

ULTRA COACH MOTORHOME CLUB

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NEWS BULLETIN

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"The Old Chisholm Trail"

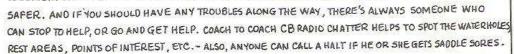
Words and Music by John and Alan Lomas the data a care in the Come a-long, boys, and list-en to my tale; I'll tell Co-ma ti yi you-py, you-py ya, you-py ya, the election of Co-ma ti yi you-py, you-py ya.

THE TEXAS ROUNDUP. ALLYOU COMANCHES AND APACHES - CHIEFS, BRAVES AND SQUAWS, BURN THESE DATES ON YOUR TEPEE POLES! OCTOBER 9™ TO 20™ 1974. you of my trou-bles on the old Chis-holm Trail. THE 29 TH GATHERING OF THE ULTRATRIBE WILL BE HELD AT MCDONALD'S FARM & CAMPGROUND IN ARP, TEXAS ABOUT 18 MILES SOUTHEAST OF TYLER, TEXAS. ACCORDING TO SMOKE SIGNALS JUST RECEIVED. ARPIS ON

HIGHWAY 135 NEAR LAKE TYLER, EAST. THE ADDRESS OF MCDONALD'S FARM & CAMPGROUND IS: ROUTE #1, ARP, TEXAS 75750, PHONE: (214) 859-7612. BIG CHIEF ULTRA HORSE HAS SPOKEN! ALL EASTERN EMU AND WESTERN WMU TRIBES WELCOME. ANY CRITTER WHO DOES NOT BRING HIS ULTRA TRAVOIS TO THIS GATHERING WILL BE BANISHED TO THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS WHERE HE WILL WANDER TILL HELL FREEZES OVER, CHIEF WAGON BOSS, FRANCISTEX CARROLL, OUR ROUNDUP HOST, EXPECTS AT LEAST 100 COACHES AT THIS STAMPING GROUND. SO, BEAT YOUR DRUMS, SENDOUT YOUR SCOUTS, SPREAD THE WORD. EVERYONE COME TO THE TEXAS ARPSTAMPEDE. DON'T MISS IT. LOTS OF SURPRISES PLANNED. JUST DON'T GET CAUGHT ALONG THE WAY IN AN "OKLAHOMA" RAIN", OR GET BLOWN AWAY BY ONE OF THOSE "BLUE NORTHERS." REMEMBER EVERYTHING'S BIG IN TEXAS!

RANGE QUIZ. I. HOW DO YOU MAKE TEXAS BUTTER? 2. WHAT IS A PUNCHER'S PRAYER BOOK? 3. WHAT'S A HOG LEG? 4. WHAT IS A PUNCTURE LADY? 5. IS A LIZARD SCORCHER A VERY HOT DAY? SEE PAGE 2 FOR ANSWERS. WARNING: DRY COUNTY. SMITH COUNTY, IN WHICH ARP IS LOCATED IS AS DRY AS CARRIE NATION'S CUPBOARD. SO BRING YOUR OWN KANSAS SHEEP DIP, REDEYE, SUDS AND PERMENTED JUICE OF THE GRAPE. ALL GOOD FOR WHATEVER AILS YOU!

CARAVANS. GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER ULTRA COACH OWNERS, PLAN TO MEET SOMEWHERE, FORM A CARAVAN OF TWO OR THREE ULTRA COACHES, TRAVEL TOGETHER. NOT ONLY IS IT MORE PLEASANT TO TRAVEL THIS WAY, BUT IT IS A LOT



PROFESSOR FRED LEARY, Ph.D. (DOCTOR OF GOD) HAS WRITTEN AN ESSAY ON ENGINE OIL CHANGES. THE TITLE OF HIS LITERARY MASTERPIECE IS - " FLUSH IT", OR WHY YOU SHOULD NOT USE 3 IN I OIL IN YOUR CRANKCASE. THIS GEM, WRITTEN IN FRED'S OWN INIMITABLE STYLE, WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWS BULLETIN TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS. NON-MEMBERS MAY GET THEIRS BY JOINING THE ULTRA COACHCLUB



