

ULTRA VAN



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MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

CLUB BULLETIN
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THOUGHT FOR THE TIMES: COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOW BEFORE THEM. WHAT'S PAST IS PROLOGUE. SHAKESPEARE.

THE 25TH RALLY OF THE ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, HELD AT WILDERNESS POINT CAMP, HENDERSON, ARKANSAS, WAS BY FAR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE RALLY IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY. FORTY ULTRA VAN FAMILIES, FROM 16 STATES CAME DURING THE 10-DAY RALLY. THE MIDWEST AND EASTERN U/V FAMILIES NUMBERED 24 AND THE WESTERN MEMBERS 16. GOOD SHOW! MANY NEW MEMBERS WERE ADDED TO THE U/V CLUB ROSTER. YOUR REPORTER WAS HAPPY TO MEET MANY U/V OWNERS WITH WHOM HE HAD BEEN CORRESPONDING FOR YEARS.

IT WOULD BE AN IMPOSSIBILITY TO GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT ALL THE ACTIVITIES, THE SOCIAL EVENTS, THE GOOD WEATHER, THE MEETINGS, THE FELLOWSHIP AND THE EFFORTS OF OUR HOSTS AND HOSTESSES. JUST FOR THE RECORD, AND TO GIVE THOSE WHO COULD NOT ATTEND, AN IDEA OF WHAT THEY MISSED, HERE ARE A FEW CHOICE TIDBITS: EVERYONE HAD A NICE SPOT, UNDER TREES, IN FULL VIEW OF NORFORK LAKE AND CLOSE TO ONE OF THE THREE CLEAN BATHHOUSES, THERE WERE SEVERAL DIVINE CAMPFIRES UNDER A FULL MOON, THE WEATHER WAS WARM — THE LEAVES HADN'T TURNED YET AND WE ONLY HAD ONE NIGHT OF GENTLE RAIN. OUR TWO ULTRA BANQUETS WERE HELD IN THE CAMP PAVILION. YOUR REPORTER WILL NEVER CEASE TO WONDER HOW YOU DEAR U/V LADIES MANAGE TO GET SUCH DELICIOUS DISHES OUT UNDER SUCH "PRIMITIVE" CONDITIONS. NOWHERE IN THIS UNIVERSE CAN YOU GET SUCH SOUL FOOD. PITY THOSE WHO WERE ON A DIET. THERE WAS SINGING AND DANCING WITH MUSIC PROVIDED BY PAUL ROBINSON #385, AND SIDE-SPLITTING STORY TELLING BY SUCH FIBBERS AS FRANCIS (I'M FROM TEXAS) CARROLL #546. A PERFORMANCE BY OUR "EASTERN" MEMBERS, PAUL & FREDA ROBINSON #385, OF ST. LOUIS, MO., DESERVES SPECIAL MENTION. BY THE CAMPFIRE, THEY HAD EVERYONE IN STITCHES WITH THEIR ACT ON THE LIFE OF A TYPICAL MARRIED COUPLE. HE CLAIMED HE "BOUGHT" HER FOR \$2.00 (COST OF MARRIAGE LICENSE) AND THAT SHE HAD BETTER TDE THE MARK. ALL IN GOOD FUN OF COURSE. YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH WE ALL NEEDED THAT LAUGH — AND THANKS, PAUL & FREDA. PLEASE DON'T FEEL SLIGHTED IF WE LEFT ANYONE OUT. SO MANY MEMBERS CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH, NOT ONLY BY JUST BEING THERE, BUT BY THEIR STORE OF KNOWLEDGE, THEIR WILLINGNESS TO HELP AND BY THEIR WARM FRIENDSHIP. AS IN EVERY ORGANIZATION, THERE ARE ALWAYS THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO DO THAT LITTLE EXTRA TO KEEP THINGS GOING. SPECIAL KUDOS MUST GO TO ERNIE & EDNA NEWHOUSE #609, THE REAL SPARK PLUGS AND FOUNDERS OF THE CLUB. TO EDDY RYERSON AND HER NINE-LEAGUE BOOTS. SHE WAS EVERYWHERE TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING. TO RALLYMASTER, MORY SNYDER #489 AND HIS ASSISTANT MIKE HAZELTON #340 WHO INTERRUPTED MANY A MEAL TO ASSIGN GOOD CAMPING SPOTS TO NEWCOMERS. TO GABBY FRED LEARY #434 WHO NEVER STOPPED TALKING DURING THE WHOLE RALLY PROPOUNDING THE "VIRTUES" OF THE OLIVAIR ENGINE AND TO HIS EVER PATIENT WIFE, ELEANOR, WHO REMADE THAT BED AT LEAST 100 TIMES SO THAT FRED COULD SHOW HIS LATEST SUPER DUPER GADGET ON HIS ENGINE. TO YOUR REPORTER THE WHOLE RALLY WAS ONE BIG, CONTINUOUS TECHNICAL SESSION. WE HOPE THAT NO ONE WILL ASK US TO GIVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WHERE THOSE 11 DAYS WENT WE SPENT AT THE RALLY. THEY WENT IN A FLASH! WE WERE, UNFORTUNATELY, IN A DRY COUNTY IN ARKANSAS. THAT CAUSED SOME "DIFFICULTIES" FOR SOME OF US. GOING TO HAVE TO PUT SOME EXTRA TANKS IN FOR MARTINIS, BOURBON, SCOTCH & BEER — FOR WINTERIZING THE VAN, NATURALLY!

