

ULTRA COACH RALLY AT BLACK CANYON SHOOTING RANGE. Jan. 26 through 29, 1978

We just returned from our 29th Ultra Coach Rally at Black Canyon Shooting Range near Phoenix, Ariz. No! we didn't forget the fact that this was actually the Clubs 51st Rally according to the count in the Directory. But we had the misfortune of missing the other 22.

To begin with, we want to 'THANK' Edith and Frank Xiques (who were ill with the Flu and couldn't attend) for finding such a wonderful Rally sight.

We had 47 Coaches including the brand X's and 2 travel trailers registered.

The Ryersons and us arrived Monday evening the 23rd. As we came in sight of the campground, we spotted an Ultra Coach already there, of course we were anxious to get near enough to see the number, and then check our directory to see who #461 belonged to. It was none other than George and Dot Cook from Peekskill, N.Y.

On Tuesday the 24th. Len and Edy and Elga and I went into Peoria, Ariz. to see Frank and Edith Xiques, and also to pick up all the Goodies they had, to make the Rally such a success.

Several more Coaches arrived on Wednesday the 25th.

On Thursday the 26th the Rally officially started, with many more Coaches arriving, some caravanning in groups. What excitement there was as each Coach arrived.

The high point of Thursday was when we all gathered in the Club House to help P.W. Donaldson Celebrate his (?) Birthday with a beautifully decorated cake and ice-cream.

Friday the 27th was spent Coach hopping by some, others went sightseeing in the area. The Board of Directors had their meeting from 2:00 to approximately 3:30 P.M. At 6:00 P.M. 32 of us gathered in the Club House where we enjoyed a delicious Ham, Chicken and B.B.Q. Rib dinner, which was catered by "Crazy Eds". After dinner we were entertained with a Magic Show by Ultra Member George Cook and his able assistant Dot. Elga also showed a portion of the movies we took on our trip to Alaska in 1968.

Saturday the 27th. started early for some of us, because this was the morning for our Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. We didn't get a definite count, but we estimated that 80 to 85 breakfasts were served. We had many favorable reports -- So should we have another one whenever we have the proper facilities?

We had a good turn out for the general meeting which was held in the Club House from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M.-- At 5:30 it was PCT LUCK time. I'm sure you all know that went over big. After dinner we enjoyed singing many old favorites, which was lead by Thelma Musser. We also enjoyed playing a couple of games, which Fran O'Mara supervised.

Sunday the 29th. many attended the 9:30 A.M. Non-Denominational Church Services. Thanks to Al and Virginia Lyles, we had the privilege of hearing Jim Tucker's personal testimony for Christ. Many stayed for coffee and goodies and good fellowship with one another.

Many of our Ultra Friends had to leave on Sunday, so we wished them good health and safe traveling.

About 3:30 in the afternoon someone counted the remaining Coaches, To our surprise there were 19 Coaches staying over, another night. So needless to say we had a Minny Rally with another PCT LUCK dinner. After dinner we enjoyed a fun time telling jokes around the campfire.

Would you believe, with all the aforementioned activities the fellows got in a couple of maintenance sessions.

Even though the Rally was officially over, by Monday evening the 30th, 11 Ultras and 1 pick-up with a travel trailer in tow, found our way to the Lou and Helen Laslo hide-away on the Colorado River. A fun time was had by all.

But as all good things must come to an end, so did this. So on Tuesday the 31st. most of us went our separate ways.

So in closing Elga and I wish to send each and everyone of you a very special "THANK YOU" for all of your help and support in making this Rally such a success.

GENERAL MEETING



Black Canyon Shooting Range
North Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

The General Meeting was called to order by President Barr Musser at 2:13 P.M. The meeting was opened by singing the Ultra Song.

Secretary Evelyn Shepherd read the minutes of the general meeting at Walla Walla, Wa. which were accepted as read.

Edna Newhouse gave the Treasurer's report as follows:

Previous reported balance - \$164.38
Receipts - \$2029.38
Disbursements - \$1237.54
Present balance - \$956.22

The report was accepted as read.

The new members and visitors were introduced and given a warm welcome. We were glad to have EMU directors Charles and Helen Smith with us. Hilda Green read an invitation from her brother and sister-in-law, Don and Faith Hoffman, inviting all Ultra Coachers to visit them in Milwaukie, Oregon. Their address is 13512 S.E. River Road-Phone 659-5312. Edna Newhouse informed us that jackets ordered now will cost \$8.00. The order must be for 12 jackets. Contact Edna if you want a jacket as this will be the last time the club will sponsor ordering.

