

ULTRA

CLUB NEWS

Last Fall when in the east with our Ultra Van, we talked with an engineer at Gettysburg, Pa. After touring this historical area, we had stayed overnight at Battlefield Park there. This man has his third Corvair car. First one he put 90,000 miles on. His second, over 100,000. He was driving a 1967 model (had 30,000 on it). His enthusiasm was very consoling. One thing we duly learned - the engines that ULTRA puts in its VANS usually perform better after 15,000 miles than when new. He said so...and ours does. Yours?

VALUABLE SERVICE SUGGESTIONS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

EXACT COLOR MATCHING: Every Ultra Van owner should be proud of his vehicle and maintain its good appearance. In case of body scratches or other damage, you may need to touch up the exterior finish of your Van. Go to a Pep Boys Store, or any store carrying "DUPLI-COLOR" brand spray enamels. Ask for General Motors acrylic #122. It is an exact color match. This Dupli-Color "GM #122" must be sprayed in several very light coats. Allow to dry $\frac{1}{2}$ hour between coats. Be sure to smooth and prepare the area with fine sandpaper first. Already used wrong white? - just spray this ivory-white over it. EASY.

CORVAIR ENGINE DRIPS OIL: Simply reach under it with a $\frac{7}{16}$ " box-end wrench to tighten the row of studs around bottom of the crankcase. Also, do same with the transmission case. Not too tight, just very snug. Crankcase and transmission "sealer-type" additives help too.

QUICK BODY REPAIRS: If your UV gets "creased" from driving too closely to a jutting rock or the surface metal is otherwise damaged, here is the EASY repair method. Light weight 4'X 4' smooth aluminum sheets are available for low cost at nearly any hardware store. Cut a patch with metal snips (square or oblong shape) sized to fit neatly over the dented or cut area. Hold in place on body and drill a few holes around outer edges of patch and through the body. Use care not to drill into a copper tube or electric wiring inside the wall. Now simply fasten patch in place with pop rivets or short self-taping screws. Use sandpaper. Finish job with enamel mentioned above.

LINE YOUR ENGINE HATCH-COVERS: To keep engine heat and noise out of the bedroom, cut sheet asbestos to the proper size for under each door. Next, using the asbestos pieces as a pattern, cut sheet aluminum to size and fasten over the asbestos with a few $\frac{3}{8}$ " wood screws. This provides safety in case of a carburetor "flame-up" too. Hardware stores have sheet asbestos.

CRACKS IN THE FIBERGLASS: Extremes of temperature (hot daytime sun, chilly nights) will occasionally contribute to surface "craze" or even develop definite line cracks in the fiberglass body sections. These unsightly blemishes are very easily filled with clear EPOXY RESIN, a liquid material obtainable at auto parts stores. Often (for small jobs) the toothpaste size tube of epoxy and another of hardening agent will be sufficient. Follow DIRECTIONS. Mix properly, then fill the cracks - using a putty knife. Next day, smooth the surface down with fine sandpaper UNDER A SMALL BLOCK OF WOOD. The secret for a perfect job is using the block of wood. Finish with Dupli-Color #122.

LIGHTING THE FURNACE WHEN THERE IS A HIGH WIND: To solve blowouts when lighting the pilot, make the following device and keep it handy when needed. Cut a piece of aluminum and shape to fit flat against the round center chimney (vent stack) outside, left of vehicle. Best size, about 4"X 6". Bend-over the top to form hook so it will hang on the chimney heat deflector. Remove the device as soon as pilot is lit.

ENGINE FUMES INSIDE YOUR COACH: If gas or exhaust fumes seep in from the engine area, there can be only one solution...seal the hatch-doors more tightly around the edges. At any auto parts store get a small roll of $\frac{1}{2}$ "X $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick self-adhesive foam. Wipe all oil and dust from the sealing surfaces of the covers...along both the front and rear ends and also down the center flange surface. Apply the foam tape. No more engine smell!

SAFETY FIRST: When having your LP gas tank refilled, it is wise to first turn "off" main valve at tank. Some new Propane Bulk Plants use tremendous pumping pressures and can over-fill. Once last fall we got 11 gallons-plus, squeezed into our 10 gallon tank. If raw Propane is forced out inside, with pilot lights lit, the caution is obvious. No real danger, but best play safe.

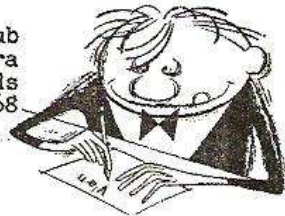
SPARE FAN BELT: Every Ultra Van owner should carry a spare. Maybe you will want to get a GATES "Green Stripe" with Steel Core...#8331XS. These are said to be much more dependable and to last 8-times longer than the standard stock General Motors Corvair belt.

We trust the above suggestions will be useful.

ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC.

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The Officers and Directors of your Club take this opportunity to wish all Ultra Van owners our warmest and best regards for a happy and prosperous year of 1968.



