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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: TAKE IT DAY BY DAY AND YOU'LL GET THROUGH. DO NOT ANXIOUSLY HOPE FOR WHAT IS NOT YET TO COME; DO NOT VAINLY REGRET WHAT IS ALREADY PAST. — ARISTOTLE.


THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. GET YOUR LITTLE COACHES CHECKED, SERVICED, POLISHED AND READY TO ROLL. THE GREAT OUTDOORS BECKONS TO US ALL. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES! THE DESERT WILD FLOWERS SHOULD BE BEAUTIFUL THIS YEAR DUE TO THE RAINY WINTER. LIVE WHILE YOU ARE ALIVE!

THE TECOPA HOT SPRINGS ENCAMPMENT CAME OFF WITHOUT A HITCH. ANOTHER ULTRA GATHERING TO CHERISH AND GO INTO OUR MEMORY BOOK. OUR HOST AND HOSTESSES, WILL & IMA NIELSEN AND AL & VIRGINIA LYLE, MADE A DEAL WITH THE WEATHERMAN AND PROVIDED US WITH ALMOST PERFECT WEATHER. THE SUNRISSES AND SUNSETS, THE VIEW OF THE CHANGING COLORS ON THE MOUNTAINS MADE THE TRIP WORTHWHILE. IT WAS A BIT COOL AT TIMES BUT THE SKY WAS CLEAR AND THE WIND DID NOT BLOW UP A SANDSTORM. WE ALL MADE GOOD USE OF THE FREE HOT MINERAL WATER BATHS. A SPECIAL ACCOLADE TO OUR CAPABLE RALLYMASTERS, MORY AND ESTHER SNYDER, WHO BRAVED THE COOL WINDS AND DODGED THE TUMBLEWEEDS TO SEE TO IT THAT EVERYONE WAS CHEERFULLY GREETED AND COMFORTABLY BERTHED, NOT FORGETTING EDY RYERSON AND HELENE MECHEM WHO, IN ADDITION TO NUMEROUS OTHER DUTIES, WERE THE COFFEE MAIDS IN THE ABSENCE OF HILGA & ELGA GREEN. THE GENERAL MEETING AND THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS, THE TECHNICAL JAM SESSION AND THE DESERT BANQUET WERE ALL HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON SATURDAY. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A COLOR SLIDE SHOW, COURTESY OF WILL NIELSEN WHO GAVE US A HUMOROUS RUNNING ACCOUNT OF OUR PAST RALLIES AND BANQUETS. SOME OF US WERE CAUGHT WITH OUR MOUTHS FULL OR STUFFING THE FOOD DOWN FOR ALL IT WAS WORTH — AND BOY, IT WAS GOOD, AS IT ALWAYS IS AT OUR ULTRA BANQUETS. THE FASHION SHOW WAS SOMETHING ELSE — AN ADDED ULTRA CLUB BONUS! THE LADIES DRESSED IN PIONEER GINGHAM AND SHAWLS AND THE MEN IN THE BEST TRADITION OF WYATT EARP. THROUGHOUT THE RALLY THE USUAL VISITING AND RENEWAL OF OLD FRIENDSHIPS TOOK PLACE. EVERYONE SHOWING THEIR NEW TWO-TONE PAINT JOBS, THEIR MAG WHEELS, THEIR IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS OR THE KNICKKNACKS THEY ADDED TO THEIR COACHES. AUBREY JACKSON, #103, SHOWED US HIS V-B CONVERSION WHICH HE DID ALL BY HIMSELF. A VERY COMMENDABLE JOB. THEN, OF COURSE, NO ULTRA RALLY WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT THE HAPPY HOURS WHICH WERE HELD IN SEVERAL COACHES TO THE TUNE OF TINKLING GLASSES, THE BENDING OF ELBOWS, CHOMPING OF POTATO CHIPS AND GAY LAUGHTER. ON A SERIOUS NOTE, WE THANK REV. GOAD FOR CONDUCTING THE CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY. A FITTING END OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING.

IT IS MY SAD DUTY TO INFORM YOU OF THE PASSING, IN JANUARY, OF CLUB MEMBER IRA SHRIVER, #514. OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES GO TO MRS JANET SHRIVER AND TO THE FAMILY. IRA WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

NEWS HAS COME FROM KANSAS THAT OUR FRIEND, LARRY KNIPE, HAS BEEN ELECTED THE MAYOR OF HUTCHINSON. WE WONDER IF HE IS DOING AS MUCH FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN AS HE DID FOR OUR ULTRA VAN OWNERS. OUR SUPER SALESMAN ALSO OWNS A COUPLE OF HABERDASHERIES. SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS IS HOW HARRY TRUMAN STARTED ON HIS WAY TO THE PRESIDENCY. POETIC JUSTICE? EEEK!

