

ULTRA COACH MOTORHOME CLUB

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CHRISTMAS STRONG HANDS TO WEAK, OLD HANDS TO YOUNG, AROUND THE CHRISTMAS BOARD, TOUCH HANDS. WILLIAM MURRAY.

MCDONALD'S FARM & CAMPGROUND, ARP, TEXAS. ALL OUR ULTRA COACH RALLIES HAVE BEEN MEMORABLE ONES, BUT THIS ONE REALLY WON THE BRASS RING. OUR HOSTS, THE FRAN CARROLLS AND THE KEN CASSELMANS MADE SURE THAT THE 35 ULTRA COACH FAMILIES WHO CAME WERE GLAD THAT THEY MADE THE EFFORT. BUDDY AND JACKIE MCDONALD, WHO OWN AND RUN THE CAMPGROUND, DEVOTED ALL THEIR TIME TO SEE TO IT THAT ALL OUR NEEDS WERE TAKEN CARE OF AND THAT WE WERE PROPERLY ENTERTAINED. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THIS, OUR 29TH ULTRA COACH RALLY. HERE IS A BRIEF RUNDOWN OF SOME OF THE EVENTS: COFFEE HOUR, CAMPFIRES AND SINGALONGS EVERY DAY, WEATHER PERMITTING. UNDERGARMENT BINGO - THOSE WHO WERE THERE KNOW WHAT A HILARIOUS FIASCO THIS WAS. TOUR OF THE MINIATURE HOLY LAND, BUILT BY DR. MCDONALD AND CONDUCTED BY JACKIE MCDONALD. A DELICIOUS HOBO SUPPER AND HOBO CONTEST. FREDA ROBINSON WON THE PRIZE AS THE BEST DRESSED HOBO. AN INSPIRING TALK AND MOVIES BY MR. VAN CLEVE OF THE TEXAS WILDLIFE AND GAME DEPARTMENT. TWO CATERED DINNERS, ONE A FISH FRY, THE OTHER A CHICKEN AND RIB BARBEQUE. DELICIOUS! NUMEROUS POT LUCK AND PICNIC SUPPERS WHERE EVERYONE GOT A CHANCE TO REALLY GET ACQUAINTED. OUR COACH CARAVAN TO THE ROSE STADIUM IN TYLER FOR THE PARADE AND ROSE SHOW. AN ENTERTAINING SLIDE SHOW BY AL HOFFMANN OF HIS TRIP TO THE FAR EAST. ONLY FRAN CARROLL WOULD THINK OF THIS ONE - A TEXAS FRISBEE CONTEST WHERE WELL-AGED COW CHIPS WERE TOSSED WITH WILD ABANDON. WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT, LEN RYERSON WALKED OFF WITH THE PRIZE, A GENUINE, GUILDED AND SLIGHTLY SWEET COW CHIP. SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES UNDER THE PINES CONDUCTED BY JACKIE MCDONALD AND NELL MORGAN. A YANKEE SWAP CONTEST. MANY OTHER EVENTS, BUT THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR RALLY WAS THE ULTRA COACH PARADE THRU DOWNTOWN ARP. WE EVEN GOT ON TV IN TYLER. TIME DOES NOT PERMIT MORE AT THIS TIME. OUR NEXT RALLY WILL BE AT RYAN CAMPGROUND IN JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT, JAN. 16 TO 19, 1975. SEE THE FLYER. A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO EVERYONE. YOUR REPORTER,

Ed. Martin



THE LAST OF "ULTRA VAN". THE OLD ULTRA VAN HAS GONE OVER THE HILL!
NO MORE ULTRA VANS ARE BEING MANUFACTURED. THE "NEW" FACTORY
IN SONOMA, CALIF., HAS CLOSED DOWN. THE KING IS DEAD - LONG LIVE THE
KING! AT THE GENERAL MEETING IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED THAT THE
WORD "VAN" WOULD BE DROPPED IN ALL FUTURE REFERENCES TO OUR
CLASSIC, ORPHAN VEHICLES. IN RECENT YEARS THE NAME "VAN" HAS
COME TO DENOTE - HIPPIE VANS, LOVE VANS, CONVERTED MILK VANS AND THOSE GAUDY,
PAINTED UP FORD, DODGE AND VW VANS. BESIDES, A VAN IS ONLY USED TO HAUL GOODS,
FURNITURE AND BAGGAGE. SO HENCEFORTH, OUR PRECIOUS VEHICLES WILL BE KNOWN AS
ULTRA COACHES. THE CLUB NAME WILL BE CHANGED TO THE ULTRA MOTOR COACH
CLUB AND HOPEFULLY, NEW NAME BADGES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DUE TIME. REMOVE
THOSE HUTCHINSON NAME PLATES, IF YOU WANT TO, PLUG THE HOLES WITH SHEETMETAL
SCREWS, GET SOME MOLDED PLASTIC LETTERS AND PROUDLY SPELL OUT THE WORDS -
ULTRA COACH, FRONT AND REAR. A QUEEN RIDES A COACH AND PULLMAN COACHES WERE
THE HEIGHT OF LUXURY. OUR COACH EVEN HAS A COACH DOG - "SHEBA". PRETTY SNOOTY, EH !

