



CLUB NEWS

March 1975

The rally at JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT was indeed a fabulous success. More than 30 families enjoyed 3, 4, 5 or 6 beautiful and sunny days at this historic site. And, what scenery! Unlike anywhere else in the world! It was a food, fellowship and fun rally. There were Coffee Hours, the huge campfires, Singing and story telling, the Board Meeting, General Meeting, Hiking, etc. Of course, the Annual Election of Officers for 1975 took place (you can check the results in the Secretary's Minutes), as well as the usual Prize Drawings for lucky ticket holders. A few very "valuable" fun-awards were distributed to last years Officers also. It was a great rally!

BEFORE we slip up on one IMPORTANT bit of information, let it be announced NOW that the EMUS (Eastern Members of Ultra) are holding a SPRING RALLY near Cumberland, Maryland. It will be held at the Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic Grounds. The dates - Saturday and Sunday on May 24th-25th. This announcement comes from one of the club's active Eastern Directors, Janet Hart #389 (Wheaton, Illinois). She explains that member Louis Griggs #334 (Cumberland) set up this eastern get-together. All members able to attend are invited. If there are any questions, you might drop a note to Mr. Griggs (his address is in the Club Directory). Janet and Chester have hopes of attending the Western Rally at HERITAGE RANCH April 17-20. Come!

Some members of the club do not know that Edward Martin #296 has been seriously ill. During February he entered the hospital for tests and subsequently underwent surgery. Although back at home, he is still taking treatments and is under doctor's care. He needs the prayers of every member for a speedy and complete recovery.

Regarding the "DO IT YOURSELF" booklet enclosed as long as they last, it was Ed who obtained these from the Lee Filter people for our club. Be sure to read the INTRODUCTION and SAFETY TIPS inside the front cover, then study the instructions on each job your coach may require. We think these booklets might prove helpful to many of the members. Thank you, Ed, for getting them.

THE ENCLOSED "COOL IT" ARTICLE (slightly abbreviated and with some embellishments by #603) was written by your club's Corvair expert, Fred Leary #434. In his own inimitable style (with plenty of humor thrown in) Fred tells just how to keep these air-cooled flat engines running almost forever. Those of you who have read his dissertation titled "FLUSH IT" should re-read it again - and read "COOL IT" at least twice. In order to appreciate every sentence at its best and perhaps understand his instructions precisely, one has to know Mr. "Corvair" Leary personally. Come see him in action at the Canadian Rally in July. "COOL IT" contains a wealth of practical information for everyone from a man who loves this great engine and who has spent almost a lifetime studying and improving on its geometry. Later on this year we expect the club's big GENERAL SERVICE BOOK will be ready for publication for the members.

ALL 1974 MEMBERS (except a few) have renewed membership for 1975. If you are one of the FEW this is a humble reminder. Your MOTOR HOME LIFE magazine subscription will run out shortly and this will be the final club mailing unless you renew now. The 1975 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY will be going to press very soon we are told.

We hope to see everyone at Heritage Ranch next month.

Ernie Newhouse

ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING - JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT, CALIF.
January 18, 1975



The General Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Mechem. Greetings were extended to all - new members, visitors, and old reliables.

The minutes were accepted as mailed.

Treasurer's report by Edna Newhouse:

Previous balance	\$ 788.49
Receipts	979.96
Disbursements	805.59
Present Balance	962.86
Savings Account	1000.00

It was moved, seconded and passed that the report be accepted as read.

The resignation of Mrs. Helen Cherry from the Board of Directors was announced. The Board had accepted with regrets.

Mory Snyder, in the final act of his great career as Wagonmaster, reported he had located, parked and leveled 25 coaches this time. There were 28 families in attendance, 22 in Ultra Coaches, and 3 miscellaneous types.

The President reported thank you notes sent to those in charge of the fine October Rally in Arp, Texas.

