

Mrs. Fred Hunter

Brevard Widow Is Enthusiastic Motor Home Traveler

"Home On Wheels" Is Second Dwelling

By - Cal Carpenter

A petite Brevard grandmother is one of the most enthusiastic motor home travelers you'd ever expect to meet. She wheels a big, 24-ft. Winnebago "Home on Wheels" from state to state like a veteran trucker; and just to make things more convenient, she tows a little Opel Kadette, for shorter trips, on a trailer hitch behind.

Mrs. Gladys Clevenger Hunter and her husband, Fred, before his death in October of last year, traveled many thousands of miles in their motor home, visiting scenic places, meeting people from many of the 50 states, and attending trailer and motor home rallies. And Mrs. Hunter, a competent little woman, is continuing the travels she and her husband loved so much.

BIG DADDY

The motor home was actually a second home to the Hunters and still is, though to a somewhat lesser extent perhaps, for Mrs. Hunter. She has a summer home in Brevard, on the Old Hendersonville Highway. Her second home, the one she and her husband bought to replace a winter home in Florida the couple owned for many years, is the big Winnebago named "Big Daddy."

"The grandchildren," says Mrs. Hunter, called their grandfather 'Big Daddy.' So that's what we named our motor home — Big Daddy.

"People we met on our tours and the grandchildren all know our Winnebago by that name," continues Mrs. Hunter. "We hear from people and they ask, 'How's big Daddy?' They mean how's the motor home."

FROM BUNCOMBE

The Hunters were originally from Buncombe county. They moved to Brevard in 1939 where, after several years, they built Brevard's first motel, the Pisgah Motor Court, in 1955.

After a few years, when the new 4-lane highway by-passed their motel, the Hunters sold it and bought the Brevard Motor Court in 1959. They sold this in 1962 and moved to a home in Florida, keeping their Brevard property as a summer home.

They spent their winters in Florida and summers in Brevard for several years. Both

loving to travel, it finally became obvious they were spending more time traveling than in either home. So they sold their Florida place and bought the big "home on wheels." For convenience on short scenic trips, they also bought the little Opel Kadette sedan and fitted it to be towed behind the winnebago.

NATIONAL GROUPS

The Hunters belonged to several national trailer - travel groups and clubs. They enjoyed the rallies held by the various groups each year where people with motor homes and trailers from all over the country met to swap experiences. There they made friends with other travel lovers from several of the 50 states.

In August of 1970, the Hunters made a trip out west. They went into Mexico for several days and made stops visiting scenic attractions and friends from Brevard to California. Upon arriving in San Diego, California, Mr. Hunter became ill and they started back home. They made it as far as Las Vegas where it was necessary for them to fly home because of Fred's illness. Their son, John, from Atlanta, flew out to Las Vegas and drove the Coach home.

Mr. Hunter passed away on October 6, 1970. Mrs. Hunter went to Florida in her Winnebago and spent the remainder of the winter. On her way back to Brevard she was stranded in Lavonia, Georgia, for three days by ice and 12 inches of snow.

But she still plans to keep her coach and make as many trips as she can. She plans a trip to Iowa and a rally in Missouri this summer. She plans for one of her grandsons to accompany her on these trips.

Mrs. Hunter has two sons: John Hunter of Atlanta, Georgia, and Robert Hunter of Brevard. She has several grandchildren.

HOME ON WHEELS

Differing from a trailer, which is towed behind a car or truck, a "motor home" or "coach" is a self-powered vehicle. It is a living facility built on a truck chassis.

Mrs. Hunter's "Big Daddy" is complete with bath, kitchen, bedroom; it is air conditioned and heated; it has television and a self-contained electric power generator. It is built on a powerful Dodge truck chassis. It is indeed a home on wheels.

And Mrs. Fred Hunter is indeed an enthusiastic traveler. She is, as said before, one of the most enthusiastic motor home travelers you'd ever expect to meet.

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"BIG DADDY" — Mrs. Gladys Clevenger Hunter is shown with her 24-ft. Winnebago Motor Home and the Opel Kadette she tows behind it. Widow of Fred Hunter, former Brevard Motel owner who died in October, 1970, Mrs. Hunter continues the traveling she and her husband loved and had done for several years, driving the big coach herself. The Winnebago is a fully equipped, self-propelled "Home on Wheels." The little sedan towed behind is used for short scenic trips. (Times Staff Photo)

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Cedar Mountain	Skerratt's Store	Wed., Apr. 21	4:00-5:00
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Oakland - Sapphire	Sapphire Lumber Company	Sat., Apr. 24	2:00-3:00
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