LIKE ALLOUR ULTRA COACH MOTORHOME RALLIES, THE PISMO BEACH/OCEAND RALLY CAME OFF WITHOUT A HITCH. THIRTY ULTRA COACH FAMILIES CAME TO THE FESTIVITIES. HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE TO HAVE DEDICATED MEMBERS LIKE FRANK & SOPHIE MATTHEWS AND JOHN & MARGE HEIDE WHO HOSTED THE RALLY. THEY CAME UP WITH ALL KINDS OF SURPRISES - GAMES, PUZZLES, BINGO, BATHING SUIT AND CLAMMING CONTESTS AND NIGHTLY BON FIRES. FRANK PRESENTED EVERYONE WITH A MEMENTO OF THE RALLY IN THE FORM OF A CLAM SHELL UPON WHICH HE ENGRAVED THE PLACE AND DATE OF THE RALLY. SOPHIE BROUGHT SOME HUGE HOMEGROWN DAHLIAS WHICH SHE PLACED AT EACH TABLE. IF WE WERE MAKING PRESENT ATIONS, WE'D CERTAINLY HAVE TO TAP ELGA & HILDA GREEN AND MORY & ESTHER SNYDER. THE GREENS WERE THERE EARLY EACH MORNING, STRUGGLING WITH EXTENSION CORDS AND HAULING THOSE BIG COFFEE MAKERS AROUND SO THAT WE COULD ALL ENJOY OUR COFFEE HOUR. ALL THIS WITHOUT FUSSOR FANFARE. WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHY THE SNYDERS COME TO THE RALLIES BECAUSE ALL THEY DO IS WORK! ANY TIME YOU LOOK AROUND, THERE'S MORY WITH NOTEBOOK IN HAND, JOGGING LIKE MAD, WITH TONGUE HANGING OUT, (HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO WALK) GREETING NEWCOMERS, ASSIGNING PARKING SPOTS OR ANSWERING QUEST-IONS. HE CAN, WITHOUT HESITATION, TELL YOU HOW MANY COACHES HAVE ARRIVED, WHERE THEY CAME FROM AND HOW MANY PEOPLE, BLONDES, KIDS, DOGS, CATS AND CANARIES ARE IN EACH COACH. THE SNYDER WAGON MASTER TEAM WINS THE TROPHY OF THE YEAR. TIME AND SPACE DOES NOT PERMIT MORE SINGLING OUT. THANKS ALL GOSH ALMIGHTY, MUSTN'T FORGET WOODSMAN JOHN HEIDE WHO BROUGHT BIG PILES OF WOOD FOR OUR BONFIRES. EMU RALLIES. WETHANK JANET HART FOR HER REPORTS ON THE CRETE, ILL. AND MILLERS-BURG, OHIO RALLIES, AND DON RICHARDS FOR HIS FLYER ON THE LATTER RALLY. WE ARE SURE YOU ALL HAD A GOOD TIME AND WISH WE COULD HAVE BEEN THERE. SO, THANKS TO JANET, DON, THE SMITHS, THE CASSELMANS, THE BRININGS, THE FITZGERALDS AND OTHERS - WE KNOW YOU ALL HELPED ALOY. ANSWERS TO RANGE QUIZ. 1. 17'S A GRAVY; ADD FLOUR TO THE FAT IN WHICH STEAK HAS BEEN FRIED, LET IT

ANSWERS TO RANGE QUIZ. I. IT'S A GRAVY; ADD FLOUR TO THE FAT IN WHICH STEAK HAS BEEN FRIED, LET IT BROWN, THEN ADD HOT WATER AND STIRTILL THICK. SPREAD ON BREAD. 2. HIS BOOK OF CIGARGITE PAPERS. 3. ANY BIG SIX-SHOOTER. 4.A GOSSIPY WOMAN WHO PUNCTURED PEOPLES REPUTATIONS. 5. NO, HE'S A COOK.





August 1974

By: Fred Leary # 434 mcminnville, Oregon.

The original gasoline engines had the bearings and other "works" out in the open and the operator applied a squirt of oil now and then. Quickly, it was observed that the system was bad - so some inventor built a box around the machinery, poured in a few quarts, added a pump, and the problem was solved - almost.

