

motor coach club

CLUB BULLETIN _____ JUNE 1972

ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS! ECOLOGICAL DEATH OF SPACESHIP EARTH! WE ARE PLUNGING ALONG AS IF THERE WERE NO END TO OUR AIR, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES. IT IS HIGH TIME TO PULL UP AND TAKE STOCK. MAN, IN SPITE OF HIS CULTURE AND EDUCATION, CONTINUES TO BE MORE GREEDY, INDIFFERENT AND WILD THAN THE SO-CALLED WILD ANIMALS.



NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS. OUR GOOD PRESIDENT, CARL FOSTER, HIS GRACIOUS MRS AND THEIR SON, BOB, HAVE RETURNED HOME TO GOOD OLD CALIFORNIA AFTER AN EXTENSIVE JAUNT BACK EAST IN THEIR ULTRA VAN "GOOD GRIEF." HARD WORKING DIRECTOR, LEN RYERSON, AND HIS LADY ARE ON THEIR WAY, IN THEIR VAN, "LADY ROYCE", TO THEIR CABIN IN CANADA WHERE THEY WILL ENJOY THE SUMMER. FORMER CHARTER MEMBERS, SKIP AND WILMA DOWELL, WHOM YOU ALL KNOW, HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOME IN YUMA, ARIZONA AFTER A 20,000 MILE, ONE YEAR, EXCURSION AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE USA IN THEIR DODGE MOTOR HOME. THEY REPORT THAT THEY SAW NUMEROUS ULTRA VANS AND TALKED MANY INTO JOINING OUR CLUB. AT THE ARIZONA FMCA RALLY THEY COUNTED 17 ULTRA VANS AND RENEWED OLD FRIENDSHIPS. PHIL AND KATHY PHILLIPS HAVE RETURNED FROM THEIR TRIP TO TEXAS AND FLORIDA. THE HARRY SMITHS HAVE SOLD THEIR VAN. TO US SHRINKING VIOLETS WHO ARE AFRAID TO STRIKE OUT INTO THE UNKNOWN, HANS AND MYA KRAEPELIEN, VAN 252, SHOWED US UP BY SPENDING THE WINTER TOURING MEXICO AND THE WILDS OF THE YUCATAN PENINSULA. ALMOST 10,000 MILES OF PURE ADVENTURE ALL THE WAY TO MERIDA, YUCATAN AND BACK. IN MEXICO CITY THEY PARKED RIGHT NEXT TO BRUCE AND ALBERTA HOWORTH, VAN 542, WHO ARE THEIR NEIGHBORS IN NEARBY DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CALIF. SMALL WORLD! DUE TO THE PRIMITIVE ROADS, HANS AND MYA HAD THEIR LITTLE TROUBLES AND BREAKDOWNS ALONG THE WAY, BUT NOTHING THAT A LITTLE INGENUITY AND AN ADVENTURE-SOME SPIRIT COULD NOT OVERCOME. REAL ULTRAVANNERS! TED AND TRUDIE SELLARDS HAD A NICE REUNION WITH THEIR DAUGHTER, NANCY, WHO CAME ALL WAY FROM AUSTRALIA TO SEE THEM. THE POPULATION EXPLOSION CAUGHT UP WITH THE BOB HOLTS, VAN 543, OF EUGENE, OREGON. THEY ARE SELLING THEIR VAN AND GETTING A LARGER VEHICLE. SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT YOUR REPORTER THINKS THAT THEY WILL DISCOVER THE ULTRA VAN HAS MORE ROOM THAN A LOT OF THE 30-FOOTERS. AND TALKING ABOUT LONG TRIPS, BERT AND GLADYS HARTOM OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN HAVE RETURNED FROM A THREE MONTH, MOTOR HOME CARAVAN TRIP TO PANAMA. LIKE SOME OF THE OTHERS IN THE CARAVAN, WHICH CONSISTED OF VARIOUS MAKES OF MOTOR HOMES, THEY HAD THEIR PROBLEMS. THEY RECOMMEND THREE PLACES IN TEXAS WHERE GOOD CORVAIR AND CHEVY V-8 SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. WILL LIST THEM HERE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NEED THEM IF YOU ARE IN THAT AREA: FOX SPECIALTY SERVICE, 5155 BLANCO ROAD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (512) 342-5141, BURNAM WORRELL OF CAPITAL CHEVROLET, 5TH & LAMAR, AUSTIN, TEXAS (512) 476-6641 AND MARKLE & MOON GARAGE, 1324 W. 13TH ST., TEX-ARKANA; TEXAS (214) 793-4241. HOPE YOU NEVER NEED THEM, BUT IF YOU DO, THEY'RE THERE.

