

THE FORT WALLA WALLA ULTRA RALLY
OCTOBER 13-16, 1977

Barr Musser asked me to write a report on our Rally here in Walla Walla. I am no journalist, so I will just ramble and try to put down my thoughts as they come to me.

It all started last March, when our daughters yelled "Hey Dad, there's a green Ultra Van outside". It was President Barr and Thelma (#163) who had stopped to visit and asked if we knew of a nice place for a Rally in this area. A few months later you were all here.

I rushed home at coffee break time, from the office, to see who else had made reservations. Bettye said I was down, when we missed a day getting reservations. We just couldn't get over the distance Ultra people would travel for a get together. I lost track of the exact number that finally arrived, but know the California contingent had us outnumbered. (Believe there were 11 out of 21 coaches)

Several arrived early, but Thursday saw Ultra Coaches coming in a steady stream to the rally site. It was really fun to see a new one coming past the twin cannons at the Ft. Walla Walla Park entrance -- get close enough to read a number and grab the directory to see who it was this time. Old friends meeting once again and first timers getting acquainted. (Several from Washington State, attended their first Rally here - - - I counted 17 in the Directory from the Northwest - - - we could have a nice Mini-Rally sometime!!)

The first day was spent mostly "Coach Hopping", getting acquainted with the people and Fort Walla Walla. The weather turned out almost perfect for us, with cool nights and the days brought bright sunshine and autumn colors everywhere. We parked on green grass, thoughtfully mowed by the caretakers the day before. Everyone desiring so had water and electric hookups.

The daily 9 am coffee hours were something to look forward to. Lots of hot coffee and goodies furnished by the girls.

Friday morning "Maintenance" sessions got underway with some excellent question and answer discussions being held.

The Directors meeting was held in the afternoon.

At 5:30 pm the buffet got underway. We have been to lots of potlucks, but Bettye and I agreed this topped them all.

Saturday, all kinds of treats were lined up. Everyone got into the theme of the Rally - "Christmas-in-October". Cookies were decorated, and in lieu of a real tree, the girls "grew" a tree of string and homemade decorations.

At 11 am the Thunderbird Twirlers put on a baton show.

At 4:30 we all loaded into several coaches and caravanned to the Elks Club where the General Meeting was held. Raffle tickets were drawn and prizes given out. The Fitzgerald's received the prize for travelling the

longest distance (Alabama) and the Anderson's for shortest distance. A baron of Beef dinner was served and at 7 pm for our entertainment there was the All Girl Country Western Band for dancing.

Sunday, church services were held with Edy Ryerson and Thelma Musser leading the singing. Norm Welch, a new member from Connell, Washington, gave a very inspirational talk, followed by the sermon by Barr Musser.

In the afternoon, we visited the Whitman Mission National Historic site, where we toured the old Mission building and learned some of the history of Marcus Whitman and the early settlers.

Here are some random thoughts from the Rally.

Norm and Dean Welch (336) invited everyone to drop by their ranch which consists of acres of wheat and Corvairs (no kidding).

Mel Dinesen (200) was wagon master and did a super job of parking the coaches. Millie was constantly pushing him out the door into the cold to park still another coach.

President Barr and Thelma (163) arrived from Salt Lake City several days early to visit Thelma's sister near here. Their coach was decorated for Christmas and Thelma registered everyone as they came in.

Ed and Lavonne Anderson (537) furnished the red and golden delicious apples for the tokens.

Chance and Margaret Fitzgerald (456) arrived early and Margaret was ill and spent time in St. Mary's Hospital recuperating from a virus.

Our thanks Len (513) for helping out on the technical talks. Also I saw the new manual for the first time. Really great.

The Williams (215), Jim and Vicky with their two children had misfortune of having their Ultra hit in their own driveway before the Rally. They drove to Connell, and the Welch's loaned them a Corvair Camper to use at the Rally.

