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OGDEN NASH SAID - THERE HAS BEEN LOTS OF PROGRESS DURING MY LIFETIME, BUT I'M AFRAID IT'S BEEN HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. PROGRESS MAY HAVE BEEN ALL RIGHT ONCE, BUT IT WENT ON TOO LONG. OUR DENUDED FORESTS BEAR MUTE TESTIMONY TO THAT.

BUTTERFIELD RANCH RALLY. FROM THE ROAR OF THE GRINDERS AND THE RUMBLE OF THE WATER PUMPS, YOUR REPORTER KNEW HE WAS AT ANOTHER ULTRA VAN RALLY. A BEAUTIFUL SPOT, SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS. THE HARRY SMITHS AND THE MERLE MCPHERRENS MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS, EVEN TO PROVIDING US WITH HEAVENLY WEATHER, CLEAR BLUE SKIES AND FUN AND GAMES. A TOTAL OF FORTY-FIVE ULTRA VANS FIRED UP THEIR ENGINES, STOWED THEIR GEAR AND SHOWED UP. OUR DEDICATED AND INVALUABLE WAGON MASTER, MORY SNYDER, GREETED EVERY ONE AND SAW TO IT THAT WE WERE ALL COMFORTABLY SETTLED. TO ALL THE OTHERS WHO SO UNSELFISHLY GAVE OF THEIR TIME AND DEVOTION TOWARDS THE COFFEE BREAKS, REGISTRATION AND THE ULTRA FIESTA DINNER, OUR THANKS. SPECIAL MENTION - THE HARRY SMITHS, FOR THOSE CRUMBLY MEXICAN MARAVILLAS AND PRINCESITAS COOKIES - YUMMY!

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF FIRST TIMERS AT THIS RALLY. WE WERE GLAD TO SEE THEM. TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A RALLY - YOU ALL COME! AFTER A SERIES OF BREAKDOWNS AND SNAFUS, CARL FOSTER SAYS THAT THEIR SON, BOB, NAMED THEIR VAN - "GOOD GRIEF!" THANKS TO GEORGE MILLER FOR FIXING THOSE POWER LINES SO THAT EVERYBODY COULD HAVE JUICE. CARL FOSTER SHOWED US HIS WATERLESS COOKER MADE OUT OF A MINNOW BUCKET. WORKS FINE - VERY CLEVER THESE CHINESE! WE HAVE A DESERTER AMONG OUR TROOPS. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE HOFFMANS SOLD THEIR VAN AND BOUGHT A SPANKING NEW REVCON MOTOR HOME. HOW COULD THEY EVER DO IT? WE WILL MISS THEM AND WISH THEM MANY HAPPY MILES. AL HOFFMAN SAYS THAT ULTRA VANS ARE STILL WELCOME AT HIS FARM AT WOLF POINT, MONTANA. ON THE WAY TO THE RALLY, MIKE HAZELTON BLEW A REAR RIGHT WHEEL BEARING BUT WAS ABLE TO LIMP IN. WITH THE ABLE HELP OF LEN RYERSON AND A SPARE BEARING ASSEMBLY FROM DOC CHERRY, HE WAS SOON FIXED UP. THE REV. GOAD AND EUGENE WILSON SHOWED US THEIR SCREEN DOORS, WHICH THEY DESIGNED AND BUILT. A DEFINITE NECESSITY FOR THE COMING HOT, BUG SEASON. MORE ON THIS LATER. A LOT OF US MADE GOOD USE OF THE SAUNA AND WHIRLPOOL BATHS AT THE RANCH. VERY REFRESHING. DUE TO PRESSING BUSINESS IN OAKLAND, DAVE PETERSON WAS UNABLE TO SHOW UP. DICK BAKER IS TOURING THE COUNTRY FOR THE CALIFORNIA OUTDOOR RECREATION LEAGUE GETTING THE LOW DOWN ON ALL THE RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION BEING COOKED UP AGAINST RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. READ HIS ARTICLE IN C.O.R.L.'S PROGRESS REPORT FOR DEC 1971. C.O.R.L. SAYS - AS OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS (AND MOTOR HOME OWNERS) WE MUST BE MONSTERS. WE ARE BEING RULED, BANNED, REGULATED, FENCED, HARASSED AND PRICED OUT OF EXISTENCE. SUPPORT C.O.R.L. AND THE WORK IT IS DOING TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING. THAT OLD FLU BUG CONFINED THE



