

Photo No. I showing side view of Arena Prop Wagon No. 47. The famous Alexander Troupe practice in front of the wagon. [Eddie Jackson Photo].

This wagon was one of the first work wagons built for the Sparks Circus. For the first few years it carried the number 60. The shell of the wagon is very plain as you can see by the plan I made out for you. The arena (steel) was carried fiat inside the wagon with the stands and a few of the scissor cat chute. The balance of the cat chutes were carried on the side of the wagon. The two photos show how these were carried. Photo number 1 is as good a side view as I could offer. The troupe lined up for the photograph were the famous Alexander Troupe. This is an Eddie Jackson photo. Photo number 2 shows the same wagon (second from left) with a front view and part of the cat chutes still on the wagon. This wagon is shown with the rest of Sparks equipment on the burning line at the Ringling Winter Quarters at Sarasota, Florida. This is a Chappie Fox photo. The basic colors were Red Body, White under gear. The title in the last few years was lettered on the top slab or board. The lettering was white with blue striping. Another point of interest on this wagon was the front wheels had 12 spokes. The rear wheels had 14 spokes The hubs were the old barrel type.



Photo No. 2 showing wagon on burn line in Sarasota. [Chappie Fox Photo]

Sparks Circus Arena and Prop Wagon No. 47

DATE: 1920'S

SCALE: 1/2" = 1'

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Circus Model Builders

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