

ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ★★★★★

By Ernest Newhouse

"The SEASONS change. The TIDE goes in and out. Death always follows birth." When Winter is over, beautiful Spring will be here again! Life is wonderful!

ARTHUR AND BETTY MERRIFIELD #476 write, "It never ceases to amaze us that so many of you can travel so far - all across the United States in your coaches. Betty fell, got a fractured hip, also broke her nose. OK now." He also said they hoped to see everyone soon. Glad to know others are installing dual master cylinders. His are working fine since he made the improvement.

"WOMEN were made without a sense of humor so they can LOVE men instead of laugh at them."

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Federal and State, and now Club law says that pets must be on leach. I think most pets will enjoy this closer companionship and being a bit nearer their masters while at campgrounds. Our pet at home likes being near people and loves a kindly pat now and then.

NEED MORE POWER? Warren Suckow has installed a real good four (4) speed transmission in his Corvair ULTRA #331. He can choose any gear desired for optimum power-ratio under varying conditions. Installation would be difficult to explain here, so the best way to learn all about this conversion is to see his coach at a future rally. Also, President Warren and First Lady Nobia enjoy an ingenious automotive-type Air Conditioning System. If you are interested, you might like to check it too.



MOTORHOME LIFE: Well, they printed it... on page #107 of the April 1980 edition. Most of you have already seen the letter about our nice rally at Hannibal, Missouri. But they didn't print any of the recent photos and announcements of future rallies sent them. Guess their format has changed so they don't do that anymore. Couldn't help notice all the ads for BIG, costly motorhomes. They say, with housing so expensive now, more and more people are taking to full-time motorhoming. It has become a way to cope with the housing shortage.

IT NEVER PAYS TO WORRY: No one should lose even one night's sleep over health problems, financial technicalities, inflation, family matters, or the like. Some folks worry themselves sick. That doesn't pay! If you should accumulate too many problems at one time, our old family doc used to say it might wake up "hemorrhoids you never even knew you had". He said, "Arrange everything the best you can, then forget 'em and LIVE a little".

ALMONDS: PLEASE TELL...ARE WE NUTS? The common tasty Almond Nut is available at reasonable cost almost everywhere. But...did you know it's medicinal properties? Some months ago now I was reading a testimonial letter from a man who had what the doctors told him was terminal cancer. After exhausting all conventional treatment, he was sent home to die. He liked almonds and had heard they contained a trace of Vitamin B-17 or Laetril, which a friend told him fights cancer. I researched the story and discovered that a hormone-like protein called interferon is showing promise in control of cancer virus. As you know, the American Medical Association has practically outlawed Laetril as a cure for anything and it is almost illegal in the U.S. To make a long story short, the cancer victim above, started eating a few almonds with each meal and is now a healthy testimonial to the recuperative powers of Vitamin B-17, commonly called Laetril or Amygdalin. He is completely cured and eats three (3) almonds per day as a booster or "preventative measure" against the common cancer virus. Edna and I (and many of our friends) drop three-almonds on our cereal every morning. It is about the same, I suppose, as the need to use iodized salt, or to eat fish occasionally, to prevent goiter. I hope this health tip will be as welcome as any mechanical tip that assists with preventative-maintenance on our vehicles. It could be MUCH MORE valuable.

JOINT TENANTS: No doubt every family in the club realizes the hazards of property ownership titled, "Joint Tenants, with right of survivorship". In some states Joint Tenancy title to any property, bank account, bond, stock, and so forth, owned by a husband and wife together, will be unavailable and therefore unusable to the husband if his wife is incapacitated first, and likewise the other way around. We are told that a notarized "Power of Attorney" to each other is one way to ease this difficulty. There is a paperback book all about this and many other situations available at better Book Stores for \$3.95. It is titled "DON'T DIE BROKE", written by Melvin Jay Swartz, an attorney at Sun City, Arizona. He has processed many thousands of cases at this retirement city and offers suggestions that avoid future family and estate problems. Most attorneys have never had such vast experience and therefore cannot know some of the angles involved. This book gives practical information that makes it almost MUST reading for all of us.

"If you average out ignorance, you will still get an ignorant result."

