taking their recreational vehicle on the road to fishing campsites, and when they do, eyes will turn and cameras will be focused.

That's because the couple is traveling in style in a spiffed up 1967 Aristocrat Lo Liner.

"The glamer's name is Prince Charles because it is an 'Aristocrat' Lo Liner," says Scott Morrill, revealing his sense of humor. "We call it 'Chuck' for short for two reasons: the first is obvious. 'Chuck' is short for 'Charles.' The second reason is because we can just chuck it all and go glamping when we feel like it."

According to the Tin Can Tourists club, the Lo Liner model was designed for people who wanted an easy RV. It got its name because an optional drop axle and small wheels lowered the height to store in any garage.

The travel trailer is amiable to upgrades and remodels.

Rather than restoring the vintage RV to its original condition, the Morrills hired Peg Christensen of Portland-based **Ash Pierce Design** to transform it into something a royal with midcentury modern tastes would bow to.

Today, the Morrills tool around in a flower power-inspired getaway. The ceiling is covered in cotton-candy pink, glitter paint. The original range and hood, and a new fridge are painted with aqua-colored, automotive-grade paint.

There are red and white ovals on an orange-painted wall and red kisses on white cabinetry. The lipstick kisses were chosen to evoke the "Mad Men" era and to delight the owners.

Retro-inspired curtains adds pattern to the decor and the polished nickel hardware brings gleam, says Christensen.

The queen-size sofa bed was upholstered in hard-working, indoor-outdoor fabric. For privacy and a nod to 1960s beaded curtains, glittery floral openwork drapes can be pulled across the sleeping area when needed, but do not bang around and mark up the walls when the trailer is on the road, she says.

Rhinestones trim pillows and faux pony fur fabric is on the back cushions of the banquette. Here, seat cushions are covered in his-and-her metallic aqua and hot pink leopard print fabrics.

On the floor, midcentury, bright red Marmoleum can withstand the sand and dirt the couple's dogs bring inside.



Before



After



'After' Photos: Sally Painter

With this colorful, yet carefree vacation home, the Morrills can devote their time to catching fish. She angles her Barbie fishing rod and he maneuvers a Batman-themed fishing rod.

The travel trailer has a battery and on-demand gas water heater, but no bathroom. Still, the couple spent 2 1/2 months on the road last summer, camping in their glamorous, portable home.

"We chose to invest in a glamer because we both fondly remember camping when we were kids, but, we wanted to upgrade from the tent-and-tent-trailer experience," says Scott Morrill. "We get great pleasure from Chuck."

- Janet Eastman