ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ****



In some parts of the country winter has more than arrived...and the wild geese have headed south. Here in sunny southern California the days grow a trifle shorter and the nights carry a bit more

chill. The spirit of the Holidays is in the air. Edna and I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every club member a very joyous season.

The National Rally in Ohio was a refreshing experience as you perhaps read in the little writeup with Will Nielsen's Rally Flyer. Afterwards, together with Len and Edy Ryerson #513, Edna and I drove with Ken and Treva Casselman #394 to their home at Fort Wayne, Indiana. They even had a red carpet from their driveway to the front door for us! Enjoyed their eastern hospitality very much. The following morning #603 returned to Greenville, Ohio to inquire about the recovery progress of George Krantz #447 who suffered a severe heart attack the previous week. We saw Vi there and with everyone's thanks to Dr. Oliver Fearing #454 who had administered nitro, plus the fine intensive care unit at the hospital, George was much improved. Several said he couldn't have picked a better place to have his heart fail. Take good care of that ticker, George. All the club's best wishes are with you and Vi always.

A man's life is full of crosses and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent and goes out against his will, and the trip between the two is exceedingly rocky. The rule of contraries is one of the important features of man's trip of life. Let's try to make 1979 good!

1979

Is there still any coach without daytime bathroom lighting from the top vent? Many units came from the factory with a translucent ceiling vent... but some did not. It is rather disheartening to open the bathroom door to a pitch dark room in bright daylight. So why not cut out the center from the metal vent cover? Just drill a 3/8" hole near each corner for about a 10" x 10" opening, then snip or hacksaw between the four drilled holes. Now cover the opening with a square-foot of clear or translucent plastic or fiberglass. Use contact cement to secure the plastic sheet on top. I did #228, and George Cook recently accomplished this fine improvement on #461.

Murphy's Law: Any effort you put forth to make something extra clear will confuse people.

On our trip eastward this year, we visited relatives in Vegas, as well as in Minnesota, on the way to Ohio. Following the Rally with a grand total of 51 Ultra Families, it was nice of Gus and Neva Brining to invite us to Dayton too. Had a real fine visit with members #393. Then on to see Don and Micky Richards #379 at Waynesville, Ohio. Enjoyed a personally conducted tour of the new Pioneer Village, even found an ancient lantern at one of the local antique stores before heading for Bowling Green, Kentucky. Our thanks to all the EMUS (Eastern Members of Ultra) for the hospitality to us WMUs while touring the "far east". On this trip we drove 6,500 miles and visited a total of 19 states. Regular gas went as high as 78.9 and low as 56.9¢ per gallon. We averaged out at about 60¢ the entire way.

Age is a matter of mind - if you don't mind, it doesn't matter. Slim chance and fat chance mean exactly the same thing.

Murphy's Law: (1) Nothing is ever as simple as it first seems. (2) If you tinker with something long enough, eventually it will break.

Dump it: Many club members depend entirely upon the built-in <u>Ultra Overboard Pump</u> and a garden hose for emptying the holding tank. Several, including the writer, have never drained the holding tank any other way. That method worked well with #228 for 8 years and even better with #603. Now a tip: Once in a great while the pump may not produce full flow (or any flow at all) due to a plugged condition at its inlet. Should one spend a few hours taking the system apart? No! If you experience this problem it generally is easily solved by "back-flushing". Simply attach the end of your drain hose to a city-pressure water supply faucet, then open the city faucet <u>slightly</u>. Now re-try your overboard pump and you will find the obstruction cleared as a rule and full flow restored.

Father grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Warren Suckow recently converted his coach to a complete gravity waste system. Anyone interested in converting to such a system might wish to check #331 at the San Diego Rally in January. He has all the waste water pumps previously in use for sale now. Members who may need 12-volt pumps could call Warren at #(602) 939-6614. He may also have a transmission.

Even a turtle doesn't get ahead unless he sticks his neck way out.