JUST RECEIVED A NOTE from Jim and Ina True, who live at Lawton, Oklahoma. They were on the way to attend the Hannibal Rally last fall, when they had to stop. Ina came down with a bleeding ulcer and he had to put her in a hospital along the way. She is ok now. Jim wants to learn more about the economy. If there is anything new to report, Jim, maybe we can write it up. Lately now our economy stands "poised and trembling like an alerted deer that smells something wrong but doesn't know which way to run."

PAT COXSEY #346 called the other day that the Rally Site they had planned on didn't work out for July. Pat said they would keep on trying though. He just got a Gerity Water Injector and plans to install it now on his Corvair powered coach. He and Stella plan to be at the Lake Isabella Rally.

RIGHT NOW IRAN IS IN THE NEWS: Speaking about that Islamic nation, as most of you know it used to be Persia, the home of those beautiful hand-made Persian rugs. When we made a trip around the world a few years ago (1964) we were in Iran a short while. Even then, we noticed it was a harsh military country, just the opposite from what one would expect judging from the careful and very tedious workmanship in its world-famous floor coverings. While there I bought an Islamic "100-mirror" Cap as a souvenir of the area. Maybe will wear it to the next rally just to show it off again.

"For what is your life. Like...a vapor, then vanisheth away." James 4:14

AT THE CASA GRANDE RALLY in Arizona it was great the way Dan Reinhart got those hot bonfires going so we could roast our weiners nice and tender. Some of 'em I'm sure are made from ground-up dead beef at least 15 years on the hoof. Most require a lickin-hot-flame to tenderize 'em to be palatable and good. Yum, yum! With that pot-luck Salad Bar all the ladies provided, everyone had a real fine feed. Thanks Suckows/Vandersteegs for a great rally.

"He who brews trouble today - will have to drink it tomorrow."

PROTECTION AND A SHINE: Here is an idea we have used for more than 20 years, ever since attending a manufacturer's Trade Show in Chicago where my company had a booth. They offered a free sprayed-on shoe shine at another near-by booth. It was DURABLE....and protected the finish from scuffs too, and so EASY to apply. I learned that the spray was basically re-labeled Hair Spray...and so that's what we have been using ever since for in-between shine and protection. Remove dust, then just get ahold of your wife's hair Spray (any brand), spray lightly. Treat yourself to the easiest shoeshine in the world...and so reasonable, even during these days of inflation.

Sincerely,

Ernest Newhouse

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GENERAL MEETING

Pinal County Fairgrounds
Casa Grande, Arizona

January 26, 1980

The meeting was called to order by President Elga Green at 2:00 P.M. Elga then introduced the guests who were welcomed by all.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as mailed.

Edna Newhouse read the treasurer's report as follows.

Previous balance	\$1,226.43
Receipts	2,070.33
Disbursements	2,056.36
Present balance	1,250.46

The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Wagonmaster Mel Dinesen reported - 49 rigs - 41 Ultras - 35 from California. The farthest Walt & Marliyn Davison from Coral Gables, Florida. The nearest Bob & Vera Bobb from Mesa, Arizona. They each received a gift.

Future rallies:

April	Lake Isabella, Ca. Mel & Mille Dinesen hosts - Elga & Hilda Green co-hosts. Primitive rally boating and fishing free.
March 14-16	EMU rally in Florida - Dick & Helon Evans hosts.
July	Possibility Lompoc, Ca. Pat & Stella Coxsey hosts.
Oct. 8-13	National rally Hutchinson, Kansas

Fran O'Mara, activities director, said pot luck dinner tonight at 6:00. After dinner Vic Riesig will show some slides. Sunday devotional at 10:00 A.M. Claire Sieverling will be the guest speaker.

Report of Directors meeting: Dogs must be on a leash and their droppings picked up. The sheriff is authorized to collect a fine of \$1.00 from those not obeying. The nominating committee selected the following slate for 1980 officers:

President	Warren Suckow
Vice Presidents	Mel Dinesen Bob Franz Charles Smith
Treasurer	Edna Newhouse
Secretary	Shirley & Norman Johnson

The club will retain the Liability Insurance and the coffee hour is to be maintained as is.

Flyers for the rallies must be in Ernest Newhouse's hands eight weeks prior to quarterly rallies. The host of the rally is responsible for the creation of the flyer. Flyers should be to Ernie on or before: February 15 - May 15 -
August 15 - November 15.

