

1922 Pop-Up Travel Trailer

Manufacturing Information

Manufactured ByRandolphAssembled AtRandolph,Model ProductionUnknownAnnual ProductionUnknownBodyPop-Up TrHorsepowerDoes NotWeightUnknown1922 CostUnknown

Randolph Wagon Works Randolph, Wisconsin Unknown Unknown Pop-Up Trailer Does Not Apply Unknown Unknown

Innovations

Very versatile and easy to tow with your Model T

Early Camping At Its Best

This 1922 vintage "pop-up" camp trailer is owned by the grandson of the original purchaser. Although no documentation exists, family tradition indicates that it was produced by the Randolph Wagon Works of Randolph, Wisconsin, a maker of utility and farm wagons. The camper unfolds on hinged struts which allow the "turtle top" to go vertically upward. The canvas side curtains drop to enclose the crude sleeping quarters. It is certainly a precursor to the much more elaborate "pop-up" units which became popular in the 1950s. No one person is given credit for inventing the pop-up trailer. By 1912, there were lots of manufacturers of such trailers due to the abundance of family cars. The earliest patent on tent trailers was by the Detroit Trailer Company in 1913.

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