Ed and Fran O'Mara (295) made the Rally even tho Ed was on Grand Jury Duty.

Fred Leary (434) spent all his "spare" time fixing, advising, and leading maintenance sessions. Have you ever had the pleasure of shaking hands with his little dog - try it - you will be surprised. Sorry that Eleanor couldn't be here due to illness of her Mother.

Colonel Bob Bobb and wife Vera (274) were first timers here from Seattle.

Tom and Evelyn Shepherd (440) from Portland showed us local people that we did not have to go to Blue Mountains for mushrooms. Tom took a bunch of early birds out and got a table full of all varieties right in park.

Ernie and Edna Newhouse (603) were everywhere at once. Ernie had that handy portable announcement system. Edna was busy selling club jackets and hats to members.

Roma and Marion Smith (298) I think everyone should copy their little window down low in rear door. Wonderful visibility when backing.

Anita Teff and Margaret Grey (277) left a bit early, we understand due to illness -- and we hope all is well now. Did receive a card saying they had arrived home.

Bettye and I want to thank all of you for coming. It was purely selfishness on my part. Until we retire, it is difficult for us to get to a Rally and meet all you nice people, so we decided to make you come to us!! Have fun at the future Rally's and we wish you HAPPY HOLIDAYS - and PEACE and JOY

GENERAL MEETING



October 15, 1977

Elks Club - Walla Walla, Washington

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Barr Musser at 5:17 P.M. A motion was made by John Heide to accept the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. The motion was accepted.

Edna Newhouse gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Receipts	\$1223.08
Disbursements	1299.67
Previous balance	240.97
Present balance in checking acct.	164.38

Treasurer's report accepted as read.

There are 22 vehicles, 47 people, 6 dogs and 1 cat registered at Ft. Walla Walla. Mel Dinesen, the wagonmaster, reported all went well with the parking and everyone cooperated.

The January rally will be held near Pheonix, Arizona hosted by Frank & Edith Xiques and Elga & Hilda Green. The April rally hosted by Mory & Esther Snyder and Robert & Roberta Franz will be at the Black Butte Reservoir north of Sacramento, Ca. The national rally is to be sponsored by the E.M.U. The time and place not decided as yet. Depending on when the national rally will be, the Herb Elkins will host a rally at their ranch either in July or October. More information in the flyer.

Barr Musser gave a report on the directors meeting: Due to various reasons Ed Martin has not been able to get the news letter out, but hopes to for the next mailing. At future rallies the host of the rally will be asked to write up a summary of the rally.

The service manual is almost finished, nearly 600 pages, and Len & Edy hope to have it finished in time for the April 1978 rally. Len asked that pertinent questions with reference to the manual be sent to him. He also asked letters be sent to him regarding special points of information on individual coaches. Barr Musser requested that everyone send in their money for the manual now, if you haven't already done so. Send the money to Len Ryerson and it is \$50.00.

Thanks was given to Murray & Bettye Fisher for hosting this rally and to Ed & LaVonne Anderson for the Delicious apples given as tokens. Also thanks was given to Roma Smith for the new bulletin boards he made and donated to the club. Len & Edy Ryerson were thanked for all the work they have done for the club, also thanked was Chance Fitzgerald for his very fine music around the campfires. We have a very fine sheriff and coffee hostess in Millie Dinesen.

Chance Fitzgerald, from Alabama, came the farthest and received a prize. The prize was a Christmas tree made and donated by Anita Tefft. Ed & LaVonne Anderson, from Milton-Freewater, Oregon were closest and received a prize also donated by Anita Tefft.

Several people were at the rally for the first time. They were Joe & Verna Small from Zenith, Wa. - Norm & Dora Dean Welch from Connell, Wa. - Jim & Victoria Williams and two children, from Renton, Wa. - Bob & Vera Bobb from Tacoma, Wa. All were given a warm welcome.

