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# ULTRA MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

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## Exchange Information

*From your #2 Technical Reported Roma Smith, Ultra Coach #298*

*If there is ever a time for preventive maintenance it is just before crossing the continent in a Motorhome with as much time and miles as most of our coaches have. Any time spent checking for cracks, leaks, rust, worn belts and hoses, dry wheel bearings, bad spark plugs, burnt or badly adjusted ignition points, wheel alignment or anything else you can think of will be well worth while. It could save extra days on the road and many dollars in extra expense. When you make your list of what to take along be sure that your new Ultra Coach Manual is at the top of the list.*

*George Rakous, Coach 342, tells us about a 2 1/2" long crack at the right rear out-board channel extrusion, main suspension transfer (his description), which he discovered after noting a sudden uneven wear in his tire. He intends to strengthen the area at the crack and will give us sketch if his repair proves successful.*

*I have an idea which may cool the Xmission oil in Coach #298 by several deg. I intend to remove the pan and attach a piece of accordioned aluminum to the outside bottom surface. It will be fastened on securely with the pan bolts. You will be able to see it at the Ohio Rally.*

*You all may have your own ideas about how to determine how much useable fresh water you are hauling along but for those who aren't satisfied with their own methods here is how I do it. Drain your fresh water tank with your bath room faucet turned on. When the water stops running in your sink cut off the drain from your tank as quickly as possible; of course the Coach should be level. Now you have established the useable level in your fresh water tank. Next you put as much water in your tank as you feel you will need to your next over-night stop. Naturally if you are going across a desert you will want to carry more than when you are running thru a mountain area.*

*If you good mechanics in the Club don't like to read my ideas all you have to do to drown me out is to send me your ideas, with sketches if possible, and they will be printed up in one of the Technical Reports.*

*Yours for Safe and Happy Motoring,*

*Roma Smith Pres.*

ULTRA COACH OWNER -

REGRETFULLY AM FORCED TO SELL MY ULTRA  
COACH #399, AND HARD EXPERIENCE I KNOW  
ULTRA COACH OWNERS ARE ASKED, "WHERE  
BY I GET ONE?" THIS RESUME OF MY  
ULTRA COACH MAY GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY  
DO A FAVOR FOR ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS,  
RELATIVES OR INQUIRERS.

COACH #399

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11-14-1978



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our National Rally of 1978 in Ohio was very well planned by our Eastern members--- George and Vi Krantz, Don and Estelle Richards and Gus and Neva Brining. Our program events moved along smoothly all due to careful planning. We were all shocked and saddened by the heart attack George Krantz suffered but we were thankful that the Hospital was so close, just a block away.

The Wachtel's had their Coach #498, rammed from the rear, where they had parked off the road after running out of gas. This was at night, after they had left the Rally. The report we got in camp was that the Coach was destroyed beyond repair. No one was hurt except the driver of the car that struck them.

If all our Western members made the trip home as mechanically trouble free as we did in #298 it will be a tribute to the many mechanical sessions we have had. Also it will indicate we have been doing our home-work on preventive maintenance.

If you have any doubts about coming to our January Rally in San Diego, cast them aside and "Do come". Will and Ima Nielsen assure us it is going to be loads of fun. Just to make sure everything is going to be on the up and up they have appointed me contest director. After that "Potatoe episode" in Ohio where I had to carry ten pounds of potatoes home instead of a delicious can of toasted almonds, I just might try for some kind of revenge. Well anyway if you can make it try to come to our fun Rally in San Diego.

Anyone not interested in the mechanical problems of our Ultra Coach may stop reading here because I will continue this letter with my Technical Report.

This idea is for you drivers who get shoulder pains from holding your steering wheel against a hard cross wind. At any Auto parts store you can get about an 18" length of bungee with a hook on each end. Just hook it over a screw or something on the counter and either high or low on your steering wheel and it will counteract the force of the wind. I will have more on this idea at our next Rally if you are interested.

Have you ever had an invasion of ants in your Coach and wondered how they got there. The most probable cause is that you left a chair or some other camp item resting against the side of your Coach. Also it is a good idea to spray our leveling jacks with an insecticide occasionally.

There have been a few Propane accidents in our Club so it might be well to repeat some of our safety rules. Always turn off all pilot lights before refilling your propane tank. So cut off your main supply valve and do not fill the tank more than 80 to 85% full.

Have you noticed your engine seems to have that "run down" feeling, like it might need vitamin pills or something? If you haven't replaced your intake air cleaner in the last five or ten thousand miles it could be the cause of your "tired" engine. Just make a short run with your air cleaner off and see if you notice any difference. Some Auto Stores have a larger than standard air cleaner that you may want to get.

If anyone has cleaned their refrigerator pilot jet lately and found they needed something small enough to clean out the jet, I still have a few watch broaches left which will do the job nicely. They are your's for the asking.

Everything has to end sometime so here it is and I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next Rally.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM VI KRANTZ TO THE ULTRA CLUB MEMBERS

To the members at The Ultra Coach Club meeting in Greenville, Ohio: We thank you for your prayers and good wishes and as of this November 4<sup>th</sup> I am encouraged. George is stronger and may increase his activities. He may lift to 15 lbs and do small chores. Has<sup>to</sup> wait another 4 weeks before driving and then should be accompanied. Golock Nov 27 for checks, then should go to warmer climate - watch his lipids - No deer hunting this year, must settle for thinking how nice it will be to be in the woods next year - Blood pressure 120 over 80. We seek your continued prayers in <sup>God's</sup> girl's help.  
Sincerely, Vilette

DON'T MISS THE COMING RALLIES

JANUARY

The Donaldsons and the Nielsens have designed a very exciting rally for January 11th to the 14th at Frontier Town, on Big Oak Ranch, east of San Diego, California.