Mental Attitude: This bit of personal-maintenance strategy that I read in a recent Medical Bulletin may help some member who is trying to lose a little weight. Of course, some folks are beautifully (or handsomely) plump because of heritage and should never interfere with nature. But - quite a few who are overweight manufacture all kinds of excuses. They feel it is their right to overindulge - think they are justified in overeating. One of them might say, "Don't I work hard every day and deserve a little pleasure out of life." Overeating is pleasure? Other folks overeat only occasionally - but they snack between meals, which can be just as bad. Consider this and take care of yourself: Most fat people are prone to circulatory problems due to buildup inside-the-veins. The heart has to work too hard to force blood through those clogged-up "pipes". Instead of considering only that one merely "overeats", maybe overindulgence should be thought of as being a "glutton". Regardless, the right mental attitude can help all of us to live better and a lot longer.

Life often is a fumbled punt, and some days we fall back...maybe just to receive another kick.

The Wachtel coach #498 ran out of gasoline on a Wisconsin freeway at night about 17 miles from home after attending the National in Ohio. Larry had left the coach to go for gas, and Thecla walked some distance behind the stalled vehicle with her flashlight. A fellow (they indicated he had alcohol on his breath) came speeding along and struck #498 from the rear. Thecla wrote us, "The exterior of the coach was not damaged except below the rear hatch door. No windows were broken." However, the severe impact dislodged structure inside the coach and the engine and rear alignment are evidently badly damaged. Very thankfully, our good club members were both uninjured. ALL CLUB MEMBERS: Let's learn from this experience. Don't run out of gas! Make certain your Emergency Blinker System is working properly! Carry three (3) Flares and know how to use them FAST!

At the January Rally there will be a meeting titled "Improve Your Position Hour". Will Nielsen asked me to MC it. I'll try to answer any investment or financial questions the best I know how. Hope to see most of you there.

Ernesh newhouse

ULTRA ULTRA RALLY

ULTRA CCACH CLUB SPRING '79 RALLY

Where: Elkins Ranch near Fillmore, California (See Map)
When: April 19,20,21,22 1979 --week after Easter

You may come on April 18, and stay until April 23. There will be no parking charge --only the usual \$2.00 registration fee, and an incidental fee of \$4.00 per coach.

This will be an informal rally--no events scheduled except membership meeting, on Saturday; director's meeting on Friday; barbecue dinner, Friday; pot-luck dinner Saturday; and devotional services on Sunday.

The setting is in a private valley surrounded by tall sandstone cliffs to the east, rolling hills rising to quite high mountains to south and west and an orange orchard to the north backed by some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in Southern California.

About half the rally site is covered by large Oak trees for those who want shade, and the other half is open to the sky for the "Sun lovers." The rally site slopes gently from the foot of the cliffs to flat areas along the west side which is fenced, to separate us from the cattle grazing in the area (This is a real working cattle ranch). North of the rally site, the north edge, are the corrals where cattle are rounded up for branding and loading for shipment. There may be some surprises in this connection.

The whole ranch has great quantities of fossilized sea creatures. We will see who can find the most interesting ones for display—then the ones judged best can be taken home.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

1. Large citrus packing plants--2 miles; 2. California State Fish Hatchery--4 miles; 3. California Condor Reserve--15 miles (by special vehicle); 4. Fishing at Piru Lake --10 miles; 5. Local Historical Oil Museum--10 miles; 6. Elkins Ranch Golf Course--18 holes--1/2 mile; 7. Local Historical Museum.

All these can be visted at your leisure during open hours as posted on our bulletin board.

REAL WESTERN DINNER

Friday at 6.00 P.M. the old fashioned western barbecue dinner will be cooked by neighboring ranchers at the Golf course open air terrace barbecue center. These neighbors have had many years experience in the art of out-door open pit cooking. YUMMY! Bring big appetites. Cost \$8.00 per person.

There will be as many technical sessions as desired and indicated by replies sent in with your registration. Please check each type of session desired. The ones getting the most votes will be planned and times posted and announced.