OUR ULTRA LADIES HAD THEIR OWN VAN-KEEPING SESSIONS. AM SURE THAT A LOT OF HUSBANDS ARE BUSY, RIGHT NOW, MAKING MODIFICATIONS IN RESPONSETO, "HONEY, LET'S DO THIS, OR CHANGE THAT. CHRIS BARDEN #228, CAME TO THE RALLY ALTHOUGH HIS VAN IS SCATTERED ALL OVER HIS GARAGE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING OVERHAULED. HE TOOK A PLANE TO SPRINGFIELD, MO., THEN DROVE TO THE RALLY JUST TO BE WITH US ALL. WE FOUND A PLACE FOR HIM TO SACK IN WITH ASSOCIATE MEMBER WALTER JAMME WHO CAME FROM FLORIDA IN HIS SPORTS-COACH MOTORHOME. A SALUTE TO THE ULTRA VAN: MANY OF US TRAVELED 5000 MILES AND MORE ON OUR WAY TO THE RALLY AND SOME OF US TOOK A MEANDERING ROUTE HOME. WE ALL GOT BACK TO OUR ROOSTS SAFELY AND ECONOMICALLY. YOUR REPORTER TAGGED ALONG WITH THE LASLOS #474. OUR CORVAIR ENGINES AVERAGED ALMOST 18 MPG AND USED VERY LITTLE OIL. WE HAD NO MECHANICAL OR TIRE PROBLEMS. NOT VERY MANY MOTOR-HOMES CAN SAY THAT. IT SEEMS THAT WE WERE LUCKY TO GET THIS RALLY IN WHEN WE DID - WITH NO PROBLEMS GETTING GASOLINE. LORD ONLY KNOWS WHEN WE'LL BE ABLE, OR ALLOWED, TO TAKE A 5000 MILE TRIP AGAIN. PICTURES - LOTS OF PICTURES WERE TAKEN DURING THE RALLY. IF ANYONE HAS A SPARE SNAP OR TWO, SEND THEM TO THE NEWHOUSES FOR THE CLUB SCRAPBOOK. THANKS TO KEN CASSELMAN, #394 FOR TAKING POLAROID SHOTS OF EVERY COACH FAMILY AT THE RALLY. THESE, HOPEFULLY, WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW DIRECTORY. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE FOR 1974. RENEW EARLY TO ASSURE LISTING IN THE NEW DIRECTORY. DUES ARE \$10.00. SEND TO TREASURER, EDNA NEWHOUSE, 15239 EL SONETO DR., WHITTIER, CA. 90605. NOTICE. THE ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB IS IN NO WAY CONNECTED OR AFFILIATED WITH THE ULTRA VAN MANUFACTURING CO., OF SONOMA, CALIF. WELCOME TO OUR NEW "EASTERN" DIRECTORS: KEN & TREVA CASSELMAN #394 OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA AND CHESTER & JANET HART #389 OF OAK PARK, ILLINOIS. DEVOTIONAL SERVICES WERE HELD UNDER CLEAR BLUE SKIES ON BOTH SUNDAYS DURING THE RALLY. PARTICIPATING AND LEADING IN THE SINGING WERE: ESTHER SNYDER, EDY RYERSON AND IKE MORGAN. ORGAN: ETHEL DARWIN AND HELEN SMITH. INSPIRING AND TIMELY MESSAGES BY: KEN CASSELMAN AND IKE MORGAN. LEADING IN PRAYER: PHIL PHILLIPS. A SAD NOTE: GENE WILSON #525 OF HEMET RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO ELSIE, HIS WIFE, AND TO THE FAMILY. AMONG MANY THINGS, GENE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR THE VERY PRACTICAL SCREEN DOOR HE INVENTED AND BUILT FOR THE ULTRA VAN. DURING THE RALLY THERE WERE NUMEROUS TECHNICAL BULL SESSIONS GOING ON AT VARIOUS TABLES, INSIDE AND UNDER MANY VANS. IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR YOUR REPORTER TO TRY TO KEEP UP WITH THEM ALL AND TO RECOGNIZE MY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS BY THE SIZE OF THEIR FEET OR FANNIES. WE KNOW THAT MANY SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED AND MANY GOOD SOLUTIONS ARRIVED AT. ENGINES, SUSPENSIONS, WHEEL BEARINGS, TRANSMISSIONS, SHOCK ABSORBERS, TIRES, REFRIGERATORS ETC WERE DISCUSSED AND SOME MEMBERS TOOK DOWN PART NUMBERS, MADE DIAGRAMS AND EVEN RECORDED SOME OF THE INFORMATION. PLEASE SEND THEM TO US FOR INCLUSION IN FUTURE CLUB BULLETINS. AND NOW YOUR REPORTER WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS IS THE LAST CLUB BULLETIN HE WILL WRITE. WE HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE OF WRITING THE CLUB BULLSTIN FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. IT IS TIME FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE OVER AND AFTER ALL THE TALENT AND KNOWLEDGE DISPLAYED AT THE ARKANSAS RALLY, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS WILL BE AN EASY TASK. SO, WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE NEXT RALLY IN HEMET, CALIF. WISH YOU ALL A MERRIE CHRISTMAS AND A WARM HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY, YOUR REPORTER,

