

Showman's Caravan A Travelling Home

Manufacturer: Eberhard Stork & Söhne Wagenbau, Soest / Westphalia

Year of construction: around 1958

Owner: LVR-Freilichtmuseum Kommern

The caravan was manufactured between 1957 and 1959 for the showman Johann Rosenzweig by the Stork company, which specialised in living, packing and sales wagons. As Rosenzweig had a permanent home on the Krefelder Straße in Cologne, the caravan was only used for travelling. At that time, Rosenzweig travelled in the area on the left bank of the Rhine from the Lower Rhine to the Eifel with bumper cars as his main business and smaller side businesses.

At the beginning of 1969, the caravan became the property of the showman Josef Rosenzweig. He never used the wagon himself, but gave it to his niece Rosemarie Gormanns. She was the operator of a larger observation wheel and used the caravan for travelling until 1973. In the following years, the wagon remained unused and was rebuilt. After the restoration, various family members continued to use the caravan. In 2009, the caravan became part of the collection of the LVR-Freilichtmuseum Kommern.