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EDITOR -

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: UNLESS WE FIND REPOSE WITHIN OURSELVES, IT IS VAIN TO SEEK IT ELSEWHERE. - HOSEA BALLOU. YOUR ULTRA VAN IS A GEM OF THE FIRST WATER. A ROOMY COMFORTABLE HOME ON WHEELS. IT IS NOT A TRAVELING AISLEWAY AS MOST MOTOR HOMES ARE. YOUR ULTRA VAN IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT. TAKE CARE OF IT AND IT WILL GIVE YOU MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. YOUR EDITOR HOPES THAT THE POLLOWING INFORMATION WILL PROVE TO BE HELPFUL TO ALL MEMBERS, KEEP YOUR VAN IN TIP-TOP SHAPE. GOODIES FROM LION COUNTRY SAFARI RALLY TECHNICAL JAM SESSION WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY DAVE PETERSON. OIL DRIPS. IF YOUR ENGINE OR TRANSMISSION DRIPS OIL - FORGET IT, YOU CAN KEEP GOING AND FIX IT LATER. BUT, IF YOUR BRAKE LINES, CONNECTIONS OR WHEEL CYLINDERS DRIP OIL - STOP-LOOK- AND GET IT FIXED IMMEDIATELY. TO PORESTALL TROUBLE, IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO INSPECT THE WHOLE BRAKE SYSTEM PERIODICALLY. CHECK ALL LINES AND CONNECTIONS FOR SIGNS OF RUBBING AND FOR LEAKS, REMOVE WHEELS AND CHECK EACH WHEEL CYUNDER FOR SIGNS OF LEAKS OR LOOK FOR THAT TELL-TALE DRIP OF OIL ON THE BRAKE PLATE OR TIRES, SPRAY YOUR BRAKE LINES WITH WD-40. IT WILL HELP TO KEEP THEM FROM RUSTING. KEEP YOUR BRAKE MASTER CYLINDER RESERVOIR FULL, AND IF YOU HAVE TOO MUCH FREE BRAKE PEDAL TRAVEL, THROW YOUR VAN IN REVERSE GEAR, GUN

LT, HIT THE BRAKE HARD A FEW TIMES, YOUR AUTOMATIC BRAKE ADJUSTERS WILL TAKE UP THE SLACK AND GIVE YOU MORE BRAKES. BUT WATCHTHAT REAR VIEW MIRROR WHILE YOU'RE DOING THIS. ADDITIONAL BRAKE DOPE: ON SOME VANS IT WAS FOUND THAT THE PITMAN ARM ON THE STEERING GEAR HOUSING WAS RUBBING AGAINST THE BRAKE LINE. REMOVE FRONT FLOOR BOARD AND CHECK FOR PROPER CLEARANCE, WHILE FLOOR BOARDS ARE OUT, CHECK BOLTS HOLDING THE

STEERING HOUSING AND TIGHTEN IF NECESSARY. PROPANE SYSTEM: TOO MUCH CANNOT BE SAID REGARDING SAFETY. NEVER OVERFILL THE TANK. CLOSE THE SHUTOFF VALUE ON THE TANK AND EXTINGUISH ALL PLOT LIGHTS IN VAN WHILE FILLING TANK. IN HOT WEATHER, AND USUALLY AFTER FILLING THE TANK, THE POP-OFF VALVE MAY BLOW TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE IN THE TANK. MAKE SURE THAT THIS

VALVE IS PROPERLY VENTED TO THE OUTSIDE. ALSO, PUT A PROTECTIVE COVERING OF FINE SCREEN OVER THE POP-OFF VALVE TO PREVENT FOREIGN OBJECTS FROM FALLING INTO THE VALVE. IN FREEZING WEATHER YOUR PROPANE GAS REGULATOR MAY MALFUNCTION DUE TO CONDENSATION. TO REMEDY, REMOVE GAUGE, POUR ABOUT 1/2 CUP OF ALCOHOL INTO TANK, ORDINARY RUBBING ALCOHOL IS OK.

