

# ULTRA MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

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GENERAL MEETING OF THE ULTRA COACH CLUB was called to order at 1:50 P. M. on Saturday, July 15, 1978 at Casa de Fruta by President Roma Smith.

A motion was made and unanimously carried that we accept the minutes of the last meeting as sent out.

Treasurer, Edna Newhouse, reported that we have \$1,094.04 in our checking account and \$2,000 in our savings account. The report was unanimously accepted.

Mory Snyder gave the Wagonmaster report: There were 23 Ultra Coaches, 2 associates and 2 guests registered. We were reminded that it is the Club policy to leave every area cleaner than we found it.

Social Secretary, Fran O'Mara, reported that the pot luck dinner would be held in the hall at 6 p.m. tonight. Following that, when it was dark enough, we would be shown slides. The coffee hour would be at 9 a.m. on Sunday and the church service at 10 a.m.

Vice President, Elga Green, was called on for a short report.

Virginia Lyles read the minutes of the Directors meeting yesterday.

Roma Smith volunteered, at the option of each rally host, to purchase all or a portion of the club prizes at a considerable saving at the Commissary.

Ernie Newhouse announced that all coaches were welcome to park free at Tom Shepherd's place on July 24th for up to 21 days for a maintenance and repair session where each party would do his own work with counsel from Fred Leary. There would be no charge for the services unless there was major overhaul.

Roma Smith reported that he had phoned the Mussers. They couldn't come to this rally, but hope to be at the Ohio rally in October.

Any coaches planning to attend the Ohio rally are invited to contact others in their area to make up Mini caravans.

Bill Richards suggested that following the January rally in San Diego some of us get together and take a tour through Mexico. Those interested should contact Bill Richards or Will Nielsen if they have not already done so.

Will Nielsen gave a special invitation for all of us to attend the January rally at Frontier town. It is to be the biggest and best in the history of the Club. They have periodic shoot-outs and all kind of Western goodies.

Roma and Marion Smith were given a vote of thanks for finding and hosting the rally at Casa de Fruta.

Bill Borton said his coach is fiberglass and that presents a problem in getting his C. B. to work. He requested help from someone who was familiar with it.

Happy 22nd wedding anniversary was sung to Marion & Roma Smith.

There was no additional new business. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

George Hulbert, from Blythe, received the prize for coming the longest distance. Every coach received a prize by the spin of the wheel.

CLUB TREASURER'S DETAILED QUARTERLY REPORT

Checking Acc't Bal. as of 4/28/78 \$ 924.47

RECEIPTS

Membership dues received	\$ 260.00	
Black Butte Rally Registration fees	50.00	
Club Jackets, Caps, etc. (EMU)	276.50	
Name Badges	46.00	
Club Fold-card Stationery	7.50	
Home Savings & Loan Quarterly Interest	<u>26.42</u>	\$ 666.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Motorhome Life Subscriptions	117.00	
Black Butte Rally expense - M. Snyder	21.12	
Casa de Fruta - Deposit on Reservation	60.00	
Dorfman Pacific Co. - Caps-Hats	61.51	
International Printers - Rally Flyers, News letters	66.82	
Postage & Office Supplies		
E. Shepherd \$58.11; E. Newhouse \$27.29	85.40	
Bear Den Campground - Deposit on Reservation	75.00	
Contributions	<u>10.00</u>	<u>496.85</u> <u>169.57</u>

Checking Acc't Bal. 7/8/78 \$ 1,094.04

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SCRUMPTIOUS LEMON DESSERT

(Verna Foster)

- (1) Crust:
 

1 cup flour	Blend together and pat in pyrex
1 stick butter	pan (8 X 12) bottom. Bake at
1/2 cup chopped pecans	350° - 15 min. and COOL.
- (2) 1 cup Cool Whip (from large size) Mix thoroughly and spread on the  
 1 8 oz pkg. Cream Cheese cool crust.  
 1 cup powdered sugar
- (3) 2 pkgs. Lemon instant pudding Pour this over dessert and  
 3 cups milk chill.
- (4) Use remaining Cool Whip from the large size for the topping.  
 Sprinkle chopped nuts on top. Chill till serving.

(This was the delicious dessert Verna made for the Potluck dinner at Casa de Fruta)

OCT. 2 TO 8  
FAIR GROUNDS  
GREENVILLE, OHIO

DON'T FORGET  
THE NATIONAL RALLY



# ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ★★★★★

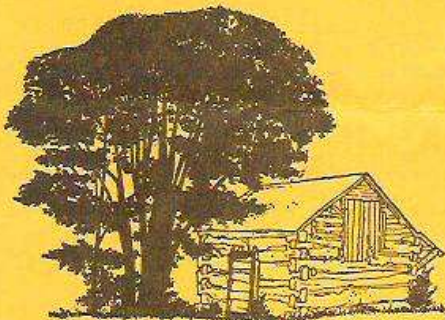
By Ernest Newhouse

Here are several paragraphs about Club matters, ideas, etc., as well as a number of miscellaneous items that may prove interesting and/or useful to Ultra Club members from coast to coast.