Future rallies are as follows:

March 31 - April 2, 1978 Camp-O-Wyle Lake Resort on Hwy 19 north of Weeki-Wachee, Florida.

April 13 - 16, 1978 Black Butte Reservoir near Orland, Ca. No hook ups - no camping costs.

July 20 - 23, 1978 Herb Elkins Ranch in the Los Angeles, Ca. area.

Oct 2 - 8, 1978 National Rally hosted by EMU's tentatively at Greenville Fair Grounds Greenville, Ohio.

Jerry Zeaman presented a beautiful poster, drawn by Bud Warner, to the club. The poster depicted the Arizona Rally. Will Neilson will get costs for reproduction of the poster and advise the club members present at this rally. Thanks was given to Jerry Zeaman for all the colorful brochures and maps he donated to each member who attended this rally.

Registrar, Thelma Musser, and Wagonmaster, Mel Dinesen reported: 48 Ultra Coaches - 8 brand X coaches - 91 people and 9 dogs. 85 people attended the Crazy Ed catered dinner.

Len Ryerson reported that he and Edy have put in 4500 hours working on the manual so far. Hopes to be able to get it to the printers in late spring. Other members spoke saying how valuable this manual will be to everyone in saving time and money. Costs are going up and it is hoped that enough subscribers will have sent in their checks so that the initial \$50.00 deposit can be held as a purchase price.

General Meeting - Black Canyon Shooting Range

Ernest Newhouse read the slate of new officers for 1978 as follows:

President - Roma Smith

1st Vice President - Elga Green

2nd Vice President - Chance Fitzgerald

Secretary - Evelyn Shepherd

Recording Secretary - Edy Ryerson

Treasurer - Edna Newhouse

The Mussers, Donaldsons and O'Maras will serve as directors for three years.

Edy Ryerson moved the slate be accepted as read, Bill Hellander seconded it, accepted unanimously.

Credit was given to the many volunteers who keep the club activities efficiently in action.

A gift was given to the George Cooks of New York for coming the furthest distance. Warren Suckow for coming the shortest distance (13 miles from rally site) accepted a prize.

Roma Smith was given his place as the new President and he accepted with thanks, and a promise to do his best.

The 100,000 mile pin winners are: Dick Baker, Doc & Dottie Fearing, Ike & Nell Korgan, Barr & Thelma Musser. If anyone else has driven his coach 100,000 miles contact Ernest Newhouse.

Elga Green made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned - it was seconded and was duly adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ★★★★★

By Ernest Newhouse

"Women's faults are many. Men have only two, everything they say and everything they do."

Does anyone need better light when driving at night? During the Oregon Rally our good member from Florida, Bob Ackerman #458 invested in a pair of the new Halogen Sealed Beam Headlights. They give double the light on high-beam over conventional stock headlights. We hear that they are now legal in all states. So this writer bought a pair also at the Parts House in Gold Beach, Oregon...and surprise!!! in walks Bob Worland #304 to get a pair. News sure does travel fast. The powerful Halogens sell for \$28.48 net each (\$56.96 for the pair). It is safer not to drive at night but when you do, these extra good lights are very welcome. Be certain they are properly adjusted.

In order to inform the general highway public, some Motor Home Owners have mounted a sign on the rear: "WE ARE CONSERVING ENERGY BY TRAVELING IN OUR COACH. EVERYTHING BACK HOME IS SHUT OFF TIGHT". They feel this might help solve the popular misconception that owners of every large vehicle are slothful with energy.

Newsworthy? - "Dig the WELL before you become thirsty"...old Chinese proverb.

Speaking about saving energy, every coach owner should follow this good tip from a fellow club member to cut down on Propane consumption: Once the water is hot in your waterheater tank, the PILOT LIGHT ALONE will keep it hot for all average use...except maybe more than two baths close together. Why supply fuel for that big licking flame just to get immediate recovery every time you open the hot water faucet? Surprised that this works? I was. Merely leave your water heater valve on "pilot" - No need to turn it to the "on" position. This really cuts down on Propane use.

Robert Benchley, the great humorist, opened a bank account. Then came back in an hour and withdrew all his money. Asked for his reason, he said, "I don't trust any bank that would have me for a customer."

Most everyone has a night once-in-awhile that does not bring perfect slumber. Now psychologists say there is a way to help those who wake up at 2-AM or 4-AM and can't get back to sleep. Just say (to yourself) "I'm tired, I need sleep...sleep...sleep...sleep...sleep..." You repeat that word (silently) over and over again, at the frequency of your pulse or heart beat, until you fall asleep. If done sincerely, with an unencumbered mind, it will do the job better than any sleeping pill or drug. It works. I'm passing the idea on - it might work for you too if the occasion should ever present itself.

"Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it."

CLUB DIRECTORIES: We all owe Edy Ryerson a lot of thanks for the beautiful job she did in setting all the type for our new roster books. Didn't she accomplish nice, clear printing with her new IBM machine! Our thanks also to Edna for compiling the statistics and getting the information to her. We had quite a problem getting the plastic covers made. Yours truly placed the order for 300 about two months earlier, but the manufacturer had to cancel when his material supplier failed him. So we placed the order with another factory...and got delivery the day we left for the Oregon Rally. We must not forget to express our appreciation to Secretary Evelyn Shepherd. She alone packaged and shipped a couple hundred of them - plus, all over the country. Our gratitude goes out to all who work silently behind the scenes for the club membership.

"I was angry because I had no shoes - - Until I met a man who had no feet."

ONE OF THE BEST INNOVATIONS IN MANY A MOON was called to our attention by Warren Suckow #331. He demonstrated what he had done to conserve fresh water in his coach. Now I've installed the same arrangement and it works. Details: Instead of pushing that knob at the rear of the Throne, or the foot pedal, or otherwise (some Ultras are different) to get enough flushing water each time, he hooked up a 5/8" hose to the lavatory. Lo and behold, we find that we wash our hands enough to supply the Throne with just about all the flushing needed. Yes, that's making the wash basin water work twice, isn't it? Not much of a job...just disconnect the old lavatory drain (that goes into the holding tank). Then drill a hole right through the stool at the rear, up near the seat. Now push the garden hose into the hole and hook the other end up to the lav drain. JOB DONE and lots of water saved forever thereafter.

"Litter degrades our surroundings - - Please give generously to the Litter Container of your choice."

It was my intention NOT to offer any more comments about the economy or what the Advisory Services I subscribe to suggest we can do about it. But a number of members asked that pertinent developments be written up. So- Another idea: More and more Americans are going into the larger banks and travel agencies to buy Traveler's Checks in stronger foreign currencies, such as German marks, Swiss francs, or Japanese yen. Though they may not plan to travel at all, they are buying American Express Traveler's Checks as a hedge against the weakening U.S. dollar. Sales at some banks run as high as \$10,000 and more per customer. After a Traveler's Check is purchased it is good indefinitely.

Going back a few months to the rally at Elkins Ranch: We have been wanting to publicly thank those who offered helpful comments during the Monetary Meeting held there. The remarks made by Tom Shepherd were especially very pertinent - that many of us are no longer in our productive-years, and can afford less to lose our savings than younger folks who have more of their earning-years ahead of them. Isn't that true? Len Ryerson got us quite well straightened out regards Canadian investments - he said many Canadians are looking to the U.S. for investments here. Then Will Nielsen, Herb Elkins, and others offered their thinking about inflation and the potential consequences all of us will be facing. Barr Musser made a point about all of us getting busy to do something constructive for ourselves now - now to delay any longer. Each comment was noteworthy - Anita Tefft even brought a large quantity of samples of dehydrated foods of every variety - I wish to take this opportunity to thank those named and all the rest.

SUGGESTION: Put your name or # of your coach on your lounge chairs, as well as on any other personal belongings that are apt to be left at a rally. I'm guilty - - LCST: a tan knit sweater left somewhere at the Elkins Ranch rally in April (without any identification in it?). Will whoever found it please let me know. Thank you very much.

"Anyone who makes a prediction can be wrong. Even a stopped clock is right twice a day."

Richard Allman #548 has evidently very successfully installed the small Buick engine in his coach. He called here some time ago regarding gear ratios to use. Also, to prevent Turbo Transmission damage (galvanic?) he suggests that two (2) grounding cables be used to the vehicle frame. This might be valuable information for some of our members to check.

Please correct in your new CLUB DIRECTORY: Melvin and Millie Dinesen, Bakersfield, Calif. (instead of Bakersville). Sorry for this misprint.

Kent Bartholomew #531, who was one of our newest members, passed away from a heart attack shortly before the Oregon Rally. Our sympathy goes out to June and the family.

See you at Hannibal.

Sincerely,

Ernest Newhouse

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Board of Directors Meeting - Jan. 27, 1978
Black Canyon Shooting Range
North Phoenix, Arizona



The meeting was called to order by President Barr Musser at 2:09 P.M.
All directors were present with the following exceptions: Will & Ina Nielson-
Al & Virginia Lyles - Ed Martin. EMU's representatives were Charles & Helen Smith.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as mailed to each officer and director.

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The report was accepted as read.

