



A Cub Camper Caper

Now we are '50 something' (in fact one of us has just turned 60) we have the time and freedom from family to do what we want to do, within a budget of course.

My wife and I wanted to see more of our wonderful country and we wondered about how to do this, keeping the costs reasonable and deciding our own itinerary.

We are definitely not bus tour people!

Camping is behind us, motels are expensive and impersonal and caravans are such a pain to tow as well as being incredibly expensive on fuel and necessitating a costly upgrade of our vehicle.

Fortunately we were introduced to camper trailers and a whole new possibility opened up to us. Something that was light and easy to tow, did not necessitate a vehicle upgrade and was easy to erect in minutes. I liked the concept straight away but my wife saw the canvas roof and was not quite so sure. I could see the only way to convince her was to try one.

We were fortunate to be able to borrow a CUB Camper for four days and so we went on a short trip south of Sydney towing a Supamatic Regal. We towed the 8 foot trailer with our 1998 Toyota Camry 4 cylinder with ease. As the driver, I could see over the camper with the normal rear view mirror and it followed the car so easily that I didn't have to make any driving adjustments.

My wife had made the booking at Easts Beach and had ordered our site with an ensuite facility for a small extra charge. This meant we had our own bathroom right at our camper door.

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camper set up and it was now a 16 foot living space with great double bed and inner-spring mattress, kitchen and fridge all up off the ground. The first thing we noticed was that our neighbours came over and introduced themselves and they were all amazed at how quickly and easily we had set up.

rains but in our Ford Territory this time, we went to fabulous places like Arkaroola that the caravans couldn't get too and Wilpena Pound. With the awning annexe attached and walls to close it in when required, the CUB just has all the answers to any situation.

We saw a lot of other CUBS

far less than on a Coach Tour, far less than staying at Motels and far less than towing a caravan. Amazingly, the camper only added between 3 and 4 litres per hundred kilometres to the fuel bill. In the 5000 kilometres we travelled that is only about \$330 dollars extra using an average price of \$1.65 per litre. That's about two nights at a motel!



ping us enjoying our great country in our CUB Supamatic Regal XTD.

Pictured top: The Cub Camper takes very little time to set up. Above: the "Spacematic" and below the "Supermatic"

We are not getting all uptight about fuel prices. When you work it out, it is not stop-

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That was last December. This June (2008) we have just spent a month in the wonderful Flinders Ranges of South Australia in a CUB Supamatic Regal XTD Off Road. It is definitely the way to see this country. It is comfortable in all weather and can go where caravans can't if you are so inclined. Some roads were closed to caravans because of recent

on the roads and at the camp grounds and the owners all love them to death and I can assure you, they were all 50, 60 or 70 something! They are likeminded interesting people and we found this to be the best part of staying in caravan parks. And the budget? We were well pleased.

Yes fuel is more expensive than it was but we spent far

