

Notes and Pictures from David Ungers

Here is a bit of history of how my father and uncle decided to get into the business.

In 1935, my grandfather fit an old White Motor Co. truck chassis with a wooden body. "The vehicle had a chain drive and solid rubber tires", quoted directly from my father in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, September 30, 1970, in an article called *Madison Brothers Join Motor Home Boom*. The article continues to say, "The motor home his father (my grandfather) built had a body of 2-by-4 lumber covered with house siding." Unfortunately, I do not have a photo of this to show you. This might have been what sparked the interest of my father and uncle in the motor home business.

My father, Paul Ungers, and uncle, Matt Ungers, started the company in 1964 in Madison, OH, on 3200 County Line Rd. They designed and built the motor homes themselves. It began with a ply-wood shell (body) in order to make a fiberglass mold which, in turn, made the fiberglass molded shell (body) with steel and wood roll-bars which are laid inside the shell (body) and are fiber-glassed in place. By "all hand laid up", I mean laid by hand, rather than sprayed with chop-guns as they are today, which makes it more of a durable shell design. The first few motor homes off of the assembly line were called "Redi-Go Traveler". These were on a Chevy chassis with a straight-6 cylinder engine. After a few years, they were renamed the "Ungers Crown Commander". Though the Ungers Crown Commander used a Dodge chassis and an International chassis, the Dodge chassis was the most popular with about 800 motor homes being manufactured within the 10 years of business.

In your letter, you asked how the Ungers Crown Commander compared to the Dodge Travco. The one-piece molded fiberglass shell the Ungers Crown Commander had is better, in comparison to fiberglass motor homes created with multiple pieces, which is how the Travco was created. The one-piece molded fiberglass shell was more expensive to make in its day, though it is overall stronger and more durable; obviously, there are no water leaks through the seams as there is with a traditional motor home today. As I said in previous e-mails, the Ungers Crown Commander was one of a kind with all custom molded fiberglass including outside doors, front grill work, one piece bathroom, engine hatch, dashboard and a custom wooden interior cabinetry.

In 1974, the company went out of business due to climbing gas prices, sales dropping, and the high cost of manufacturing.

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Ungers construction is solid, with imbedded roll bars for safety and strength



K2TQN's Mobile Museum at Hamfest in Maryland - 2003

K2TQN's OldRadio Museum

As exhibited at the AWA meet Sept. 2, 1998



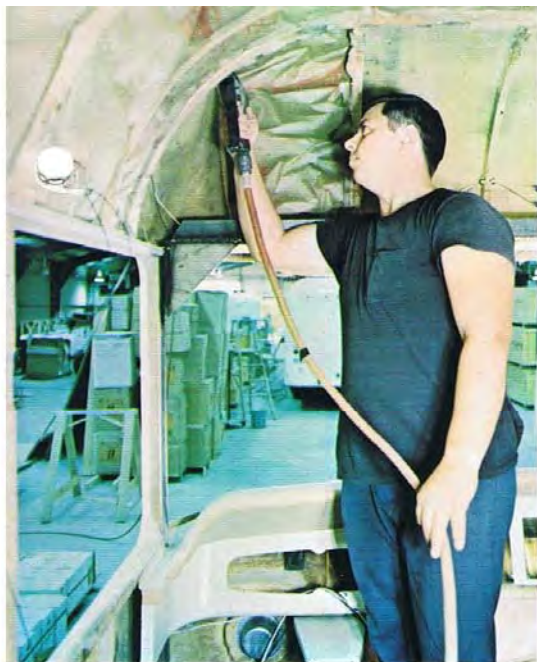
Various 1924-1939 ham radio stations, both homebrew and commercial.
The earlier tube gear and Spark transmitters are in the rear.



Visitors admiring the rare 1930's commercial receivers and the big,
160 pound, Hallicrafters 1940 HT-9 transmitter.

[Link to photos of radios inside](#)





hand-crafted construction

Ungers Crown Commanders are slowly and carefully built to exacting specifications by master craftsmen. It takes a little longer, but the result is a motorhome worthy of its name: Ungers Crown Commander.

Bodies are hand-laid multiple layers of fiberglass mat and cloth fused together with fiberglass resin. Tubular steel roll bars are spaced the length of the coach and molded-in to keep the body permanently square, rigid and warp-proof.

Floors are built-up and insulated, to a full 4½" thickness, encased in fiberglass then mounted on the chassis before sealing to the body. This gives a strong, solid foundation that won't rust, corrode or rot -- ever!

Steel roll bars in front of and behind the driver provide safety and protection up front plus a firm support for the leak-proof wrap-around windshield. A lower engine console, foam-padded dashboard, padded ceiling, cabinets without protruding knobs, drapery rails that hug the walls - these are just a few of the many safety extras built into every Ungers.