Activities director Esther Snyder said all was going well without her. Hilda Green reported on the catered dinner for Friday night. She said to be in the hall at 5:45 so the dinner could be served by 6:00. Hilda also said we will have a pancake breakfast at 9:00 A.M. Saturday and to be sure to bring your own table service.

Registrar Thelma Musser reported: 48 coaches present - 40 Ultras - 8 Brand X - 91 people and 9 dogs. There are 85 people registered for the catered dinner by Crazy Ed.

Evelyn Shepherd had a letter from a club member asking if it wasn't possible for the new members names to be listed in the newsletter, also if coaches for sale could be listed. Barr Musser says they have had many requests for more maintenance sessions at the rallies. He also asked for suggestions and recommendations from Board members.

A discussion was held regarding changing to another magazine. Edna Newhouse wrote twice requesting information on rates etc. from Trailer Life and received no answer. Dick Baker says he feels FMCA magazine "Family Motor Coaching" (nine issues a year) is the best. A vote taken in reference to choice of magazine was near unanimous for satisfaction with Motor Home Life. Dick will check into FMCA magazine and report in April. He will attempt to get a free copy sent to each club member. He says FMCA works for the motorhome owners.

Barr Musser reports that a Phoenix member who has a family of young children doesn't want to come to the rallies because they are the only ones with children. He has a 1965 Corvair Manual and a 1969 Shop Manual for Len Ryerson to use in preparation of the manual.

Ernest Newhouse reported on jackets and cards: The jackets used to cost \$7.25 now cost \$8.00 and must be ordered twelve at a time. He will make a request at the general meeting for those who want jackets to place their order now. As the cost of calling cards has gone so high the club will no longer sponsor the printing of them.

It was voted that Edna should send out a special mailing to the 125 members who have

SPRING RALLY BLACK BUTTE DAM & LAKE

ORLAND BUTTES GROUP CAMP
ORLAND, CA.

APRIL 13-16, 1978

COST: None except Registration



An Ultra parked beneath a knurly old oak with a panoramic view of an azure blue lake backdropped with emerald green hills is an idyllic dream come true in April.

The lake is on Stony Creek and the Dam protects flooding of surrounding lands and towns. It also provides 19.5 billion gallons of water per year

for irrigation...plus a tremendous area for recreational fun.



If water sports are your specialty...THIS IS IT! Fishing (License required), water skiing, swimming, boating (ramp available) or just sit beside the cool waters in nostalgic bliss...it is sometimes heavenly to while away the hours!

CLUB ACTIVITIES: Friday there will be a "Bring Your Own Meat" B-B-Q at 5:30 PM. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. We will also need a few briquettes from each of you for the fire....Sound Good? Hm-m Oh Yes!

Saturday is a busy day as usual with Maintenance Sessions, Meetings, Gatherings and of course the Super Ultra Potluck....just bring a casserole or ? and a great big appetite...at 5:30 PM. In evenings a CAMPFIRE and if each of us brings 4 pieces of wood we can have a roaring fire every nite to keep cozy and warm while we lose ourselves in the lore of story telling and then a Sing Along too, maybe.

Naturally the pilots are all looking forward to those Jam Sessions (do you suppose they really get into a jam once in a while?) and the Ladies will have a happy circle sharing recipes, hobbies, artcrafts and some good ideas for fun!

Though there are picnic tables, we will want to be closer together, so drag along your card table and chairs for the B-B-Q and Potluck. Maybe we could leave out a couple of the pilot's wrenches to compensate weight factors! The parking areas aren't too even -- blocks will be needed for leveling.

Hosts: Mory & Esther Snyder

Hosts: Bob & Roberta Franz

NO HOOK-UPS

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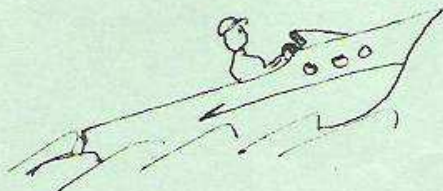
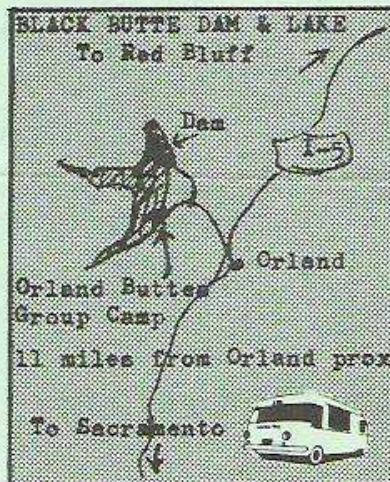
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