Nomination for next years officers was opened; as no new nominations were made the slate of officers selected by the nominating committee was approved as read.

It was decided that the hosts of the rallies would be responsible for the coffee hours and will ask for volunteers.

President Elga Green gave the gavel to Warren Suckow as he accepted the presidency.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

 Secretary
Edy Ryerson Recording Secretary

CLUB TREASURER'S DETAILED QUARTERLY REPORT

Checking Acc't Bal. as of 9/15/79

\$1,226.43

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues received	\$1,122.00	
Bayview Campers Pk, Hannibal, Mo. - Reg. Fees	215.00	
Mark Twain Boat Trip	190.00	
Ole Planters Restaurant - Dinners	425.10	
Name Badges - 22	44.00	
Club Jackets, Hats, Patches - WMU	20.50	
" " " EMU - Vi Krantz	17.75	
Fold-Card Stationery	9.00	
Home Federal Savings Quarterly Interest	13.57	
Home Savings & Loan " "	23.41	\$2,080.33



DISBURSEMENTS

Mo torhome Life Subscriptions	486.00	
Ole Planters Restaurant - Dinners	425.10	
Great River Packet Co. - Boat Trip	185.00	
Rally Tokens - Al Lyles	14.35	
Rally Prizes, Coffee Supplies - R. Allman	39.74	
" " H. Green	12.43	
Postage - E. Shepherd 67.32, E. Newhouse 30.00	97.32	
International Printers - Ultra Mailings	63.78	
Quick Print " "	64.82	
Elga Green - Western Plastics - Badges	141.94	
Office Supplies	15.88	
Home Savings & Loan (Transfer from checking acc't)	500.00	
Contribution	10.00	2,056.36

Checking Acc't Balance 1/20/80

\$1,250.40

Home Savings & Loan Acc't. \$1,000

Home Federal Savings " 500

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CHANGES

ADD THE FOLLOWING:

CASSOUTT, Lt. James M., NAS AIMD P/P's, Pensacola, Fla. 32508 - #488

GOTTER, Stanley & Lillian, 541 N. Brighton St. Burbank, Ca. 91506 Ph: 213-846-0064 #51

THOMPSON, Arthur & Doris, Music of Yesteryear, Bozman, Md. 21612 Ph: 301-822-0332 #48

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BAKER, Richard, P. O. Box 7362, Mesa, Ariz. 85206 Ph: 986-7605

HOUSTON, Check & Pauline (After July 1) - 8109 Canterbury Way, Buena Park, Ca. 90620

HOUGH, George & Marie, Box 133, Yarnell, Ariz. 85362 Ph: 602-427-3360

JOHNSON, Rex & Gle, 313 W. Todd, Reed City, Mich. 49677

McMASTER, Jean & Bette, 916 Lighthouse Dr., N. Palm Beach, Fla. 33408

Phillips, Orville & Leatha (Winter Address) - Box 299, Toccoa, Ga. 30577

WALKER, Wayne & Nellie, 8725 San Gregorio Rd. Atascadero, Ca. 93422 Ph: 805-466-8588

HARTOM, Bert & Glad, Ph: 66-03-66 Ext. 109

STRATTON, Add: Lea & Bonney

Sympathy goes to Vi Krantz at the death of George last December.

IMPORTANT - THIS IS YOUR LAST REPORT

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RE-NEWED MEMBERSHIP FOR 1980

Take a minute now and enclose your contribution for another year

ULTRA MOTOR COACH CLUBS, INC.

15239 EL SONETO DR.

WHITTIER, CALIF. 90605



WE'RE HAVING AN  CLUB RALLY

AT PARADISE COVE, LAKE ISABELLA, CALIF. APRIL 17,18,19,and 20,1980

IT'S FREE!!! YES: FREE CAMPING... REGISTRATION \$2.00 AS ALWAYS.

SOOOOO WON'T YA-ALL SOME EARLY AND STAY LATE.

THERE ARE TOILET FACILITIES AND DUMP STATION.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CARD TABLES & CHAIRS. ALSO SOME FIREWOOD.

BE SURE TO CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD PERIODICALLY.

COFFEE AND GOODIES EVERY MORNING AT 9:00.