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ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

— A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION —

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING - January 19, 1974
Golden Village, Hemet, California



The minutes of the General Meeting of the 26th Rally were called to order at 1:25 p.m. in the meeting hall at Golden Village. President T. E. Mechem opened the meeting with greetings to all, introduced new members, and members from distant places. The Thelens from Everett, Washington and the Brinings from Ohio were the two couples who traveled furthest to attend this rally.

The minutes of the General Meeting in October, 1973 at Henderson, Arkansas were approved and accepted as mailed to the membership.

The Treasurer's Report by Edna Newhouse:

Previous balance:	\$ 478.39	
Receipts	1028.76	
Disbursements	<u>595.39</u>	
Present balance		\$920.76
Savings Account	1000.00	

The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted.

Wagon Master Mory Snyder reported there were 35 Ultra Coaches in attendance, also 6 visitor-members, and 6 visitors.

Edy Ryerson reported on the future rally sites.

April Rally: to be at Granite Dells, Arizona, near Prescott, elevation about 5,000 ft. The dates: April 18 through 21; \$1.50 per night, 25c for electrical hook-up. The distance estimated by Len Ryerson is 425 miles from Northridge. An alternative place is to be considered if gas rationing goes into effect and a closer site is deemed necessary. The Laslo place on the Colorado River, S.E. end of Salton Sea has been suggested.

July Rally: In the Lompoc area, above Santa Barbara, Calif.

October Rally: Tyler, Texas is being considered. Fran Carroll, Eastern Director, will have information.

Eastern Rallies are being planned and members will be notified when these plans are completed.

Will Nielsen won the prize for figuring correctly there are 80 triangles on the Golden Lantern on the last rally flyer.

Mrs. Verna Foster announced the arrangements for the pot-luck dinner being held tonight. An error on the part of the village management caused a quick shuffle of place and time. Verna and her committee coped.

Mrs. Lorena Hurd moved that Ed Martin continue as editor of the Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Carl Foster. Vote was unanimous and accompanied by words of commendation and appreciation for Ed's fine work.

There was discussion about the use of the word "van" in our club name and in signs on the coaches. It was the consensus of opinion that the word "coach" should be used as more properly describing our vehicles. Any change in by-laws or club name would have to be checked carefully from the legal standpoint. More will be reported at the next

The idea of using a pennant for our club met with approval. Ideas may be submitted and a prize was suggested for the design accepted by the club. Ed Martin will draw up the plans for this project.

Nominating Committee Chairman Carl Foster presented the slate of 1974 officers to be elected at this meeting:

President	T. E. Mechem
V. Pres.	Bill Melander
Secty.	Mary Holloway
Treasurer	Edna Newhouse
Newsletter	Ed Martin
New Directors:	John and Marge Heide (to serve 3 years)
Eastern Directors:	Mrs. Janet Hart
	Ken Casselman

The vote was unanimous to accept the full slate as presented.

Mory Snyder thanked Will Nielsen for being wagonmaster until he arrived from Antioch.

President Mechem thanked Mory for his continued fine job as Wagonmaster, and Verna Foster for all the arrangements for this rally.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m. for the usual happy time of drawing for