Exactly five minutes after the wet sump system was born, the big argument about what to put in, and how often to change it, was in full swing. Seventy-five years later, we are still at it. Some popular quotes - "straight oil - no additives", "additive oils plus one or more special additives", "change oil often", "don't change at all - just add", "oil doesn't wear out", etc. Add your own.

Let's hop on that last one first. It seems well established that oil really doesn't wear out - it merely picks up a collection of goodies like water, acid, fuel dilution, dirt, metal particles, sludge, and new oxides, etc. formed under conditions of high temperatures and severe agitation. Also, any modern oil worth the trip home has at least a half dozen special "additives" already in the can. And, these additives in normal "line of duty" do wear out.

A good filter, regularly changed does a job on solid particles and sludge. The remaining liquid and chemical contaminents are real villains. They generally stay put and get worse with mileage and/or time alone.

How often should we change oil? Ten true experts give at least ten different answers - and the writer is not an expert. Some years ago, we were involved in teaching and writing on this subject and had available oil testing equipment. Testing new oils was some fun, but rather early it seemed a good idea to test samples of drained oil from several sources. Result - some samples drained after 2,000 miles of continuous driving were still O.K. But, in short trip service, some samples were completely "shot" in 500 miles. About a "IOW - Nothing" grade.

The best advice we have ever received was from a prominent Detroit engineer speaking at an S.A.E. Conference. He gave no pat answer either, but stated: "The difference between your factory new engine and the junk yard is three cunces of metal" (maybe two ounces for the smaller Corvair).

Our reaction to this bit of enlightenment was to insist that good oil (at any price) is a real bargain. Our practice is to change oil on mileage (if miles are put on quickly); time (2 months maximum); type of driving (short trips/change often); or, if for any reason, it seems like a good idea. We probably throw away some pretty good oil at times and plan to keep right

on doing it. The filter is changed each time the oil is changed. This is a positive recommendation. Bewere of people (includes some factories) who say "change at 6,000 miles and replace the filter each second oil change." They will very probably lie about other things, too.

Assume we drive the Ultra 10,000 miles per year. Is 8¢ per mile a reasonable total expense figure? If so, \$800.00 is the tab. If we never change cil, there is not much saving. Change six times, and the annual cost is \$835.00, and a very happy engine.

What kind of oil for the Corvair?

Any established brand by a leading company which meets current car manufacturer's specifications (label on can).

Single or multi-viscosity? We definitely favor 10%-40 in preference to a single grade. The opposition will quickly point out that the 10% feature is needed only in cold weather. Partly true. But when we start and warm up the engine even at 95° air temperature, this is relatively "ice cold" to the Corvair. The multi-grade gets "on the job" quickly and circulates freely at all times. Especially good for those hydraulic valve lifters and not bad for cylinders, rings, and valve stems, either. Our experience to date has covered two Corvairs driven 128,000 and 122,000 miles with multi-grade oils, frequently changed. Zero wear on shaft and bearings, max .003" on cylinders. New rings, a valve job, and they were sold in top condition. Can't see much room for improvement with trick additives, or special filters. We don't necessarily disapprove of the special deals - if your pet recipe works for you, stick with it.

The options:

- a. Single grade SAE 30 or 40. O.K., if you insist.
- b. Multi 20W-40. Our actual top choice. Hard to find.
- c. Straight oils no additives. Wouldn't touch them with an 11 ft. pole.
- d. 20W-50. Not generally needed. Probably won't hurt anything.
- e. Racing oils. If your engine operates hot enough to need these, you have trouble. Fix.

The procedure:

Point #1 - Your friendly neighborhood service station does not have either the equipment or ability to change oil and filter correctly. A couple of tools, a container, a little good clean fun, and the job is just right for the do-it-yourselfer.

Proceed thus:



DARLING.