CLUB MEMBERS:

YOUR REPORTER, *Edward A. Martin*

The above paragraph by Ed Martin from an earlier NEWSLETTER is being reproduced here so that newer members can be informed and updated as to previous club action. We plan to do this with other news also from time to time.

ULTRA CLUB has grown in membership every year since it was founded. The total number of families (coaches) joining the club the past year was the largest ever. We believe this year will exceed last year's record.

One member recently remarked that the club was doing so very much good for its members. Our own feeling is that it is one of the most active, really vibrantly alive organizations we have ever belonged to. Our thanks go especially to all the officers and directors who work without any pay to help make it a worthwhile association.

Sincerely, *Ernest Newhouse* Executive Director

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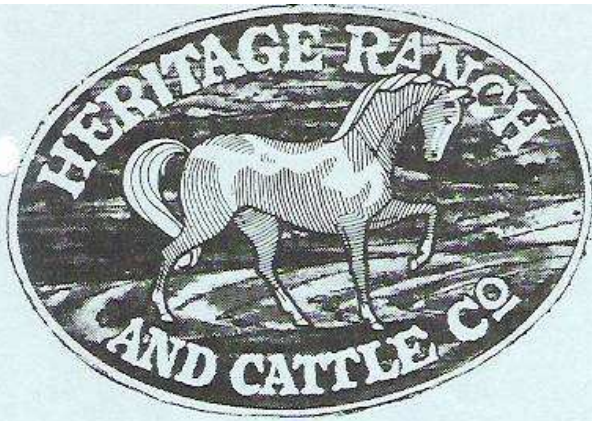
Strength in numbers!

Use enclosed COUPON to remit
.975 dues - carefully PRINT.



Some have already paid their
memberships for 1975. THANKS.

Please Don't Forget!



SPRING RALLY

APR. 17 - 18 - 19 - 20, 1975

Cost: Fee: 0 Reg. 50¢ per day

With Western hospitality we will spend four glorious days under clear blue skies among the rolling hills of a working cattle ranch. The CHOICE is yours.....relax under an old oak tree (Don't "tie a yellow ribbon round it!") ...or fish (license required)... or hike, maybe a boat trip on the lake....or bring your own boat--there's a ramp.

AFTER GATE CHECK-IN follow the ULTRA SIGNS to the COUNTRY BARN PARKING AREA

No Hook-ups but drinking water and a dumping station are available. It may be cool at night ...40°-50°...so bring a full propane tank. Daytime Temp= 70° Elev. 1000 ft.

You may need leveling blocks and bring plenty of vittles..the store's 5 miles away!

Horseback Riding is available at \$2.75 per hour. Country Gals and Guys show 'em up!

THURSDAY: Check-in Day...Visit old friends and new....Campfire at night.

FRIDAY : Highlight! LADIES NIGHT OUT!!

Prime Rib dinner at Cambria Pines Lodge (tax & tip included) \$6.50 ea.

Price includes transportation by bus from Paso Robles and return in a double deck bus (IF we have twenty five persons)
There will be entertainment and dancing also.

Send in your Reservation and check at once to Tom Chrones by April 3.

SATURDAY: The Famous ULTRA BOUNTIFUL BUFFET.....Bring cardtable and chairs.
You will be given a number when you arrive....this is your raffle ticket and will also indicate what you will bring to the dinner:

Nos: 1 thru 10.....Dessert Nos: 11 thru 20.....Main Dish
Nos: 21 thru 30.....Salad of any kind

SUNDAY: Non-denominational Services at 10:00 AM

BE SURE TO COME TO HERITAGE RANCH AT LAKE NACIMIENTO - come for a couple days if you can't be away for all four. There will be NO PARKING COSTS AT ALL - camping is free - There is only the nominal club registration fee when you check in.

THOSE WHO WISH may also be able to get a free tour of the ranch. Maybe we will even see how REAL COWBOYS live and work and play? A large turnout is expected.