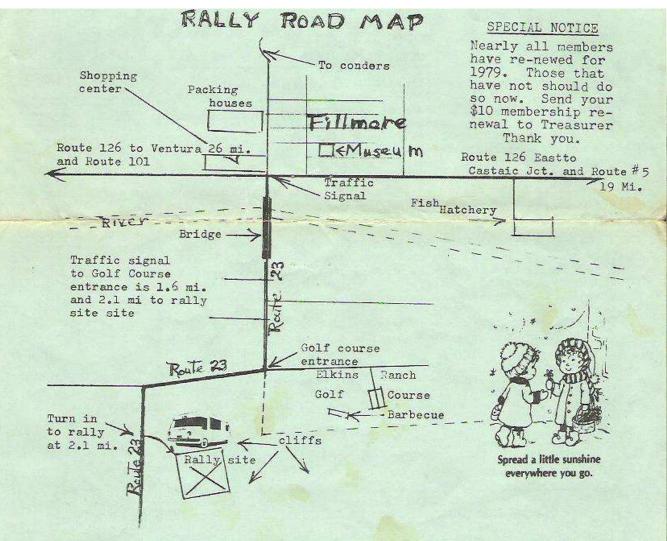
The entrance to rally site is through a neighbor's orchard. Please use special care to avoid damage to these trees. If available, we will have plenty of ripe fresh oranges for you during the rally.

There is soft sweet mountain spring water on rally site for use as drinking water or to re-fill your tanks. There is plenty of Oak wood at the rally site - plenty for "cooking out" as well as for evening camp fires.

Hiking and climbing trails lead out from the camp site to superb views across the valley and for bird watchers to see our local hawks, eagles, quail (no shooting) and birds of many varieties.

Bring: Empty holding tanks and full water tonks (We have no hook-ups) We will have "construction" site portable toilets on the rally site. Bring lots of good humor; Golf clubs; Fishing tackle; Hiking shoes or boots; Binoculars; Horse shoe sets (not mandatory); Fossil toting sacks; Prospector's picks or small shovels (You can find fossils on the surface).

REGISTRATION ** please fill out and return soon to:
Herb and Blanche Elkins, loll6 Oro Vista Ave, Sunland, Ca. 91040



For good golf starting times on Saturday or Sunday please call direct to Elkins Ranch Golf Course starter at 805 - 524 -1440 one week in advance.

There will be no phone at the rally site. Until April 10 you may call Herb or Blanche at home 213 - 353 - 5229. Please let it ring 10 times.

P.S. THE NATIONAL ULTRA RALLY IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR BETWEER 3-7TH, AT BAYVIEW DARK, HANNIBAL, MO. ON HYW #168. THIS IS TOM SAWVER COUNTRY.

Frontier Town San Diego, California

January 13, 1979

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Roma Smith at 11:25 A.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as mailed.

The treasurer's report was read by Esther Snyder as follows:

Previous reported balance \$1,048.36
Receipts 2,329.37
Disbursements 2,074.09
Present balance \$1,303.64

The report was accepted as read.

Comments were made that it was nice to be parked in a large circle with a campfire in the center and place for activities. Ernie Newhouse read notes from the Directors meeting including the matter that Al and Virginia Lyles offered to donate a large grill to the club but since it is very heavy (over 300 lbs.) it would be difficult to transport so the board moved not to accept their generous offer and gave them thanks for the offer and also for putting on such a great pancake breakfast. Fran O'Mara said the rally was being conducted so well she had little to report - except that a Ladies Craft Session would be held in the afternoon.

Nominating Chairman Al Lyles offered the following slate for officer positions in 1979

President Elga Green
Vice President Mel Dinesen

Assistant Vice President Warren Suckow - Robert Franz

Secretary Evelyn Shepherd / Recording Secretary Edy Ryerson

Treasurer Edna Newhouse The slate was unanimously accepted as read.

Those attending a rally for the first time: Nick & Dorothy Sweeney of Larkspur, Ca. - Noel & Elaine Koller of Bonita, Ca. - Walter & Susan Ballard of Lakeside, Ca. - Jim & June Starr of Paradise, Ca. - Bob & Dorothy Brown of Lompoc, Ca. - Christy Christensen & guest Bill Vanderstieg of Phoenix, Ariz. - Don Garrin and Mother Gladys Fayerson of Seattle, Wa. Visitors were the Henery Puente family, friends of the Mick Leary's - the George Henrick family, friends of the Will Nielsen's - Elsie & Perley McPherson from British Columbia, friends of the Ryerson's.

Barr Musser dropped in with his sister, Ruth, for a few hours on his way home to Salt Lake City.