LOU AND HELEN LASLO, VAN 474, ARE ON THEIR WAY EAST, TO CONNECTICUT, IN THEIR CAR TO SPEND THE SUMMER WITH THEIR DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW. DR. DACH, VAN 267, HAS SOLD HIS VAN TO ARNOLD CASH OF LONG BEACH. THE DOCTOR HAS ACQUIRED A BIG, FIFTH-WHEEL, PIGGY BACK VEHICLE WHICH HE WILL PARK ON HIS PROPERTY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TO USE AS A VACATION HOME. FRANK AND SOPHIA MATTHEWS HAVE SOLD THEIR HOME IN SAN PEDRO AND MOVED TO A MOBILE HOME PARK IN THE SAN JOSE AREA. THE CHERRYS OF CATALINA ISLAND LEFT THEIR VAN HERE AND JOINED A MOTOR HOME CARAVAN, WITH FRIENDS, TO TOUR EUROPE. LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR RETURN. DOC CHERRY MAKES THE BEST, DRIEST MARTINIS THIS SIDE OF CUCAMONGA. WE REGRET TO HAVE TO REPORT SOME SAD NEWS: DON MARSHALL, VAN 529, MADE HIS TRANSITION WHILE ON A TRIP TO MEXICO. WE ARE GOING TO MISS DON AND HIS FRIENDLY SMILE. SINCE MRS MARY MARSHALL CANNOT DRIVE, THEIR VAN IS UP FOR SALE. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE WHO IS INTERESTED HAVE THEM CONTACT YOUR REPORTER. OUR LONG TIME MEMBER, BILL LEWIS, VAN 379, OF BUCKHANNON, WEST VIRGINIA RECENTLY HAD A BAD ACCIDENT WHILE DRIVING HIS CAR. THIS POINTS UP THE SAFETY OF THE ULTRA VAN. BILL IS IN TRACTION AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, ROOM 424, 4A, CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26301. DO TAKE THE TIME TO SEND HIM A CHEERY GET WELL CARD. HE'D LOVE IT!



CRYSTAL BALLING THE ULTRA VAN. NEW ULTRA COACHES ARE IN THE WORKS, BUT WHERE OR WHEN OR BY WHOM, ONLY THE SWAMI KNOWS! DAVE PETERSON IS PROGRESSING WITH THE MANUFACTURE OF NEW PARTS AND ASSEMBLIES FOR A NEW ULTRA COACH, PATTERNED AFTER #601, WHICH WAS SHOWN AT THE DISNEY VACATIONLAND RALLY IN APRIL. HE HAS FIRM ORDERS FOR SEVERAL

OF THESE UNITS. AS OF THIS WRITING, DAVE IS ON A TEMPORARY RETAINER WITH FOOD MACHINERY CORP (FMC), RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DIVISION, SANTA CLARA, CALIF. DAVE IS GOING TO KEEP PLUGGING AWAY, AS OUTLINED ABOVE, JUST IN CASE FMC DECIDES NOT TO CONTINUE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF THE NEW ULTRA COACH DUE TO WORLD OR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. SO FAR, FMC HAS NOT MADE A DEFINITE COMMITMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. HOWEVER, THE GREMLINS IN THE CRYSTAL BALL TELL ME THAT FMC WILL PROBABLY GO ALL OUT ON THE PRODUCTION OF A NEW COACH, HOPEFULLY PATTERNED AFTER #601, AS SOON AS THEIR 29-FOOT MODEL IS ON THE MARKET. SEE CLIPPING AT RIGHT. IF YOU ARE AS CONFUSED AS I AM, JOIN THE CLUB. BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS THINGS MAY HAVE CHANGED. WILL TRY TO KEEP YOU POSTED. DAVE WILL BE AT THE MONTEREY RALLY IN JULY AND WILL, I AM SURE, FILL US IN ON A LOT OF DETAILS. HOPEFULLY, FMC WILL ALSO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE THERE. SO BE SURE TO COME TO THIS RALLY, ENJOY YOURSELF, MEET FRIENDS AND GET INFORMATION.

FMC ENTERS MOTOR HOME FIELD

FOOD MACHINERY CORP.
FMC Corporation's Recreational Vehicle Division in San Jose, California recently announced their entry into the rapidly expanding motor home market. FMC disclosed their 29-foot motor coach to be a fully engineered, high quality vehicle to sell at the top of the line of present production motor homes.

Some of the features of the new FMC Coach are the 400 cu. in. Chrysler Industrial engine, rear mounted (a pusher), custom low profile chassis, independent front and rear suspension, shock absorbing bumpers, driver's door, roll-safe upper cage structure, and fully integrated air conditioning system with no roof mounted or vented appliances. The coach sports a sleek fiberglass, two-tone shell over a steel chassis and specially designed aluminum cage frame. According to the manufacturer, the coach will offer interior design, decor, and craftsmanship previously available only on custom built vehicles.

