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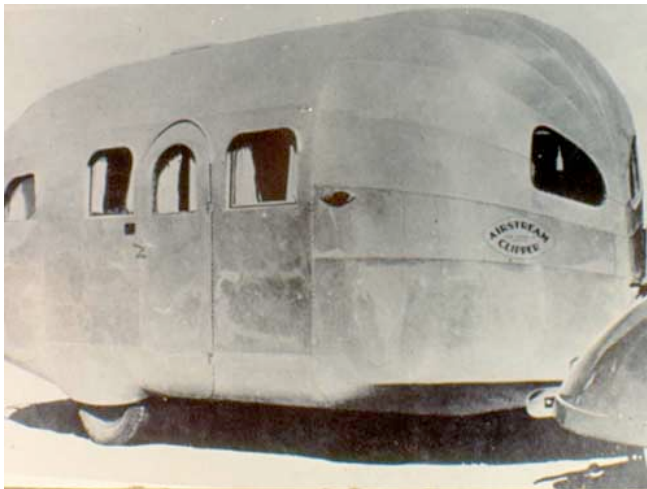
Photo Caption: *Wind River Country celebrates 100 years of Rving*

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Wind River Country benefits from the RV industry, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year

Fremont County, WY - The "auto camper" or "camping trailers" were first manufactured in 1910 for commercial sale. We know of these know of these today as Recreational Vehicles, travel trailers or campers. To celebrate this 100th year anniversary, the RV industry is holding exciting events and promotions throughout the country. For information on national celebrations visit <http://www.rvcentennial.org>

People traveling by RV to or through Wind River Country is a great boon to Fremont County's economy. According to Wyoming Travel and Tourism, the number of people staying in Wyoming campgrounds and RV parks continues to increase.



While the RV industry has changed over 100 years, and with out a doubt the design, size and accommodations of these great recreational vehicles has changed dramatically, the reason folks travel and vacation this way has not really changed at all. Campers today enjoy that same outdoor setting where families and friends gather around a campfire, away from work and day-to-day responsibilities to just relax and enjoy life.

"RV travel provides a certain sense of independence for travelers today that gives them the flexibility to stay put when they find a place they like and move on when the mood strikes them to see a new part of this great country," commented Rick Collignon, Dubois KOA. "The Baby Boomer generation, many now in their retirement years, have found RV travel a great way to experience many of the things that busy work and family schedules did not allow for during their earlier years."

Chris McIlrath of Sleeping Bear and RV Resort recalls, “Lander is the center for many historical and geological wonders including "The Sinks," Oregon Trail, South Pass City, Sacajawea's grave, Indian Pow Wows and beautiful open scenery. Many lakes, hiking trails and fishing are minutes away from town. In RV history, the first recreational vehicle arrived in Lander in 1916. It was built by Henry Ford for his friend Meeker. The Oxmobile was an extended Model T with a stovepipe sticking out of the roof. Now we host all types of RVs in the Lander Valley.”



“RVing has evolved from a few tents to million dollar rigs,” said Joe Pepper, Wind River RV Park. “We expect to have our 30,000th overnight stay at our Park, which will be in excess of 60,000 people who have visited Riverton in an RV.”

Wyoming Travel & Tourism is running a special campaign and sweepstakes called Road Trip Wyoming. The winner receives a 10-day Wyoming Road Trip. You can learn more at: <http://www.wyomingtourism.org/RoadTrip.aspx>

For a list of local RV parks and campgrounds, visit <http://www.wind-river.org/stay.php> To learn more about what Wind River Country has to offer, or to request a vacation packet, please visit us at <http://www.wind-river.org> or call 800-645-6233. Also **fan us on Facebook at Wyoming's Wind River Country** and **follow us on Twitter under WindRiverWY**.

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