Guy and BettyLake won the prize for coming the farthest distance, New York. Jim Starr proved he could tell the tallest tale about a mermaid and won the prize. Cake decoration - a model of an Ultra Coach - prize was won by Rachael Helander. Bottle of Beans closest guess won by Millie Ellers. Horseshoes contest won by Russel Day. Jarts contest won by Len Ryerson. Bingo People game won by Bob Brown and Perley McPherson. Ima and Will Nielsen were given gifts of appreciation.

Fred Leary made some comments on his "school" in Oregon last July and said that his

"honor grad" was Hal Honer. P.W. Donaldson as co-host of this rally gave some comments on the success of the rally and hoped everyone was pleased with the Gold Plaque given at registration.

Rallies planned or in the process of planning:

April 18 thru 21 - off Hwy 126 at Fillmore, Ca. on the Herb Elkins ranch. It is primitive with no facilities.

July (probably 3rd weekend) in Oregon. Fred Leary is checking out available spots on the coast.

October 3 thru 7 National Rally in Hannibal, Mo. on the Mississippi River and in Mark Twain country. Al & Virginia Lyles will get more information.

Comment was made by George Hough that an early February winter rally might be acceptable. We were pleased to wish our Wagonmaster, Mel Dinesen, a happy birthday.

The Sherrif of Frontier Town invited us all to come to the Shoot-out and the Red Garter Salon. He asked us to join in singing along with their western piano player in the salon.

Membership dues are due now - Please send them to Treasurer Edna Newhouse.

It was moved and accepted to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Edy Ryerson

Recording Secretary

Secretary

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CLUB TREASURER'S DETAILED QUARTERLY REPORT

Checking Acc't	Bal. as of	9/30/78	\$1,048.36
RECEIPTS			
Membership dues received Greenville, Ohio Rally Registration fees Darke Co. Fairgrounds - camping spaces Home Savings & Loan - Quarterly Interest Advanced registration - San Diego rally Name Badges - 12 Club Jackets \$16.00, Patches \$7.00 Fold-card Stationery Miscellaneous Receipts (fines, etc.)	\$ 970.00 245.00 1015.00 26.42 17.00 24.00 23.00 4.50 4.45	\$2,329.37	
DISBURSEMENTS		September September Management (A)	
Motorhome Life Subscriptions Darke Co. Agr. Society - spaces Phil Meyer - For Ground services Rally prizes, other exp. D. Richards \$37.37 C. Hunter \$20.00 Steaks, etc G. Brining Coffee Supplies - H. Smith U. S. Postoffice - Postage - E. Newhouse Frontier Town - Jan. rally Steak purchase, J. Heichenstein Printers - Rally bulletins, Flyers Dorfman Pacific Co Club Hats (EMU)	517.50 1015.00 25.00 57.37 139.34 28.82 44.50 de 100.00 93.39 53.17	\$2,074.09	255.28
Checking Account Balance 12/31/'78			\$1,303.64

When we arrived early at the Rally site on the 10th of January there was already one coach on the site, the Vales from Rochester, Minn. who had spent the nite there. It was a rather gray day with rain threatening and we had some misgivings as to whether we had chosen the right time of the year for a rally in San Diego. By the evening of the 10th there were 19 coaches on hand. The next day and the succeeding three days the weather cleared and we feel the weather was "super" compared to that experienced in the rest of the USA. By Sunday we counted 55 coaches, 112 people, 13 dogs and 1 cat present. We even had 5 coaches staying through Sunday night. We had received 45 coach reservations prior to the rally.

The Rally was an activity-filled four days with much participation entered into by all these Ultra people. According to the many verbal and written notes of appreciation, we feel that this rally was a really enjoyable occasion for most of our Ultra friends. We were sorry to know that some who had planned to attend were unable to do so because of the bad weather throughout the country at this time.

Registration began Thursday morning with Roma and Marion Smith at the helm, assisted by Edy Ryerson and Marie Hough. Besides collecting Rally and Parking fees, people bingo sheets, steak and breakfast tickets and a guess on beans in a jar were given each registrant—quite a job! Thursday afternoon there was a frontier stew at the fire ring. The Yakels had driven to Tecate, Mexico and returned with 250 rolls (always super delicious). These were buttered and toasted over a grill and served with the soup by Mory Snyder and P W Donaldson. Later in the evening we had a liar's contest which was won by Jim Starr, followed by a sing-a-long around the fire.