- 1. Locate a sloping drive (level will not do) and point Ultra down hill. Steeper the better - within reason. The Corvair engine has a long flat oil pan with drain plug at the front. (Service station struck out already).
- 2. Engine should be warm. Run, if necessary. Multi-grade oils drain well - oil does not have to be hot enough to produce third degree burns on hand. Minor feature, but handy.
- 3. Place container, remove plug, and watch the fun. Note color of oil, check body on oily hand and say, "Should have done this last month".
- 4. Oil mostly drained. Just a drip (nothing personal).
- 5. Start engine repeat start engine, run at idling speed for 15 seconds or until red light comes on. Look at drain again and say, "Where did the 'extra' oil come from?". Take a break and let oil drain and engine cool. (Club Soda with proper "additive" suggested).
- 6. Hold filter and remove the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch nut at top. Remove filter and note that it is only about 2/3 full of oil. No mess - no spill. One of the reasons we ran the engine with "no oil". If you still have the extra belts and the filter mounted "sideways", shame on you. Fix.
- Install new filter. Use new seal washer on stud. Tighten "snug, but not too tight". Book says use torque wrench. Forget it.
- 8. Replace drain plug. Again not too tight. Note: If a "hired hand" did the last - or any other - oil change, check plug and oil pan for stripped threads. They are strong boys with big wrenches.
- 9. Wrap a big cleaning rag around oil filler. (Stations never do----they love to oil the fan belt et all). Pour in proper amount of favorite lube.
- 10. Run engine. Check filter for leaks. Let it warm up well.
- 11. Tighten filter nut, if necessary. Heat softens the rubber gasket, so a second check is advised.
- 12. Check oil level on dip stick. Probably low. (We really drained it this time.) Don't go over the F mark. Corvairs like to run at about the mid-point between L and F.

- 13. Finished. Took longer to explain it than to do it. Sorry about that.
- Repeat often. If our reasons aren't fully acceptable, develop your own.

The negative side:

Lack of oil (and filter) change has a pattern which we see often in Corvairs brought in for "service" in the last of the ninth inning.

- a. One or more valve lifters "hang up" or leak excessively. Much noise. Owner hopes it will so away. It doesn't.
- b. Lifter and camshaft continue a percussion act until metal failure occurs.
- c. Ruined cam lobe and lifter face. Metal chips well distributed thru system.
- d. New camshaft costs only about \$25.00. Replacing same, however, is something else. Remove entire power train, remove transmission, differential, all accessories, completely disassemble the engine. The camshaft is the very last olive out of the jar. Parts scattered over a 1½ sq. block area.
- e. Replace camshaft, lifters, and all other parts damaged or worn.

 If you can find a competent Corvair man, he should do the job
 in about one week and shouldn't charge over \$400.00 for the
 operation.
- f. Look up the individual who "doesn't believe" in frequent oil changes or is opposed to "wasting" too much oil. Conduct friendly discussion and notify his relatives of intended action.

It isn't always the valve lifter/camshaft routine. Piston rings especially the top one operate in a rather hostile situation with limited lubrication. Hard carbon (mostly gum from gasoline) deposits in the ring grooves, sticks the ring, then may break the ring, hot gases leak past the rings - and there goes the ball game.

There is, of course, some concern about possibly wasting a resource by changing oil frequently. But we simply weigh this against our most valuable and irreplaceable resource - The Ultra Coach.

Fred Leavy.

434 returned a short time ago from the Pismo Rally. 1800 miles, steady driving, warm weather, few starts, all factors that are favorable to oil life. The oil looks, feels, and probably is about like new. We will change it this afternoon.

Typed by: Gorgeous Katte.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 12, 1974

McDonald Farm & Campground Arp, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President T. E. Mechem. He greeted one and all and gave thanks to Fran & Lucile Carroll for locating such a beautiful campsite for our rally.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published and Edna Newhouse gave the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Previous balance reported in Checking Account \$ 841.97

Receipts Distributions \$ 587.21 640.69

Minus Balance

-53.48

Present Balance

788.49

Savings Account

1000.00

A motion was made to accept the report as read. It was seconded, moved and carried.

Rally master, Mory Snyder reported that there were 32 coaches present and about an equal number from both west and east. Though Edy and Len Ryerson drove from British Columbia as the farthest distance, it was felt that the Snyders came the longest distance directly to the rally, and won a beautiful prize that was made by the Carrolls.

