

**ULTRA**

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# motor coach club

CLUB BULLETIN

JULY 1974



WROTE POET ROBERT FROST : TWO ROADS DIVERGED IN A WOOD, AND I TOOK THE ONE LESS TRAVELED BY, AND THAT HAS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

OUR 27<sup>TH</sup> ULTRA COACH RALLY, ORGANIZED AND HOSTED BY FRANK & EDITH XIQUES AND BILL & RACHAEL HELANDER, WAS HELD AT PAYNE'S GRANITE DELLS CAMPGROUND NEAR PRESCOTT, ARIZONA ON APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> THRU THE 21<sup>ST</sup>.

ACCORDING TO ALL REPORTS, A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, ALTHOUGH ONLY 14 COACHES WERE REGISTERED. THE THREAT OF A GASOLINE SHORTAGE AND HIGH PRICES FOR THE PRECIOUS FUEL PROBABLY KEPT MANY MEMBERS FROM ATTEMPTING THE LONG TREK TO GRANITE DELLS.

A PERSONAL NOTE. YOUR REPORTER WISHES TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE LATENESS OF THIS BULLETIN AND FOR THE FACT THAT NUMEROUS LETTERS FROM CLUB MEMBERS STILL REMAIN UNANSWERED. TROUBLES SEEM TO COME IN BUNCHES AND WE WERE UNABLE TO DUCK THIS BARRAGE. A SERIOUS ILLNESS IN THE FAMILY AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS, NOT ONLY PREVENTED US FROM ATTENDING THIS RALLY, THE FIRST ONE WE HAVE MISSED, BUT LEFT US WITHOUT ENERGY TO DO MUCH ELSE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING AND FOR YOUR MANY EXPRESSIONS OF CHEER AND GOOD WILL. THANKFULLY, THE CRISIS IS OVER. WE WILL REPLY TO ALL LETTERS AND CARDS SHORTLY.

THANKS TO EDNA NEWHOUSE, MARY HOLLOWAY AND OTHERS WHO SENT IN REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES. HERE IS A BRIEF RUNDOWN ON WHAT HAPPENED, PLAGIARIZED FROM THEIR NOTES: THE AREA OF GRANITE DELLS, ARIZONA, WAS BREATH-TAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL. WE WERE ALONGSIDE A STORY BOOK STREAM UNDER PLENTY OF SHADE. THANKS TO THE HARD WORK AND THE VIVID IMAGINATIONS OF OUR HOSTS, THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE RALLIES THE CLUB HAS EVER HELD. IT WAS FULL OF SURPRISES AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP. SOME COACHES WERE DECORATED IN KEEPING WITH THE INDIAN THEME. ALL COACHES RECEIVED AN INDIAN "GOD'S EYE" AS A GOOD LUCK TOKEN. THESE WERE LOVINGLY HANDMADE BY FRANK & EDITH XIQUES. PATRICK KEENA CAME THE FARTHEST DISTANCE - ALL WAY FROM FLORIDA. THE FIRST RALLY FOR HIM. YOUR REPORTER HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH PAT FOR YEARS. WE ARE SORRY TO HAVE MISSED HIM AT THIS RALLY. PAT IS ON AN EXTENDED TOUR OF EUROPE. HIS ULTRA COACH IS IN MOTH BALLS. WE HOPE TO MEET HIM AT ONE OF OUR FUTURE RALLIES.

THE WEINER ROAST, HELD ON FRIDAY EVENING, WAS HIGH-LIGHTED BY A MOST UNUSUAL AND SUPER-SECRET DESSERT. PREPARED IN EDITH'S TRAVELING KITCHEN AND BAKED OVER THE COALS BY FRANK, THE RESULT WAS JUST PURE ELIXIR FROM HEAVEN. INCIDENTALLY, FRANK LIT HIS COALS BY RUBBING TWO TOTEM POLES TOGETHER - QUITE A FEAT! RACHAEL ADDED THE FINISHING TOUCH BY DUSTING THE "CAKES" WITH POWDERED SUGAR AND BILL SAW TO IT THAT EACH ONE RECEIVED THEIR DELICIOUS GOODIE.