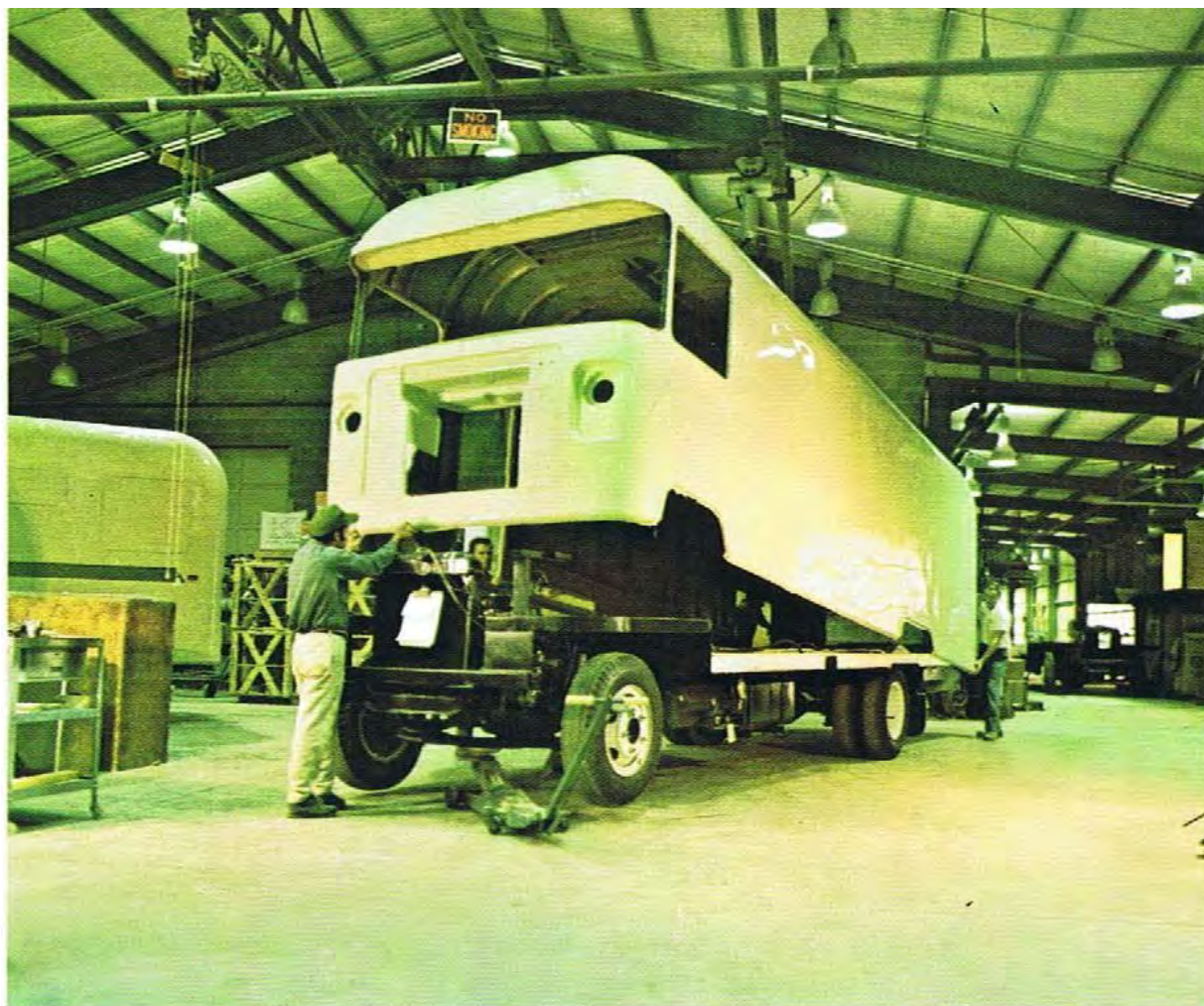


If your family were traveling in a motorhome, wouldn't you want it to be the strongest, safest one on the market?

That's the way we feel about it at Ungers.

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the ungers crown commander

is not just another motorhome . . .

The Ungers Crown Commander is a rose among thorns, ranking everything in its class. It tells the world you're a person with impeccable taste - and a streak of practicality, too, because the Ungers Crown Commander is built to reign the roads and last a lifetime.

It's the world on wheels from the time your family is years younger to years larger, ready to go whenever and wherever the action is. It's a ski lodge, a beach cottage, a fishing camp or hunting lodge. And a pleasurable way to travel or vacation anywhere in the world.

The Commander's color-coordinated interior is designed to please the most discriminating woman. Tasteful, comfortable, convenient. With plenty of cabinets and drawers plus full-length wardrobes; wipe-clean surfaces and stain-repelling upholstery and carpeting throughout; stainless steel appliances; and a

one-piece fiberglass bathroom with no dirt-collecting corners.

Outside there's a steel reinforced molded fiberglass body that sets the industry standard for strength, safety and durability. It's hand-crafted to exacting standards, then completely molded in one piece before mounting on the chassis.

Underneath there's a rigid 4½" thick floor, sheathed in fiberglass and sealed to the body ensuring positive protection against road dust from entering the coach and eliminates any chance of rust and rot. And over, under, all around, there's thick, thick fiberglass insulation to tame temperatures, hush road noises.

Just as your family needs are unique, so is the Crown Commander. You can have it in several floor plans and interior color combinations - or have it custom-designed just for you.