Elga Green moved the meeting be adjourned at 5:50 P.M. Seconded by Ernie Newhouse. The meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Edy Ryerson

Recorder

Evelyn Shepherd

Secretary

ARIZONA RALLY

IN MAJESTIC SAGURO LAND

BLACK CANYON SHOOTING RANGE

January 26-29, 1978

Phoenix, Ariz.

Camping Cost: \$2 per day
Registration : \$2- Rally

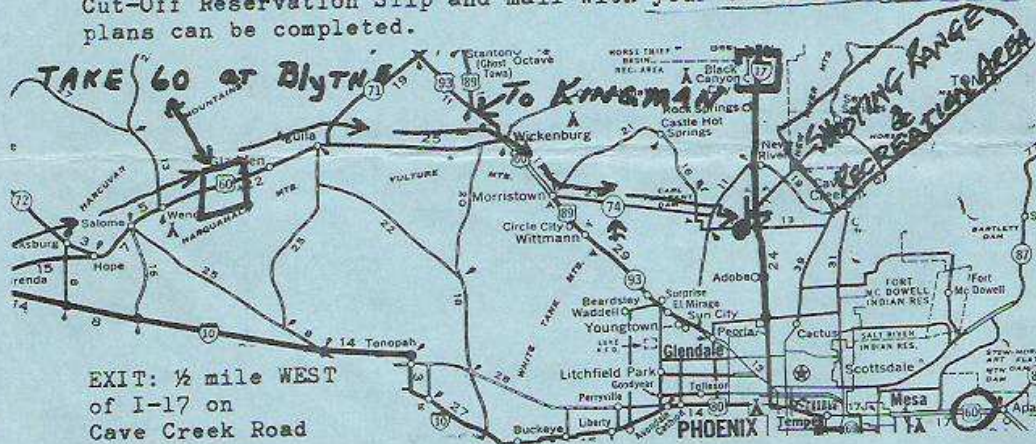
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The peaceful desert land of craggy mountains and spectacular sunsets is guarded by the 'old ones' of the desert. Tall and stately, the Giant Saguaro cactus is the largest cactus in U.S. and grows up to 40-50 ft. high and often lives 200 years. Its waxy flower is the state flower of Arizona.

Plans are brewing for a trip to a Solar House (in small groups), Crazy Ed's catered dinner (\$5.95 ea....fish, ribs or chicken) on Friday evening, our own superb Potluck with Western Cuisine on Saturday plus the 'Jam Sessions' and crafts, raffle and all the other classic Ultra-isms we all look forward to. You may use the Rifle Target Range...strictly supervised...details on bulletin board.

Then there is the irresistible drawing of the desert and its mysteries, inviting a slow stroll as the last rays of the long sunset fades into blue-black velvet studded with star diamonds.

On Thursday night Crazy Ed puts on a Dixieland Show at his 'place' and with the Salad Bar is \$7.95 ea. prox. for those who might like to go. Space is limited & its popular! So COME ALONG....plan four days of peaceful relaxation among the most compatible people known...Ultra Travelers. Fill in the Cut-Off Reservation Slip and mail with your check immediately so plans can be completed.



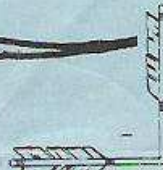
EXIT: 1/2 mile WEST
of I-17 on
Cave Creek Road

DO NOT ENTER
Gate @ Mile Marker 29..
Go one mile to Main Gate

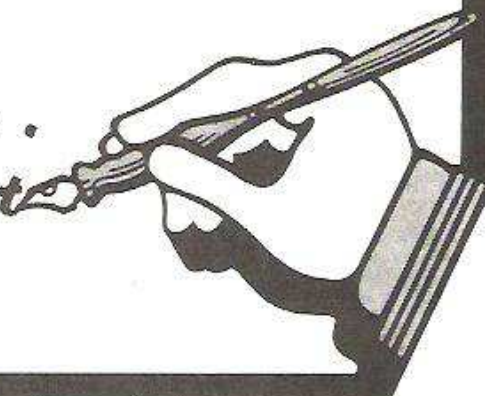
From Colorado River to Range = 150 miles