MANY ULTRA VAN CLUB MEMBERS HAVE REQUESTED THAT A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF ALL OUR ULTRA VAN CLUB RALLIES BE PUBLISHED. SO HERE GOES. YOUR REPORTER HAS TRIED TO MAKE THIS LIST AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU FIND ANY FLAWS, PLEASE LET HIM KNOW. OUR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A RALLY FURTHER EAST TO ACCOMMODATE OUR MANY GOOD FRIENDS IN THAT AREA. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHERE AND WHEN THIS RALLY WILL BE HELD - AND IN PLENTY OF TIME SO THAT YOU CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY. SOME MEMBERS HAVE SHOWN THEIR SHINY LITTLE NOSES AT ALL THE RALLIES. HOW MANY HAVE YOU ATTENDED?

<u>RALLY NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>		<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF VANS</u>
1	ENUMCLAW, WASH.		AUG. 1967	5
2	KNOTT'S BERRY FARM - LAKESHORE LAWN, CALIF. (MR. MERRITT WEMPLE ELECTED AS FIRST PRESIDENT)		OCT. 1967	26
3	OJAI, CALIF. IN CONJUNCTION WITH FMCA		NOV. 1967	7
4	DEATH VALLEY, FURNACE CREEK CAMP, CALIF.		FEB. 1968	25
5	WATSONVILLE, CALIF. - SANTA CRUZ FAIRGROUNDS		MAY 1968	24
6	LAKE ELSINORE, CALIF. - AT MILITARY ACADEMY (THIS WAS OUR "HOTTEST" RALLY. TEMP. WAS 112°)		SEPT. 1968	23
7	THOUSAND OAKS & CAMARILLO GROVE COUNTY PARK, CALIF.		JAN. 1969	31
8	ANZA, CALIF. - AT CIRCLE (H) RANCH		MAY 1969	35
9	VENTURA, CALIF. - COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS		SEPT. 1969	38
10	DEATH VALLEY, MESQUITE SPRINGS CAMP, CALIF.		FEB. 1970	40
11	SANTA MARIA, CALIF. AT FAIRGROUNDS, WITH FMCA		APRIL 1970	30
12	COSTA MESA, CALIF. WITH FMCA NATIONAL CONVENTION		JULY 1970	15
13	SEDONA, ARIZONA. AT HAWKEYE PARK		SEPT. 1970	41
14	LION COUNTRY SAFARI, CALIF. NEAR LAGUNA BEACH		JAN. 1971	66
15	PASO ROBLES, CALIF. AT FAIRGROUNDS. WITH ITCA		APRIL 1971	36
16	COARSEGOLD, CALIF. AT COARSEGOLD RANCH PARK (THIS WAS ALSO A HOT RALLY AND COLD WATERMELONS WERE MUCH IN EVIDENCE)		JULY 1971	30
17	BERMUDA PALMS PARK, CALIF. ON THE COLORADO RIVER		OCT. 1971	40
18	BUTTERFIELD RANCH, CALIF. NEAR JULIAN, CA.		JAN. 1972	45
19	DISNEYLAND VACATIONLAND PARK, CALIF.		APRIL 1972	34
20	MONTEREY, CALIF. AT FAIRGROUNDS		JULY 1972	27
21	JAMES LARSEN'S OAK MEADOW RANCH, NEAR SPRINGVILLE, CA.		OCT. 1972	33
22	MILLER'S TECOPA HOT SPRINGS, CALIF. JUST OUTSIDE DEATH VALLEY		JAN. 1973	27

HOW TIME FLIES! OUR CLUB IS ALMOST SIX YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG. NOW, KEEP A RECORD OF ALL THE FUTURE RALLIES. THERE WILL BE MANY MORE GREAT ONES COMING UP. OUR CLUB IS MADE UP OF BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE. THERE IS A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND HELPFULNESS WHICH YOU WILL NOT FIND IN ANY OTHER CLUB. BESIDES, WE HAVE A VEHICLE THE LIKES OF WHICH CANNOT BE FOUND IN THIS UNIVERSE.