THE SECRET DESSERT CONSISTED OF BLUEBERRY AND CHERRY FILLED "CAKES" WITH A TASTY, FLAKY CRUST. EDITH WOULD NOT SAY WHAT THE SECRET INGREDIENT WAS, PERHAPS IT WAS RUM!

THE PANCAKE BRUNCH WAS HELD IN THE PAVILLION ON SATURDAY AND A WILD BUNCH OF HUNGRY INDIANS CAME, SOME IN WAR PAINT AND NATIVE COSTUMES. PANCAKES WERE PREPARED AND SERVED BY OUR HOSTS AND THEY HAD SAMBO'S PANCAKES BEAT BY A MILE. LATER, OUR BUSY HOSTS SERVED UP A CATERED DINNER OF BARBECUED BEEF. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR BIG CHIEF FRANK XIQUES. THEN FRANK GAVE AN INTERESTING TALK ON THE HISTORY OF THE AREA AND PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE CAMPSITE WHICH HAS BEEN OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PAYNES FOR OVER FIVE DECADES. THERE WAS THE CUSTOMARY DRAWING OF TICKETS AND AWARDING OF PRIZES — MANY OF WHICH WERE MADE BY OUR ARTISTIC AND TALENTED RACHAEL HELANDER. MARY HOLLOWAY, OUR BUSY, DEDICATED SECRETARY WON A PRIZE FOR HAVING GUESSED, MOST ACCURATELY, THE MEANING OF THE INDIAN NAMES PLACED ON THE COACHES. THERE WERE A COUPLE OF MAINTENANCE JAM SESSIONS AND OUR CLUB ATTORNEY, DICK BAKER, GAVE DETAILS OF LATEST LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS REGARDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. EVERYONE LEFT ON SUNDAY, BUT NOT BEFORE MANY HAD GONE TO VISIT THE BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR CHURCH SERVICE AREA, AN INSPIRING SHRINE CONSTRUCTED ON A HILL AMONG THE CANYON ROCKS. THE BEAUTY OF THE AREA, THE PLAQUES WITH WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND THE CALM OF THE MOMENT MADE ONE FEEL, AS ONE MEMBER REMARKED — A FEELING OF HAVING BEEN TO CHURCH. THANKS AGAIN TO EDNA NEWHOUSE AND MARY HOLLOWAY FOR THE SMOKE SIGNALS FROM GRANITE DELLS.

THE EMU RALLY. HERE, BRIEFLY, IS A REPORT SENT IN BY JANET HART ON THE EASTERN RALLY HELD AT HIAWATHA CAMPGROUND, CRETE, ILLINOIS ON MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> THRU 19<sup>TH</sup>. ONE OF THE LAST ITEMS OF BUSINESS WAS THE SELECTION OF A CLUB NAME WHICH IS LESS CUMBERSOME THAN, MEMBERS-OF-THE-ULTRA-CLUB-WHO-LIVE-EAST-OF-THE-ROCKIES! THE NAME CHOSEN WAS EASTERN MEMBERS OF ULTRA, OR EMUS FOR SHORT. THE EMU IS A STRANGE BIRD - AREN'T WE ALL - WHO CAN'T FLY, BUT CAN RUN. MARY HERRMAN, \*549 OF DUBUQUE, IOWA WILL MAKE A DESIGN TO BE USED IN VARIOUS WAYS IN ADDITION TO OUR ULTRA LOGO. THE EMU RALLY WAS A SMALL TRIUMPH OF DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME. TOTAL ATTENDANCE WAS NINETEEN COACHES WHICH IS A PRETTY GOOD SHOWING. THE MOST UNWELCOME VISITOR WAS FIVE INCHES OF RAIN IN SIX HOURS OF THE FIRST NIGHT. THIS TURNED THE AREA INTO A SEA OF MUD. BOOTS AND RAIN GEAR WERE THE STYLE FOR TWO DAYS AS RAIN CONTINUED TO DRIBBLE. JANET HAD A CANVAS SHELTER FOR THE TABLES AND TARPS FOR THE WIND AND RAIN BREAKS. WITH BIG, BOTTOMLESS COFFEE URNS SUPPLIED BY THE CASSELMANS AND THE GUS BRININGS AND A STEADY SUPPLY OF GOODIES, WE MANAGED GOOD FELLOWSHIP AS MORE COACHES CAME IN. CAMPFIRE BEING IMPOSSIBLE, THREE