The vehicle will be constructed by FMC in its Santa Clara, California facility. Initial deliveries to Western dealers will begin in early fall with national distribution expected in early 1973.

The company plans to introduce other vehicles of varying types to round out a full line.

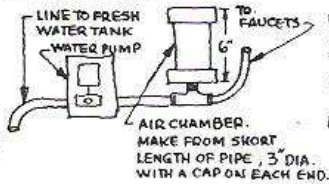
HOPEFULLY, THE NEW ULTRA COACH

Tell Them You Saw It In **FMC!**
FAMILY MOTOR COACH, Magazine



SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS AND GOODIES FROM MEMBERS.

AIR CHAMBER FOR YOUR WATER SYSTEM. THIS CHAMBER WILL BUILD



UP A RESERVE PRESSURE SO THAT YOUR PUMP NEED NOT START EVERY TIME THE FAUCETS ARE OPENED - PUMP WILL RUN A LITTLE LONGER, TO BUILD UP AIR PRESSURE IN THE CHAMBER, BUT IT WILL RUN LESS OFTEN.



BEST BY



SWAG LAMP. MOUNT THIS LAMP ON A HOOK INSTALLED IN THE CEILING ABOVE THE FRONT SEATS AND OVER THE TABLE, IF YOU HAVE ONE. USE 12 VOLT BULB. RUN SWAG CHAIN FROM HOOK TO DRIVER'S SUN VISOR AND PLUG INTO CIGARETTE LIGHTER. REMOVE SWAG LAMP AND STOW AWAY WHEN TRAVELING.

TRANSMISSIONS. GOOD, RELIABLE PLACE TO GET YOUR TRANSMISSION CHECKED OR WORKED ON: FULLERTON, INC, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS. 2315 W. COMMONWEALTH, FULLERTON, CALIF. (714) 526-3361.

FRONT FRESH AIR VENTS. THESE WELL DESIGNED, ADJUSTABLE VENTS MAY BE ORDERED FROM RV INDUSTRIES, 2220 E. CERRITOS, ORANGE, CA (714) 633-8401. VERY DETAILED AND CLEAR INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS COURTESY OF MEMBER BILL RICHARDS, VAN 402. YOUR REPORTER WILL MAIL A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO ANY MEMBER INTERESTED IN INSTALLING THESE USEFUL, FOOT-COOLING AIR VENTS. WHAT A RELIEF!

BADGES. TO MEMBERS NOT HAVING THE ULTRA VAN NAME BADGES - THESE MAY BE ORDERED FROM ERNIE NEWHOUSE. PRICE \$2.00. AND HERE IS A FAIR WARNING - WEAR YOUR BADGE, MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN. ALL MEMBERS NOT WEARING EITHER AN ULTRA VAN NAME BADGE OR A TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION TAG AT THE RALLIES WILL BE FINED 25¢. A SHERIFF WILL BE APPOINTED TO MAKE "ARRESTS" AND COLLECT FINES.

TIRE INFLATION. SAFETY NOTE FOR SUMMER DRIVING. TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE SHOULD BE CLOSELY WATCHED AS THE WEATHER CHANGES. FOR EVERY 10 DEGREES VARIATION IN TEMPERATURE, PRESSURE WILL GO UP OR DOWN APPROXIMATELY ONE POUND.

BLOWER & FAN BELTS. CORVAIR & V-8S ENGINES. HIGH TEMPERATURE, ESPECIALLY DURING SUMMER, MEANS TROUBLE FOR V- BELTS. WATCH THE TENSION, KEEP OIL & GREASE OFF AND ABOVE ALL ALWAYS CARRY A SPARE.

STOP THE PRESSES. FLASH FROM MEMBER DICK BAKER OF CALIFORNIA OUTDOOR RECREATION LEAGUE. SENATE BILL #437, BY SEN. H. L. RICHARDSON (R. OF ARCADIA) - THE R.V. BILL OF RIGHTS, WHICH WILL ALLOW US THE SAME PARKING PRIVILEGES AS CARS, HAS PASSED THE CALIFORNIA SENATE AND NOW GOES TO THE ASSEMBLY. BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR ASSEMBLYMAN AND ASK HIM TO SUPPORT BILL SB #437.

OUT OF STATE MEMBERS. GIVE US A SHOUT ONCE IN A WHILE. LET US KNOW YOU ARE THERE AND HOW YOU'RE DOING. ALTHO A LITTLE SLOW AT TIMES, YOUR REPORTER TRIES TO ANSWER ALL LETTERS.

REMEMBER THIS: TAKE IT EASY, BY THE YARD LIFE IS HARD, BY THE INCH LIFE IS A CINCH! COME TO THE RALLY, YOUR REPORTER, *Edward A. Martin*, 104 VIA ESTRELLITA, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277.