WARNING. BE SURE TANK IS EMPTY AND THAT ALL PRESSURE IS RELIEVED BEFORE REMOVING GAUGE, KEEP CIGARETTES AND OPEN FLAMES AWAY AND WORK SLOWLY SO AS NOT TO STRIKE ANY SPARKS. CHECK ALL PROPANE LINES,

ESPECIALLY THE ONE NEAR THE REAR WHEEL. MAKE SURE THAT IT IS NOT RUBBING ON THE TIRE. APPLY SOAPY SOLUTION TO ALL CONNECTIONS TO CHECK FOR LEAKS. LUBRICATION OF REAR WHEEL BEARINGS. THESE SEALED BEARINGS ARE

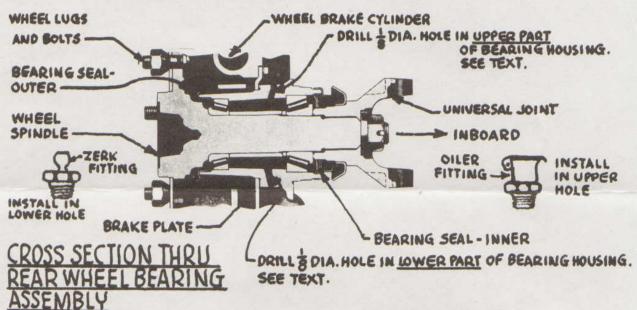
WERKATED AT ASSEMBLY AND NORMALLY SHOULD NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ATTENTION FOR 100,000 MILES. HOWEVER, SOME HAVE FAILED IN SERVICE DUE POSSIBLY TO LACK OF LUBRICANT, FAULTY BEARINGS, IMPROPER ASSEMBLY, LEAKY SEALS OR EXCESSIVE WHEEL BEARING END PLAY. TO PREVENT FAILURE FROM

LACK OF LUBRICANT, A METHOD HAS BEEN DEVISED TO INTRODUCE GREASE INTO THE SEALED AREA. HERE, GREAT CARE MUST BE EXERCISED. TOO MUCH GREASE IN THE SEALED AREA WILL RUIN THE SEALS. THE GREASE WILL RUN OUT ON TO

YOUR BRAKES AND TIRES AND YOU'LL REALLY BE IN TROUBLE. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOW THIS JOB MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED IS GIVEN ON THE POLLOWING PAGE.