THURSDAY: Register as you arrive, Then visit and relax until about 5:00 P.M., Then bring Hotdogs and buns for yourselves and a Salad or Dessert to share. After dinner we'll relax around the fire.

FRIDAY: 10:00 A.M. Ranger Guided Tour of the Animal Preserve.

1:00 P.M. Board of Directors Meeting.

5:00 P.M. Catered Dinner of BROASTED CHICKEN, 3 SALADS, ROLL and BUTTER, COFFEE and COLD DRINKS, and CHEESECAKE for dessert.

ALL THIS FOR \$4.50.

SATURDAY: Hiking, Visiting or LADIES maybe you have some Hobbies or Crafts to share.--- FELLOWS this may be a good time for you to have one of those Super Teck. Sessions. Those not interested in these activities may want to try their hand at pulling a Trout or Catfish out of the Lake.

JUST MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A VALID CALIFORNIA FISHING LICENSE

2:00 P.M. The General Meeting.

5:30 P.M. Lets have another Super Pot Luck Dinner.

After dinner the Ranger will give a talk and show slides of the surrounding area.

SUNDAY: 10:30 A.M. NON-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES.

After which we will bid farewell to those who have to leave early.





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Exchange Information

Club Members Suggestions and Ideas

Feb. 14, 1980

Edited By Your Technical Reporter Roma Smith, # 298

We had some good Tech sessions on our Jan. Rally in Casa Grande. We covered the seriousness of our ageing and rusting hydraulic brake lines. We also stressed the importance of keeping a close maintenance check on our steering mechanism. The least we can do for our brake lines is to run an oily cloth over them on our routine maintenance checks. The least we can do for our steering safety is examine the linkage before any long trip, for loose lock nuts or any dry or loose joints.

Fred and Verna Granville, #270, sent us a letter and Fred tells about some of the Ultra pains he has been having and how he has taken care of them.

He went thru a longer period of hard starting of the engine than I would have gone thru without some serious trouble-shooting. Anyway after a period of priming the engine thru the carb. intake to start it up he put his spare fuel pump on and it solved his starting problem. He discovered that one of the two check valves in the old pump was damaged so he found another pump in a wrecking yard for \$2.00 and now has another spare pump.

Fred must be quite a good sheet metal mechanic as he made a new entrance door and he says he put a "picturewindow" in it, heavy plastic of course. He also made a special screen door. It looks like Fred will have to come to one of our Western Rallies or to one of the National Rallies so we can see all the doors and windows he has installed on #270.

He also had a brake linerust thru, the one going to the right front wheel. Luckily it happened in his own yard so he was able to fix it at home. He discovered as many of us before him, that there is a nice storage space under the passenger's feet. We had a Coach at our last Rally with a wood burning stove and that is what Fred installed in #270. His next two items are news to me and probably will be to most of my readers. He installed a solar hot water heater on the roof, lots of cheap hot water. Also he has made his front seats what he calls "semi-permanently" fastened to the base they rest on. He can unfasten them without too much trouble when he is parked. He says he will give us the details later on the seats.

Patrick Kenan, #403, is working his coach over and needs a few items. The first thing he should get unless he already has one is one of the Ultra Manuals. He needs an Ultra pump for his toilet, a left side drive shaft and a rear bumper.

Any of my readers who may have some or all of these items for sale should drop Pat a line and get together on the price.

These letters from Pat and Fred are what we need to make this Technical Information Letter useful.

I know we have a lot of good mechanics in our Club, and I know we have several Ultra Coach owners who are trying to do their Ultra Coach maintenance, but need some help. If you had a problem you think you have found a successful solution to, and if it is something any of us might also have, please do write up the problem and the cure and send it to me. Likewise if you have a problem you can't find a solution to, write it up and send it in. If there is a solution I am sure some one in our Club will have it.

Hope to see you all at the next Rally.

Sincerely, Roma B. Smith

Hosts Report on January Rally at Pinal Co. Fairgrounds-Arizona

January 24-27, 1980

We arrived at the Rally on Wednesday before the official opening, along with 3 other Ultras (Lyles, Newhouses, & Vandersteegs) plus our guests, the Reinhardts from Phoenix. Upon our arrival, found 6 Ultras already there. A total of 49 coaches altogether were there, including the guests. By Wednesday evening 21 coaches had registered.