NEWHOUSES TO THEIR VAN DURING THE RALLY. WE KEPT TABS ON THEM AND COMMUNICATED WITH THEM BY SIGN LANGUAGE. THANKS TO DOCTORS DACH, MCPHERREN AND CHERRY THEY WERE WELL TAKEN CARE OF, WITH LOVING, INTENSIVE CARE. THEY WERE STILL KIND OF SHAKY WHEN THE RALLY WAS OVER. SO TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY GOT HOME SAFELY - THEY HAD A DISTINGUISHED ESCORT. LEN RYERSON LED THE WAY AND BILL HELANDER FOLLOWED THEM - ALL THE WAY HOME. THAT'S THE KIND OF PEOPLE WE HAVE IN OUR CLUB. BILL & SHIRLEY LEWIS, OF BUCKHANNON, WEST VIRGINIA LOST AN ENGINE IN HOT SPRINGS, UTAH. AFTER A SIX WEEK WAIT FOR A NEW ENGINE AND A WHOPPING MOTEL BILL, THEY WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE HOMEWARD - WHERE THEIR NEW HOME CAUGHT FIRE WHEN THE FURNACE WAS TURNED ON. FORTUNATELY, NOT MUCH DAMAGE. THEY ARE NOW IN DISNEYWORLD, FLORIDA ENJOYING THEIR NEW ENGINE AND WARM SUN. WE WISH THE LASLOS BON VOYAGE. THEY ARE EMBARKING ON THE CRUISE SHIP SS FAIRSEA FOR A TWO WEEK TOUR TO ACAPULCO AND POINTS SOUTH. NO, THEY ARE NOT TAKING THEIR VAN. A COUPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN THEIR VAN ABROAD ARE THE A. H. CHATFIELDS, JR. OF ROCKPORT, MAINE. THEY TOOK IT TO ENGLAND ON THE SS EMPRESS OF ENGLAND AND TOURED THE COUNTRY FOR TWO MONTHS. THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT AGAIN IN MAY. THE CHATFIELDS HAVE A FARM IN ROCKPORT, MAINE WHERE THEY RAISE REGISTERED BELTED GALLOWAYS - A SPECIAL KIND OF JUICY STEAKS ON THE HOOF! ANYTIME YOU ARE IN THE AREA, THE LATCH STRING IS ALWAYS OUT AT ALDERMERE FARMS FOR ULTRA VANS. THERE WERE A LOT OF BEAUTIFUL COSTUMES WORN BY OUR DONS AND CHIQUITAS AND THEY CUT QUITE A FIGURE. THE NUMEROUS HAPPY HOURS ALONG ABOUT SUNDOWN ALWAYS HELPED THINGS AND ENABLED US TO BEAR THE RIGORS OF ULTRAVANNING. MANY REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR RECEPIES OF THOSE DELICIOUS DISHES SERVED AT OUR ULTRA SMORGASBOARD. SHARE YOUR RECEPIE WITH OTHERS. SEND IT TO EDY RYERSON. SHE WILL TYPE, REPRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE THEM AT THE NEXT RALLY. THANKS TO REVEREND GOAD FOR THE INSPIRING SUNDAY SERVICE AND TO MEDA DEEN FOR THE SWEETEST MUSIC THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN.