Friday, after a coffee hour followed by more registrations, we had a technical session led by "Mr. Corvair" (Fred Leary). This meeting was attended by most of the men folk and some of the women. The rest of the women attended a craft class under the direction of Fran O'Mara. There was a rather lively flea market with heavy buying and selling in operation for a time, followed by a judging of decorated cakes made by about a dozen of the ladies. The winner was a cake formed in the shape of an Ultra Coach by Rachel Hellander who won 1st prize. If you missed seeing this, you certainly missed a work of art! In the P.M. there was a horseshoe contest won by Russ Day and a jarts contest won by Len Ryerson. On this evening there was a Box Social. These beautiful and luscious creations were auctioned to the highest bidders and the \$103.00 raised helped defray part of the expenses of the rally. P W Donaldson and Monica Vale did a great job as auctioneers. The Box Social was one of the highlights of the rally and we only wish more had participated in it. Next time we have one of these events, let's have 100% participation. I'm sure you will not regret it! After this supper we had Bingo with the following winners: Randy Brown, Tom Chrones, Gwyn Brown, Hank Yakel, Nell Morgan, Ernie Newhouse, Esther Snyder, P W Donaldson, Bill Richards, Edna Newhouse and Arnold Steenburg. Following the regular bingo, the people bingo game was conducted by Roma Smith and Will O Nielsen. The winners were Bob Brown and Pearly McPherson.

Saturday, the day's activities started with a super breakfast hosted by the Lyles, assisted by the Donaldsons and the Nielsens plus several ladies who helped precook the eggs and sausages. All hands turned out early to partake of this sumptuous meal. The Lyles brought a griddle (propane fired) which weighed over 500 lbs down from LA in the back of a pick-up. They offered to donate this fine piece of equipment to the club; however, the club turned down the offer with many thanks due to our inability to handle such a heavy weight. This griddle was later sold to the owner of the Big Oak Ranch.

Next came the directors' meeting, the general meeting, followed by the election of

officers, Elga Green being the new president for 1979. Prizes were then awarded to winners of the contests. The Lakes from Tupper Lake, NY, won the prize for having come the greatest distance. Roma's Wheel of Fortune then came to the front awarding prizes to each coach in attendance. In the afternoon there was another technical session, an egg toss contest won by the Lyles (only one hard chalk egg --not theirs--was detected being used by some unscrupulous characters). In the evening we held our (always great) Ultra Smorgasboard. The food was "out of this world" and the steaks furnished by the club were the acme of perfection. Many thanks to the Heide's of Arroyo Grande for all the work they performed in getting the beef, cutting the steaks, and bringing them to the rally. We all owe them a great big THANK YOU! A dance held later in the club house together with a Western Costume parade was won by Len & Edy Ryerson. Millie Eller won the bean contest. Pre-registration prizes were won by the Ballards and Ed Martin.

Sunday morning we had a lovely Church Service conducted by Hilda Green, assisted by Al Lyles who did a fine job as the leader of the hymn sing. He had a little difficulty in establishing the right key but once found, we were all singing with great gusto in the name of the Lord. Following church, an art show was held with prizes being won by Millie Dineson and Thelma Cook. In the afternoon, Ernie Newhouse held a session on "Money Matters" and, believe me, I attended a seminar about 6 months ago which cost me \$60, and contained far fewer "gems of wisdom" than the one conducted by Ernie. Another good reason for belonging to the ULTRA CLUB--and a big THANK YOU, Ernie, from all in attendance. More thanks to Roma & Marion Smith, contest directors, Ernie Newhouse as "Town Crier" & Edna for figures. Due to the bad road conditions in Baja Calif the Mexican Caravan was called off. Maybe some day in the future we can institute such a trip.

THIS & THAT

The coffee hostesses, Eve Donaldson, Ima Nielsen & Virginia Lyles, supplied coffee on eight different occasions.

Items donated by the following persons:

Yakels - 20 lb. briquettes, starter fluid.

Laslos - auto burglar alarm for a contest prize.

Darwins - hand art work as a contest prize.