MARCH

The Walt Davisons will host a great snowbird rally near Lake Okeechobee, at Lykes Fisheating Campgrounds, Palmdale, Florida on March 22nd to the 25th.

All who are able should enjoy both of the above rallies. See you there.

# ULTRA MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

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Board of Directors Meeting - Oct. 6, 1978  
Darke County Fairgrounds  
Greenville, Ohio



President Roma Smith called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. Those present; Roma & Marion Smith - Don Richards - Edy & Len Ryerson - Ernest & Edna Newhouse - Al & Virginia Lyles - Gus & Neva Brining.

The minutes were accepted as mailed.

Wagonmaster Gus Brining reported, as of the Directors meeting there are 41 Ultra Coaches - 3 Associate members - 3 cars, and 2 guests. California has 7 representatives. The group represents 17 states and one from Canada.

Edna Newhouse gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Previous balance	\$1,094.04
Receipts	718.00
Disbursements	763.68
Present balance in checking account	1,048.36
Savings account	2,000.00

The report was accepted as read.

A discussion was brought up by Roma Smith about the name "Ultra Coach" versus "Ultra Van". The EMU'S voted previously to keep "Van" as it is a classic. The group as a whole felt that the discussion was not necessary. Don Richards apologized for the cold weather. He said Friday the 6th would be a "club furnished steak fry" - Saturday the 7th a "Big Pot Stew" each coach furnish a vegetable or potatoes and the club furnish the meat.

#### Future Rallies:

January 11-14, 1979 at San Diego WMU sponsored  
March 22-25th at Lake Okeechobee EMU sponsored  
April 12-15th at Fillmore, Ca. Herb & Blanch Elkins hosts.  
July 19-22 tentative Lake of the Woods, Oregon  
Oct. ? National possibly in Kerrville, Texas. Fran Carrol must be contacted.

To the question of should the dues be less - the majority voted to "keep them as they are."

The Nominating Committee was appointed - with Al Lyles as chairman - to get a slate of Officers for 1979.

Edna Newhouse asked for an alternate Newsletter Editor as Ed Martin is unable to do the newsletter. No decision was made at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

# ULTRA MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

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## GENERAL MEETING

Darke County Fairgrounds  
Greenville, Ohio



October 7, 1978

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Roma Smith at 11:10 A.M. Minutes of the previous meeting was read by Edna Newhouse. The report was accepted as read.

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Wagonmaster Gus Brining reported: 42 Ultras - 3 Associate members - 1 Guest - 103 people - 92 members. Ohio and California both had 7 representatives. There were 17 states and 1 Canadian represented at the rally. More expected.

Rally comments and schedule of events:

Don Richards says to be sure to see Gartz museum in Greenville and the Yankee Swap is Saturday night a 8:00 P.M. A Mini rally is offered by Don & Estelle Richards, Ken & Treva Casselman, Gus & Neva Brining and Larry & Thecla Wachtel after the rally. Comments and thanks was given by Chance Fitzgerald and Helen Smith to the club as a whole and to those who work to make it as it is. This was the first rally for the Lynn Hunters of New Jersey. They just recently returned from a trip to Alaska in the Ultra Coach.

Al Lyles reported on the Directors Meeting also on the future rally sites and times.

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The nominating committee was selected, chaired by Al Lyles to choose a slate of officers for 1979.

A vote of thanks was given to Janet & Chester Hart and Treva & Ken Casselman, as first EMU Directors, for their hard work in getting EMU started. Len Ryerson made some comments on the manual, and thanked the club for the support given him and Edy.

New Business:

At 2:30 today our "neighbors" Johnny Byram's Airstream group will have a "Flea

Roma asked Mory Snyder to report on the numbers that are applied at rallies on any coaches that do not have them. The president asked the founder of the club Ernest Newhouse, for a word and any comments he wished to make. The club was informed of the illness of member Kathy Phillips in California and the injuries sustained by Orville and Leatha Phillips in Michigan.

An EMU Director, George Krantz, had a serious heart attack here at the rally and is in intensive care at the hospital. No visitors or flowers - we will send a card.

A card will be sent to Ron & Sharon Austin congratulating them on their new baby.

Aeva Brining said owners of the Fort Black Restaurant were extremely pleased with our group. Herm Schaeff commented on the Corvair Club, its magazine and the Ultra write up in it.

Mory Snyder, asks that everyone send bits of information to Ernest Newhouse (temporarily) for the newsletter. It's the only way we can have a bigger and better publication.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Edy Ryerson Recording Secretary

*Evelyn Shepherd* Secretary

CLUB TREASURER'S DETAILED QUARTERLY REPORT

	Checking Acc't Bal. as of 7/8/78	\$1,094.04
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Membership dues received	\$ 40.00	
Casa de Fruta Rally Registration fees	54.00	
" " " Camping Spaces	481.25	
Club Jackets, Caps, etc. - WMU	64.75	
Name Badges - 6	12.00	
Deposit reimbursed (Bear Den Camp Reservation)	65.00	
Miscellaneous receipts	<u>1.00</u>	\$ 718.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
Motorhome Life Subscriptions	18.00	
Casa de Fruta rally Expense - R. Smith	12.58	
" " " - Spaces	336.00	
Western Plastics - Name Badges	75.32	
Postage & Office Supplies - E. Shepherd	123.12	
E. Newhouse	47.24	
Stationery House - Labels	170.36	
International Printers - Rally Flyers, Minutes,	22.35	
Reports	79.07	
Frontier Town - Deposit on Jan. 1979 Site	<u>50.00</u>	<u>763.68</u>
Checking Acc't Bal. 9/30/78		<u>-45.68</u>
		\$1,048.36