DEAR EDY SAYS - HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CAUGHT SHORT? WHETHER YOU ARE AN OLD TIME RALLY FAN, OR WHETHER THE NEXT RALLY WILL BE YOUR FIRST - OUR BUSY HOSTESS OFFERS THESE TIPS TO AVOID CONFUSION AND DISAPPOINTMENTS. HERE ARE A FEW ITEMS THAT WILL COME IN HANDY AT ANY RALLY: BRING CARD TABLE, CHAIRS, PLASTIC TABLE COVER, NAPKINS AND ALWAYS BRING YOUR OWN SERVICE, SUCH AS, PLATE, KNIFE, FORK, SPOON, CUP, CHOPSTICKS OR WHAT HAVE YOU. THESE ARE SURVIVAL ITEMS AT OUR ULTRA DINNERS AND OTHER EVENTS. WHEN CHOW CALL SOUNDS, IT'S EVERYONE FOR HIMSELF UNLESS YOU WANT TO EAT OUT OF A TIN CAN. SO DON'T FORGET THESE ITEMS. FOR OUR COFFEE HOUR BRING COOKIES, COFFEE CAKE, BROWNIES, DANISH PASTRY, DOUGHNUTS. FOR OUR ULTRA SMORGASBOARD DINNERS, ALWAYS THE HIGHLIGHT OF EVERY RALLY, BRING YOUR SPECIALTY IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISHES. MAKE ENOUGH TO SERVE SIX: HOT DISH, COLD DISH, SALAD, CASSEROLE, SNACK TRAY, COLD CUTS, CHEESES ALSO BRING BREAD, ROLLS, BUTTER AND TOOTH PICKS. FOR DESERT - CAKE, PIE, CUSTARDS, JELLO OR FRUIT. YOU MAY DONATE GIVE-AWAYS FOR OUR PRIZE DRAWINGS IF YOU SO DESIRE. SERVICEABLE KNICK-KNACKS SUCH AS TOOLS, FLASHLIGHTS, MOUSE TRAPS, FLY SWATTERS WILL BE WELCOME. OR GIVE SOMETHING YOU MADE YOURSELF SUCH AS A SHAWL, PONCHO OR A BUTTER CHURN. FINALLY, DON'T FORGET TO THROW IN A FEW PIECES OF WOOD FOR OUR BONFIRE AND BRING A FEW TALL YARNS TO GO WITH IT. IF ANYONE PLAYS A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, SUCH AS A GUITAR OR MOUTH ORGAN, BRING IT ALONG TOO, AS WE OFTEN HAVE SINGALONGS AROUND THE BONFIRE.

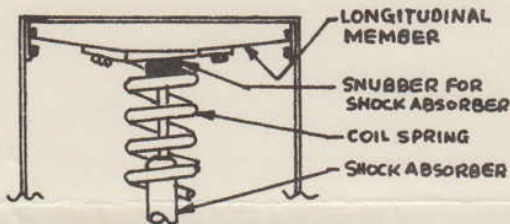




**NOW WE GET DOWN TO THE NUTS AND BOLTS.** THE ULTRA VAN - AN ENDANGERED SPECIES, THREATENED ON ALL SIDES BY THOSE NEW, EXOTIC MOTOR HOMES, SLEEK ALUMINUM TRAILERS, BUCKING CAMPERS AND NOW THE PIGGY-BACK FIFTH WHEELERS. BUT DON'T WORRY, THE ULTRA VAN WILL OUTLIVE THEM ALL.

**ULTRA VAN PARTS.** THE FACTORY IS SELLING OUT THEIR ENTIRE STOCK OF PARTS, IN ONE LOT. THE INVENTORY INCLUDES ALUMINUM AND FIBERGLASS BODY PARTS, WINDSHIELDS, GLASS AND PLASTIC WINDOWS, TANKS, A-FRAMES ETC. ANYONE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE LOT AT A 25% DISCOUNT FROM THEIR COST SHOULD CONTACT BOB LIND c/o BELCO, INC., H.A.B.I.T. HUTCHINSON, KANSAS, 67501. SOMEONE, PLEASE BUY THESE PARTS SO THAT WE WON'T HAVE TO CANNIBALIZE EACH OTHER'S VANS. WE DON'T WANT OUR VANS TO BECOME HANGAR QUEENS.