Hosts : Frank & Edith Xiques
Co-Hosts: Elga & Hilda Green

Check #139 of 1/24/78 for \$10.00 - mailed to



**MOST HAVE....
but a few have not**



ONLY A FEW 1977 ULTRA CLUB MEMBERS HAVE FORGOTTEN TO RENEW FOR THE 1978 YEAR. WOULD YOU TAKE A MINUTE NOW TO CHECK WHETHER YOUR DUES FOR THE NEW YEAR HAVE BEEN SENT IN. THIS WILL SAVE THE EFFORT AND EXPENSE OF MAILING OUT A SPECIAL NOTICE. THIS IS JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN. IN NUMBERS THERE IS STRENGTH. WE NEED YOU. YOU NEED THE CLUB.

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CLUB TREASURER'S DETAILED QUARTERLY REPORT

Checking Acc't Bal. as of 9/30/77

\$ 164.38

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ship dues received	\$ 1,360.00	
Walla Registration fees	44.00	
club Dinner	293.00	
e Manual Receipt	50.00	
g Cards	3.50	
nery Fold-cards	9.50	
	12.00	
ackets, hats, caps, emblems (EMU - \$66.50, WMU - \$133.25)	199.75	
l Donation - \$5.00, Fines - \$2.00	7.00	
avings & Loan - Two Quarterly Interests	50.63	\$2,029.38

SEMENTS

Home Life Subscriptions	598.50	
Walla Rally Expense - M. Fisher	38.47	
Elks - Club Dinners	255.00	
e - E. Shepherd \$52.24, E. Newhouse \$29.38	81.62	
st Co. - Club Jackets	95.99	
n Pacific Co. - Caps	16.52	
erson - Manual Reimbursement	50.00	
s - Dinners	25.00	
ational Printers - Reports, Flyers, etc.	76.44	1,237.54
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President's Message To All Ultra Coach Club Members

As your new President my first request is that you all bend every effort to attend the April Rally at Black Butte Reservoir north of Sacramento.

You Southerners head'em north, you Northerners head'em south and you Easterners load up your covered Coaches and head'em west. There will be plenty of room there for all. Marion may even let me take my 9' sail boat and if she does, anyone who thinks they can handle a fast sail boat, with an El Toro sail, may borrow it for a run in Black Butte Lake.

We just experienced a very successful and well attended Rally at Black Point Shooting Range near Phoenix Ariz. Ernie Newhouse and I used the shooting Range and we are willing to challenge any member to a match at the first opportunity. We did miss having Frank and Edith Xiques at our Jan. Rally because they did much of the ground-work to making it such a successful Rally.

I feel sure that all you people who heard about our armed robbery in our home will be glad to know the robber was caught in the act of burglarizing another home. He has already confessed to the robbery in our home.

At the Phoenix Rally our good Club Member Bill Horton described his recent experience with a serious heart attack. He had been advised by his Doctors to undergo open heart surgery but he wisely, in this case, decided to try the new "Chelation" type treatment he had heard about. Many of us who heard his story of a successful recovery without surgery wanted to know the address of his Dr. in case of future need: Dr. Harold Harper, 11311 Camarillo St., N. Hollywood, Calif., 91602 For information about the new process Bill says to write to: American Academy of Medical Preventics, 2811 "L" St., Sacramento, Calif., 95816

We're looking forward to seeing you all at our next Rally,

Sincerely, Roma and Marion Smith

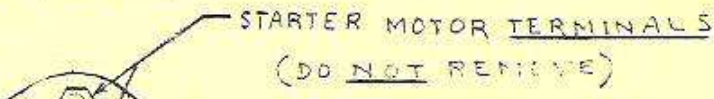
Exchange Information

From your Assistant Tech. Reporter. Roma Smith, Ultra Coach 298

There must be some Ultra Coach Jockey in the Club who doesn't know this lick easy way of entering your Coach without a key. I had locked my door key in the Coach and my wife's key had just been stolen so I hit upon the idea; onest nobody told me of putting a large screwdriver or blunt tool up against the upper frame of the kitchen window screen and hitting it with my palm. The screen moved up enough to clear the bottom and I was able to remove the screen. then just reached in and opened the door.