We had ordered fair, sunshiny weather and received our hearts desire, especially since the week before had been pretty awful. Each morning was started with the coffee hour. Our co-hosts, the Vandersteegs and their guest, Katherine Lingo, were so great to keep coffee going for all the meals, etc.

Len Ryersen held 2 tech sessions and they were well attended. The crafts for the women were enjoyed with many participating. Nel Morgan made peanut brittle in Jerry Hutton's microwave & it was yummy! Her afgans were so beautiful. Theresa Vandersteeg massaged feet for several of the women after we passed out diagrams of "Zone Thereapy" on your feet. Then Betty Reinhardt, our guest, gave each of them a "foot facial". Fran O'Mara showed everyone how to crochet little bunnies. A nice Easter idea.

Ernie Newhouse held financial session for all who were interested. Since all the economists are predicting gloom, Ernie gave us pointers on survival.

Thursday nite was our ~~weiner~~ roast. Dan Reinhardt kept the bonfires going each nite. Roma Smith showed his movies of their trip to Europe and we passed out free popcorn.

Friday nite was our dinner at the Moose Lodge with 95 attending. The food was delicious. Then our Nandy came out from Phoenix and showed his Africa slides and told of his year in Africa doing missionary work. We were proud of him. Roma Smith showed movies of prior Ultra Rallies.

Saturday afternoon we had our general meeting with election of officers for coming year. Warren is the new President and we will do our part to fulfill the obligations of this office and help continue to make our club an organization where we can fellowship with good friends and share our good times with each other.

Our Ultra "Pot Luck" was the greatest. An added privilege was helping P. W. Donaldson celebrate his birthday. Seems someone removed his table from the room when his table went for dessert. Ha! That evening Victor Resig showed movies of Russia and East Germany. Most interesting!

Sunday morning our neighbor, Clair Sieverling, gave his testimony during our devotional time and it was truth that was good to hear. The Nielsens and Virginia Lyles presented special music and Victor Resig had a couple of poems that the Lord had given him which were uplifting. We will mail a tape of Clair's testimony to anyone desiring it.

It was a very successful and enjoyable Rally. 11 coaches stayed over until Monday.

Hope to see you all in April at Isabella Lake.

ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS



By Ernest Newhouse

May 1980

"NEVER REGRET GROWING OLD - - 'tis a privilege denied to many people."

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER: Several club members have driven their Ultra Coaches fantastic distances. The special jeweled "100,000 MILE PIN" was awarded to the following: Dick Baker, Nov.'77; Oliver Fearing, Dec.'77; Ike Morgan, Jan.'78; Chance Fitzgerald, Feb.'78; Barr Musser, March '78; Ernest Newhouse, Oct.'79; Herb Elkins, Apr.'80. These members have all driven their Ultras the necessary 100,000 miles to qualify for the club's special award. Just think of the joy of driving one's own wonderful Ultra Coach all over the country while viewing the beauties of nature through that wide windshield! Who will be next to qualify? It's quite an achievement! By drilling a small hole in your Club Name Badge, the award-pin can be permanently mounted as a part of the Badge.

"IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, any road will take you there."

Edy Ryerson #513 did a beautiful job of condensing the two-pages, "WHAT MAKES A RALLY", consisting of helpful ideas and suggestions for rally Hosts, plus doing the 1980 Officers' pages - - to insert into our Ultra Club Directory books. Our thanks to Edy, and Len too, for their unselfish efforts. Now...ANYONE who is thinking about hosting a rally will know exactly what fun it is and how much the club appreciates all past and future efforts along that line. Let's have volunteers NOW for all 1981 and 1982 EMU and WMU rallies.



"MOST PEOPLE TRY TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL, YOU TAKE IT WITH YOU."

The most VALUABLE gift you can give another is a good example.

WINDSHIELD GLASS: When driving in North Dakota last fall a truck threw some rocks at us. This resulted in a cracked right windshield. The "Carlite" brand, as well as "Libby Owens Ford" (LOF) glass is now tempered on the outer laminate. These two brands can no longer be cut without "runs". As most every club member knows, the General Motors Stepvan '58 to '68 curved-glass fits all Ultras. Therefore...if you need a new windshield (right or left side) and want it chopped like the original installation, with wide center-section, be sure that your glass shop at least orders another brand to experiment on than the two mentioned above. For #603 they finally gave up after five (5) new windshields were ruined in attempted cutting. WHAT TO DO: They installed full un-cut pieces at both ends (#W-575 right and #W-576 left), with the center glass then cut narrower and rounded to compensate. Leave 1/8" gaps and fill with Silicone Seal instead of replacing the metal strips. This tip might save another member the cost of headache pills...and the result looks fine.