Nielsens - 14 lb. popped popcorn, 20 lb. briquettes, 5 lb. butter, a photoelect timer as a prize.

Kel Dinesen, our wagonmaster, parked our coaches in such a beautiful line-up-undoubtedly the best configuration of Ultras we have ever seen in the 10 years we have been members.

We had a good attendance at the "shoot-outs" in town, which were unbelievably good, also at an unexpected western band concert with Billy Armstrong (the country's #1 fiddle player). Some of our members enjoyed singing along with the rinky-tink plano in the Red Garter Saloon, while some daring souls even peeked through the knotholes in the high board fence surrounding the nudist camp next door to our rally site.

The Daily Californian of El Cajon sent a photog & reporter out to our rally on Friday. This story and pictures appeared on the front page of this paper on Monday, Jan 15, 1979. I hope to bring some copies to the next rally.

I will close with our heart-felt thanks to all of you who helped make this rally such an enjoyable occasion. Hope to see you at Elkins Ranch in April

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Exchange Information

Assembled from Club Members Suggestions by your Technical Reporter Roma Smith #298

This latest request for suggestions brought a flood of ideas from our Club Members. Your Technical Reporter will try to include some of them in each Report.

From Ralph R. Johnson, #519. A good tip for those who are troubled with arthritis. Ralph replaced coffee with cocoa over a year ago and his arthritis pains have considerably lessened; he'l be 80 in March.

Earr Musser, #163, suggested we cut our Rallies down to three per year, due to high cost of expenses involved. Anyone who feels the same way may bring that up for discussion at our next Rally. This Reporter feels that by having four Rallies in various sections of the western States there is a better chance to have one of them held in your area. Some idea... for our Eastern members.

Ann and Bob Cole, #555, send their congratulations to the Ryersons for an exceptional Technical Manual. All the rest of us who bought one will heartily agree.

Frank T. Rudolph, #357, is redesigning the front interior of his Coach and has promised to send details when finished. Send it to this Reporter Frank and we can all share your ideas.

Rex Johnson, #341, wrote that George and Vi Krantz, #447, are following their Dr's orders and heading for Fla. Have rented a Trailer down there, no address yet. They expect to attend the Palmdale Rally in March.

Dick Siegrist, "225, from Alaska BRERRA!!! thanks littra Club Members for help in restoring his Coach from the sad condition it was in when he bought it from non-member. They especially appreciated the help from the Ryerson's Manual. Dick has a good idea for reducing wear on your brake and throttle cables. Use semi-rigid % or 3/8 nylon tubing, flatten and drill each end to match holes in the cable clamps. Dick put the short pieces of nylon between the cable and bottom of Coach, but why not on each side of the cable? Sure will reduce wear on the cable. Also from Dick and June, if you are ever traveling in Alaska and need help they said to give them a call.

Art Merrifield, 1476, has a list of problems and fixes that sound a little like the Dumble Bee's ability to fly against all the experts' theories that he can't. We might discuss some of these at our next maintenance session. Pinging was stopped by installing two new carburetors. Belt breaking was stopped, (seven broken belts), was stopped by replacing the rubber lined arive puries with a solid pulley. Over-heating was stopped by installing a blower fan in the fresh air duct. For oil cooling he installed a Nayden oil cooler in the air duct, said it helped keep the oil pressure up. For oil leaks around the valve tubes he replaced his standard "O" rings: Ott "O" rings from Ott Ruto Supplies. For body dents and scratches he uses Bondo Plastic filler. A quick touch-up paint is Sears Recylic interior/ exterior spray enamel, Antique White and follow directions on the can. For leaks around the bolt on the oil filter Art uses a new fiber washer and Permatex. If Art will attend the next Rally perhaps some one can tell him where to get a Heat Sender for a Stewart Warner Temp. gauge, (S.W. 13330). If your engine is water cooled you may get water pump repair kits, Jabsco Ro. 3004-0000, from Fredsons in Santa Ana. He stresses, "Keep your muffler tight" - don't we all.

If I don't get too much "Flack" I will send out some more Suggestions. 5 incerely, Roma Smith #298

3T - George Rakous #342 left two non-matching lawn chairs (canvas seats) at the Casa de Fruita Rally. Huge reward (?) offered for their location.

