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RV Showroom of Yesteryear

Wood-paneled walls and two comfortable armchairs lend a homey touch to the living room. The kitchen features a four-burner stove, a wide sink and enough cabinet space for a week's worth of meals. A modern RV? Not quite. It's a fully restored 1941 Westcraft trailer at the Jack Sisemore Traveland RV Museum in Amarillo, Texas.

"Basically, RVs are the same as they were back then," says Sisemore, a longtime RV businessman who founded the museum in 2013 with his collection of vintage travel trailers and motorhomes. "They've just figured out ways to put in toilets, microwaves, awnings, furnaces, air conditioning and lighting."

Housed in the dealership once owned by Sisemore, the museum highlights a half century of RVs, starting with a 1921 Ford Model T Lamsted Kampkar and a 1935 Airstream Torpedo. The most popular is the red 1948 Fxible Clipper used by the singing



Gornicke family in the 2006 Robin Williams movie RV. "It's a leaker and a squeaker," says Sisemore. "Drips oil and antifreeze like all the old cars did. But it runs, and it's ready to go right now."

The museum is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. — *Richard Varr*
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