Len Ryerson reported for the Nominating Committee. The committee was composed of two members from the Eastern division and two from the Western division. It was felt by those of the East that the principle officers should be from the western part of the country as most members are from that section. Members were Len Ryerson, Ernest Newhouse, Ken Casselman, George Krantz. They submitted the following slate of officers for 1975:

President:	MORY SNYDER	Secretary:	Mary Holloway
Vice-Pres:	ELGA GREENE	Treasurer:	Edna Newhouse

Board of Directors

The Mechems, 3 years	The Fosters, 1 year
The Helanders, 3 years	Frank Xiques, 1 year
The Heides, 2 years	
Eastern, The Casselmans, 2 years	The Harts, 2 years

The slate was accepted as presented and approved unanimously.

A very fine gavel made by Roma Smith was presented by him to the club and was passed by the out-going president Mechem to the new president Mory Snyder.

Edy Ryerson reported on the up-coming rallies:

April - At Heritage Ranch near Paso Robles. Tom and Gina Chrones will host. This will be a wilderness camp, water is available in emergency, a dumping station is nearby. Lots of places for hiking, horseback riding, etc. No fee, just 50¢ club registration.

July or August - Roberts Creek, British Columbia. The exact dates (last of July or first part of August) will be made to coincide with the Sea Cavalcade in B.C. The FMCA convention in Salem, Oregon is July 17 to 20, before our rally so we can attend both. You don't need to be a member to attend the FMCA rally. International travel information will be posted more completely in the next flyer, but some suggestions were given: Pets must have had rabies shots no more than 6 months previously. CB radios may be operated only if you have a Canadian license. Write to Dept. of Communications, Vancouver, B.C. for information.

Firearms: rifle, but no hand weapons, declare at the border.
The Rally site is reached by ferry, approximately \$14.60 round trip. During summer come in the middle of the week to avoid traffic wait at the ferry landing.
Edy announced that Hilda Greene will take over the big job of planning and coordinating the rallies.

The Eastern Emus are having a rally at Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic Grounds near Cumberland, Maryland, May 24th and 25th. They welcome all westerners.

President Mechem read the list of our members who had died during 1974. We remember: Ralph McNary, Ernest Durrance, Lee Heath, Dr. Merle McPherran, Lydia Meyer, and Alta Stark.

The Maintenance meeting was scheduled to follow the general meeting, the dinner to be at 4:00 p.m. to beat the chill of evening.

The president reminded all of the renewal of memberships due in January.

Ernie Newhouse presented very clever fun-awards for the good year of 1974 to the officers who had survived their tenure of office and to the new officers.

There was discussion regarding an embarrassing problem at the rally in Arp. There were many who signed up to attend the Indian Springs dinner, but cancelled out late. 75 were expected and only 22 attended which was a problem for the Indian Springs hosts and embarrassing to Francis Carroll who had made the arrangements. It was felt by members that in the future we should put down a deposit of good faith for all special outside activities, to be refunded only in dire emergency.

Newly elected President Mory Snyder then took over the meeting. He asked for suggestions from the membership for rallies coming up in October and next January. Suggestions to be sent to him or Hilda Greene.

President Mory asked the question "Can friends with other rigs come to rallies as visitors?" He feels they should be welcome. It was given to the Board of Directors to study how to make it equitable. He suggested associate members with other types of rigs might help the Wagonmaster with the visitors. It was thought one guest rig at a time per member would be appropriate. The guest idea could be tried at the April Rally. Reservation slips could be so marked by members bringing a guest.

The president suggested that since the work on these rallies does take much time that help from others is needed. Please do your part when asked, and make the work easier for all.

Phil Phillips, John Heide and Roma Smith offered to be co-Wagonmasters. They were accepted with enthusiastic thanks.

Bill and Rachael Helander will take over the job of Coffeemakers for the morning coffees and dinners. They also were thanked.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. to be followed by the drawing for fantastic and useful prizes.

Mary Holloway
Secretary