

ULTRA CLUB NEWS

IDEAS: from members to members.

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



ULTRA CLUB: Well, time flies...and each of us grows another year older. That includes your club too, now in its third year of life. As the membership soars to over 200 Ultra Van families, we again recall fond memories of the original incorporating with just three coaches. We hoped that 6 (or maybe 10) UV owners might wish to join. WELCOME all 206 club families! Again we want to thank those who sent in much of the excellent material for each issue of the "Club News" this past year. Personally, we feel that just one or two of the good ideas in this issue alone will pay our membership costs for the next couple of years. Do you have any suggestions to share? Send YOURS in soon.

WINTER COMFORT: This may sound strange, but IT WORKS! To get maximum heat up front while driving, open both front side windows about 1/4" each. This draws heat forward from engine vent or wall furnace for wonderful driving warmth.

CAREFREE SLEEP: Believe it was our good members #420 who offered this unique idea for excellent SECURITY. If camped in a remote or lonely place at night, just before retiring turn "on" your EMERGENCY BLINKER SWITCH (if your coach doesn't have one, get one installed for a few dollars) and turn "off" both of your Main Battery Switches. In event of prowlers or unusual sounds outside, without getting up merely reach over and flick on one of the Battery Switches. No thief...no matter how hardened...is going to steal a tire or break into a coach that's dark inside and suddenly "alive" outside. 'Nuff said!

SAVE YOUR BUMPERS: Those modern-as-tomorrow aircraft-ethfoam bumpers on your Ultra Van can now be made to last almost forever. Salty night air along the coasts, and caustic winter-time street chemicals elsewhere, have had a tendency to pit the foam surface. Your editor tested a dozen kinds of good protective coatings on bumper material - left outdoors in hot sun, rain, dirt, nighttime dew - for months. The only one that proved completely compatible and remained pliant that long period of testing was: SINCLAIR #250 EXTERIOR GLOSS WHITE ENAMEL. Just brush it on - even on brand new bumpers - two coats suggested. Sinclair white #250 is made with a synthetic resin, doesn't crack or chip, is flexible, stays put, should last indefinitely.

COMMENTS: There were many complimentary remarks heard following the last large ULTRARALLY. One from #497 "I've never had so much fun in my life.... and I'm 66 years old". Thanks Bill; and all the others! Your hard working officers and directors and committee-people like to know that some members do appreciate their humble efforts. A friendly word of encouragement helps.

HANDYMEN: Some UV owners are not mechanically inclined or are otherwise not able to make certain adjustments or minor changes desired. One of the best places to go for various small jobs on your Van is your local Handyman Shop, Appliance Repair, or neighborhood Lawn Mower or Saw Service Shop. The owner-operators of these shops are usually very-mechanical in aptitude and like to do all kinds of small repairs. Most are extremely capable and the charges are generally reasonable. So if you want a switch moved, need a door lock adjusted, a shelf put in, or similar work, just check the "Yellow Pages".

CLUB BADGES: All who have been fortunate enough to be able to attend some of the rallies know that the club has magnificent blue-and-glistening-gold permanent badges available, with member's name imprinted under clear plastic. Each has Locking Pin for attaching to shirt, dress, or jacket. Most members already have theirs...if you do not, you may wish to order now before the next "gathering of the Vans". The cost...only \$1.80 each. If you send \$2 the cost of tax and postage will be covered. Specify EXACT NAMES desired.

LOCKED OUT: Of course, each Ultra Van owner already knows that the entrance door of his coach can be locked (without using the key) by pushing the button over, then closing the door. But...has anyone done this, then discovered he left the key inside? To prevent this embarrassment, a duplicate key can be attached underneath somewhere on any steel part with a magnetic key-case, or a spare key might be secreted in one of the eves with a gob of calking dough.

SUSPENSION: If your main supporting coil springs want to curve in or out, an easy correction method has been discovered by one owner. Simply rotate the curved spring 1/2 turn. Jack vehicle securely, then remove the two bolts from the two top "ears" and turn spring 180°, then replace bolts. Your curve problem solved without special heating or any replacement cost.

DISCOUNT GASOLINE: When traveling and you need gas, head for the first big Truck Stop. If your tank is low, you will be given the trucker's fuel rate. This suggestion from a member is one more way to make your club membership worthwhile. Try the BIG Truck Stops. Also, these Truck Stop fellows are extra nice. Hard workers too. And, they have pits to work under rigs like ours, not just hoists. Try them for oil changes, grease jobs, tire switching, and the like. You may be very pleasantly surprised.