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PROCEDURE FOR INSTALLING ZERK GREASE FITTING, JACK VAN, REMOVE REAR WHEEL. CLEAN AREA WHERE HOLES ARE TO BE DRILLED. USE CENTER PUNCH TO LOCATE HOLES, DRILL TWO & DIA. HOLES AT A SLIGHT ANGLE, AS SHOWN. BE CAREFUL, REMOVE CHIPS. INSTALL A ZERK FITTING IN LOWER HOLE. INSTALL A SMALL OILER FITTING IN UPPER HOLE. CAUTION. THE LOWER HOLE, WITH ZERK FITTING, IS USED TO INTRODUCE GREASE INTO THE SEALED AREA. USE STANDARD GREASE GUN LOADED WITH HIGH-MELTING POINT WHEEL BEARING LUBRICANT. THE UPPER HOLE IS PROVIDED TO PREVENT OVERFILLING OF SEALED AREA AND FORCING LUBRICANT OUT THRU BEARING SEALS, INTRODUCE LUBRICANT INTO LOWER HOLE UNTIL IT OOZES OUT OF THE UPPER HOLE. STOP - THAT'S ENUF. IF YOU CANNOT OBTAIN AN OILER FITTING FOR UPPER HOLE, PLUG THIS HOLE WITH A SHEET-METAL SCREW - BUT BE SURE TO REMOVE IT EACH TIME YOU LUBRICATE BEARING. OIL PRESSURE SWITCH. LOCATED ON TOP OF ENGINE, NEAR ALTERNATOR. SOME MEMBERS HAVE EXPERIENCED FAILURE OF THIS UNIT CAUSING LOSS OF OIL AND OIL PRESSURE CHECK YOUR UNIT TO SEE IF IT IS DEVELOPING A LEAK, FAILURE USUALLY STARTS IN THE MOLDED PLASTIC HEAD . IF THIS UNIT SUDDENLY FAILS ON THE ROAD, YOU NEED NOT BE LEFT COMPLETELY HELPLESS. SEVERAL THINGS YOU CAN DO. YOU CAN CARRY A SPARE UNIT. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT WITHOUT ONE, REMOVE OLD UNIT AND PLUG HOLE IN ENGINE WITH A SMALL HARDWOOD PLUG. THIS WILL GET YOU TO A GARAGE, BUT DON'T TRAVEL TOO FAR. BETTER YET, PLUG THE HOLE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE DEFECTIVE UNIT WITH A SMALL TIGHT-FITTING SELF-TAPPING SCREW, THEN REPLACE THE UNIT. YOU CAN ALSO CARRY A SMALL TAPERED PIPE PLUG TO PLUG THE HOLE IN THE ENGINE. REMEMBER THAT ALL THESE FIXES ARE JUST TEMPORARY AND WHILE IN EFFECT, THE IDIOT LIGHT ON THE DASH WILL BE INOPERATIVE. CAUTION. WHEN INSTALLING A NEW OIL PRESSURE SWITCH USE A SIX-POINT 1/16 SOCKET, NOT PLIERS OR A 12-POINT SOCKET OR YOU WILL DISTORT THE SWITCH, CAUSING QUICK FAILURE.

TO IDIOT LIGHT ON DASH

PLASTIC HEAD

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THIS HOLE WITH A SMALL
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SCREW -> 1. SEE TEXT.

OIL PRESSURE SWITCH
GM PART NUMBER:
3818783
PRICE: \$2.35

FUTURE CLUB NEWS BULLETINS WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION ON EXHAUST HEADERS & MUFFLERS, STAINLESS STEEL TANKS, U-JOINTS, REINFORCING UPPER "A" FRAMES, ETC.
PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REQUESTS, QUESTIONS, IDEAS & COMMENTS. WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM OUR ULTRA LADIES ON HOUSE KEEPING IDEAS & SHORTCUTS. HOPE EVERYONE HAS RENEWED THEIR CLUB MEMBERSHIP. CORVAIR CITY. GARY BOWMAN DOES A GOOD JOB ON ENGINES. CONTACT HIM AT (213) 326-9589. REASONABLE PRICES.

YOUR REPORTER, Edward a. Martin ULTRAVAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, 104 VIA ESTRELLITA, REDONDO BEACH CALIF 90277. RESERVED We have res

ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC

MAY ULTRARALLY

Welcome Pardner to:

CIRCLE (H) RANCH

We have reserved a spot for you at the diggings

STAY AS LONG AS YOU CAN! ENJOY YOURSELF!

We have planned another great Ultrarally for you. We wish to welcome you all. You can just rest or relax, or you can take part in the various activities which have been scheduled. No one will bother you. Just do as you please and have a ball. The seenery is beautiful and the air is pure.

THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS of your Club want to thank everyone for their help and ecoperation, both before and during the raily.

Please wear your ULTRA BADGE at all times so that everyone can get acquainted out find out what neck of the woods you came from.