RECOMMENDED READING: THE ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK, EDITED BY GARRETT DE BELL. A BALLANTINE/FRIENDS OF THE EARTH BOOK. IT WILL OPEN YOUR EYES ABOUT SPACESHIP EARTH AND WHAT WE ARE DOING TO IT.

OVER THE BACKYARD FENCE - BETWEEN THEE AND ME. AS OF THIS DATE 130 FAMILIES HAVE SENT IN THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 1973. GREAT THINGS ARE BEING PLANNED. LET'S ALL HELP, EVERY MEMBER WE HAVE IS VERY SPECIAL - ESPECIALLY OUR OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS WHOM WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE. SOME OF YOU, WE HAVE NEVER HAD THE PLEASURE AND HONOR TO MEET, BUT SOMEHOW WE MANAGE TO KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGH



LETTERS, TAPES AND OVER THE INVISIBLE MILES, THROUGH A SPIRIT OF ULTRA FELLOWSHIP. JOHN MEE, #266, OUR ONLY CANADIAN MEMBER, OF SQUAMISH, B.C. HAS BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL SINCE DECEMBER. JOHN AND MARGARET HAVE BEEN TO MANY OF OUR RALLIES AND WE ALL HOPE AND PRAY THAT WE WILL SEE THEM AGAIN. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. AT OUR TECOPA RALLY IT WAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH THIS CATEGORY FOR VAN OWNERS WHO FOR HEALTH OR OTHER REASONS HAVE HAD TO SELL THEIR VANS, BUT WHO STILL WANT TO MAINTAIN THEIR CONTACTS WITH OLD FRIENDS IN THE CLUB. FOR THE

"For the last time - where did you bury the Van?"

REGULAR YEARLY FEE OF \$10 THEY WILL BE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR RALLIES, ATTEND THE MEETINGS, PARTAKE OF THE DELICIOUS SPREADS AND BE A PART OF ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES. THEY MAY COME BY STAGE COACH, WALK, IN A SURREY WITH A FRINGE ON TOP, OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS THEY CHOOSE. THE ONLY HOOKER IS THAT THEY WILL NOT HAVE A VOTE IN THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB. FAIR ENOUGH! WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL FORMER MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY RE-JOINED AND WE EXPECT MANY MORE. AND WE ALMOST FORGOT TO MENTION THAT ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WILL GET THE REGULAR CLUB MAILINGS AND RALLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS LETTERS, PLUS THE MAGAZINE, MOTOR HOME LIFE. WE WANT TO THANK ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, RALPH & URLA McNARY FOR THEIR INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING CHRISTMAS LETTER OUTLINING THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING 1972. THEY SURE COVERED A LOT OF GROUND: GREECE, INDIA, NEPAL, IRAN, MT. EVEREST, BERKELEY, PASADENA, YOSEMITE, SERVOIA, EQUADOR, COLUMBIA, PERU, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS AND THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. ALL BY JET, BUS AND CAR. WOW! JOHN AND NORA STONE, #547, OF BEAUMONT, CALIF PUT ON THEIR SEVEN LEAGUE BOOTS TOO AND REVISITED ENGLAND. THEY DID NOT TAKE THEIR ULTRA VAN BUT TRAVELED 1500 MILES AND SAID THEY SAW NARY AN AMERICAN MOTORHOME AND WONDERED WHERE THEY ALL ARE. PROBABLY PACKED LIKE SARDINES AT YOSEMITE.



NOW WE COME TO THE BOLTS & NUTS. WITH THE CROCUSES READY TO POP THEIR LITTLE HEADS, IT IS TIME TO LOOK OVER OUR COACHES TO SEE THAT THEY ARE IN GOOD SHAPE FOR THE COMING SUMMER MILES AHEAD. WE HAVE PREPARED A FOUR-PAGE ULTRA VAN SAFETY INSPECTION CHECK LIST COVERING ALL THE VITAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS OF THE VAN. WE WILL BE GLAD TO SEND YOU A COPY UPON RECEIPT OF A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. WE ARE SURE THAT MOST MEMBERS WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING THE LIST AND CHECKING THE ITEMS THEMSELVES. BUT IF IT IS ALL GREEK TO YOU, DON'T PANIC, TAKE THE LIST TO YOUR FAVORITE GARAGE OR MECHANIC WHO KNOWS THE VAN. NO PROBLEM.