President Mechem expressed thanks to Buddy and Jackie McDonald for their outstanding effort to make our rally a success and their participation in it. The McDonald Campground is truly one of the most beautiful settings in East Texas. Our Eastern Director Ken Casselman liked it so much he arrived a week early and fished with Buddy in Lake Tyler and after the rally stayed one week more!

Thanks was also given to Fran and Lucile Carroll for the many hours of hard work in preparing the registration tokens (a resin plaque of Texas with shells and fossils), the table decorations of cowboys made out of horseshoes...plus, and the many details worked out to give the Ultra members daily activities that will not soon be forgotten, and to the Casselmans for their able help.

A report on the Directors meeting was given. There will be a 50¢ per day per vehicle registration fee so that each rally will be self sustaining. This will be a trial procedure for two rally times and then a reevaluation will take place. A nominating committee was established with Len Ryerson as Chairman who will bring a list of persons offered for the 1975 slate of officers. This will be submitted at the January, 1975 meeting.

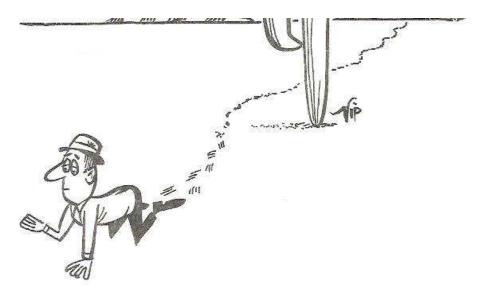
The January 16-17-18-19, 1975 rally will be held at Ryan Campground in Joshua National Monument.

The April 17-18-19-20, 1975 rally will be held at Heritage Ranch near Lake Naciemento (north of Paso Robles)

The July/August rally 1975 will be in Roberts Creek, British Columbia. The dates will be released as soon as the date for the FMCA Convention in Salem, Oregon is known. The rally will be for seven days and will be coordinated so that members can attend both FMCA and the B.C. rally.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

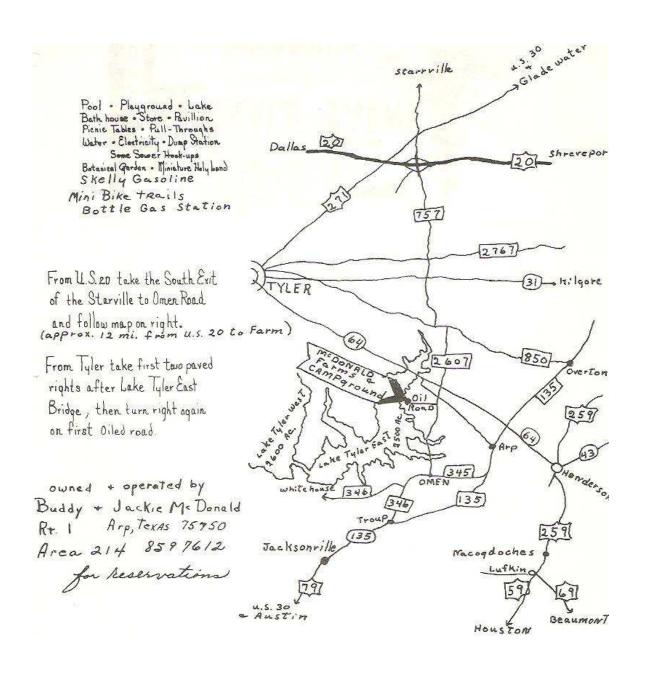
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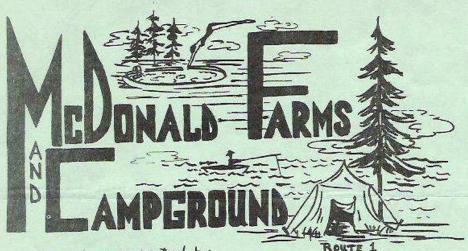
ach gives you the opportunity to get out into America; it can be your n cabin, a house at the beach, your apartment near a park, a lakeside g, a cottage in the forest, or your home in the desert. Consider your oach as your INVESTMENT in good American living!

see vou in Texas October 9th



What's Up? Pard Goffee: Hilda & Elga Green. What's Up? Pard Goffee: Hilda & Elga Green. Wagonmaster: Mony & Esther Snyder.

