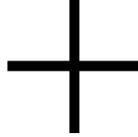


The Temple Trailer By John Pineal Alsup

This modified travel trailer provides the Tibetan Buddhist Teacher with all the freedom and independence that Buddhist teachings promise. Costing about \$25,000 it makes the teacher completely independent of any center or temple. By simply putting a temple on wheels and electronically connecting to the world via the internet it can go practically anywhere on earth.



I will take a trailer frame about 40 feet or 13 meters long by about 3 meters wide. They sell frames like these to companies and individuals so they can make their own trailers.



On the first ten feet of the frame I would put a 10 ft enclosed 'facility' or office section.



Like this. It's half completed now. The enclosed facility section can have office, toilets, heating and electricity generation. It can have a small kitchen and even beds but those things are better taken care of by a camper which will house the monks and also pull the Temple Trailer.



The roof is made from 3 sections of telescoping clear Acrylic panel which is used to cover swimming pools in the winter.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pl-Vb7DEcSE> When the roof is retracted you can look directly up into the sky.



Then to top off everything the walls fold out like a huge 30 foot poppy flower. All these innovations combine to convert the road worthy trailer into a 8 by 10 meter temple/meditation room. This size trailer will be able to accommodate about 35 people in meditation or sleep with about 2 ½ square meters per person.

You get to decide everything. You can meet the students at the mountaintop (or at the beach) or you can take them with you as if on a bus. The possibilities are about endless and completely up to the teacher. In the 'winter time' you can go South. You can rent trailer spaces just about anywhere in the world for less than \$20 a night. You can rent two or three adjacent trailer spaces and have the ceremonies in the trailer court. But why when mountain tops and beaches are usually free to visit and to hold ceremonies at. I would also install tubing with circulating warm water in the floors and the walls that fold out. This will provide contact heating so that people will be kept warm in near freezing temperatures if they just touch the warm floor with their leg.

\$300 seems to be the average cost of a weekend class. 30 students earn \$9,000. Since a 'Temple Trailer' will cost about \$25,000 it will pay for itself in less than 3 weeks. The best part is that you can go to where the action is. JTA