THE ULTRA VAN IS WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD! REGARDLESS OF WHEN OUR VANS WERE BUILT, THEY ARE STILL MORE MODERN, MORE STREAMLINED, ROOMIER AND A LOT MORE ECONOMICAL TO RUN AND MAINTAIN THAN ANYTHING ON THE ROAD. IT HOLDS ITS VALUE BECAUSE THERE ARE NO YEARLY MODELS. ALL IN ALL, IT IS A VERY DESIRABLE VEHICLE. REMEMBER THIS TOO, NO MATTER WHAT ITEM NEEDS SERVICING OR WHICH PART REQUIRES REPAIR, THE ULTRA VAN IS ONE OF THE EASIEST VEHICLES TO MAINTAIN. THERE IS NO ITEM ON IT THAT IS NOT READILY ACCESSIBLE, AVAILABLE AND REPAIRABLE, REGARDLESS OF ITS AGE. ULTRA VANS, IF PROPERLY CARED FOR, NEVER GROW OLD. LITTLE TLC WORKS WONDERS!

RADIAL TIRES. TO OWNERS WITH STEEL-BELTED RADIALS - DON'T "X" YOUR RADIALS. TIRE TRAVEL ON THE ROAD CAUSES A "SET" TO TAKE PLACE IN THE RADIAL FIBER OR CORDS. REVERSING DIRECTION OF WHEEL REVOLUTION CAUSES A "SET" TO OCCUR IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, WHICH TENDS TO LOOSEN THE CORDS AND EVEN CAUSE RUPTURE. THE ONLY THING YOU SHOULD DO IS TO SLIDE THEM TO THE REAR. TO AVOID MIXUPS THE RUBBER MFG. ASSOC. RECOMMENDS THAT YOU PUT A NEAT LITTLE ARROW ON THE WHEEL RIM NEAR THE TIRE. SAFETY ITEMS. WITH OLD SOL GETTING HOTTER AND HIGHER IN THE SKY EVERY DAY, WATCH THOSE SHINY, REFLECTIVE ARTICLES IN THE VAN. FIRES HAVE BEEN STARTED BY THE SUN SHINING THRU BOTTLES, OR SHINY OBJECTS, SUCH AS MIRRORS ETC, WITH A SUNGLASS EFFECT. ALWAYS CARRY AT LEAST TWO FLARES IN THE DRIVER'S COMPARTMENT. AT THE FIRST INDICATION OF TROUBLE, OR TIRE FAILURE IT IS BETTER TO TRAVEL A SHORT DISTANCE TO GET OFF THE HIGHWAY. THEN PUT OUT YOUR FLARES. IT IS BETTER TO LOSE A TIRE THAN ONE'S LIFE. ON TWO-LANE HIGHWAYS, SPECIALLY GOING UP HILL, REMEMBER THAT REAR VIEW MIRROR AND CONSIDER THAT GUY BEHIND YOU. THE LAW SAYS THAT IF THERE ARE THREE OR MORE CARS BEHIND YOU, YOU MUST PULL OVER AT THE NEXT TURNOFF AND LET THEM PASS. THIS CREATES GOODWILL FOR ALL R.Vs.