October 9	Regist	ration all day
Wed.	Noon	fix your own lunch and eat with a friend
	Dirner	at home
	VSing-a	long at the campfire after dinner. about 7:30
October 10	9:30-10	O:00 Coffee Hour Bring goodies to share
Thur.	Coach t	lop on take a nature that hike gather up a crowd — the trees
	A P.Z.	marked so no guide is needed. Linner Special EventUndergarment Bingo! Nuff Said!
October 11	O DO	10.00 Collag Hour
	10.15	10:00 Coffee Hour and by the McDonalds
Fri.	1.30 -	Guided Tour of Holy Land by the McDonalds 4:00 PM Men's Bull Session and Ladies What's New Session
	6:00	Hobo Supper around the campline. Bring a can of something to put
	- 2022	Hobo Supper around the campfire. Bring a can of something to put into the pot soup, stew, or? These as a Hobo. Bring tin pan on can to eat out of and drink from and a spoon.
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	7 +30	Hopefully a program by the lexas ranks Dept. 110 be with the
October 12	Up Far	ly today !! Assembly of vans to go to the Rose Festival at Tyler. take 4 on 6 to each van. Will leave the campanound at 8:00 AM
Sat.	We'tt	take 4 on 6 to each van. Will leave the camparound at 6:00 mg
	Show s	tarts at 9:00 and ends at 12 noon. Seats in Stadium are 1.00.
	We sta	y in stadium and eat the box lunch you have brought with you then
	we'll	take a tour of the Rose fields. Bring your camera. It's beautiful
	6:30	Our famous Ultra Potluck - we will have the General Meeting after
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October 13	9:30	Coffee Hour
Sun.	11:00	Non denominational Church Services
0 1 1 11	0.20	This is a free dayDo what you wish
October 14	9:30	(offee Hour. - 11:00 Men's Hour wonder what they are doing with these hours?
Mon.	10:00	Ladies bring your crafts
	12:00	Bring a Picnic Basker Lunch to an "Old Time Picnic" of Lun and games
	1,44,000	Bring a Picnic Basket Lunch to an "Old Time Picnic" of fun and cames Picnic goes on all afternoon with prizes and awards. Be careful tho
		the Shemill's Lurking near!
October 15	9:30	Collee Time Be sure to bring goodies to these to share, ladies.
Tues.		Watch Bulletin Board today: This may be the day we will take the
		tour of the cattle nanch.
6 . 1 . 10	2 42	An Easy Day: Bonfine after dinner swap yarns on sing on both!
October 16	9:30	Offee How
Wed.		Parade through downtown App. Vans should be decorated if possible
		as it will be covered by TV and the news media out of Tyler. Wear
	6.00	Texas (atened Ban-B-Que \$3.50 each person Be sure to fill in
year	6:00	the square for your desire to participate.
2		There will be prizes for the best costumes.
October 17	9:30	(offee Breakjoin in a steaming cup of java and meet new and old friends
Thurs	-104701	1:30Boy! Here's another Men's Session! Hey Yals how about in-
		vading their territory?
0.14		Dinner at home and Bingo in the evening
October 18	9:30	Coffee Time
Fri.	7 00	After Coffee another town of the Hour Land with the Hillohalds
	6:00	After Coffee another tour of the Holy Land with the McDonalds Fish Fry Dinner Bring a side dish of salad, vegetables, casarole, dessert on? We like all you guys and gals to help
		catch the fish for this fu
October 19	9:30	Coffee for all those sleepy heads
Sat.	2:30	General Meeting
June	6:00	Another of those Ultradelicious Potlucks.
October 20		(hurch at camp for those who wish to attend. For those who are leaving
Sun		"Adios" and safe journeying. Ya'all come back!



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Area (214) 859-7612

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Bath house · Store · Pavillion,
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Water · Electricity · Dump Station
Some Sower Hook-ups
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Mini Bike trails Bottle Gas Station

From U.S.20 take the South Exit of the Starville to Omen Road

and follow map on right.
(approx. 12 mi. from u.s. 20 to Farm)

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From Tyler take first two paved rights after Lake Tyler East Bridge, then turn right again on first Oiled road