COACHES TOOK THE WHOLE GROUP TO A GOOD RESTAURANT. SATURDAY IT WAS STILL RAINING SO WE MOVED TO THE RECREATION BUILDING FOR A QUESTION AND ANSWER SEMINAR LED BY KEN CASSELMAN AND GUS BRINING. THE EMU LADIES GATHERED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF MANY IDEAS IN THE CRAFTS DEPARTMENT.



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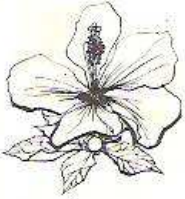
THE GROANING BOARD AT THE POTLUCK PROVED THAT EMUS ARE JUST AS GOOD COOKS AS THE WM1'S. (BUT AT LEAST WE MANAGE TO KEEP OUR POWDER DRY.) AFTER SUPPER FRANCIS CARROLL, MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS URGED EVERYONE TO HEAD FOR TYLER, TEXAS FOR THE OCTOBER EMU RALLY. DON & MICKEY RICHARDS, WAYNESVILLE, OHIO AND CHARLIE & HELEN SMITH, MASSILLON, OHIO WERE SELECTED TO ORGANIZE AND HOST A RALLY FOR LATE IN JULY OR EARLY AUGUST. LOCATION HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED AS YET. SUNDAY, WHEN PEOPLE WERE LEAVING, THE WEATHER, OF COURSE, WAS LOVELY. EASTERN DIRECTOR, JANET HART SENDS HER PERSONAL THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO MAKE HER FIRST RALLY SUCH A SUCCESS IN SPITE OF THE DRIZZLE. SPECIAL THANKS TO KEN & TREVA CASSELMAN WHO CAME IN SPITE OF THE RECENT DEATH OF KEN'S MOTHER; TO GUS BRINING WHO WAS A SLOSHING GOOD WAGON-MASTER; TO THE SMITHS AND RICHARDS FOR HOSTING THE NEXT EMU RALLY AND TO PAUL & FREDA ROBINSON FOR COMING EQUIPPED WITH PLAYER AND SPEAKERS FOR DANCING, PLUS FUN AND GAMES WHICH WERE NOT USED DUE, NO DOUBT, TO THE SLIGHT PREVAILING DAMPNES.

IT SEEMS THAT THE MOST WESTERN MEMBER TO ATTEND THE EASTERN RALLY WAS JIM TRUE FROM LAWTON, OKLAHOMA. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT MORE WESTERN MEMBERS COULD NOT ATTEND. WE ARE SURE THAT MANY OF US WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE OCTOBER RALLY IN TYLER, TEXAS.