GOOD CORVAIR GARAGES AND MECHANICS. DURING THEIR TRAVELS SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE SENT IN THE NAMES & LOCATIONS OF GARAGES AND MECHANICS WHO HAVE SHOWN A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE CORVAIR AND V8 VANS AND HAVE DONE A COMMENDABLE JOB. FROM BOB HOLT, KEITH'S AMERICAN SERVICE, 976 S. PERRY ST. MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, 36104. FROM MERLE MCPHERREN, JOE'S AUTO REPAIR, 3490 BUENA VISTA, LEMON GROVE, CALIF. 92045 (714) 469-5140. FROM DICK BAKER & FRANK XIQUES, RUDOLPH CHEVEROLET, PHOENIX, ARIZONA. MEMBER HANS KRAEPELIEN REPORTS THAT SAM K. STONE 904 TOWSON, BOX 1099, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS CARRIES AN AMPLE STOCK OF ULTRA VAN PARTS, PRESUMABLY OBTAINED FROM THE HUTCHINSON FACTORY WHEN THEY CLOSED. ENGINE MOUNTING BOLTS AND UNIVERSAL JOINT BOLTS. CHECK THE FRONT & REAR ENGINE MOUNTING BOLTS AND THE BOLTS OF THE FOUR UNIVERSAL JOINTS, ON THE CORVAIR VAN - AND TIGHTEN IF NECESSARY. BALL JOINTS ON THE FRONT SUSPENSION SYSTEM. BE SURE THAT THE THREE BOLTS ON EACH UPPER & LOWER BALL JOINT ARE TIGHT. CHECK THE THE BALL JOINTS THEMSELVES BY JACKING THE FRONT WHEELS AND LOOKING FOR LOOSENESS IN THE JOINT. IF LOOSENESS AND PLAY ARE FOUND, REPLACE JOINTS. CAN BE OBTAINED FROM CHEVROLET DEALERS, THE PART No. 3865027, COST \$11.40 EACH. WHILE YOU HAVE THE WHEELS UP, GIVE THE ZERK FITTINGS A SHOT OF GREASE. FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR FIRST PRESIDENT, MERRITT WEMPLE AND HIS GRACIOUS FIRST LADY FOR THEIR CARD. THEY SEND BEST REGARDS & LOVE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS. WE HOPE TO SEE THEM AT A RALLY SOON. NOW, WE LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT: THE ONLY WAY TO GET AHEAD IS NOT TO STEP ON A HEAD. YOUR REPORTER, Edward A. Martin #296, 104 VIA ESTRELLITA, REDONDO BCH, CA 90277. GOD BLESS!

# ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 28, 1973

Open Lake Recreational Area, Arroyo Grande



The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President E. Nechem. Guests and new members were introduced. Ralph Dillon who presented Ultra introduced his Ultra group and his family.

## Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the last general meeting of January 20, 1973 be accepted as mailed.

## Treasurer's Report

Previous balance in checking	\$1288.90
Disbursements	966.91
Receipts	530.58
Interest from Savings	12.58
Balance on hand	852.57
Savings Account	1000.00

An explanation was given for the amount maintained in the Savings Account. That amount is needed in reserve in case of slow payment of insurance claims, or in case of casualty; it also earns interest at 5%, that amount being deposited into the checking account.

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

## Registration:

35 Vans, 1 visiting Van, 2 cars, and 1 Chinook were logged in, all from California. Farthest away were the Hollings from Ukiah and the Carmellas from Clear Lake Oaks. The closest - the Heides from Arroyo Grande. Prizes of spice racks were given out.

## Activities

Edy Ryerson expressed thanks to those hosting - the Sellards, Heides, and Snyders. Tending the coffee bar were Elga and Hilda Green. Trudy Sellards gave instructions for the setting up of our International Buffet. Edy Ryerson asked for recipes, which have been slow in arriving.

## Directors Meeting report by Mr. Heide

The Directors voted to purchase the Olson Public Address System demonstrated by Ernest Newhouse at the price of \$108.68 which includes a 10% discount. It will be available for all rallies and meetings of the club.

The new insurance coverage obtained for the club was explained.

Next rally is to be held in Old Town at San Diego on July 20, 21, 22. The Yakels and McPherrins helped in the planning and arrangements.

October rally in Arkansas is being investigated. More will be given in the Bulletin.

The President showed organization charts and maps, there was discussion of holding a rally once a year in the eastern or mid-west states.

It was decided to request Mr. Dillon to furnish the club with names and addresses of non-member Van owners as possible members and rally hosts.

President Mechem presented an organizational chart showing duties for all directors. Two new positions have been added: Manufacturing Liaison to inform members of new ideas and flow of information between the new plant and Ultra Club; and Rally Director to spread the work of preparation of rallies. He also presented and explained a map for Rally Considerations showing where each member is located throughout the country, to be used in planning for future rallies farther east or in Canada.

Rally Formation Criteria, a check-off sheet for assistance in selecting future rally sites will be made available to members. These will be turned over to Dr. Cherry, Rally Director, by members who have rally sites to suggest.

Report From the Ultra People

Dave Peterson gave a short history of Ultra, and introduced Roger Dillon, a member of the new Ultra company just forming. Mr. Dillon told of the production plans for the new Vans, search for the proper plant site in the bay area, the specifications being considered, the aim for an 8000 lb. vehicle, and the gathering of new people to run the company. Mr. Peterson will still be an advisor. A period of questions and answers followed.

Dr. Foster asked for a special expression of thanks to Edy Ryerson for her work in the 1973 Rosters.

A service conference was announced to follow the general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

*Mary Holloway*

Mary Holloway, Secretary