**A STITCH IN TIME...** MY RECENT MAIL INDICATES THAT SOME MEMBERS HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING TROUBLE WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: FRONT UPPER AND LOWER A-FRAMES. SOME UPPER A-FRAMES HAVE BEEN FAILING AT THE APEX, WHERE IT ATTACHES TO THE UPPER BALL-JOINT. BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE ADDED REINFORCEMENT AT THIS POINT. IF NOT, SEE THE JULY 1971 CLUB BULLETIN FOR INFORMATION ON THIS FIX. CHECK THE LOWER A-FRAME TO BE SURE THAT THE THREE BOLTS ATTACHING THIS MEMBER TO THE LOWER BALL JOINT ARE TIGHT AND SAFETY WIRED. TURNBUCKLES. THE LATER CORVAIR AND V-8 ENGINE VANS ARE EQUIPPED WITH TURNBUCKLES ON THE FRONT UPPER A-FRAMES AND REAR SUSPENSION MEMBERS. THE THREADED MEMBER ON SOME OF THESE TURNBUCKLES HAVE BEEN BREAKING BECAUSE THE LOCK NUTS WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY TIGHTENED, OR HAVE WORKED LOOSE. BE SURE THAT ALL LOCK NUTS ARE VERY TIGHT. THE JULY 1971 CLUB BULLETIN GIVES MORE DOPE ON THIS. LOOK AT YOUR FRONT WHEELHOUSES. AT THE TOP YOU WILL



SECTION THRU FRONT WHEELHOUSE

SEE A CAST ALUMINUM LONGITUDINAL MEMBER TO WHICH THE COIL SPRING AND SHOCK ABSORBER ARE FASTENED. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT ALL CORVAIR VANS AND SOME V-8 VANS HAVE THIS CAST ALUMINUM MEMBER. SEE SKETCH AT LEFT. SOME OF THESE MEMBERS HAVE DEVELOPED FATIGUE CRACKS AND HAVE FAILED UNDER SERVICE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU INSPECT

THESE MEMBERS, ON YOUR VAN, VERY CAREFULLY, FOR SIGNS OF CRACKS OR BENDING. IF YOUR VAN IS NOT OVERLOADED AND IF YOU HAVE NOT HIT ANY HARD BUMPS TO CAUSE YOUR SPRINGS TO BOTTOM OUT, YOUR MEMBERS ARE PROBABLY OK. HOWEVER, IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS LOOKING SPOTS OR SIGNS OF BENDING WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO REPLACE THE CAST ALUMINUM MEMBER WITH AN EXTRUDED ALUMINUM MEMBER. THESE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM DAVE PETERSON, c/o ULTRAVAN MFG. CO., 366 8<sup>TH</sup> AVE., OAKLAND, CA. 94606. YOU CAN INSTALL THEM YOURSELF, OR ANY GARAGE MECHANIC WORTH HIS SALT SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND PEACE OF MIND, DON'T OVERLOOK THIS ONE.