JANE FONDA: "If you understood what Communism was, you would hope, you would pray on your knees, that we would someday become Communist." Yet....people buy tickets to see her movies?

SEVERAL MEMBERS have installed the Geraghty Injector lately. Mel Dineson #200 demonstrated his Geraghty installation on his Corvair Pickup at the April rally. After disconnecting the hoses, he could show exactly how it operated with the engine running at various RPMs. It sure squirts a lot of water and with proper adjustment the engine will run cooler, much cleaner; timing can be advanced without detonation which adds some power and resultant mileage. Back in the 1950s my company sold thousands of Octa-Gane Water Injectors (no longer available) without any complaint that I can recall. It is important as I see it from an engineering standpoint, that there be full shutoff when decelerating and when idling. They are tricky but evidently a fine improvement with proper application and careful adjustment. We need INFORMATION from our members as to their actual and true experience after more use.

"There is no such thing as an ugly face." - - Vic Reisig #280 (Casa Grande, Arizona, Jan. 1980)

PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS FROM MEMBERS: Ted Kollar #475 called that he had replaced two output transistors from the emitter to the collector system in the club's Public Address Unit. What electronic talent! Thanks Ted. Among the dozens of calls, cards, and letters received from all across the country each month, Jerry Hutton #508 phoned that he was working on a Flyer for his August rally near Detroit. Should be lots of fun, Jerry, hosting in Michigan. Ken and Treva Casselman #394 called April 25th. The Gilbert Cohens #503 are graciously sponsoring a rally at Athens, Ohio June 5th. Ken & Treva invite club members to visit them on the way. Lee LeFever #422 called - he is thinking about installing Air Suspension like on the 600-series Ultras, and Herb Elkins #239 called last week that he could arrange another rally at the Elkins Ranch for July. However, reservations were already firm (near Mt Shasta) but it was grand of him to offer. Then we heard a bit earlier from Don and Mic Richards #379; were making genuine Maple Syrup...a sweet job. Frank and Edith Xiques send their best wishes to the club; they have traveled 94,000 miles the last 5-yrs. Ed Martin #296 recently had his home painted; the bid-price was \$2,250. Ed says, "I paid them with \$150. worth of 1969 silver quarters - thats how far those %!!*0!X politicians have brought our beloved country down." Most of us agree with Ed. We are always glad to hear from members. Above are just a few - - not including any asking economic advice, etc., which is always held strictly confidential. Keep sending ideas - maintenance-type to Roma.

"THOSE WHO BRING SUNSHINE into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves."

ANITA TEFFT #277 has a source for Coffee Bags (similar to "Tea" Bags that are so common). If interested in this handy item for use on trips or to use at home, you can order direct: S.C.Coffee Company, P.O.Box 263, Solano Beach, Calif. 92075 Phone #(714)755-2110. Premium coffee blend - 100 bags \$10.00 and Decaffeinated - 100 bags \$12.00 (prices subject to change or call to confirm). It was so good to see Margaret and Anita again at the April rally. Edna and I liked the sample and mailed in an order this week.

IT IS CHANCE that makes brothers and sisters - but hearts that make friends.

THE ECONOMIC "WEATHER" HAS CHANGED SOMEWHAT: Federal Reserve has ordered prime interest rates be dropped. Experts say there will be a "leveling off" in the economy, the length of time and the depth depending upon conditions. Then INFLATION will again resume at an increased rate. Those who bought coins, etc., as some of us did at the higher prices earlier, need not be dismayed. Even professionals do not expect to buy at the bottom and sell at the top always. "Close is good enough." Prices will be UP when confidence in paper dollars FALLS as is again happening. NOW might be one more good opportunity to accumulate real things. Federal deficits remain, crime/arson up 900%; the exodus from Cuba, unemployment, etc. Experts say inflation cannot be controlled by taxing gasoline 10¢ per gallon nor by an "excess profits tax"...all TAX is inexorably passed on to the consumer. As we see it, this is one way for government to "balance the budget" without curtail-ing expenditures. All the PROBLEMS remain - - - in Washington it is still "business as usual." An economic "tornado" looms on the horizon.