## Straws in the Wind

IN REPLY TO MANY INQUIRIES, THE ULTRA VAN FACTORY IN SONOMA, CALIF IS CLOSED. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO WHAT THE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE ARE. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DAVE PETERSON STILL HAS SOME PARTS FOR THE ORIGINAL VANS. CONTACT HIM IF YOU NEED ANY. THE AUCTION OF A LARGE STOCK OF ULTRA VAN PARTS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BY THE FACTORY IN HUTCHINSON, KANSAS TURNED OUT VERY SADLY. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED, SO THE WHOLE LOT WAS SOLD TO A JUNK DEALER FOR THE SCRAP VALUE. WE WANT TO THANK JOE PETRIE FOR ALL THE VALUABLE INFORMATION HE SENT US ON COACH MAINTENANCE. FRANCIS CARROLL CAME UP WITH A TAPE CASSETTE FULL OF EXCELLENT, HELPFUL IDEAS. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISING FOR A LONG TIME TO GET A BULLETIN OUT CONSISTING OF NOTHING BUT MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATING INFORMATION GLEANED FROM MEMBERS LETTERS AND BITTER PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. NOW THAT WE HAVE OUR APPLES AND ORANGES SORTED OUT AND HAVE OUR HEAD ON STRAIGHT, THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE FIRST PRIORITY. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR FRED LEARY TO GET LOOSE ABOUT HIS SECRETS ON HIS SPECIAL VALVE LIFTER OILERS, HIS CRANKCASE VENTILATION SYSTEM AND HOW HE MAKES THOSE SONOROUS SOUNDING MUFFLERS OUT OF SEWER PIPES AND CONDUIT PIPES. DR. TOM ELLIS OF MASSILLON, OHIO TOOK TIME OUT THIS LAST WINTER FROM REPAIRING LEAKY KIDNEYS TO DOING A LOT OF WORK ON HIS COACH. HE INSTALLED TWO FRONT FRESH AIR VENTS, MADE A SCREEN DOOR, OVERHAULED HIS PROPANE SYSTEM, INSTALLED A TRANSMISSION COOLER, PUT SOLAR-X FILM ON ALL HIS WINDOWS TO SHUT OUT GLARE AND HEAT, MADE A VERY PRACTICAL SLIDING STEP FOR HIS DOOR AND JUST ABOUT REBUILT HIS ENGINE. PRETTY GOOD FOR A COUNTRY SAWBONES, DON'T YOU THINK? NEW MEMBER, CAPTAIN PETER QUARESMO WHO BOUGHT CLIFF STRECH'S COACH #477 PRACTICALLY REBUILT THE UNIT AND IS HAPPY AS A CLAM AT HIGH TIDE WITH IT. HE IS ON HIS WAY TO SPOKANE, EXPO 70 AND PLANS TO GO DOWN TO BAJA CALIFORNIA. WE WISH HIM MANY HAPPY, CAREFREE MILES. WE WELCOME DR. DACH BACK INTO THE FOLD. SOLD HIS COACH, TRIED ANOTHER MAKE, DIDN'T LIKE IT - BOUGHT ANOTHER ULTRA COACH!

IT GRIEVES ME TO REPORT THAT VICTOR & BERNICE REISIG, OF ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN HAD A BAD ACCIDENT WITH THEIR COACH ON THE APPROACH TO THE MACKINAC BRIDGE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. THEIR COACH WAS DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. BERNICE WAS BADLY SHAKEN UP AND VICTOR ENDED UP IN A CAST UP TO HIS KIPS. WE ONLY MENTION THIS TO SHOW THAT SOME PEOPLE SIMPLY CANNOT BE STOPPED, MUCH LESS DISCOURAGED. VICTOR FLEW OUT HERE, CAST AND ALL, WITH HIS SON TO PICK UP ANOTHER COACH. HE ACQUIRED PHIL PHILLIPS' COACH, #280, FROM VAN NUNYS, CALIF. WE ALL WISH BOTH VICTOR & BERNICE A SPEEDY RECOVERY. REMEMBER, WHEN APPROACHING YOUR CAMP-SITE AT THE NEXT RALLY, KEEP YOUR CITIZENS BAND RADIO TUNED TO CHANNEL 15 FOR DIRECTIONS.