**COLEMAN HEATER.** HAVE YOU EVER HAD DIFFICULTY LIGHTING THE OLDTYPE COLEMAN HEATER? WE REFER TO THE ONES WITHOUT THE ELECTRIC BLOWER. WHEN THERE IS A GALE BLOWING OUTSIDE THE MATCHES GO OUT AS SOON AS YOU STICK THEM IN THAT LITTLE HOLE, TO LIGHT THE PILOT. OUR FRIEND, AL HOFFMAN, SENDS IN THIS IDEA AND HE SAYS THAT IT WORKS EVERY TIME: CLOSE



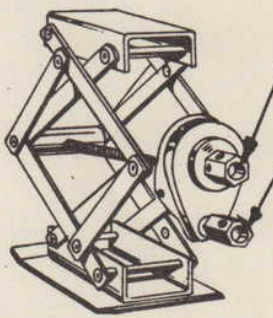
ALL THE DOORS, WINDOWS AND VENTS. START YOUR ENGINE - THIS ONLY APPLIES TO CORVAIR ENGINE VANS. OPEN THE ENGINE HEAT REGISTER - THAT GIDGET JUST BELOW THE BED. LET THE ENGINE RUN FOR A FEW MINUTES TO BUILD UP PRESSURE WITHIN THE VAN. OPEN THE LITTLE PILOT LIGHT DOOR AND APPLY YOUR LIGHTED MATCH. YOU WILL FIND THAT THE MATCH FLAME IS DRAWN RIGHT INTO THE HOLE - AND VOILA! YOUR PILOT IS LIT. MAY YOUR LITTLE TOOTSIES ALWAYS BE WARM.

**ARE YOU ON THE LEVEL?** WHY DASH BACK AND FORTH, SCREAM, TEAR YOUR HAIR OR HAVE YOUR CO-PILOT IN FITS TRYING TO TELL YOU HOW THE "LEVEL" READS, WHICH SIDE GOES UP OR WHICH SIDE GOES DOWN, OR WHERE TO START DIGGING THAT HOLE? HERE IS HOW YOU CAN AVOID ALL THE DRAMATICS. FIRST, GET YOUR VAN PARKED ON A PERFECTLY LEVEL SPOT - LEVEL CONCRETE PREFERRED. THEN TAKE YOUR BUBBLE LEVEL TO THE DASH SHELF IN FRONT OF THE STEERING WHEEL AND CEMENT IT DOWN WHERE YOU CAN READ IT WHILE SITTING AT THE WHEEL. YOU MAY HAVE TO WEDGE IT IN SPOTS TO MAKE IT INDICATE A PERFECTLY LEVEL CONDITION. NOW, AS YOU DRIVE INTO ANY PARKING SPOT, OR MAKE BRIEF LUNCH STOPS WHEN TRAVELING YOU WILL BE LEVEL WITH THE WORLD. YOU WON'T NEED THOSE SEA LEGS TO WALK ON A TILTED VAN, OR SLEEP WITH YOUR FEET UP IN THE AIR.

**A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME** ... HOLD YOUR NOSE WHILE YOU READ THIS. THERE IS A RUBBER HOSE WHICH RUNS, UNDERNEATH THE VAN FLOOR, FROM THE JOHN GRINDER TO A FITTING ON THE AFT SIDE OF THE HOLDING TANK. THIS FITTING, WHICH DUMPS THE OUTPUT OF THE JOHN INTO THE HOLDING TANK, IS MADE OF CHEAP POT METAL. IT EVENTUALLY DETERIORATES TO THE POINT WHERE IT SEPARATES FROM THE HOLDING TANK AND SPRAYS THE HONEY ALL OVER THE LANDSCAPE. CHECK THIS FITTING SOON AND REPLACE IT WITH A BRASS FITTING, IF POSSIBLE. YOU MAY BREATHE NOW.