In case some of you haven't installed the auxillary starter solenoid this view I am showing here may help you to locate the "S" terminal without getting a mirror to try to locate it. I have installed the extra solenoid on #298 and recommend it for reducing the amps going thru your ignition switch and increasing the voltage at the starter solenoid.

End view of starter solenoid



Exchange Information

Transmission oil cooler, relocation of: J.O. Murphy of #396 moved his cooler from the engine air intake compartment to a location under the floor about level with the transmission and along side the transmission. He says it has made a definite improvement in shifting and seemingly in performance. Also he has removed the heated intake air to the engine caused by the hot transmission oil.

Large cooling Fan, installation of: Roland Mitchell of #325 has built a high powered fan system for his engine in his Ultra Coach. He used a GM power steering pump, gate valve, by-pass relief, pressure gage, 3 quart reservoir and high pressure line. When properly assembled these parts make it possible to operate an 18" fan at 450 lbs with an aircraft 5 piston pump to turn the fan. He will send further information to anyone interested.

Vaillant Geyser Instant Water Heater, source for parts and complete units: Gene Rich #326 says contact Norcold Co. in the L.A. area. If you have any trouble locating the Co. just write to Gene.

Corvair Engine Specialist, address of: Janet Hart of #389 tells us about a mechanic who likes to work on Corvair engines. That's a lot better than having a mechanic working on your engine that hates our Corvairs. His name is Tom Spores and he has a small garage in Apache Junction. Address; Desert Auto, Route 9 Box 1360, Apache Junction, Arizona 85220. You may phone 982 2377

Dual Brake System, information on: Arthur Merrifield of #476 seems to have the system in and working. That is one of our biggest and most important safety items as I see it. Arthur is sending all the details for parts and assy to Len Ryerson to include it in the Manual he is making up. Now I am going to start hounding Len for a copy of the Manual because I am anxious to install the dual brake system in #298.

The 100,000 mile Pin, who is eligible?: The first one to drive their Ultra Coach that distance was Dick Baker in #407; no grass grows under his wheels. Next was Oliver Fearing in #454; where does he go? I believe the last time we saw him at one of our Western Rallies was at Hemstreet's Ranch in Canada. Ike Morgan in #438 was the last, anyone else????

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Roma Smith

Post Script;

Just received a message from Dick Baker, thru Ernie Newhouse, concerning the Family Motor Coaching Magazine.

At the Jan. Rally Board of Directors meeting Dick Baker agreed to contact F.M.C.A. to see if they would agree to mail a sample copy of Family Motor Coaching Magazine to each Ultra Club Member at no charge. The purpose being to get a vote from our membership as to whether or not we would like to stop getting Motor Home Life and have the Club subscribe for Family Motor Coaching Magazine. I don't know how hard Dick Baker twisted their arm but F.M.C.A. has agreed to send each of us a copy free of charge. Look it over good and be prepared at the next Rally to vote your choice.

R.B.S.

ISFLASH: Just before taking Roma's good information to be printed, the lowing brand new service parts source arrived. Thru Ted Kollar #475 heard from CLARK'S CORVAIR PARTS, operated by Joan and Cal Clark, at Alburne Falls, Mass. 01370, Phone # 413-625-9092. They have a 3,000 item catalog for \$2.25 - with many reproduced parts. They fill mail or phoned orders only. I guess the great little Corvair engine will live on! E.J.N.