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ULIRA RODEO SCHEDULED PROGRAM = ST Ultra Coaches will be arriving all day. Watch for the Rallymester and Parking Mester. Register. Perk in area designated, or pick the spot you prefer. Connect to hook-ups, if you desire or just sit around and show the fat.
..... Wild west Balloon Contest-Rally master Judge . prizes! on a bare piece of land, with hard work and determination. Every one retire to their corals and but in their feed bags. Ledies. manyour pots + paus. Men, week the dishes. . Week in the general assembly limiting. Watch TV, play cards or just sling the bull. Or, you can go outside and watch the stars. They seem so close and bright. Listen to the crickets. ? 9:30 AM Outdoor Coffee Hour. Sit around and plan your agenda for the day. West your friends. Stretch and your . Breathe in the fresh air. But, tring your own emps and chairs. Linch time. What! eat again! Han'll be surprised how hungry you can get. any stoay steers are off limits. Club Officials and Directors with hold their business meeting and plan the agenda for the General Meeting on Saturday. Big Sling Shot Contests between the men and between man 3 nd women. Dil up your sling shot. target, with a bull's eye will be ut up. There will be Prizes. Let's see how many dead-eye Dicks in have in the group. Also ... Prizes For talloon blow-hards. Wuff said! . Outdoor barbeque. Bring your own hot dogs, steaks or hamburgers. Charcoal fire will be provided. Roast your toes and marshmallows. . Everyone meet in the assembly Building for a treat. Mr. Hanchett will show movies and slides of his trip around the world which he took for the U.S. air Force. Concentration will be on our scattered defense bases in many countries and how they are operated and maintained. 3RD 9:30 AM Outdoor Coffee Hour. Drag out your chairs and cups again. Have some goodies. Have tun.

... Lunch time. ask your neighbor over. Let him or her try some of your flap jacks, mulligan stew or biscuits. He's probably tired of his partners cooking and wants to try something new. .ULTRA CLUB GENERAL BUSINESS MEGTING. OU members and their partners are welcome. This is the time we really defend on you all to tell us what you think of the Club, how it is run, if you want any changes, more rallys, less rallies & So get your agenda together and don't be afraid to stand up and be heard. The meeting will be hold in the assembly Building.

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SATURDAY, 5 PM..... Ladies! make that in-Coach drainer befit the man who wrongles your Van around.

SATUR DAY, 6 PM.... SUPER ALL-CLUB-DESSERT-HOUR. Share your tavorite Sweet SATURDAY, 7 PM... Mr. Phillips will show the movies he took at our Thousand Oaks Palling. Mr. Morris. Dr. *15, from Palm Springs has tentatively agreed to come and tell us about his recent trip to Mexico. He has some beautiful slid. A mybrise speaker, whom we are sure your will all enjoy, has

and tell us about his recent trip to Mexico. He has some beautiful slid and price speaker, whom we are sure your will all enjoy, has said that he will make every effort to address our group in a subject of vital importance to us all.

SUNDAY, MAY 472...9:30 AM. Black coffee, straight and hot for those who celebrated too wuch last night. Get someone to carry your

celebrated too with last night. Get someone to carry your chairs and cups it you connot do so yourself.

SUNDAY, IDAM CHURCH SERVICES. See General Information BULLETIN BOARD to places. Make beace with your Maker. Who knows when the next earthquake is coming!

SUNDAY, NOON. Lunch time. Everyone put on the old feed bag again.

SUNDAY 2PM. Free time. Visit your neighbor. Get to know him. you nay not see him again till the next rally.

Last, but not least. Dave Poterson will bring us up to clate on his doings, Ultravanning and Kayaking. He will answer any question you way have about your Ultra Van.

SUNDAY, 6 PM. ... all you cowboys take your women out for dinner in town.

Keep away from the Long Branch Saloon and leave your Six-guns at home. Treat the little lady real gentle like! What you do the rest of the evening is up to you. But remember Marchall Dillon will be patrolling the town.

SUNDAY NIGHT.... Official and of Rally. Our thanks to everyone who came.

Hope you all had a good time and leave refreshed,

Telaxed and happy.

BANDOM NOTES... Some members will be leaving Sunday and some on Monday. Stay as long as you wish.