**ODD TIPS. PROPANE TANK VALVE.** WHEN OPENING YOUR PROPANE TANK VALVE, DON'T JUST CRACK IT OPEN OR OPEN IT PART WAY. IT WILL LEAK PROPANE GAS IF YOU DO. OPEN THE VALVE ALL WAY. **HOT WATER HEATER.** WHEN YOU STOP AT A GAS STATION TO FILL YOUR GAS TANK, DON'T FORGET TO GRAB THE AIR HOSE AND BLOW OUT THE FLUE IN YOUR WATER HEATER. INSERT THE AIR HOSE AT THE LOWER END, WHERE THE FLAME USUALLY IS, STAND ASIDE AND GIVE IT SEVERAL GOOD BLASTS OF AIR. YOU'LL BE SURPRISED AT THE AMOUNT OF SOOT WHICH COMES OUT. NOW, RASTUS, WE TOLD YOU TO KEEP YOUR FACE OUT OF THE WAY. **ENGINE OIL.** WHEN ADDING OIL TO YOUR ENGINE, IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ADD IT WHEN THE ENGINE IS HOT. THE READINGS ON THE DIP STICK DIFFER BETWEEN A HOT AND COLD ENGINE. AFTER ADDING OIL GIVE IT TIME TO TRICKLE DOWN INTO THE OIL PAN BEFORE YOU TAKE A READING. DO NOT OVERFILL. IT IS BETTER TO BE  $\frac{1}{8}$  INCH BELOW THE FULL MARK THAN ABOVE IT. **TRANSMISSION OIL LEVEL** SHOULD BE CHECKED WITH THE TRANSMISSION HOT. **HYDRAULIC VALVE LIFTERS.** IF YOUR VAN STANDS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME, UNUSED, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU START YOUR ENGINE EVERY TWO OR THREE DAYS AND LET IT IDLE FOR FIVE OR TEN MINUTES. THIS WILL SERVE A TWO FOLD PURPOSE - IT WILL KEEP YOUR HYDRAULIC VALVE LIFTERS FROM DRAINING AND CAUSING A VALVE CLATTER WHEN YOU START UP, AND IT WILL KEEP YOUR BATTERIES CHARGED. **STP.** YOUR REPORTER DOESN'T CARE FOR THOSE SILLY ANDY GRANITELLI STP ADS ON THE RADIO, BUT HE DOES LIKE STP. SOME PEOPLE DON'T. IT HAS KEPT MY ENGINE RUNNING SMOOTHLY, SOMETIMES UNDER HOT, TRYING CONDITIONS, FOR NEARLY 30,000 MILES.

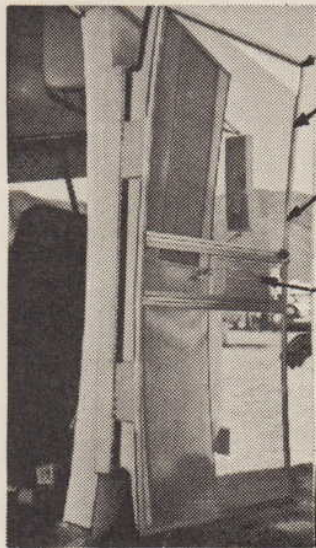




SCISSOR-TYPE JACK

**HOW IS YOUR JACK?** AND I DONT MEAN YOUR MONEY. THE JACK SUPPLIED WITH YOUR VAN IS, IN YOUR REPORTER'S ESTIMATION, NOT ONLY UNSAFE BUT DEFINITELY HARD TO OPERATE. THE JACK, SKETCHED AT THE LEFT, IS A TWO-SPEED, SCISSOR-TYPE JACK WHICH EASILY LIFTS UP TO 2 TONS (4000 lbs.) WHEN THE FOLDING HANDLE IS INSERTED INTO THE 4 TO 1 RATIO DRIVE. FOR FAST LIFTING OF LIGHT LOADS AND EFFORTLESS LOWERING, INSERT HANDLE INTO THE 1 TO 1 RATIO DRIVE. THIS JACK MAY BE OBTAINED FROM SEARS AUTO STORES OR THRU THE SEARS CATALOG SALES STORES. CATALOG NUMBER 15-28K1272C.

