

Although many Spartans are still around, this Manor Model 25 is extremely special because of its condition, but also as a first year edition of this model. The 1946 was constructed in mahogany paneling, which remains in incredible original condition. The years following this model were made with birch paneling, so along with the vin tag still in place, the mahogany paneling is a confirmation of the year this camper was built. Although some staining of the wood does exist, because the camper does not leak and the wood work is so beautiful, we chose to leave all the original paneling in place. This camper has a clean WY title, with brand new axle, jack stand, and hitch. It weighs about 3500 lbs and tows really well.

The retrieval of this 1946 Spartan Manor 25 has been quite the adventure. This Spartan (along with a 1949 Spartan Royal Mansion which has already been sold) were located up the North Fork River outside of Lander, Wyoming on the Pine Bar ranch. The campers are believed to have been purchased from the factory and had the Pine Bar as their sole home until we removed them in the fall of 2018. The Pine Bar now belongs to the Torrey family, who graciously worked with us in excavating the campers and safely transporting them across the river and off the property.

This endeavor was hard won, as the Spartans' axels had been removed and they were sitting on concrete foundations poured long ago. The bleaching seen on a few places of the Manor's aluminum resulted from contact with the concrete slab it was set on, surely never assumed to be moved. We had to creatively jack and block up the campers, had custom temporary axles made to set the campers on, and then maneuver the campers through trees and the foundations and finally across an old bridge river-crossing and safely off this mountain property. See the gallery of "retrieval" photos. The Manor was then hauled to a professional welder's shop where a new axel as well as new jack-stand and hitch were ordered and installed.

Once the Manor had new shoes, the old windows and flooring were removed. The woodwork was reconditioned, icebox replaced with a modern electric refrigerator, which was painted red along with the original oven/stovetop.

Although not a purist's restoration, the original features of the camper were left intact if they were in good, functional, and aesthetically pleasing condition. This camper has many aspects that are unique to find included such as the wheel well covers and cabinetry.

The Manor had only a few missing parts including the exterior porch light fixture, front door stair, and sitting area heater. The stair, we were not able to salvage when cutting out of the concrete foundation and the light fixture was never in place. These items we successfully parted from a slightly newer Spartan Manor, though, and so we were able to complete the camper with these company originals. The heater seen in the photos is not a Spartan original and was found at an antique store. It does function but unfortunately has some exhaust that comes out the top when running, even though it is vented. We are on the hunt for a good replacement, but leave it as is for aesthetic purposes. The gas lines to it and the oven/stovetop are new and in good function.

Because the wiring to the camper was in good condition we did not choose to replace it, but did have an electrician install a breaker box for the original circuitry with an added line for the refrigerator and outlet below the fridge. The breaker box is powered by a 110V plug which exits the floor of the camper on the driver's side.

The décor of the camper is a vintage bohemian style, classic with a bit of glamour. The modern but vintage style sofa folds into a bed. The sitting area is separate from the kitchen, and the bedroom is a private space with door closing between it and the kitchen. The kitchen has a double sink and faucet, and the bedroom has the original vanity and drain sink. The sinks and countertops are the original stainless steel. The kitchen sink has two lines, so can have a hot and cold water line, however, the camper does not currently have a hot water heater in place.

The bedroom has ample closet and bureau space but does not have a bathroom. The bedroom also has a second door opening to the exterior. This door does open from the inside, however the handle is damaged on the outside and so can only be opened from within. The front exterior door maintains the original spring-loaded handle which springs open when unlocked. There is a functioning original key for this door handle.

This camper is perfectly ready to travel down the road, but would also make a wonderful guest or rental space.

I am currently starting a refurbish project of a vintage two horse trailer into a mobile shower/toilet house. It compliments the Spartan well, and would be a great accessory item to be sold separately. Inquire for photos if interested.