THE POSTMAN JUST ARRIVED AND BROUGHT US A LETTER FROM EMU DON RICHARDS, #379, OF WAYNESVILLE, OHIO ANNOUNCING THE LOCATION AND DATES OF THE NEXT ULTRA RALLY FOR EMUS. THE PLACE IS: LITTLE SWITZERLAND LAKE PARK IN MILLERSBURG, OHIO. THE DATES: JULY 26, 27 AND 28, LONGER IF YOU WISH. CAMPING IS \$3.00 PER DAY FOR FOUR, WITH HOOK-UPS. SEWER CONNECTION IS

50¢ EXTRA. OUR THANKS TO HELEN SMITH WHO DID ALL THE LEG WORK. WE HOPE THAT THIS NOTICE IS NOT TOO LATE REACHING THOSE WHO MAY WANT TO GO. MILLERSBURG IS LOCATED 75 MILES SOUTH OF CLEVELAND, 85 MILES FROM COLUMBUS AND ABOUT 60 MILES WEST OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BORDER. THIS IS THE "DUTCH" PART OF OHIO, AMISH COUNTRY. PICTURESQUE BARNs AND WHITE FARM HOUSES — NO SMOG! AMISH TOURS AND A GENUINE AMISH DINNER ARE AVAILABLE. FOR RESERVATIONS WRITE TO DON RICHARDS, 5303 WILKERSON LANE, WAYNESVILLE, OHIO, 45068 OR BETTER YET PHONE AREA(513) 897-6546. US WESTERN MEMBERS OF ULTRA, OR WMUS, WILL BE RETURNING FROM OUR OCEANO, CALIF RALLY SO, DUE TO THE SHORT NOTICE AND THE DISTANCE INVOLVED WE ARE SURE NONE OF US WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW OUR SHINY NOSES.

JUST IN CASE YOU LOST OR MISPLACED YOUR FLYER ON OUR NEXT CALIFORNIA RALLY, HERE IS THE QUICK AND DIRTY DOPE: PLACE; SAND & SURF RV PARK, OCEANO, CALIF. DATES: JULY 18 THRU 21. \$3.00 PER NITE. FULL HOOK-UPS. HWY 101 TO GRAND AVENUE OFF-RAMP, THEN ALMOST DUE WEST TO HWY 1. DRESS UP LIKE A BEACHCOMBER IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY ONE!

PLEASE ADD THESE NEW MEMBERS AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS TO YOUR 1974 DIRECTORY.

BELL, R. WILLIAM & THELMA #216 3161 LINWOOD DRIVE, WARREN, OHIO 44485. (216) 399-2707	ELLER, ARTHUR & MILLIE #364 3873 SHANNON ROAD, L.A., CA. 90027. (213) 665-9141	FEARING, DR. OLIVER & DORTHEA #454 4011 GARTIN AVE. ASHLAND, KY. 41101 (606) 324-8385
GREGORY, DON J. & CAROLYN #537 2505 ROAD 76 NORTH, PASCO, WASH. 99301. (509) 547-8343	TOMIC, STEPHEN & FRANCES #429 602 12 <sup>TH</sup> ST. NE. CANTON, OHIO 44704 (216) 453-7173	CHANGE VIC REISIG COACH NO. FROM #235 TO #280 VICTOR IS A SUPER MAN!
CHANGE DR. CROWIN'S ADDRESS TO, 85 VASSAR ROAD. CORRECT PHONE NO. TO, (914) 452-7653	CHANGE JOHN SHEFFIELD'S ADDRESS TO: P.O. BOX 257 SALEM, UTAH 84653	DONT FORGET - DRIVE CAREFULLY REMEMBER - 55 MPH BE HAPPY!

ROBERT ORBEN SAID - NOSTALGIA IS LIKE A GRAMMAR LESSON. YOU FIND THE PRESENT TENSE AND THE PAST PERFECT.

THANKS, EVERYONE FOR YOUR LOVING FRIENDSHIP.

YOUR REPORTER, *Edward A. Martin*

Beachcomber

# ULTRA RALLY

JULY 18 thru 21, 1974

## Sand & Surf RV Park

Oceano, Ca. Hwy 1

COST: \$3.00 per nite FULL HOOK-UPS



A Warm Sunny Beach and a Cool Whispy Breeze  
to fan away the cares and tensions.....