**SCREEN DOOR.** IT IS OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE ALL THE STEP BY STEP CONSTRUCTIONAL DETAILS TO ENABLE YOU TO BUILD THIS SCREEN DOOR. WITH THE AID OF THE PICTURES BELOW, A LITTLE INGENUITY, AND SOME OF YOUR OWN IDEAS YOU SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY. MOST PARTS ARE STANDARD SCREEN DOOR SECTIONS AND CAN BE OBTAINED AT ANY SCREEN DOOR PLACE. SEE THE YELLOW PAGES. KEEP THOSE PESKY BUGS OUT!



REV. GOAD'S, VAN 520, SCREEN DOOR.

- SCREEN DOOR MAY BE OPENED FLAT AGAINST VAN DOOR.
- CAREFULLY BEND SIDE MEMBERS TO FIT CONTOUR OF VAN DOOR OPENING.
- SLIDING PANEL ALLOWS ACCESS, FROM INSIDE, TO VAN DOOR HANDLE.



- THIS TYPE OF SCREEN DOOR HINGE MAY BE USED ON VAN DOORS WITH THE CONTINUOUS PIANO HINGE.
- DETACH ABOUT A 6 3/4" LENGTH OF HINGE FROM VAN DOOR AND ATTACH TO SCREEN DOOR BY MEANS OF AN EXTENSION PIECE.



EUGENE WILSON'S VAN 525 SCREEN DOOR.

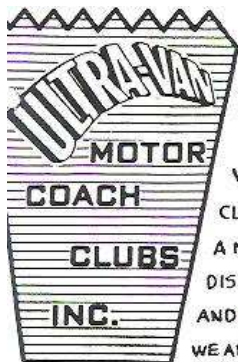
- THIS DOOR CAN ONLY BE OPENED AS FAR AS SHOWN.
- STIFFENING MEMBERS. (OPTIONAL)
- SCREENED SLIDING PANEL.
- CAREFULLY BEND SIDE MEMBERS TO FIT CONTOUR OF VAN DOOR OPENING.



- THIS TYPE OF SCREEN DOOR HINGE MUST BE USED ON VAN DOORS EQUIPPED WITH TWO INDIVIDUAL HINGES.
- MAKE THIS HINGE ABOUT 14" LONG.
- MAKE HINGE PIN REMOVABLE SO THAT SCREEN DOOR MAY BE REMOVED AND STOWED AWAY.

THANKS TO REV. GOAD AND GENE WILSON. DONT FORGET SPRING CHORES ON YOUR VAN. YOURS FOR A MORE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE, YOUR REPORTER, *Edward A. Martin* 104 VIA ESTRELLITA, REDONDO BEACH, CA. 90277.





## ULTRA VAN LAND RALLY REPORT-APRIL 1972-REPORTER: ED. MARTIN

VACATIONLAND PARK WAS A PERFECT SPOT TO HOLD THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB SPRING RALLY. LOCATED NEAR DISNEYLAND, WITH A STRAWBERRY PATCH NEXT TO US, A MINI GOLF COURSE OVER THE FENCE, A BUSY HELIPORT NEARBY AND THE BEAUTIFUL DISNEYLAND HOTEL WITHIN SIGHT, EVERYONE MADE THE MOST OF IT. OUR THANKS TO ERLIE AND EDNA NEWHOUSE FOR MAKING ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS SUCCESSFUL FUN RALLY. WE ARE INDEBTED TO THE GREENS AND THE YAKELS, TO EDY RYERSON, KATHY PHILLIPS AND OTHERS

FOR YEOMAN DUTY PERFORMED IN PROVIDING THE COFFEE HOURS, THE SALAD LUNCHEON AND REGISTRATION. AS USUAL, OUR RALLYMASTER MORY SNYDER, AIDED BY HIS MRS, SEEMED TO BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE, GREETING NEWCOMERS AND GETTING THEM COMFORTABLY SETTLED - ALWAYS WITH A SMILE AND A FIRM HANDSHAKE !