After being publicized for months in the Minutes of the General Meetings, many of us will be attending the NATIONAL ULTRA RALLY in Greenville, Ohio (October 2nd thru the 8th). Many Club members hope to be there to greet or re-meet every member who is able to travel to this fun rally. With the more-or-less central location for this national meeting we are sure attendance will be one of the greatest ever. See you there!

Eleanor Roosevelt said..."No one can make you feel inferior without your consent!"

A fine lightweight entrance Step Stool can be made for your coach from an old all-plastic milk bottle crate. Most any dairy has them. At the Casa de Fruta rally, I believe it was Coach #364 that pioneered this idea. Anyway, simply saw the crate in two about midway up and use the bottom half (upside down) as your new step stool. The grid bottom makes it self cleaning too. It is very sturdy, light in weight, and practical. We thank the Ellers for this inexpensive and easy to make step idea.



The Casa de Fruta Rally was wonderful - so many things to do and everything just perfect. Thanks to Director Ed O'Mara, even the increased prices got ironed down to the agreed rates. Our President and his First Lady as hosts were terrific. Those 3-D slides taken by Thelma Cook and Roma Smith were something else again. Haven't seen anything like it since back in the 1930s. Roma put on a full show of beautiful color pictures with life-like depth and quality. Thanks also to Bob Franz for those beautiful snow slides. A big thank you to all who worked hard to keep the rally so smooth.

Most of us would like to be the Paul that everybody is robbing Peter to pay.

Earlier this year #454 wrote us about his latest traveling experiences. Oliver said that he and Dot hit some freezing rain as they crossed Kentucky going west. "Melodie" was a sheet of ice with 1" of the cold stuff coating her entire exterior body. Then the accelerator cable froze up solid. Ingenius as Doc is, they attached a light rope inside from the engine to the dash area and thus could control the engine RPM very well. This is a good tip for our snowbird members who might get caught in a similar situation in zero weather sometime.

Quoting verbatim from Meals for Millions Foundation: "For many of our nations elderly, 'Those Golden Years' are far from golden. Poor health, loneliness and sudden poverty make life a painful ordeal. Meager savings and pensions cannot be stretched to cover today's inflationary prices, and many eat inadequately just to get by. Others living in welfare hotels or cheap rooming houses, have only a rusty hot plate and a metal laundry sink for a kitchen. Many subsist on canned soup and stale bread. No wonder a recent study showed nutrition as a top priority need of senior citizens!" We feel sure that Ultra club members are generally not lonely. We do hope everyone is able to afford plenty of food. However, let's not forget to give thanks for some of our own abundance and not neglect to assist anyone not quite so fortunate.

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Think we have inflation....in Argentina it still continues at 100% and the people there are having to cope with the world's highest current inflation rate. Any of us who have failed to recon our-own-rate with investments, have already paid a heavy price. All those who hung on to traditional shares of stocks have lost heavily. At the end of 1967 the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 905.11. Just to keep pace with inflation, it should today be about 1690. As everyone knows, recently it went down to less than half that figure; now higher. Are you betting just on inflation accelerating? If this only were to occur, we should borrow heavily, put all our cash into hard goods, and count on paying off our debts later on with cheaper dollars. But a severe crash and a subsequent liquidity crisis may also occur (Banks and S & Ls fail) and there might not be any cheap dollars with which to pay. So one suggestion is be safe and get any mortgages or large loans paid down as low as possible. What is your advice?

NEVER trust a woman who says she loves you more than anything else in the world. It proves she's been experimenting!

#342 writes: "A safety reminder came across my desk in regard to use of spray wax in an automobile. I recently purchased an English rag-top sports car and in the fifty-dollar factory-overhaul-manual (on the first page) they have a caution note against use of wax on the interior due to the extreme fire hazard. This is interesting because the interior of my car at the time of delivery had a beautiful shine - but everything was sticky. I found that to make the car look good in the few minutes they give the clean-up men, they empty a can of spray wax on the inside in every car. No doubt there must have been a sad happening to cause the car manufacturer to put a note on the front page." Thank you George...and members take note.

Reprinted from Princess Cruises latest newsletter: "Our transcanal cruises to the Carribean have always been popular, but recent headlines regarding the treaty controversy have literally made the Panama Canal the 'hottest' tourist attraction around. The 'Big Ditch' is not only a big tourist draw, but with the world-wide energy crises, the Canal is busier than ever these days. It is moving vessels, which, if the Canal was not available would have to travel another 7,000 miles and over 20 days longer on the alternate route around Cape Horn. No ship has had to do this since August 15, 1914, when the Canal opened after 35 years of construction under the most adverse conditions imaginable. Since that time, more than 460,000 ships...have moved cargo through the waterway. Going from ocean to ocean a ship traverses about 50 miles in approximately eight hours." An interesting News Item; 20 days around (against only 8 hrs via canal). Many of the Club members already know that Mory & Esther Snyder #489, with Dr. Bob & Roberta Franz #472, and Edna & I recently returned from a cruise on the Sun Princess to Alaska. It was a grand trip and highly recommended to anyone. For ourselves this completes a visit to each state of our nation. Frontier towns like Sitka, Skagway, Juneau, the tremendous glaciers, hundreds of icebergs, rare bald eagles, spouting wales, spectacular scenery, good food, fine entertainment and all, made this a never-to-be-forgotten tour.