SO BE A BEACHCOMBER for FOUR DAYS !!!!!



Sail along Hwy. 101 to Grand Avenue off-ramp and then set your  
Compass almost due west to Hwy 1...the scenic route...and there  
at Oceano you'll find a comfortable harbor to drop anchor.

Your Hosts and Hostesses "The Matthews" and "The Heides" urge you  
to enjoy the swimming pool BUT in a Gay Nineties Swim Suit.....  
Become part of the fun contest and win a prize.



Friday night they have planned a dinner out at TRADER NICK'S.....  
where there's atmosphere plus...good food.....view of the sea and  
more. Now you Captains will have the pleasure of escorting the  
First Mate to a Bountiful Board.....dinner at \$4.75...3 choices.  
Indicate on your reservation if you care to sip your Grog with good  
old Trader Nick. Then of course the Saturday nite Pot Luck !

These are just some of the superlative diversions of a fantastic  
BEACHCOMBER HOLIDAY for UltraShips in the Surf and Sand.



Watch the Bulletin Board for a complete list of activities.

The Sand & Surf RV Park offer grass pads, Bar-B-Que Pits, a Community  
Fire Circle, Laundromat and a Heated Pool.

On the beach there's year round clamming, swimming, surfing or a Dune  
Buggy ride on the sand dunes. Shell and rock collecting at its best.

Near by are Museums, Shell, Gift and Antique Shops.



You won't want to miss this one.....listening  
to the pounding surf and seeing ocean sunsets.

PS----This weekend has an ideal low tide  
for clamming (1.4). Bring clamming  
forks. License required. Drive coach  
on beach and have some real fun!



ULTRA MOTOR COACH CLUBS INC



CLUB TREASURER'S DETAILED QUARTERLY REPORT

Checking Acc't Bal. as of 1/14/74 \$920.76

RECEIPTS

Verna Foster - Sale of Mitten Tokens	\$ 3.50	
Membership Dues - 50 @ \$10.00	500.00	
Calling Cards Order	3.00	
Home Savings & Loan Ass'n - Quarterly Interest	13.21	
From Members for Spaces - Golden Village	<u>399.05</u>	\$918.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. Laura S. Phillipp - Rally Mitten Tokens	\$ 17.50	
Verna Foster - Rally Prizes	13.81	
Elga Green (Western Products) - Badges	27.09	
R. Smith & H. Cherry - Refunds on G. V. Rally Spaces	9.00	
Golden Village - Bal. due for Rally Spaces	352.50	
Calif. Outdoor Recreation League (C.O.R.L.)	25.00	
Edy Rverson - Heret Rally Expense	13.46	
State Farm Insurance - Liability Policy	34.00	
International Printers - Membership Renewal Notices	4.85	
Motorhome Life - 49 Subscriptions @ \$3.00	147.00	
Int. Printers - Flvers, Programs, Recipes	25.07	
U. S. Postoffice - Postage, Special Mailings	16.80	
Ed Martin (Raub's Printing) - Club News	16.49	
Mary Holloway - Postage & Xerox Copies	76.06	
Stationery & Sunnlies - Treasurer	11.20	
International Printers - 175 Directories	<u>160.42</u>	<u>910.25</u> <u>8.51</u>

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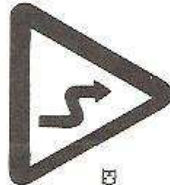
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1974



EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS & FOUNDERS

EDNA & ERNEST NEWHOUSE



DIRECTORS

- JOHN & MARGE HEIDE . . . . . 3 Years
- CARL & VERNA FOSTER . . . . . 2 Years
- HELEN CHERRY . . . . . 2 Years
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- KEN & TREVA CASSELMAN . Eastern. . . 3 Years
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CLUB CB CHANNEL #15



# ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING - Oceano, California  
July 20, 1974



The meeting was called to order by the president Mech Mechem at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday. Greetings were extended to new members, first timers, and guests.

