

# ULTRA CLUB NEWS



IDEAS: from members to members.

SEVENTH ISSUE  
Editor #228

We trust the information listed below  
will prove of interest to each member  
ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUBS



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**AEROSHELL:** is one brand-name of aircraft crankcase oil used now by some club people in their Ultra Vans. Idea originated with #293 and #280. Extra high film strength! Your editor used it years ago in the Continental and Lycoming engines of our personal plane. Corvair engines are very similar..air cooled. Get "Aeroshell" at any small private-airport; W-65 is proper viscosity. It's reasonable in case lots (12 quarts) or more.

**CONTAINERS:** Good tip from #267 and #302...when buying any bottled product for use in your Van, buy those brands packaged in plastic containers. Select your cosmetics, lotions, creams, Vaseline, Mentholatum, shaving supplies, solvents, even Ketchup and Comet Cleanser packaged in plastic. LESS WEIGHT, LESS NOISE, won't rattle, UNBREAKABLE too, so SAFER to carry and use.

**UP-FRONT-TABLE:** This idea was gleaned first from #302. Dining up-front, using the seats facing each other, amounts to very effective use of space. More recently, #237, #333, #228, and others were "copy cats" too. The same board (already provided) to support the seat cushions for sleeping up-front, can easily be adapted as a table top...or you may use your present top. At any Trailer Supply Store you can get an aluminum attachment strip for clipping the board to edge of Van shelf, and a folding leg to support the free end. When driving, the new table un-clips and stores in closet behind your clothes. Restful dining...great view...wonderful idea! See "how" at next rally.

**SHEBA-KRISSY-PEPPER:** Idea for Ultra Club PET OWNERS. A romantic young man wrote his girl friend, "I always kiss the stamps on your letters, because I know that your lips have touched them". Apologetically, she wrote back, "And, to think, that I dampen them on Fido's nose". Another use for pets???

**SPARK TIMING:** When getting an engine tune-up, unless told otherwise, your Chevy or other mechanic will normally re-set Ultra Van engine timing to the General Motors book. WATCH THIS. We suggest trying 6 to 10 degrees RETARD from GM Corvair figures. Long engine life depends on PROPER spark timing for the load, type vehicle, altitude, etc. Listen....if your engine "cackles" up a grade or against strong wind, retard your spark. Take it easy, and downshift ...until you can have this five-minute adjustment accomplished. The factory mechanics set the timing correctly for where you'll be going, but grade of gasoline and your altitude may vary, so watch this. AND...watch Tune-ups.

**REVERSE FLUSH:** This idea from #228 may save you an hour of time and several dollars. If your overboard pump runs but nothing comes out the end of hose, shut off pump immediately. Instead of removing assembly to clean out clogged pump or line, simply connect end of hose to a city water faucet...now use pressure to "reverse-flush" the system. Be careful to open faucet only a little bit...then disconnect, and try your pump. Repeat if necessary.

**BIG BOOK:** Comes another club arrangement worked out with our long-time good friend Roy, owner of J. C. Whitney & Co. This big auto parts firm will now send all our members their huge special catalog. It shows dozens of items useful for our Ultra Vans at reasonable prices. If you do not receive your book soon, ask for it - write them direct: 1917 Archer Ave., Chicago, Ill. Zip - 60616. Be sure to give YOUR zip code - necessary for catalogs.

**SECURITY:** Idea from #256 - at night keep can of "FLAME OUT" (CO<sub>2</sub> carbon-dio spray) on counter near door. Protection against possible intruders knocking in for admittance after dark; one blast disables at least 1/2 hour, sprays over 25 feet distance. Good added silent security for club members, better than firearms, etc. Don't use on fires, acrid-fumes; not sold LA county.

**SILICONE:** Some members may not know General Electric makes "silicone seal"-guaranteed to last ten years. Use it to repair gasoline or holding tanks, bumpers, close open holes, body seams. Be sure surface is dry and well sand-papered. Material comes in tubes, under \$2 at most hardware departments.

**"O" RING:** #271 writes--"Finally found out where my oil was coming from. The seal where cable enters the transmission..."O" Ring was leaking. So I jacked Van up in the driveway and installed one myself. No more transmission leak". Thanks, Jack, for this helpful tip, just in case anyone else ever needs it.

**INSURANCE:** Your club now carries limited general insurance coverage. This is to protect the club in case of accidental injury at a rally. The policy was obtained through the broad-coverage of International TTCA as a special rider at very low cost. Thousand Oaks rally site required club insurance.