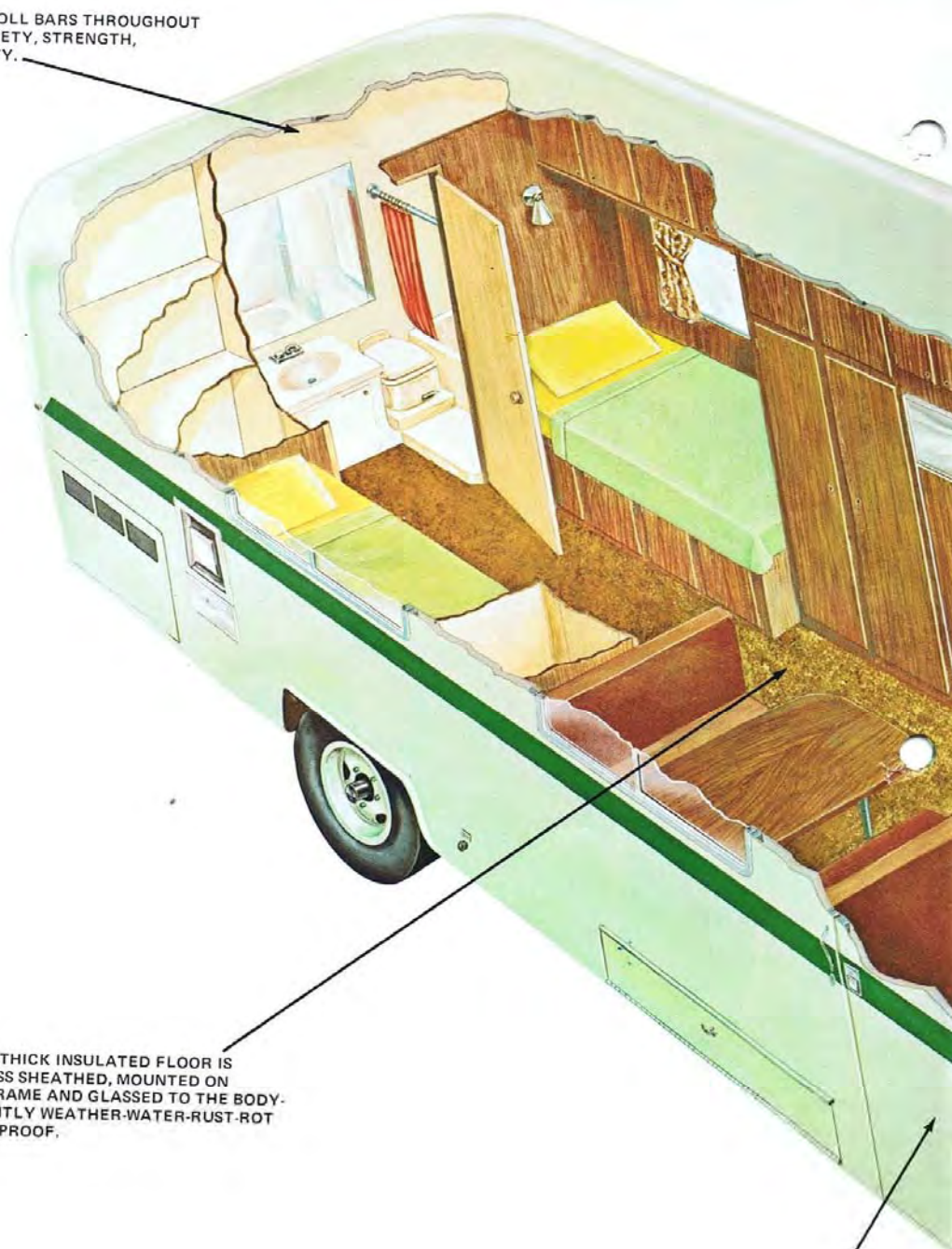
You see, when it comes to motorhomes, your wish is our Commander.



MOLDED-IN STEEL ROLL BARS THROUGHOUT THE COACH FOR SAFETY, STRENGTH, PERMANENT RIGIDITY.

RIGID 4 1/2" THICK INSULATED FLOOR IS FIBERGLASS SHEATHED, MOUNTED ON A STEEL FRAME AND GLASSED TO THE BODY. PERMANENTLY WEATHER-WATER-RUST-ROT AND DUST PROOF.

1 3/4" REINFORCED MOLDED FIBERGLASS DOOR HAS FULL-LENGTH, HEAVY-DUTY PIANO HINGE AND FEDERALLY-APPROVED FLUSH-STYLE HANDLE AND LOCK PLUS OUR OWN HEAVY-DUTY SCREEN DOOR.



PECAN-GRAINED LAMINATED PANELING
AND PRE-FORMED CABINETS THROUGH-
OUT FOR DURABILITY, EASY MAINTENANCE.

WALL TO WALL CARPETING, FULL LENGTH,
LINED DRAPERIES, FOAMED CUSHIONED
UPHOLSTERY AND PADDED CEILING.



STEEL ROLL BARS IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND
THE DRIVER, PADDED DASH AND LOWER ENGINE
CONSOLE FOR UP-FRONT SAFETY.