The minutes were approved and accepted as printed. Motion: 1st, John Heide; 2nd, Sophia Matthews.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Edna Newhouse and accepted as read.

Previous balance	\$ 929.27
Receipts	279.71
Disbursements	367.01
Present Balance	841.97
Savings Account	1000.00

Mory Snyder, Wagonmaster, reported on the attendance. He thanked Frank Matthews for taking over until he arrived from the far north. In our group were 26 authentic coaches and 3 miscellaneous. The furthest distance traveled to this rally was #163 carrying Barr and Thelma Musser, new members from Salt Lake City, 700 miles plus; the closest were the John Heides at 2½ miles. Prizes were given for this accomplishment. Will and Ima Nielsen from San Diego sent a message ("Best wishes for good fishes") since they could not attend.

Frank Matthews, our host, announced the winners of his rally contests. Of the clam diggers, Roma Smith with 5 Pismo clams was declared winner. For the puzzle of pictures and sayings, Verna Foster and Rachael Helander tied for first. The Beachcombers' Arrangements went to prizewinners Sophia Matthews and Thelma Cook. Ted Kollar was the first to get Bingo! in that contest. The Helanders were judged the best in the old-fashioned bathing suit parade.

The president reported on the first rally of the Emus (Eastern Members of Ultra) held in Crete, Illinois, planned and hosted by the Harts, Janet and Chester. The club's letter of congratulations and wishes for success on this first rally was read by President Mechem. A second rally by the Emus was announced for the end of July in Ohio.

Bill Helander reported on the Board of Directors meeting. The flag or pennant contest is being reactivated. Samples or drawings are asked to be submitted at the October rally. From the designs submitted by the entire membership, one will be chosen as our official flag and a prize will be awarded at the January rally. He asked that members give it serious consideration and submit as many designs as possible.

Discussed and acted upon by the Board was a suggestion from Thelma Cook. A small health record card would be given to each member, plus an extra to be placed in their coach. The cards would have pertinent information in case of illness or accident, such as blood type, special medication, allergies, relatives' names, pacemaker, etc. This would be placed in a Red Cross envelope and kept posted in each coach, the extra card kept with each person. The club would underwrite this plan.

October Rally: South of Tyler, Texas in the small town of Arp. Francis Carroll's letter gave complete details of plans for 10 days at McDonald's Farm, including a parade of Ultra Coaches through the town. He is working very hard toward the high goal of 100 coaches in attendance. The cost will be \$3.50 per night or \$20.00 for 7 days for those under 65 years of age, \$17.50 for those over 65. The dates are October 9 through 20.

John Heide suggested that small groups from the West could form mini-caravans for travel to Texas. Each group would make its own arrangements regarding place of meeting and date.

January Rally: The Board of Directors had selected Valley of the Fire, northeast of Las Vegas for a wilderness rally, the third weekend; and an alternate site of Joshua National Park area was decided upon. The membership approved. At Valley of the Fire State Park reservations are possible, nightly fee is \$2.00, the distance from Los Angeles approximately 350 miles.

Ed Martin reported on the Newsletters. He apologized for the last issue being late due to serious illness in the family. He requested once again that members please send him information about members, maintenance ideas, coaches for sale, etc.

They are still working on a maintenance manual, trying to get it finished as soon as possible. President Mechem is finishing his task of sketches and information regarding all vintages of vans. (oops - coaches)

Any members wishing to repaint their coaches will find pictures of good ideas in the scrapbook on display at each rally.

A maintenance meeting was announced to follow the general meeting and to continue Sunday morning, if needed. Ed Martin expressed the importance of keeping information ready and up-to-date to keep the coaches going as parts are no longer available from Hutchinson.

Ernie Newhouse expressed for the club our thanks to Frank and Sophia Matthews and John and Marge Heide for the choice of site and the hard work done on a good rally.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. to be followed by the regular drawing of lucky numbers for many interesting prizes.