Dear members and friends:

NOVEMBER RALLY REPORT *

The UVMC Club meeting at Ojai over Thanksgiving weekend, as guests of FMCA, was a most pleasant event. It was a sunny and beautiful holiday period. We do feel certain that everyone attending enjoyed the drive up through the fresh Ventura hill country, as well as the modern and terraced Park itself. The Motor Coach Association's meeting, the program of color-pictures and the fine lecture by Dr. Irwin, the Smorgasbord-type dinner, the sumptuous Sunday breakfast...all helped make this a most memorable rally.

There was a total of 54 coaches registered...of which 7 were Ultra Vans. The others consisted of Ford Condors, Dodge Motor Homes, Converted Flexibles, plus Customs, Wanderlodes, Lifetime, Chinook, and all the rest, larger and smaller and in-between. Four UVs were already there when #228 pulled in.

President Merritt Wemple called a meeting of Ultra Club members Saturday PM. It was unanimously decided to hold our February quarterly "Ultrarally" in the Death Valley area. Exact date and place to be announced; notice to be mailed to all members. It was mentioned that the middle/May Ultrarally will be scheduled up north, to be more convenient, in fairness, to members in that area. Northern Ultra Van owners - please send suggested rally locations. Thank you.

Vice President Edward Martin suggested each coach be neatly numbered, front and rear, for convenient owner recognition. This was discussed. Secretary Ernest Newhouse stated that perhaps the Club could supply all the needed vinyl numbers in a uniform size for members to apply. Sources to be explored at once.

Pres. Wemple brought up that the Club needs volunteers to help with various little tasks. He could appoint, but suggested it would be best if members would volunteer for tasks they prefer. Briefly, some of the positions are: Registration; Parking; Program; Vehicle Maintenance; Publicity; Finance; Food Planning; etc. Please drop our President a line as to which little job or fun-assignment you can help him with. Friendly helpers make jobs easy!

Members with creative talent may send in design sketches for Club decals. In addition to TTCA's, should we or should we not have our own? Vice Pres. Martin has already made up some great idea art which will be shown everyone at the next rally. Others with unique proposals should mail their's in soon.

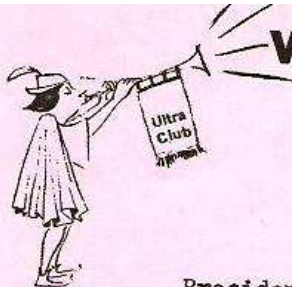
Your Club could be right-hand-aid to the factory in several ways. We have some valid suggestions for Ultra Van betterment...from Club members, Officers, and the Directors. There always is room for improvement of even the finest of any product...this would also be true in regard to our own luxury-vehicles. At the next rally the Club needs proposals how best to gather and pass these on to factory engineers for analysis and serious consideration.

Do our members wish to have a Club Photo Album? Those in favor bring a favorite print or two along to each rally. Soon the album might become an interesting book...to look forward to at future meets. Ready! Aim! Shoot!

* The quarterly "ULTRA CLUB NEWS" and the February Ultrarally announcement will be mailed to members next week

Secretary

Ernest Newhouse



WE ARE NOW PREPARING A PLANNED VACATION!

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS NEXT "ULTRARALLY"
THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 16th to 19th
IN THE DEATH VALLEY AREA

President Merritt and Rutha Wemple with members Bryant and
Kathy Phillips are checking suitable locations and all data.
(exact place and full details will be mailed next week)

MEMBERS: Along with this Report is enclosed your 1968 Membership Card, your new "International" decals, etc. (UV owners reading this who have not joined yet, please see attached coupon). Members also will find two copies of the complete MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY showing the full names and addresses of all the Ultra Club registered owners...TWO: Keep one in home, other in Van. This now makes possible friendly contacts almost anywhere in the west. When traveling members can always find help, advice, good company. If there is lack of any public place to stay, we can now just phone members in the area to check if they have driveway space for an overnight emergency. Almost everyone has. The factory Serial Number of each coach (running from a low #6, to way over #300 now), shown with each owner, helps make the listing more interesting too. With our new Identification System, soon any member can know who passed him on the freeway, who is parked across the street, or next to him, etc. Fun!

The next "ULTRA CLUB NEWS" (to be mailed within 10-days to all members) is being devoted almost entirely to valuable and very helpful services suggestions for owners. This next issue should be filed and kept for possible future use and reference.

Another copy of "OUR CODE" will be enclosed. This code of ethics is excellent advice for owners of all types of "travel-home" vehicles. It is our moral and legal obligation to abide by these simple "rules of the road" when traveling.

A handy 16-page 1968 Calendar (small booklet) is also being mailed to members with the compliments of your Club. The verse under January is excellent.

If you are a member, this coupon may be handed to another Ultra Van owner for his convenience in joining your Club. **2**

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