

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





THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH:


"Seven days without prayer...makes one weak".

 SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: Ted SOMEBODY, Tom EVERYBODY, Joe NOBODY, and Peter ANYBODY were club members. But they were not like you and me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. All four belonged to the same club. EVERYBODY stayed home and watched TV on rally days, or he made excuses that he had a work appointment. SOMEBODY really wanted to go and help along, but he was afraid ANYBODY wouldn't speak to him, so NOBODY went. Really, NOBODY was the only decent one of the four. NOBODY greeted rally arrivals...NOBODY asked to help arrange the next campout...and NOBODY offered to work on the registration committee. Later when they needed a few rally helpers, EVERYBODY thought SOMEBODY would volunteer and ANYBODY thought that EVERYBODY should do it. Guess who did? Right! NOBODY. A fifth coach owner came just to visit a rally. Now EVERYBODY thought that SOMEBODY should try to win him to membership. SOMEBODY thought that ANYBODY could have at least thanked him for coming and invited him to attend the next outing - - but NOBODY did.

 PULL-OUT STEP: Many members have asked for specifications on this simple-to-make convenience. The permanently mounted slide-out step invented by #228 eliminates all need of carrying or bothering with a step-stool, box, or other entrance assist. For little cost at any hardware store get 6 V-angle iron pieces (1"X 1"X 1/8") 30" to 36" long. Drill and bolt, or weld, 2 of these together so as to form a "channel" and another 2 likewise. Drill and mount these crosswise of Van (approximately 26" apart) so completed step will "straddle" the gasoline tank under your coach. Strengthen the ends of channel nearest the door with an underpiece of 1"X 1/8" iron strap, easily bent and shaped, then fastened to the vehicle. Now use the remaining two 30" angles as the "step slide" by bolting a 6" wooden-step, about 25 1/2" long, between them at one end. Bolt light-weight strap or a wood crossmember at other end. Complete this unit properly sized to slide into and between the two channels already mounted under rig. Install a "stop" so step can be pulled out only about 12" the proper distance for comfortable use. We still have a few copies of Detail Drawings (prepared by #281) for cross-country members not able to attend rallies. At rallies all can check #281, #228, etc., for this very-light-weight coach improvement.

 CLUB RALLIES: Some members are unable to come to any "Gathering-of-the-Vans" because of distance, other commitments, etc. Those who come know the purpose is to visit another new and interesting place, promote coach travel and owner confidence, plus gain from exchange of information, some old fashioned fellowship, and just plain fun. If anyone expects more than this, he might be disappointed. Several years ago one member (Palmer) visited another group's rally (not Ultra Club); after checking in, back at his coach he told me, "I feel as if I've been slapped with a wet Mackerel". It's NOT that way at Ultra rallies. WHOEVER greets and registers you is FRIENDLY and you should feel WELCOME at every Ultrarally. We hope all can come to the next one.

 STOP CORROSION: Many members are already acquainted with "WD-40" or Dupont-made "Slip-Spray", both which are generally available at hardware and variety stores. These stop corrosion when sprayed on battery case and terminals...spray along bookcase table hinge (makes it slide easily)...use on hinges, locks, also on the rubber-sealer all around entrance door. A light mist over front of your Van keeps bugs from sticking - polish with a clean dry cloth. Use it on wheel discs - polish up chrome first (easiest with fine steel wool), then spray lightly to keep discs shiny and prevent rust. Include the tires too (clean them first), to help prevent sidewalls from scuffing and make the rubber and wheel look new.

 BONANZA: "Our Cook Gets A Day Off...Does Yours?" reads a Steak House sign. Even though your Ultra Coach is self contained, including "complete dining facilities", in all fairness the distaff member of the family should be given a day or two off each week. The family head should plan to have breakfast, lunch or dinner at a restaurant, now and then, for the "rest" of his wife.

FAREWELL: Awhile back we thoughtfully requested that a new club EDITOR should be appointed... a change would be good for the club. Completing our term as one of the club directors, as well as retiring as Editor, we certainly will enjoy the bit of leisure (that's what Ken Scott of FMCA thought too - until they made him executive director to keep him going on the job). However, putting together these issues (eight the past 12-months) has been a lot of fun...it was also a real challenge...plus some work was generally involved getting out the Ultra Club News and the many other Bulletins. But...this organization abounds with TALENT. NEW BLOOD is quite often the very best prescription anyone can receive; as we hand over the reins to capable successors, a brand new viewpoint should be like fine medicine for the club.

Yours sincerely,

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UGHT FOR THE MONTH : EARTH IS CRAMMED WITH HEAVEN,
AND EVERY COMMON BUSH IS AFIRE WITH GOD.