Oak Meadows

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by President Carl Foster. First of all prizes were given out to those eight who were first to complete the "mixer" jig-saw puzzle. Winners were Marian Sheffield, Lydia Meyer, Robin Vogel, Verna Foster, Wanda Jackson, Mary Holloway, Meda Deen and Cleo Barton. It was a good way to meet everyone and a lot of fun.

President Foster introduced and welcomed new Ultra Coach members who were at the rally for the first time: Chance and Margaret Fitzgerald from Illinois, Milt and Gene Reyburn, Albert and Virginia Lyle, Bill and Cleo Borton and Dr. Stan and Sue Vogel and their three children, Robin, Vicki and Sonni. Sue is Dr. Jim and Helen Cherry's daughter. It was indeed a pleasure to welcome all these newcomers to our group and we hope to see them at every rally! The drawing was then held.

It was suggested by Edy Ryerson to accept the minutes of the last meeting as mailed to each member. John Heide seconded the motion and it was carried. Edna Newhouse gave the treasurers report as follows:

Balance in checking account	\$ 319.72
Receipts	320.56
Disbursements (Includes cost of steaks)	435.86
Present Balance	204.42
Savings Account	1000.00

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's report as read.

There were thirty-five vans present at this beautiful wilderness rally. Tom Chrones and Tom Chrones, Jr. came by car; also James and URLa McNary motored in. They have sold their van and were getting ready to take an extended trip through South America. Thanks were given to Mike Hazelton for being such a great Wagonmaster in the absence of Mory and Esther Snyder who are travelling in Missouri.

The activities report was given by Edy Ryerson. Thanks were given to Edna and Ernie Newhouse for finding the rally site and to Rachael and Bill Helander for co-hosting with the Newhouses. Also appreciation was given to Helene Mecham for taking over the job of Coffee Hostess for the entire rally time. Hilda and Elga Green were travelling and fishing on Vancouver Island and at this writing I hear that she caught a great big two pound trout.

Len Ryerson gave a report on the Director's Meeting: The January rally will be in Tecopa Hot Springs area which is near Baker. Everyone is urged to join the "old timers" of the beautiful winter desert on January 19-20-21. A flyer will be sent out in early December with full details. Be sure to keep this week-end open and be there even if you have to come by Mule Train! Comments were made about the great participation in this rally and John Heide deserved the appreciation of all for getting such delicious steaks for us. A discussion was brought up concerning our leaving ITTCA and joining some more appropriate group such as CORL or the International Federation of Recreational Vehicle Users (our attorney-member, Dick Baker, is active in both of these organizations). It was also suggested to drop the Trailer Life subscriptions and try to get Motor Home magazine which is a better choice for us. Trailer Life deals with recreational vehicles other than motor homes. There has been an increase from \$5.00 to \$7.00 in dues and this doesn't leave much of the \$10.00 dues for our club use. The IFRVU organization include Clubs of Wally Byrum and Winnebago Groups as members. A letter will be sent to the complete membership with a place for your vote to amend the By-Laws to accomplish this change. It is recommended by the Officers and Directors of your club that this ammendment to the By-Laws be approved.

At the Director's Meeting John Heide was asked to be the Nominating Committee Chairman for selecting nominees for the elective offices coming up in January. A gift of \$25.00 was donated by the club to the Jim Larsons, owners of Oak Meadows, as well as an artistic wooden sign with the name of the ranch inscribed. The sign was conceived and created by Edna and Ernie Newhouse.

An interesting news item was brought to us by Carl Foster....Larry Knipe, formerly of Ultra Van Mfg. Co. is now the Mayor of Hutchinson.

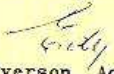
Bill Helander advised all of those travelin' Ultra Vaners who are 62 years of age or more to obtain a Senior Citizens Pass which will give free entrance into all of our National Parks and Monuments, plus a possible discount on overnight stays. This pass and further information can be secured at any National Park Headquarters.

A "bull session" was conducted by Dave Peterson and Ed Martin to help solve motor home problems. On Sunday at 9:00 AM Roma Smith and Mech Meham held a demonstration meeting on "Tune-up" of the Corvair engine.

It was moved that the general meeting be adjourned which it was at 3:10 PM.

Preparations were then made for the Gourmets Delight--club furnished tender, juicy steaks and the delicious smorgasboard from those Ultra Kitchens. The stones holding down the placemats were hand painted by Rachael Helander. After dinner a very interesting talk was given by Jim Larson noting the historical background of the ranch and Phil Phillips showed some movies of previous rallies. Many of us gathered 'round the big campfire and enjoyed the companionship and "togetherness" of our wonderful Ultra Van Motor Coach Club members.

Respectfully submitted by:


Edy Ryerson, Acting Secretary