FREE ICE CUBES: At Paradise Cove in April, Ed Martin #296 showed me how he installed a 200-watt Electronic Inverter that produces 120-volts AC from his 12-volt DC batteries. Now, that in itself is nothing new. Many of us have an Inverter to be able to operate electric shavers, TVs, or what have you. But Ed goes one step further...he uses his to run his propane/electric refrigerator when driving. That way, of course, it's SAFER traveling...with propane turned off at the tank while on the road. AND...it saves on propane too. OK...we should try to conserve our natural resources. Maybe charging the batteries takes a snitch more gasoline, but not that much. So Ed, in effect, gets free ice and keeps his milk (beer) cold too. RV refrigerators generally draw less than 200-watts, but best to check and match Inverter to need. When stopped, you should light the propane to prevent battery rundown.

"WHEN THERE IS AN INCOME TAX, the just man will pay more and the unjust less on the same amount of income." - Plato, The Republic, Book 1, 343-D

STALLED ON THE FREEWAY: If a car, truck, or motor-home is obliged to stop (for any reason) on a fast roadway, whether one, two, or six lanes wide, here is an excellent tip from a helpful Patrolman that could save an accident. Immediately upon stopping turn your Emergency Binker System on, then place a couple of Lighted Flares one hundred feet behind your vehicle, and set up any Warning Devices you carry. NOW THE TIP: Be it at night or in bright daylight, get some white or yellow cloth (an old shirt, a sheet, tablecloth, pillowcase, etc.) put around a tool box, carton, or what have you, and place this two hundred feet to the rear of your rigright next to the traffic lane. White shows up tremendously, even if it is raining, and will alert fast traffic that there is a problem ahead. Flares soon burn out, but your white or yellow tablecloth will be there to protect you. A Highway Officer told me about this safety tip. He suggested placing several of these "signals" up to 300-feet back if stalled on a heavily-traveled fast freeway.



CONGRESS is about to give themselves \$38 MILLION of your money...to pay for their next re-election campaign. You guessed it...we will be paying for many politician's TV advertising this Fall! ANOTHER reason for our SPASTIC economy.

→ YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR BRAKES: At the April Ultra Rally, Fred Leary #434 devoted one maintenance session to the subject of increasing your coach's stopping power. If anyone isn't quite satisfied with his "binders", he suggests filing or rasping away part of the primary brake lining. The primary shoe at each wheel is the one facing the front of your vehicle. FIRST: Make sure the lining of the primary shoe is 1" further from the top center "pin" than the secondary (rear) lining is. If it is less, saw off, chisel, or rasp away enough of the fiber material to make it 1" more. SECOND: File out cross-sections of lining (1" or more wide) at two or three points on the primary shoe. This can all be done right on the rig without removing the shoe. Mechanically, with less area, the wrap-up contact against the drum will be much greater with any given brake pedal pressure applied. With thanks to Fred, I have done this at all four wheels and improved stopping power a lot. I used a rotary-rasp (with an electric hand drill) to make the job quick and easy. You say, "The linings will wear out faster." That is true...but the way we load our coaches, in case of panic-need we want to be able to stop. New lining every 40,000 miles or so is a cheap-price to pay for that assurance for those who load HEAVY.

Russian Leonid Brezhnev - "Why are our troops in Afganistan staying so long?"
Soviet General Karloff - "They are still looking for the people who invited them."

FIRESTONE AIR SUSPENSION: Have been asked many times lately about the brand name and where to get Air Bags for our coaches. A number of members have converted from the coil springs to air suspension and others are presently considering this modification. Makes it easier to level the rig at camp sites...and they reduce some road noise that otherwise is transmitted through the steel springs. Anyway, the brand generally used is Firestone and our Club Dealer is Elga Green #294. I just received two bags ordered awhile back, one to replace a very slow leaker that came with #603 originally and the other for a spare (just in case). However, they do not run on the road like tires and are said to practically never wear out if installed right.

Sincerely,

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