COUNTRY SAFARI RALLY REPORT, IN BRIEF: OUR JANUARY 29-31, 1971 RALLY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. YOUR REPORTER ARRIVED AT NOON OF THE 28TH, AND FOUND THE RYERSONS ALREADY THERE. BY EARLY EVENING THERE WERE 16 VANS. WE GOT BUSY LAYING OUT A 100 FT CIRCLE, IN THE VAST PARKING LOT, SO THAT WE COULD PARK "COVERED WAGON" STYLE. THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED IN THIS LABOR OF LOVE. THANKS, ESPECIALLY TO RAY GARVEY WHO NAILED DOWN ALL THE MARKERS. WE WENT TO BED THAT NIGHT TO THE LULLABY OF THE MATING CALLS OF THE LIONS, GIRAFFE AND WILDEBEEST. WE WERE JARRED AWAKE THE NEXT MORNING BY THE ROAR OF THE BULLS - THE EL TORO MARINE BASE BULLS, THAT IS. THOSE WONDERFUL MEN IN THEIR FLYING MACHINES, WHO, THANK GOD, ARE OUR PROTECTIVE COVER. THEY DID BUZZ OUR TIGHT LITTLE CIRCLE OF VANS, PERHAPS OUT OF CURIOSITY AT THOSE STRANGE LOOKING BUGS, BUT YOUR REPORTER LIKES TO THINK THEY DID SO TO PROTECT US FROM THOSE WILD ANIMALS. SCHEDULED EVENTS CAME OFF LIKE CLOCKWORK, STARTING WITH THE "CANNIBAL STEW", FRIDAY NOON. ANITA TEFFT DID A WONDERFUL JOB SEEING THAT EVERYONE'S TUMMY WAS FULL OF THAT DELICIOUS HOT STEW. THAT EVENING 67 OF US WENT TO THE VICTOR HUGO RESTAURANT IN LAGUNA BEACH FOR DINNER AND MOVIES BY ROMA SMITH. ELEVEN ULTRA VANS TRANSPORTED US ALL TO PARTAKE OF THAT BANQUET - IT WAS WELL SERVED AND THE SERVICE WAS EXCELLENT - AND OUR PROUD LITTLE ULTRA VANS MADE MORE THAN ONE HEAD TURN, WITH ENVY AND ADMIRATION, AS WE WENT THRU TOWN. SATURDAY WAS A BUSY DAY. THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT. IT WAS QUIET. OUR BELOVED EL TORO BULLS WERE SAFELY TUCKED AWAY IN THEIR PENS, SATISFIED THAT WE WERE SAFE. THE GENERAL MEETING, SPECIAL MEETING AND THE JAM SESSION FOLLOWED IN QUICK SUCCESSION. THEN CAME THE AFRICAN FEAST. WE WERE ALL RAVENOUSLY HUNGRY BY THAT TIME. LIKE MAGIC, CARD TABLES WERE LAID OUT, AND SEEMINGLY, OUT OF NOWHERE THE MOST EXQUISITE DISHES APPEARED. YOUR REPORTER NEVER CEASES TO WONDER HOW YOU MARVELOUS ULTRA LADIES MANAGE TO COME UP WITH THESE MOUTH-WATERING DELICACIES, ANY OF WHICH WOULD PUT CHEF MIKE ROY TO SHAME. THE PURPLE HEART GOES TO EDY RYERSON, ANITA TEFFT AND KATHY PHILLIPS FOR THEIR EFFORT IN COORDINATING THIS BANQUET. THEN CAME THE JING ALONG, THANKS TO LEN RYERSON, HIS TAPES AND SONG SHEETS. BILL "CARUSO" REEVE LEAD THE SONG FEST AND GOT US ALL IN THE MOOD TO JOIN IN AND SING. THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR SUNDAY ACTIVITIES WAS THE OUTDOOR NON-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE CONDUCTED BY BOB MEYER. HARRY SMITH DELIVERED AN INSPIRATIONAL TALK AND BOB HEALEY THE CLOSING PRAYER. ALMEDA DEEN WAS AT THE ORGAN ACCOMPANYING THE QUARTET COMPOSED OF BOB MEYER, BILL REEVE, ESTHER SNYDER AND ALMEDA DEEN. AND SO OUR RALLY ENDED, WITH 66 ULTRA VANS IN ATTENDANCE ALONG WITH 143 ULTRA

PEOPLE. MOST OF THE VANS WERE FROM CALIFORNIA WITH THE REST FROM ARIZONA, NEVADA, WASHINGTON, OREGON, MONTANA AND CANADA. THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO CAME AND TO THOSE WHO COULDN'T, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT RALLY. BRIEF BUT SINCERE THANKS GO TO RACHAEL HELANDER FOR THOSE PRETTY TIGER PLACE MATS. SHE MADE OVER 100 OF THEM. TO JIM McNARY FOR THOSE GOOD RASINS AND TO URLA McNARY FOR SHOWING US THOSE LOVELY SLIDES OF HER AFRICAN TRIP. TO BERNICE HEALEY FOR THE HOURS SHE SPENT IN THE REGISTRATION COACH. TO PHIL PHILLIPS FOR THE LOAN OF HIS PORTABLE HONDA 110V. GENERATOR. TO SKIP DOWELL FOR PUTTING NUMBERS ON THE VANS AND FOR HIS WORK AS WAGON MASTER. TO JANET SHRIVER FOR THAT BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED ULTRA CAKE. IT WAS A SHAME TO HAVE TO CUT THAT CAKE UP, BUT IT SURE TASTED GOOD. TO PRESIDENT AND MRS LEN RYERSON FOR ALL THE WORK THEY DID MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DINNER IN LAGUNA. TO ERNIE AND EDNA NEWHOUSE FOR THE LION COUNTRY ARRANGEMENTS. AND TO ALL THOSE WHO STAYED TILL MONDAY AND HELPED CLEAN UP. WE LEFT OUR CAMP AS CLEAN AS WE FOUND IT. NOW FOR SOME GOOD NEWS ITEMS: DR. JIM CHERRY IS ON THE MEND AND WILL BE AT OUR NEXT RALLY IN HIS TORONADO V-8 VAN. MRS JEROME LIGHT WRITES TO SAY THAT SHE WILL BE GLAD TO SEE VAN FRIENDS AT HER HOME IN SANTA BARBARA FOR OVERNIGHT STOPS WITH ALL FACILITIES. HANS KRAEPELIEN WRITES FROM MAZATLAN, MEXICO AND SAYS HE MET FOUR ULTRA VANS THERE. *
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