MURPHY'S LAWS: Everything takes longer than you think it will! If anything can possibly go wrong, it will!

Oh yes, our good friends in Ultra #518 now have a "Sniffer" in their coach. At Casa de Fruta they showed how effectively it warns of any propane leaks, carbon monoxide, or other fumes in their motorhome. Verna says that even ordinary deodorants set it off. Carl agreed to get one for us for \$27 so he has our check along with a few others who were at the rally. Now all of us look forward to safest possible traveling. It should result in more restful sleep at night, too, knowing the air is pure or "Sniffer" will be sounding off.

Sincerely,

*Eprath Newhouse*

Report of the 1978 summer EMU rally

The Eastern Member of Ultra's summer rally was held July 27-30 at the Bear Den Campgrounds near Spruce Pine, North Carolina, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway. Members arrived Thursday with the Coles coming in Wednesday and several vans coming Friday. The Bill Austins arrived on Saturday.

States represented were four from Ohio, Dale and Charles Smith, Don Richards and Bill Freeman, three from Florida, the Bill Austins, Bill Kopacheks and the Archie Marks, two from Michigan, Jerry Hutton and George Krantz, Ken Casselman from Indiana, LeRoy Fowler from Illinois, Bob Cole from New York and Richard Brnyon from South Carolina. The Branyons, members for one year but original coach owners, were attending their first rally. They are the only members from South Carolina.

This was a rather small and informal rally; parking in spaces reserved by the campground, meeting in the front of the Smith's van, and carrying on other activities as space permitted. Thirteen members were present with a guest driving in who were friends of the Coles. Friday was spent in coach hopping with visiting extending into Friday evening. Saturday was spent with technical discussions, a delicious and filling pot luck meal served in the shade beside the vans, a general meeting and an invitation to the campground's "square" dance, which some members accepted. A bundle of firewood was carried up the hill to the campground and fueled a campfire in front of the Fowler's coach, lively discussion lasting past midnight.

Sunday morning services at the campground was well attended by members. By 1 PM all members had departed along the Parkway. Most rallies have a side trip associated with them; this one had the side trip as the way to come and go. Driving the beautiful Parkway was certainly a memorable experience. Anyone who has done so most certainly must recommend it to their friends as one of the most eye-popping, exhilarating, awe-inspiring, breath-taking, magnificent, wheel clenching experiences open to drivers in the United States, if not the most. One example: as one coach pulled in, the driver held out hands blistered with steering wheel imprints from grasping the wheel so tightly!

At the general meeting most of the discussion centered on the forthcoming National rally at Greenville, Ohio, with approval for the summer, 1979 rally at Watkin's Glen, New York, the winter 1979 rally at Lake Okeechobee, Florida, and the National (fall) 1979 rally in Texas. Pending is a spring 1979 rally in the Land-Between-the-Lakes region of Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted by Don Richards in the absence of Mary Hermann, Secretary.

----Map of OHIO rally area on reverse----

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## Host Report Of July Rally, 1978

From all accounts it seems we had a very enjoyable Rally at Casa de Fruta Travel Park. Even the weather favored us; I don't believe anyone suffered from the heat. If there was one sour note it was having to pay an extra dollar per day per vehicle. We may get a refund on the extra charge; will give you the details at our next meeting.

For the Square Dancers there was a real good caller Saturday night and some of our group were able to get in some dancing. I showed some 3-D slides of one of our trips to Europe and Thelma Cook brought some for me to project. Her slides were very professional and we all enjoyed them.

We had a nice recreation hall for our Pot Luck dinner and it was really enjoyed by all who were there. The Ladies performed their magic culinary tricks again and we men who perform our magic with screw-drivers and wrenches were very happy.

I feel sure all those good Ultra Families who possibly can will be heading for Ohio in September to attend our October Rally. To those who can not make the trip I hope they will enjoy the nice California Fall weather out here and think of us as we wend our way East over the mountains and across the plains. We who are making the trip are looking forward to seeing our Eastern friends again. Our last visit with them, except for the Salt Lake City Rally, was in Arkansas in 1973.

We, Marion and I, wish everyone a safe and trouble-free trip to the Ohio Rally. If we don't see you in Ohio I'm sure we will see you at the San Diego Rally in January.

Sincerely, Marion and Roma Smith

*Roma Smith*

President, Ultra Motor Coach Clubs, Inc.

## ALL ROADS LEAD TO GREENVILLE