THE WEATHER WAS GOOD TO US. IT TREATED US GENTLY. COOL, CLEAR, SUNNY DAYS WITH NARY A TOUCH OF FOG OR SMOG. THERE WERE TEN ULTRA VANS COZILY TUCKED AWAY AT THEIR PARKING SPOTS BY THE TIME THE SUN SET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>. AT THE PEAK OF THE RALLY ON SATURDAY A TOTAL OF 34 ULTRA VANS WERE THERE. FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS VISITED US WITHOUT THEIR ULTRA VANS: THE PHILLIPS, THE HEALYS, THE SHEFFIELDS, TOM CHRONES AND GARLAND WESTMIDRELAND WHO CHUGGED UP IN A MODEL T. THE COACH WHICH ATTRACTED MOST ATTENTION WAS DAVE & LUCILLE PETERSON'S NEW COACH No. 601. THIS ONE HAS TO BE SEEN TO BE APPRECIATED. GARY BOWMAN WAS THERE WITH HIS FORD V-8 ENGINE CONVERSION IN FRED KIMBALL'S VAN, #431. A VERY INTERESTING JOB, WITH GREAT POSSIBILITIES. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN ON THIS AFTER SHAKEDOWN AND ROAD TESTS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> WAS A BUSY DAY. A CONSTANT INFLOW OF ULTRA VANS AND THE MUSIC OF SHOUTED GREETINGS WAS HEARD THROUGHOUT THE AREA. AFTER THE COFFEE HOUR, SOME MEMBERS DECIDED TO GO TO DISNEYLAND AND THE OTHER NEARBY ATTRACTIONS. THE DIRECTOR'S MEETING WAS HELD IN THE AFTERNOON. AT SEVEN O'CLOCK WE GATHERED AT THE DISNEYLAND HOTEL FOR DINNER. A TREAT FOR OUR WONDERFUL CO-PILOTS. FIFTY-TWO OF US PARTOOK OF A DELICIOUS MEAL, THEN SAW MOVIES PRESENTED BY ELGA GREEN OF MANY OF OUR PAST RALLIES. AFTER DINNER, MANY OF US TOURED THE MALL AT THE HOTEL, LOOKED AT THE INTERESTING STORES, DESIGNER-CRAFTSMEN STALLS AND WITNESSED THE BEAUTIFUL AND INSPIRING MUSIC AND FOUNTAIN DISPLAY. THIS SIMPLY CANNOT BE DESCRIBED. IT HAS TO BE SEEN, HEARD AND FELT !

SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>. ULTRA VAN TOWN WAS BUZZING ALL DAY. THE WELL ATTENDED GENERAL MEETING, CONDUCTED BY OUR PRESIDENT FRANK XIQUES AND THE TECHNICAL JAM SESSION, BY YOUR REPORTER, WERE HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE. THEN CAME THE PRIZE DRAWING, ALWAYS A SOURCE OF JOY AND ANTICIPATION TO EVERYONE. THE GENERAL MEETING WAS ADDRESSED BY DAVE PETERSON, FOLLOWED BY RICHARD A. SIMONI, WESTERN SALES MANAGER OF FORD MACHINERY CORP, SANTA CLARA, CALIF. MR. SIMONI OUTLINED PLANS FOR A NEW COACH, TO BE BUILT BY FMC, WHICH WILL RETAIN THE SINGULAR FEATURES OF THE ULTRA VAN. DETAILS WILL COME FROM FMC AND DAVE PETERSON AT A LATER DATE. OUR SMORGASBOARD HAD NO GAS IN IT - JUST PURE, DELIGHTFUL FOOD AND IT SURE DISAPPEARED FAST.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>. END OF RALLY. TO THOSE OF YOU WHO COULDN'T BE HERE - WE MISSED YOU, AND WE HOPE THAT JUST READING ABOUT THIS RALLY WILL WHET YOUR APPETITE FOR THE NEXT ONE. REMEMBER THIS - ALL PEOPLE SMILE IN THE SAME LANGUAGE. YOUR REPORTER. *Ed. Martin*